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*Hugh H. Tebault III,  
Latham Foundation's  
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## Sharing the spirit of Humane Education – Live Life Intentionally

**H**umane education is not just something you do at work, or when you talk with younger people about how to behave with each other and animals. It should be part of your core. This is not always the case as we face all the events that come our way on a daily basis.

When you meet someone, do you plan out how you are going to share your values with them or is that something that just happens?

In my own experience, two recent examples come to mind. First, at our office building, someone has recently not been a good pet owner/guardian and has twice left his or her dog's poop for someone else to remove. Is this the dog's fault – no, that is what an animal does. Is it a human problem – yes, but how should we respond. For now, we have posted a sign reminding pet owners to pick up after their pets. We will see if that changes their behavior.

The second example occurred when I had the opportunity to meet with someone who had recently changed careers and was now working with an SPCA organization. In sharing what The Latham Foundation does, I was able

to give a quick course on the benefits of both humane education and inter-organizational cooperation by giving several examples of organizations that can be helpful to this SPCA in its program development.

I am hopeful that the errant pet owner will take the hint and behave as a more responsible member of society. I know that the person I met with will look into the examples and choose those that could help them. In both examples, I shared values of humane education to help others: one blindly, without knowing who the person was, in a way that was instructive; the second with someone I had the chance to talk with in detail, allowing me to draw a customized set of examples that could assist this person in their work.

We could all work in isolation making up our own programs, finding our own hard-won solutions to every obstacle we run into. Or – we can help each other to learn about organizations that have interesting programs that they are willing to document and share. We work better when we cooperate, sharing those lessons learned by others to help solve problems we face. I encourage you also to share in your community whenever you can.



## Green Chimneys, Blue Skies Film Wins Telly Award



35th Annual Telly Awards Bronze Winner

Latham's latest film, **Green Chimneys, Blue Skies** has won a Telly Award for calling attention to important social issues. The Telly Awards honors the very best film & video productions, groundbreaking online video content, and outstanding local, regional, & cable TV commercials and programs. This is the fourth such award that we've won.

Congratulations to Executive Filmmaker Tula Asselanis and all of our friends at Green Chimneys.

See a YouTube clip by visiting [www.Latham.org](http://www.Latham.org) or searching "Latham Foundation" on You Tube.



### *In memoriam: Mary Pat Boatfield*

1949-2014



#### National leader in animal welfare and advocacy

Mary Pat Boatfield, 64, passed away unexpectedly on June 18, 2014, in Hallsville, Missouri, where she was serving as the Executive Director of the Central Missouri Humane Society.

All of us at Latham were deeply saddened to hear about Mary Pat Boatfield's sudden death. As a member of Latham's original Child and Animal Abuse Prevention (CAAP) Committee in 1993, she was among the first to call attention to the connections between animal abuse and other forms of violence. She served as Executive Director of the Central Missouri Humane Society since May 2012, following 13 years as Executive Director of the Nashville Humane Association in Tennessee and 15 years as Executive Director of the Toledo Area Humane Society in Ohio.

*"Mary Pat was a dear friend, a gentle spirit, and a true pioneer. Her wisdom, professionalism and commitment to the humane field is a great loss to all of us who had the pleasure and privilege of working with her."*

– PHIL ARKOW

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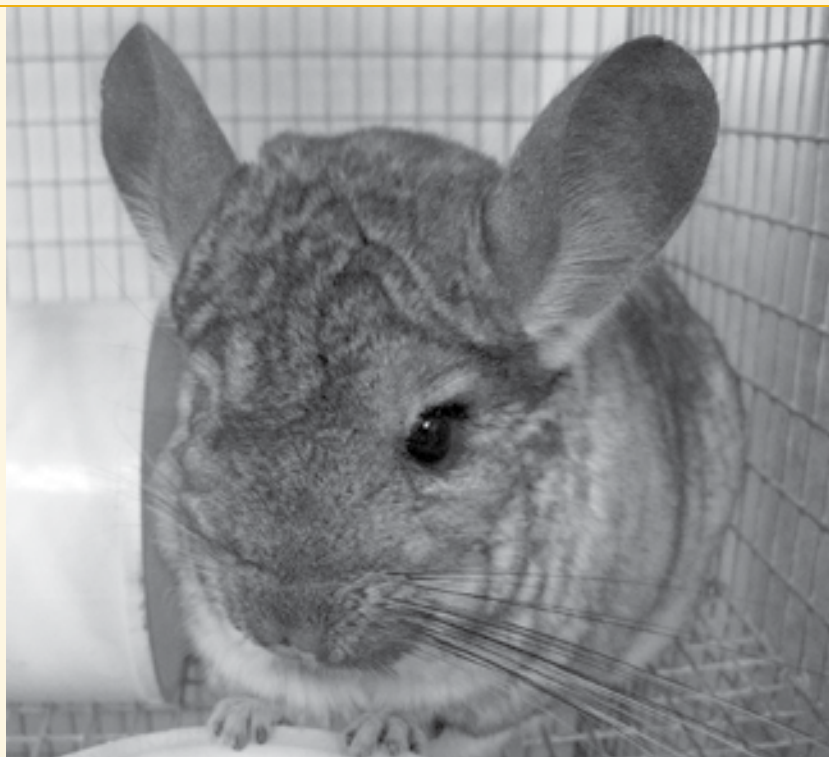
Dr. Deirdre Rand's continuing education course, "Animal-Assisted Psychotherapy and the Healing Power of Pets" described in the Spring 2014 *Latham Letter* page 16, will be offered through The Center for Human Potential of America, Inc. directed by Robert Evans, Ph.D. rather than through the Zur Institute.



