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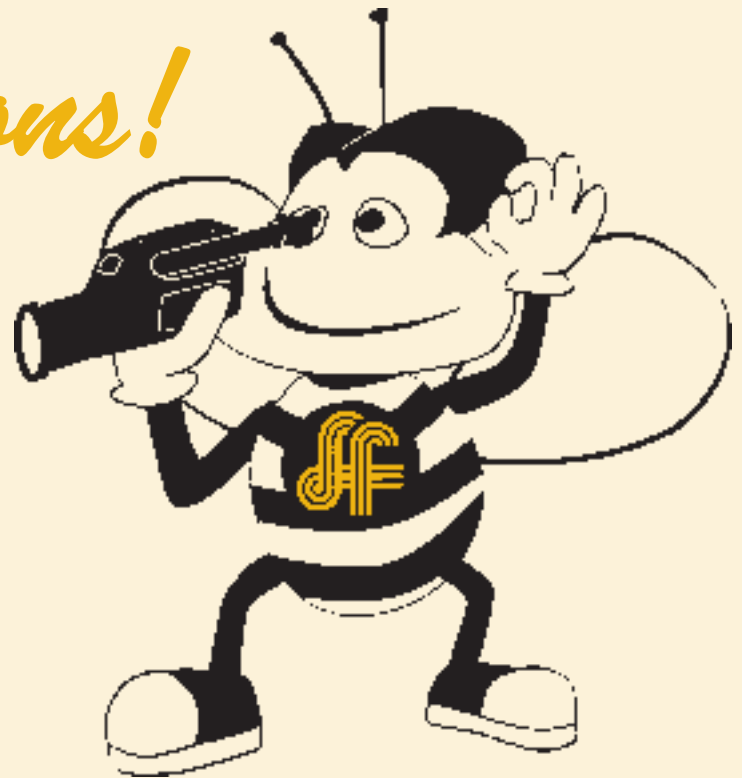
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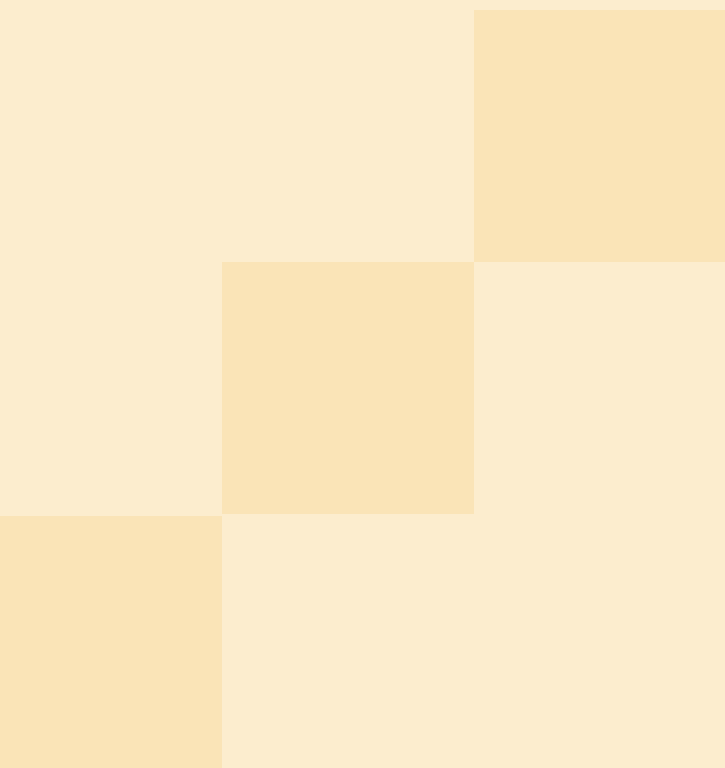
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Editorial:

Expectations, July 2002:

History Repeats Itself

By Hugh H. Tebault, III, President

Have you noticed that history repeats itself? Historical accounts of government and business corruption in the late 1800s sounds too much like current news. Why can't mankind make improvements to human nature over time? We have knowledge from our own history. We have better food, better tools, and cleaner air and water in most areas of the earth today than we did 100 or 200 years ago. We actively husband our ecology - many of us recycle to minimize our impact on the earth.

News reports daily tell of government and business people who have violated the public trust. Their actions are often at what is called "the edge of legality," but they are wrong just the same. Some of these violations are now being linked to the government deregulation of the 1990s, which were changes to the law that were billed as giving us cheaper, more available services.

Enron, Global Crossing and WorldCom all come to mind as major examples of corruption in business. On the governmental side, The Department of Education "lost track" of six billion dollars in 1999, the State of California made an exclusive software deal with Oracle in a contract scandal that linked Oracle contributions to the Governor's office, and the Department of Motor Vehicles wasted 10's of millions of dollars on a computer program that still doesn't work.

Where is the logic or reason for the failures of our laws to protect us? Is it the lack of a law or the lack of enforcement of existing laws? Or is it the lack of an internal moral code that results in people going around the law?

The Bible gives us some insights. The ten commandments found in the Old Testament provided general laws by which mankind was to live. The New Testament refers to living by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 3:23 says "But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for faith which would afterward be revealed." Said another way, the law provided a boundary, an external control on human behavior, while the New Testament provided an internal morality that can adapt to new situations and respond with the "right" moral answer.

I expect business and government leaders to have an internal moral compass to make the right decision in every situation. Yet I know from reading history that no amount of laws written down will stop immoral behavior. Only our own desire to do right will prevail in all situations. Does this mean that we would all make the same decision in every situation? No. It does mean that the decisions we make as leaders should not be for our benefit to the detriment of others.

***In the words of congressman
JC Watts (R. Oklahoma)***

***"Character is doing the right thing
when nobody is looking."***

Today many schools teach situational ethics which place feelings over facts. (i.e. There is no right or wrong. The end justifies the means. It's how you feel that is most important.) They no longer teach that any actions are always right or always wrong. Many years ago the Latham Foundation helped to establish laws requiring the teaching of humane education in public schools. Humane education laws have also fallen on hard times and are not taught as they should be.

It is time to come back to the basics in society. You can help by who you are, the choices you make, and how you stand up for our values system.



IN RESPONSE TO OUR VIDEO AWARDS

Dear Latham,

Thank you so much for choosing our video highlighting **Project Second Chance** as the top award in your Search for Excellence video contest.

Project Second Chance is a unique collaboration between the Animal Humane Association of New Mexico and the Youth Development and Diagnostic Center (YDDC) in Albuquerque. We are particularly proud of this program and the impact that it has had on the lives of shelter animals and the young adults that are a part of it.

We are delighted that the video has been so well received both locally and nationally and look forward to sharing this remarkable program with others.

Thank you again to everyone at The Latham Foundation for honoring us and especially for the remarkable work you do!

Humanely,

Ann Beyke

Director of Program Development, The Animal Humane Association of New Mexico



FROM THE PROVIDENCE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

Dear Latham,

Six years ago when I got the idea to design and build an interactive exhibit in the local museum as a means of reaching a broader audience, it never occurred to me that we would receive so many accolades or so much positive attention. Pets & People© has been a huge success on many levels. It is so popular with visitors to the Providence Children's Museum and that alone is rewarding. We also have found a new means of reaching families with our important messages of pet responsibility and kindness, in a way that had never been tried before. The success of this project has spurred many to create similar projects and reach broader audiences. It has been a win-win project for the **Providence Animal Rescue League**.

When I heard that we had won the Gwyn Tebault Award for Innovative Projects Worthy of Replication, it was the frosting on the cake for us. There are hundreds of humane educators around the country, working in the trenches to find ways to teach people about pet responsibility. So often, that work goes unrecognized or sadly, unappreciated. Here we are getting an award for doing what we love. It feels so good to be recognized for our efforts.

I must say to you and all, that these kinds of successes are the result of support and trust. None of the acknowledgments that we have received for our work on Pets & People© would have been possible without the full support of an active board and a great director. It has truly been a team effort. I share this award with everyone who contributed to the success of our exhibit. Also, I must acknowledge my talented brother-in-law, John Deming, who donated his time and expertise to putting the video together.

Thank you and everyone at the Latham Foundation.