# Unrealized Potential:

## Thoughts on Animal Partnerships

By Lisa Peacock



**A**ccording to **ASK.com**, six out of ten American families have pets. That is an alarming number. Most of us see a pet as a companion, something that needs us to survive. However, what if it was the other way around? Pets can provide much to our lives if we actively choose to participate in the relationship.

### **Friendship = Boundaries + Love + Time + Consistency + Mistakes**

People will place human emotions and personalities on animals they have regular contact with, even with reptiles. It is in our DNA to build connections and to bond with living things around us. We are scared and hurt when they bite or run from us, and we are honored and excited when they appear to let us into their lives.

Building a trusting and mutually beneficial relationship takes time and effort. We are becoming more and more technology savvy and less and less aware of the real relationships in our lives. To be a good friend you need to learn about

one another. You need to have time together and apart on a regular basis. You need to put each other first from time to time. We view pets as here for our enjoyment, and this is true. However, in order to have a person and pet attitude we must set aside other things and focus on our animal friends. They are not our children and they do not benefit from our treating them entirely like people. They have their own “pack rules,” and we should learn to use them. This will take a lot of time and effort. Are you willing to put in that effort?

First, you have to learn about the animal you have chosen. Have you read about it? Have you talked to others about their experiences? This is where technology really helps. There is all sorts of practical information out there. Get involved and try to understand your animal so that you can know when and how to befriend it. Most animals need their owners to spend quality time with them, teaching, rewarding, and observing. You can learn a great deal by just watching your animal.

When you take the time to learn from your animal through its behavior and body language, you will have the benefit of knowing its mood. This will make training easier in the end. It will also make you more aware of our differences. I know that many people consider pets a part of the family. Although I love my animals and could never live without them, I do recognize our differences. As a result, I believe I make better decisions as a caregiver. I can remain objective about illness and longevity. Animals do not choose to get surgery or go through lengthy procedures as we often do, so we need to make sure that their lives are about quality. We skate a thin line when we keep them with us for selfish reasons. Love your pet and make it more about its needs than yours.

When I first got my chinchilla, I sat for hours with my hand just inside her cage. It was excruciating because I wanted to hold her and cuddle but

she wanted nothing to do with me. It took months for her to trust me. I had not considered the difference in our sizes. She was born a prey animal and reacted as if I was a predator. If I had not done my research and taken the time to understand her point of view, I could have ruined the training and our relationship. Instead of grabbing for her, I patiently waited, and she eventually rewarded my patience. She is a total delight. In the ten years that we have worked together, she has never bitten anyone, and she travels all over meeting new people with me.

Next, you need to put your education into practice. You have to be willing to try things, mess up, and try again. Most relationships have their difficulties. Your animal is going to disappoint you, possibly get mad at you, and hopefully forgive you. Knowing how to react will save you time and medical bills. What is the best practice for handling a snake? Feeding, shedding, and temperature all play into it. Are you aware of your dog when you are out on a walk, or are you listening to music, on the phone or talking to a friend? How can the relationship grow if you do not set aside time for them and practice what you took the time to learn?

My dog, Baxter (on cover), was a nine-month-old boxer puppy when I found him on Craigslist. I was so excited. All I wanted to do was sleep with him and hug him but I worked on walking and running with him and he was getting better. However, all of a sudden he started digging holes in the backyard. I was furious. I did not know what to do. Therefore, I asked other trainers and researched his behavior online. I read that it was a boredom response. Even though I was spending a lot of time with him, I was not giving him enough exercise or stimulation. So I had to change the routine. I had to sacrifice some of my life for his. I do not consider myself selfish, but I really just wanted my dog to “get it.” I did not want to have to work at it. But life is not easy and getting an animal takes a lot of work. The payoff is definitely worth it.

Lastly, at least in the beginning, give only one person the main responsibility for an animal. There is only one alpha. There is only one main handler. If you create consistency, the animal will react better in all ways. One person should make the rules that everyone follows. How would you feel if you walked into a room and everyone in it told you a different way to the bathroom? You would be confused and concerned, rightly so. Everyone thrives on consistency. How many best friends do you have (ones that you want to be completely honest with you and you go to for advice)? My guess is maybe two. We do not want a lot of differing opinions. We want consistency and support. So does the animal. If everyone in your four-person family treats the animal differently, it will inevitably feel confused and scared.

My dog Ricky was abused as a puppy so it was especially important for him to be loved. I became his protector through our constant training. I remained in control of the people around him and he learned to trust me. I spent hours on commands and training to get him comfortable with hand signals and encouragement. He did not need punishment; he needed a quiet and firm encouragement. I bended to meet his needs and kept my distinction as alpha with my consistency. I did not “baby” him. I did not force him. I let him develop at his own pace, and encouraged every step.

In closing, think “E.P.A.,” and not only because it stands for the Environmental Protection Agency. I mean **E.P.A.** as in **Educate, Practice, Alpha**. If you remember these three simple things, you will build a happy home for you and all the creatures who share it with you.



Lisa Peacock was the driving force behind the creation and implementation of The Peacock Foundation’s animal-assisted interventions. Since 2002, The Peacock Foundation has provided group counseling services to more than 2000 children at over 20 community organizations.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To support the provision of animal-assisted interventions (AAI) and activities (AAA) for at-risk youth by partnering with mental health practitioners, public service agencies, and community organizations.*



**For further information  
please visit  
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# MAAP - Lifesaving Steps For Your Pet

*By Debra A. Vey Voda-Hamilton, Esq.*

Whether you share your life with a “Best in Show” dog or rescue companion, planning for your loved one’s short and long-term care is imperative. Most people believe setting up directives in their Will for the future care of their pet is enough. What happens to your pets before the Will is read or alternatively, if you cannot care for them due to an accident or disabling incident? Following the below outline, you will gain peace of mind for the future care of your companion(s).

The following tips will create a future pet care plan your pets can live with. It starts with drawing a MAAP.

- **M**ake a plan you would like followed for the care of your pets.
- **A**ddress each of your pets and their unique needs.
- **A**ppoint at least three caregivers; only one should be a family member.
- **P**ublish your plans and keep them readily available.

**M**ake a plan and share it with your appointed caregivers. This plan should outline the kind of care you would like your pet to receive. This directive assumes you are no longer capable of personally providing the care you would like your pet to receive. Your pet caregiver will be grateful you provided this unique and individualized information.

**A**ddress your pet’s individual uniqueness in the plan. List its identifying characteristics including color, sex, age and microchip number if applicable. This information will be invaluable to those left behind to care for your beloved companions. This outline should talk about their eating habits and personality traits. By creating this document you enable the person caring for your pet to know its common behavior. They will not become alarmed if the pet doesn’t eat or throws up if these are normal or common occurrences.

Imparting personal knowledge about your pet will give the future caregiver a clearer picture of when to worry and when things are crazy but normal. They will seamlessly be able to step into your shoes.

**A**ppointing three pet caregivers allows for individual life circumstances to be absorbed. People agree to care for your dog or cat when circumstances are convenient. In real time, things change and when called upon to take your pet they may no longer be in a position to do so. Appointing three caregivers in succession helps hedge your bet. In addition, appointing only one family member as a caregiver is very important. If you cannot care for your pets, chances are you are injured and in need of assistance with your own care, already stressing close family. Having someone else look after your pets will be a welcome relief.

**P**ublish the plans you make. Publishing your plan helps those who have assumed the responsibility of caring for your pets know what you are asking them to do. Make sure everyone in your life knows where this pet directive is so that



they can easily access the important information upon your death, disability, disaster, disease, delay or divorce.

Did you know it can take up to six months and often 12 months to probate a Will? What happens to your pet in the mean time? Your Will does not protect your animals until it is read and a will NEVER protects them if you are alive, no matter how disabled you are. Those around you need to know immediately how to care for your animals, who is available to help provide that care and how they will get reimbursed for their generosity. You may also want to consider setting aside funds to pay for this care. Setting money aside in a pet trust or annuity can be life saving for your pet when it comes to their future safety. Ask your financial advisor or estate planner how to provide funding for a pet trust or annuity.

This **MAAP** of your pet's future care needs to be created before something happens to you. It is not only about your end of life plan. If you trip, fall and injure yourself, who will take care of you and your companion while you heal? You are still alive, yet you cannot care for your pet and it needs immediate assistance. Have a MAAP to follow, take these lifesavings steps now to assure your pet is well cared for in the event you become disabled or deceased.

To learn more about creating a **MAAP**, go to [www.hamiltonlawandmediation.com](http://www.hamiltonlawandmediation.com) and read the "I'm Not Dead Yet" program outline.

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*She helps her clients listen and be listened to, when in conflict. She works with everyone whose passion involves pets, reducing their exposure to conflict and litigation.*

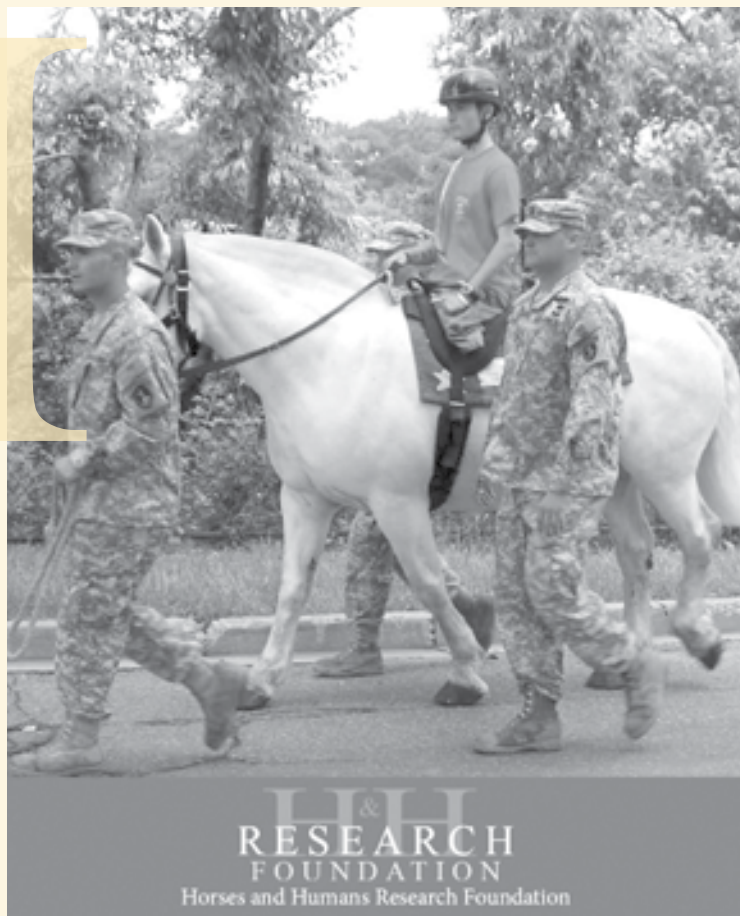
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## Take Care of Yourself Too! **ADOPT A DOG**

In a study by the University of Missouri, people who walked their dogs twenty minutes a day dropped an average of fourteen pounds in a year. "The people who walked with another person did not receive the same benefits," study author Rebecca Johnson tells us, "because the person could discourage them from walking." Ah ha!