Sincerely,

Jane Greco-Deming

Director of Education/Exhibit Developer

"BREAKING THE CYCLES OF VIOLENCE"

Dear Latham,

I am a senior at Baylor University School of Nursing in Dallas, Texas.

Today in a class called Community and Culture we watched your video titled, "*Breaking the Cycles of Violence*." It touched my heart deeply. I was amazed at how the different services were able to come together and work as a strong team for the community. It is truly a blessing that all of the services were able to pull themselves together and impact the lives of humans and animals.

Sincerely,

An Appreciative Viewer



Examining the Link Between Child and Animal Welfare in Wellington County, Ontario, Canada

This project, the first of its kind in North America, was spearheaded by Mary Zilney, Family Services Supervisor at Family and Children's Services (FCS) of Guelph and Wellington County and Lorna Ronald, Executive Director at the Guelph Humane Society (HS). Statistical analysis was conducted by Lisa Anne Zilney, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tennessee.

History

In 1893, the Guelph Humane Society and Family and Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County were one organization, dedicated to the protection of both children and animals. This dual role continued for 33 years. By 1926, the demands involving the welfare of children and animals were increasing and a decision was made to separate the functions of the Society. In 1927, the Humane Society (HS) and Family and Children's Services (FCS) became two separate organizations, each having their own mandate and area of responsibility. The two agencies, though they continue to function separately, reestablished their partnership in 2000 to examine the relationship between animal and human cruelty.

Purpose of the Research

To examine the link between animal and child cruelty by gathering statistics in Wellington County's urban and rural settings of abuse concerns reported between the HS and FCS, and to use the knowledge gained as an educational tool to raise awareness of this connection of violence.

Methodology

Investigators from both agencies were required to complete a checklist for each new investigation, prompting workers to ask questions about both animals and children in the home. The checklist consisted of two sections: (1) Questions related to the well being of children to be completed by HS workers; and (2) questions related to the well being of animals to be completed by FCS workers. Implementation of the checklist and data collection commenced February 1, 2001 and ended January 31, 2002.

Data collected by Family and Children's Services:

<i>Number of FCS Investigations</i>	1485
<i>Homes with Animals Present</i>	747 (50%)
<i>Referrals for Investigation made to HS</i>	16 (2.5%)

Concerns Noted by FCS Investigators Regarding Animals:

<i>Physical concern for animal's well-being</i>	12 (1.8%)
<i>Inappropriate living conditions for the animal(s)</i>	73 (11%)
<i>Evidence of excrement</i>	32 (4.7%)
<i>Presence of injuries on the animal</i>	4 (0.6%)
<i>Animal exhibiting behavioral problems</i>	36 (5.4%)

A significant finding of this research project was the number of homes in Wellington County in which some concern for the animal was present. In fact, one in five homes with an animal present demonstrated cause for FCS investigator concern, indicating that at minimum, education is necessary to encourage better care of companion animals.

Data collected by Guelph Humane Society:

<i>Number of Checklists Completed</i>	247
<i>Homes with Children Present</i>	94 (39%)
<i>Referrals or reports made to FCS</i>	10 (4%)

Concerns Noted by HS Investigators Regarding Children:

<i>Not clothed properly</i>	0
<i>Inappropriate living conditions</i>	0
<i>Signs of neglect</i>	1 (2.3%)
<i>Presence of injuries</i>	0
<i>Children exhibiting behavioral problems</i>	1 (2.3%)

Of interest when examining the Humane Society data is that ten referrals were made to FCS, although only two checklists indicated signs of abuse or neglect. This indicates that HS investigators reported cases wherein suspicion of abuse or neglect was evident as an extra precaution for child safety.

Discussion of Founded Cases

FCS referred 16 cases to HS, and HS referred 10 cases to FCS. Of these 26 referrals, 7 (27%) cases demonstrated cruelty concerns by both agencies. The following discussion will examine the cruelty link between animals and humans through examination of the seven investigations.

Case 1 – Neglect & Substance Abuse – The HS's investigation substantiated that a guinea pig had died of starvation due to the owner leaving it in the residence upon moving out with her children. A referral was made to FCS. The children were currently in foster care as FCS had substantiated child protection concerns due to the mother's continuing substance abuse problems. The negligence of the caregiver, due to substance abuse, identifies the link of cruelty in this case.