# News from Horses and Humans Research Foundation



*Horses and Humans Research Foundation is the only organization dedicated solely to funding research to support the equine-assisted activities and therapies field. Since its founding, HHRF has invested \$400,000 in professional research efforts led by eight research teams in the United States, Canada and Germany.*

## OUR MISSION:

Through investment in rigorous research, Horses and Humans Research Foundation will serve as a catalyst to advance knowledge of horses and their potential to impact the health and wellness of people.

## TWO RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED IN 2013

The first, awarded in Spring, is titled “Effects of equine assisted activities on PTSD symptoms, coping self-efficacy, emotion regulation, and social engagement in military veterans.” Principal Investigator is Rebecca A. Johnson, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Director, Research Center for Human Animal Interaction, University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine.

The study uses a randomized experimental design with repeated measures and a wait-list control group to study 40 previously deployed U.S.

military veterans by testing efficacy of a 6-week human-horse interaction and systematic therapeutic horseback riding program in: decreasing PTSD symptoms, increasing coping self-efficacy, emotion regulation, and social engagement.

The second, awarded in Fall, and the eighth one awarded by HHRF in seven years, was to the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University for the study, “Effects of Equine-Facilitated Psychotherapy on Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms in Male Youth.” The \$50,000 award is being used to study how children and adolescents with post-traumatic stress respond to equine-facilitated psychotherapy (EFP). Led by

Principal Investigator Megan Mueller, Ph.D., research assistant professor at the Cummings School and a developmental psychologist, and co-investigator Leslie McCullough, Ph.D., MSSW, LCSW, of Washburn University, the research team will examine 60 boys between the ages of 10 and 18 with post-traumatic stress. Specifically, they will measure post-traumatic stress symptoms before, during and after exposure to a combination of EFP and traditional therapy, as well as the effect of the human-animal bond during this program.

For further information and a description of all of the research that HHRF has funded, visit:

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## Children Write Animal Bios

***What kind of life did an animal have before arriving as a stray at the Door County Humane Society in Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.? Did a dog grow up on a dairy farm and become friends with a cow? Did a cat join an owl to sail into Egg Harbor?***

**A** new joint program between the Door County Humane Society (DCHS) and Write On, called “Capturing Our Tales” asks those questions of children between five and eleven years of age. The program, which will run in July, August, and September, invites kids to be as creative as they like when considering the experiences and adventures an animal may have encountered prior to beginning a new life at the shelter.

Volunteers from both organizations will be on hand to give children a tour of the Humane Society, and then turn loose their imaginations to develop their “biographies.” The tales can be realistic or fanciful; there are no wrong answers. Adults will assist the younger participants in writing what they envision. Crayons, markers and watercolor paints encourage the kids to illustrate their animal life story. All the bios will be taken home so the child may share the visit with family.

“This is the year the Humane Society is reaching out to the community we serve,” said DCHS Executive Director Carrie Counihan. “In addition to improving the lives of homeless animals, our new shelter building enables us to develop new programs. This joint project with Write On and Door County promises to be one of the most delightful.” For more information, contact DCHS at (920) 746-1111 or email [mail@dooranimals.com](mailto:mail@dooranimals.com).



## Pound Puppy Hikes

The Red Mountain Resort in St. George, Utah has started a new program where shelter dogs get a chance to get out of the kennel and be walked by guests. The Pound Puppy Hike is what they are calling the complimentary amenity, and it’s a big hit with guests and the lonely and bored shelter dogs participating.

Guests are matched with a dog from a local shelter. Then they get to take a long, much needed walk through some of the beautiful scenic trails in the area.

Another resort in Aspen, Colorado sets guests up with local shelter dogs when they are away from and missing their furry family members at home. “The outings provide exercise and socialization for the dogs and often lead to successful adoptions,” Aspen Animal Shelter director said in an interview.

## IKEA? Yes, IKEA!

*In May, a Singapore-based Ikea partnered with two animal shelters to form “Home For Hope,” a charitable initiative that places life-size cardboard cut-outs of dogs in various Ikea display rooms. The idea behind it was to get customers to imagine what their room could look like with a dog in it and then adopt that dog. On each cut-out is a tag with a QR (quick response) code that shoppers can scan to learn more about each of the dogs displayed.*

*An Ikea store in Tempe, Arizona is now the first U.S. location to join this project and has already signed off on adoptions through the Arizona Humane Society for all six of the dogs displayed in the store.*

*You can learn more about this emerging effort to give pups a new home at <http://www.homeforhope.sg/>*





# DOGGONE SAFE

[www.doggonesafe.org](http://www.doggonesafe.org)

*Latham's Executive Film Producer, Tula Asselanis, and I were honored to help judge this contest.*

*— Judy Johns*



## Just Hangin' Out: Kids and Dogs

**1st Place: Dana Martin**

*"Pals Amelia and Sadie"*



**2nd Place: Emelie Johnson Vegh**

*"Samuel and our Kelpie Scout"*



**3rd Place: Marie Nolan**

*"Samantha and Registered Therapy Dog Jasmine"*

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# PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



## The Many Moods of Dog

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**1st Place: Andrea Matthews**

*"Parker"*



**2nd Place: Kim Johnson**

*"Ditto stopping to smell the flowers = Pure Joy"*



**3rd Place: Nate Dhamers**

*"Chihuahuas Poncho and Pepe enjoying another fun day at the East Branch Dog Park in Lombard, Illinois"*







# Wildlife Rehabilitation Reminders

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in Lakeway, Texas*

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## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A WILD ANIMAL

### Does the animal really need your help?

Cottontail rabbits and deer often leave their babies alone. Songbirds spend time on the ground after leaving the nest but before they can fly.

If the baby really needs help, put it in a clean box on a towel and keep it warm with the warmth from a light bulb or a sock stuffed with dry ice and heated in a microwave. Put the sock near, not on, the baby.

## COMMON MYTHS ABOUT WILD ANIMALS

### If you touch a baby animal, the mother will reject it.

**NO!** No mother, wild or human, will reject her baby because someone touches it.

### I can help the baby animal by giving it some milk.

**NO!** Cow's milk will kill most baby animals. Under no circumstances ever give a baby wild animal cow's milk or any food, for that matter. Call All Things Wild Rehabilitation or your local wildlife rehabilitator for information.

### Baby birds on the ground need help!

**NO!** If the little birds have all their feathers and resemble miniature adults, LEAVE THEM ALONE. They are fledglings who have permanently left the nest. They are on the ground learning how to fly and forge. The parent birds are watching them from the trees and bringing them food.

### The baby fawn has been abandoned by its mother.

**NO!** Mother deer leave their babies alone while foraging for food. See the deer section on Help! I Found An Animal! on our website for more information on how to determine if the baby needs help.

### Opossums are big rats.

**NO!** Opossums are not rodents. They are marsupials and one of nature's sanitary engineers. Because of their low body temperature, they cannot harbor diseases, such as rabies, and can even eat venomous snakes. Opossums are also relatively benign creatures



who defend themselves by hissing, teeth-baring, and drooling. These are not signs of rabies but rather a bluff to scare off potential predators.

**Foaming at the mouth indicates rabies.**

**NO!** Foaming at the mouth can be a symptom of distemper, round worm, ticks, coccidia or other external or internal parasite overload, diabetes, liver failure, poisoning, epilepsy, herpes, allergies, and severe dehydration and emaciation, all of which are more common than rabies.

**If you get close to a skunk, you'll get sprayed.**

**MAYBE!** It is actually pretty difficult for a skunk to spray a person. These animals only spray to defend themselves, such as when a dog runs up and grabs them or barks loudly and frightens them. Because skunks cannot "reload" very fast, they do not waste their odoriferous weapon. Instead, they will stamp their front feet as a warning to get you to back off.

**If I find a wild baby animal, I can raise it myself as long as I have a bottle or syringe and milk.**

**NO!** Unless you have a wildlife rehabilitator's license/permit issued by your state, you cannot raise the animal. If you are caught, the animals will be confiscated, sometimes destroyed by officials, and you can be fined. Further, cow's milk could injure or even kill a wild baby animal. Wild animals require special food and housing so please contact your local wildlife rehabilitator.



**Feeding bread to ducks and other birds like geese is okay.**

**NO!** Bread is bad for all birds because there is no nutritional value. Feeding birds bread can cause severe health problems, including a debilitating condition called angel wing. You can buy nutritional feed for ducks and geese at most feed stores.



*The mission of All Things Wild Rehabilitation is to promote respect and compassion for all wildlife through public education and awareness; to rescue, rehabilitate and release sick, injured, orphaned, and displaced wildlife back into the appropriate habitat; and to provide sanctuary for all animals in need.*

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# For Interested Writers

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The editors welcome manuscripts relevant to the Foundation's interests and mission but reserve the right to publish such manuscripts at their discretion. The Latham Foundation promotes respect for all life through education; *The Latham Letter*, now in its 31st year, presents balanced views on humane issues and activities throughout the world. We are particularly interested in articles that will appeal to the *Letter's* diverse readership. Subscribers include animal welfare and social service professionals, veterinarians, university students, and individuals interested in humane education, the human-companion animal bond, animal-assisted or animal-facilitated therapy and interventions, and the connection between animal abuse and other forms of violence.

Submissions should be between 500 to 2,000 words and, if possible, e-mailed as an attached Microsoft Word document with a brief cover letter explaining your submission. The cover letter should include authors' names in publishing order and the name, address, telephone (home and work) and fax numbers and the e-mail addresses for the corresponding (submitting) author. If the manuscript already exists in other document formats, please save it as a rich-text (.RTF) file before submission.

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Tables and figures should be submitted as separate files in their original format. Please do not integrate them into the electronic text.

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## News from The National Link Coalition

The National Resource Center on the Link Between Animal Abuse and Human Violence

Here is an entry from the July, 2014 LINK-Letter (Phil Arkow, Editor) that may be of particular interest to *Latham Letter* readers. Subscribe for free at [www.nationallinkcoalition.org](http://www.nationallinkcoalition.org)



## New Shelter Directory to Include Pet Safekeeping Details

For more than 30 years, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence ([www.NCADV.org](http://www.NCADV.org)) has published a National Directory of Domestic Violence Programs. This invaluable resource tool, which in the last edition (2008) comprised hundreds of pages of state-by-state listings profiling the programs of some 2,000 women's shelters, is widely used by both domestic violence awareness advocates and survivors seeking information about programs across the nation.

The long-anticipated 2014 edition will be available later this summer as a download at a new website, [domesticshelters.org](http://domesticshelters.org), thanks to the generosity of the Avon Foundation and a unique partnership with an Arizona-based domestic violence resource and change agent, Theresa's Fund.

The 2014 edition will include more than 250,000 data points describing over 2,000 shelters, including whether the shelters offer shelter for survivors' pets. The data will delineate whether pet shelter services are available on-or off-site. The presence of pet therapy programs for children is also being included in the information.

The extensive data sets include detailed lists of various emergency, legal, financial, counseling, and housing support services offered. The online access, available on desktops, tablets and mobile devices, will allow advocates and survivors to quickly locate shelters that match their needs, languages and other preferences, said Rita Smith, NCADV Executive Director.

## RedRover Promotes Pet-Friendly Housing for families and pets escaping domestic violence



While RedRover's Safe Housing grant program has made leaps and bounds to help families and pets safely escape domestic violence together, there is still work to be done. Currently, 16 U.S. states lack even one pet-friendly domestic violence shelter approved by SAF-T (Sheltering Animals and Families Together). This means thousands of victims with pets have nowhere to go within their own state when they need to flee an abusive partner.