Case 2 - Neglect & Neglect - The HS investigated a complaint of strong urine odor from a guinea pig. They substantiated filthy living conditions for the animal, owner and children. FCS was notified and their investigation revealed the same neglect concerns. The cruelty link is evident in the caregiver's inability to provide basic care for both the children and the animal.

Case 3 - Inadequate Supervision & Aggressive Animal - FCS investigated multiple concerns including inadequate supervision of the children, dog bites on the

children, children's aggression toward the dogs, parent's physical aggression toward the children and dogs, and numerous safety hazards in the home. The HS investigation verified the dogs were defensive and aggressive. FCS apprehended the children. The parents later surrendered their rights to the children and they became permanent wards.

Case 4 - Domestic Violence & Neglect - Domestic violence was investigated and verified by FCS. The male partner made threats and was verbally abusive to family members, as well as allegedly kicking the family dog. The HS was unable to substantiate physical abuse toward the dog, but did verify neglect due to inadequate shelter for the dog. The power imbalance in this family supports the cruelty link. Violence is often perpetrated from the most powerful family member through to the least powerful, including the animal.

Case 5 - Domestic Violence, Neglect, Physical Abuse & Neglect - FCS substantiated domestic violence wherein a male partner was physically and verbally abusive toward his female partner and children. It was further determined that the home was in disarray, nutrition was problematic, and the family had a history of transience, thus posing a flight possibility. The family fled to a motel and FCS discovered that their cat was being kept in their van. The HS confirmed this allegation. The caregivers' inability to consistently provide the basic necessities for their children and animal supports the cruelty link in this case.

Case 6 - Parent-Teen Conflict/Teen Behavior Problems & Physical Abuse - A 12-year-old boy was reportedly physically abusive to his mother, siblings and dog. FCS substantiated serious parent/teen conflict as well as the child's severe behavioral problems, which were manifesting themselves in violence. In fact, the child kicked the dog in front of the FCS worker. The HS investigated and verified physical abuse towards the dog by the child. To agency workers the mother appeared unable to intervene, and verbalized her plan to keep her dog and abandon her son. The physical abuse toward the dog and family members clearly demonstrates the cruelty link.

Case 7 - Emotional Harm & Physical Abuse - FCS substantiated emotional harm toward a 10-year-old girl due to her mother's constant verbal abuse. The FCS investigator also witnessed the child roughly handling the family cat, verified later by the HS. Both the child and mother acknowledged inappropriate handling of the cat. Examining the cruelty link from the perspective of the power imbalance in the family, it is evident that the mother and child demonstrated their frustrations through negative exchanges, e.g. mother toward child and child toward cat.

Research Outcomes

The results of the research project are numerous, and include the strengthening of the partnership between the two agencies. Communication has improved among workers and informal consultation is more evident. Innovative interventions have been integrated to assist each agency in spite of the bureaucratic restraints encountered by both in getting more intrusively involved with families. This element was more pronounced for the HS and at times it was suspected that animals were left at risk due to the powerlessness of the investigator. This project further highlighted the differences in "duty to report" requirements. HS investigators have identified their need for additional training on the identification and reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect as outlined by the Child and Family Services Act (CFSA). There is however, no similar animal welfare legislation that requires reporting of suspicions of animal cruelty.

Though twenty-six cases were cross reported during this project, it is believed that may not be an accurate reflection of the number of animals and children deemed to be at risk of cruelty. For example, some investigators had misperceptions as to what actions were reportable, and FCS workers often took it upon themselves to carry out corrective animal management instruction with the family rather than make a referral to the HS. This is likely one manifestation of the hierarchy and value difference between animals and children in our society. In fact, some FCS workers did not view the project as relevant to their work of child protection and were opposed to looking at risk factors for animals (likely reflected in data collection on their checklists). Both agencies now include training on the relationship between human and animal cruelty in their internal orientation series of trainings required by new staff.

Next Steps

Family and Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County and the Guelph Humane Society will continue enhancing their partnership through the existing local coalition known as HAV-Link – Human Animal Violence Link, Guelph-Wellington Coalition. The coalition is dedicated to reducing the incidence of violence to animals and humans in our community through prevention and early intervention including cross training, cross reporting and education.