RedRover has been working hard to find ways to encourage domestic violence shelters in these states to house victims' pets. Their goal is to help at least one domestic violence shelter in every state to create housing for pets by 2015.

You can help provide a safe place for pets and families escaping domestic violence by **downloading RedRover's flier** about pets and domestic violence and distributing it to your local domestic violence shelters, animal shelters and other people who care and **telling others about RedRover's grants and resources** to help the animal victims of domestic violence.

Visit [www.redrover.org/domestic](http://www.redrover.org/domestic) for more information and resources.



Many of you have already downloaded a free copy of PetSmart Charities' ***Community TNR: Tactics and Tools*** by Bryan Kortis. It provides a blueprint of how to use Trap-Neuter-Return to reduce cat overpopulation in a whole community – with tactics and tools that can be adapted to fit unique situations because the increased acceptance of Trap-Neuter-Return in recent years has led to a shift in the discussion from whether to do it, to how to do it most effectively. The shift has opened a window of opportunity to implement TNR on a community-wide scale throughout the nation.

Now the print edition of *Community TNR: Tactics and Tools* is available through Amazon's Createspace.  
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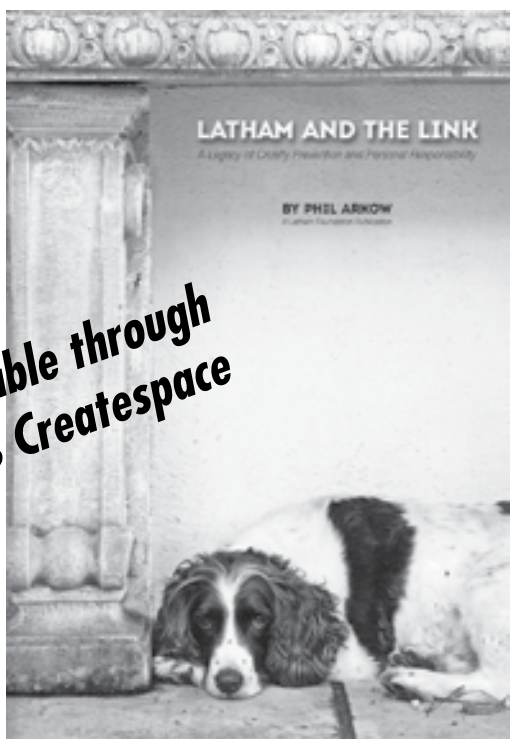
And if you're hungry for more resources on TNR,  
 go to their Learning Community at  
<http://www.petsmartcharities.org/pro/learn>

Author Bryan Kortis manages free-roaming cat grants and other community cat initiatives at PetSmart Charities. He is the co-founder and former executive director of Neighborhood Cats, which leads



one of the nation's most comprehensive community Trap-Neuter-Return programs. Kortis has authored and produced many of the leading resources on TNR including, *The Neighborhood Cats TNR Handbook*, *Implementing a Community TNR Program*, and the video, "How to Perform a Mass Trapping."

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## ***Latham and the Link: A Legacy of Cruelty Prevention and Personal Responsibility***

The inspiring story of Edith and Milton Latham who have made a difference in the lives of millions of children and animals.



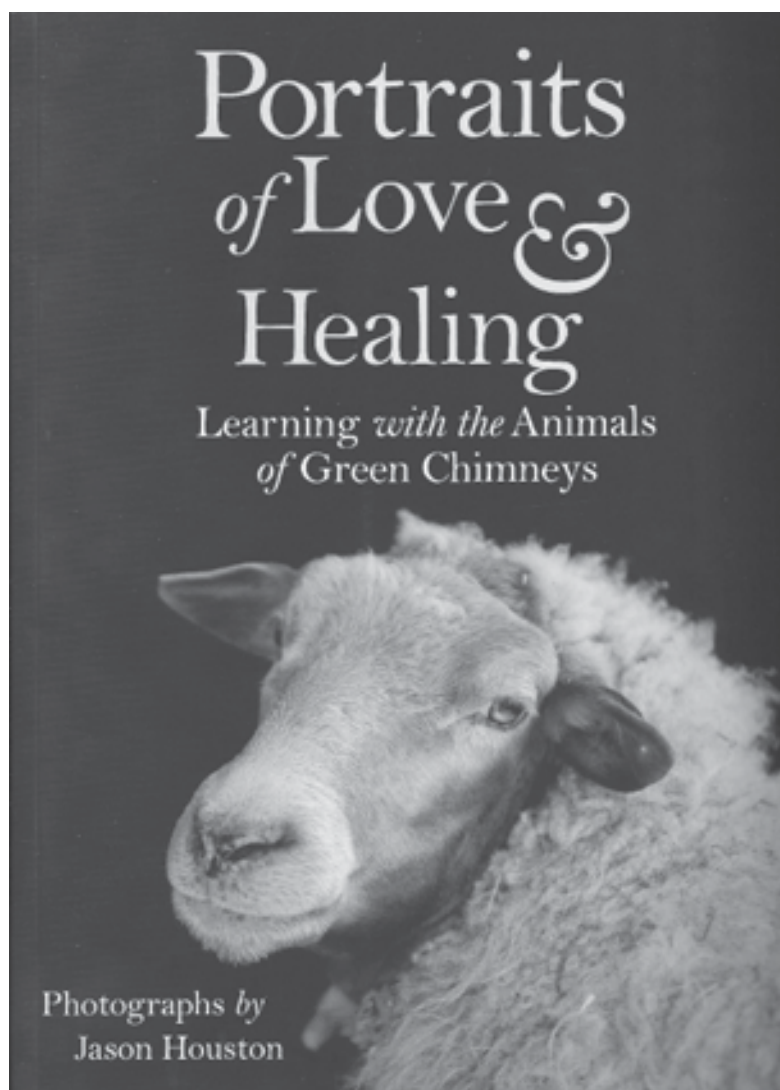
## New from Green Chimneys

For decades, Green Chimneys has honored animals – from the permanent residents of its renowned Farm & Wildlife Center, to the wildlife it has rescued and rehabilitated, to service dogs and classroom pets who share the 66-year-old therapeutic education and human services organization's two campuses in Putnam County, New York. (Latham has recently documented this work in its award-winning film *Green Chimneys, Blue Skies*. See page 23.)

Green Chimneys' annual calendar highlighting the animals and their personal stories has been a decade-long tradition. Now those years of images have been captured in *Portraits of Love & Healing: Learning with the Animals of Green Chimneys*.

*Portraits of Love & Healing* is a beautiful celebration of the hundreds of animal partners that have helped Green Chimneys' educators, clinicians, and animal experts connect with children facing emotional, behavioral and learning challenges. Green Chimneys is recognized as an innovator in animal-assisted and nature-based activities, infusing the animal and horticulture programs of the Farm & Wildlife Center into therapeutic treatment and education for children with special needs.

The 96-page coffee table book features captivating photographs of Green Chimneys' diverse farm and wildlife species, along with poignant stories of the animals as shared by the staff who work with and care for them. Readers will learn how the beloved furry and feathered teacher-therapists arrived – and have thrived – at a therapeutic day school and residential treatment center, and gain a deeper understanding of their role in helping youth



by creating and nurturing connections to the community and the natural world.

*Portraits of Love & Healing* is a compendium of expressive images by Jason Houston, award-winning photographer and filmmaker. Book design is by veteran graphic artist Hans Teensma and his studio, Impress, which has produced dozens of pictorial books over the course of 30 years. The book was printed on a 5-color, sheet-fed press at The Studley Press in Massachusetts. The book's foreword was provided by renowned wildlife expert and former host of *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom*, Jim Fowler. Funding was made possible by The MCJ Amelior Foundation.

*Portraits of Love & Healing* is available in hard cover (\$45) and soft cover (\$29.95) plus shipping and handling. To order, go to [www.greenchimneys.org/animalportraitbook](http://www.greenchimneys.org/animalportraitbook). All proceeds benefit Green Chimneys' programs for children with special needs, and the animals at the Farm & Wildlife Center.



## Shelter Training & Enrichment Course

This online course from Karen Pryor Academy is designed for shelter staff, volunteers, managers, or trainers who want to help reduce the stress and enrich the lives of animals living in a shelter.

### Course Benefits

- Teach simple behaviors that help make shelter animals more appealing to adopters and less likely to be returned.
- Stave off boredom and lower stress levels of the animals in your care with dozens of creative, low-cost enrichment ideas provided.
- Learn to solve common behavior problems, such as nuisance barking and jumping up.

### Course Details

*Shelter Training & Enrichment* features clear and engaging content and includes dozens of high-quality videos and step-by-step training exercises. The course covers: the basics of clicker training and cueing, how to read animals' emotional signals, how

to teach behaviors like "Quiet in the Kennel" quickly and easily, how to implement a training program in a shelter environment, dozens of ideas for enrichment on a shoestring budget, working with adopters, and more.

The course is divided into 9 lessons that feature:

- 57 high-quality videos
- 30 training exercises (for both dogs and cats!)
- 17 informative articles, including articles to share with adopters

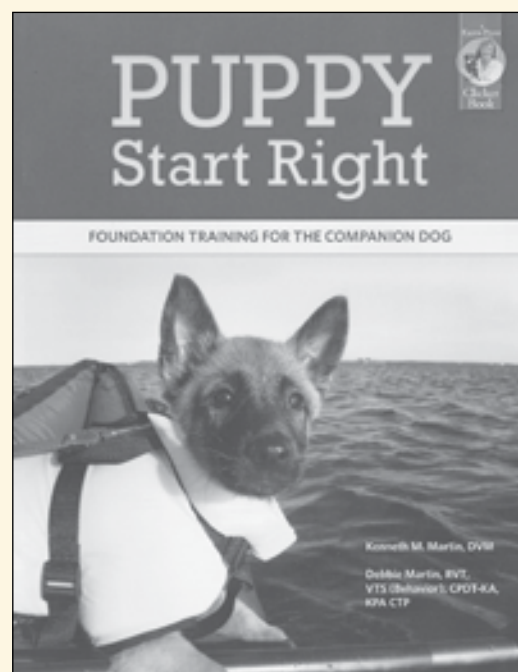
Students proceed through the course at their own pace. The course has been designed to be completed in 8 weeks, but students have up to 12 weeks from the start date to complete the course.

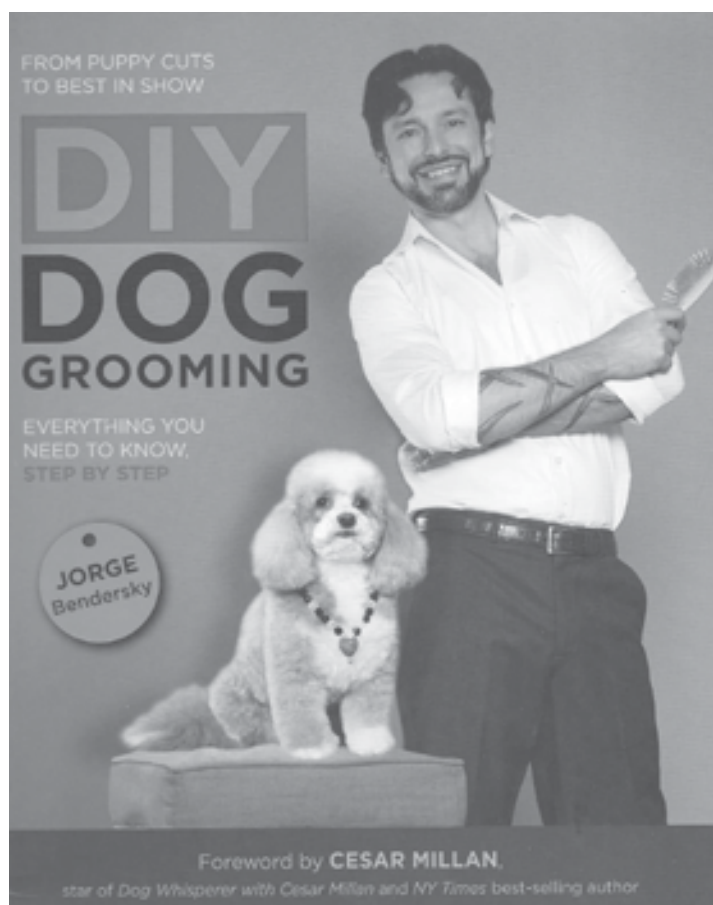
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## Also from Karen Pryor Clickertraining

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## DIY Dog Grooming

By Jorge Bendersky

Reviewed by Judy Johns

I admit it: although I've had the pleasure of sharing my life with a wide variety of wonderful dogs, at heart I'm a poodle person. As a result and even though my own hair is hardly low maintenance, I'm sure that over the years I've spent far more on dog grooming than on my own still-blonde-after-all-these-years locks.

There was a time about fifteen years ago when I thought grooming my own black Standard Poodle would be fun and creative. I dutifully had a friend who was a professional groomer show me how to safely use clippers; I bought all the best equipment; my dear Zac was patient. But after our first grooming "weekend," I discovered that I was neither sufficiently patient nor skilled and I decided the money I spent on professional grooming was well worth it. I gave those expensive clippers and scissors away, vowing, "Never again!"

Now Jorge Bendersky's wonderful book, *DIY Dog Grooming* has made me reconsider that rash decision. While I'm pleasantly addicted to the beautiful job our groomer does on our Standard Poodle, Lulu, and Toy Poodle, Bean, I'm going to try to stretch the time between visits by "cleaning up" their faces and paws. Wish me luck.

To his credit, Jorge points out in his introduction that this is not only a book about saving money. "... It's also a book that will improve both you and your dog's quality of life. Taking the time and effort to learn how to groom your dog is a beautiful experience that will teach you wonderful things about your dog, and you will discover that the more you learn about your dog, the better a dog owner you will become. Your dog loves and trusts you more than anyone else and will appreciate being groomed by you more than by someone else."

Indeed I learned a lot and I especially enjoyed the chapter on solutions to common problems such as grease, dirt and mud, gum, paint, candle wax (?!), Superglue, and skunk. There's also a fun chapter with tricks for taking perfect pictures and safe ways to get creative with color. Most importantly, this delightful book is true to Jorge's philosophy that knowing how to properly groom one's own dog will deepen the bond between a pet and his owner and help improve quality of life for both.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

*Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jorge Bendersky became interested in dogs at a very early age. Today he is a professional groomer in New York City with lots of celebrity pet owners; behind the scenes, he applies his passion for animals to improve the lives of all dogs, especially those in shelters and rescue situations. He has been honored with national humanitarian awards for his educational workshops for pet owners in the inner cities, for his volunteer efforts with animal rescues, and for his years of bringing attention to the importance of our responsibility to not only dogs but also all animals.*

*From Puppy Cuts to Best in Show: DIY Dog Grooming*  
By Jorge Bendersky with a Foreword by Cesar Millan

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# HelpMeHelpYou

A series of films that examine a variety of animal-assisted activity programs across the USA – programs in which animals help children, and in turn, children help animals.



## Faith and Hope on a Farm

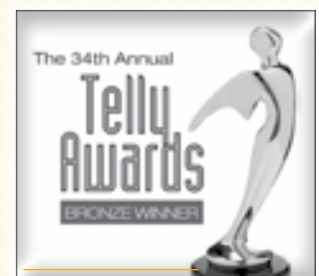
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**An inspiring reminder of why we teach compassion, empathy, and respect to help break the cycle of abuse.**

This 15-minute DVD highlights Forget Me Not Farm at Sonoma Humane Society in Santa Rosa, California, where children and animals bond and heal. At this safe haven, children learn gentle touch and respect for both other humans and animals through animal-assisted and horticultural activities.

The film features Faith, a formerly-abused child who was adopted by wonderful parents. As you see her blossom, you'll be reminded that where there's life, there's hope.

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## *New Now Available!*



## Green Chimneys, Blue Skies



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At Green Chimneys in Brewster, New York, visitors see smiling students and well-cared-for animals. What's not immediately evident on this beautiful campus is that the children there are struggling with emotional, educational, social, and behavioral challenges. Green Chimneys includes a New York State-Approved Special Education Program, a Residential Treatment Program, and a psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility. All are designed to help children succeed academically, socially, and emotionally – to see blue skies in their futures.



The USDA-accredited Farm and Wildlife Center is at the heart of this unique, multi-faceted setting. At Green Chimneys animals have been helping kids and kids have been helping animals for more than 65 years. How and why do they do it?

*Green Chimneys, Blue Skies* is a comprehensive and detailed look at the philosophy and methods behind this successful world leader in animal-assisted therapy. It is also a reminder of the power of the human-animal bond and sure to leave you moved and inspired.

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