Together for children and animals!

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More International News

South Africa to Lead the Way With National Humane Education Curriculum

By Phil Arkow

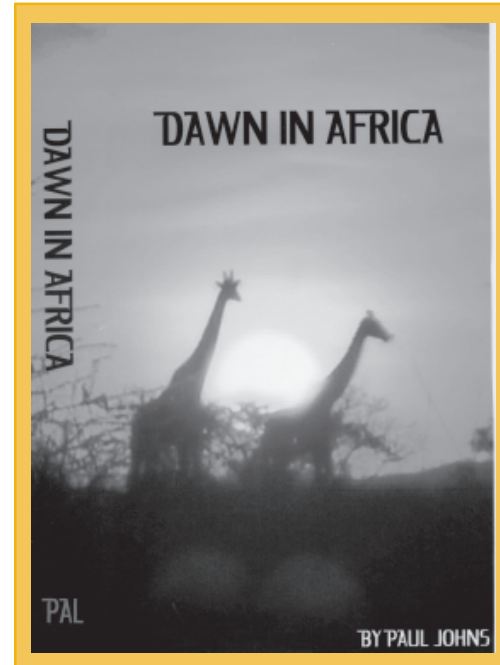
CAPE TOWN, South Africa - South Africa is about to become a world leader in the humane education movement with a national initiative that will introduce humane education, based upon awareness of the links between animal abuse and interpersonal violence, throughout this violence-ridden country.

A humane education curriculum will be included in environmental education throughout the nation by 2004, according to Louise van der Merwe, whose Humane Education Trust has been officially identified as a strategic partner in the process and which has been developing materials in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa languages.

The inclusion of humane education came in a directive from the Ministry of Education. The Department of Education has established forums in each of South Africa's nine provinces to implement the plan. "The environment has been singled out as being of major importance in our education system. We understand now that the environment is not just something 'out there' but something with which we are in intimate contact constantly. Our understanding of it must include a sense of justice for all animals," said Reuben Snyder, who leads the forum in Western Cape Province. "Our work between now and 2004 is to develop resource materials to support active environmental and humane education

learning in the foundation, intermediate and senior phases in all eight Learning Areas. The Humane Education Trust is a partner that is actively involved in helping to fulfill these aims," said Snyder. The Trust invited the Latham Foundation to participate in a national consciousness-raising initiative two years ago that included extensive media interviews, public presentations and meetings with education and university officials. The initiative has resulted in the new curriculum and animal-assisted therapy programs to help violent youths. "In South Africa today, violence has become a way of life, sometimes referred to as a 'culture' of violence," said Dr. Magdie van Heerden of the University of Pretoria, whose Ph.D. is in Human-Animal Interactions. "The link between cruelty to animals and violence towards people should not be seen as a linear link of cause and effect; rather, it may be a reflection of the basic values and norms of our society," she said. "We need to develop a more holistic approach towards breaking the cycle of violence. In this process, early intervention and teaching children compassion for animals is fundamental and essential."

A humane education curriculum is being piloted in Western Cape Province where the community has been outraged by reports of children's brutality against animals. A gang of boys recently stoned and strangled a



ANOTHER VIDEO ENTRY

dog to death and drowned her puppies in a plastic bag. Other youths have nailed puppies to trees by their ears, stabbed dogs and cats to death, and set animals on fire.

The inclusion of humane education in the national curriculum is being widely hailed. "This may look like a modest achievement now, but time will show us that this is in fact one of the truly significant breakthroughs of our times," said Dr. Chirevo Kwenda, head of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Cape Town. "Now every child and young person can be educated for peaceful co-existence within and between species and across generations. And to that extent the world will be rendered a safer and hopefully happier place to live," he said.



Latham Letter BACK ISSUES containing "Links" Articles

The following back issues containing articles on the connections between child and animal abuse and other forms of domestic violence are available from the Foundation for \$2.50 each, plus \$3.00 Priority Mail Postage and Handling for up to 10 issues (U.S. and Canada). Foreign orders please add \$10.00. California residents please add 8% sales tax. MasterCard and VISA accepted.

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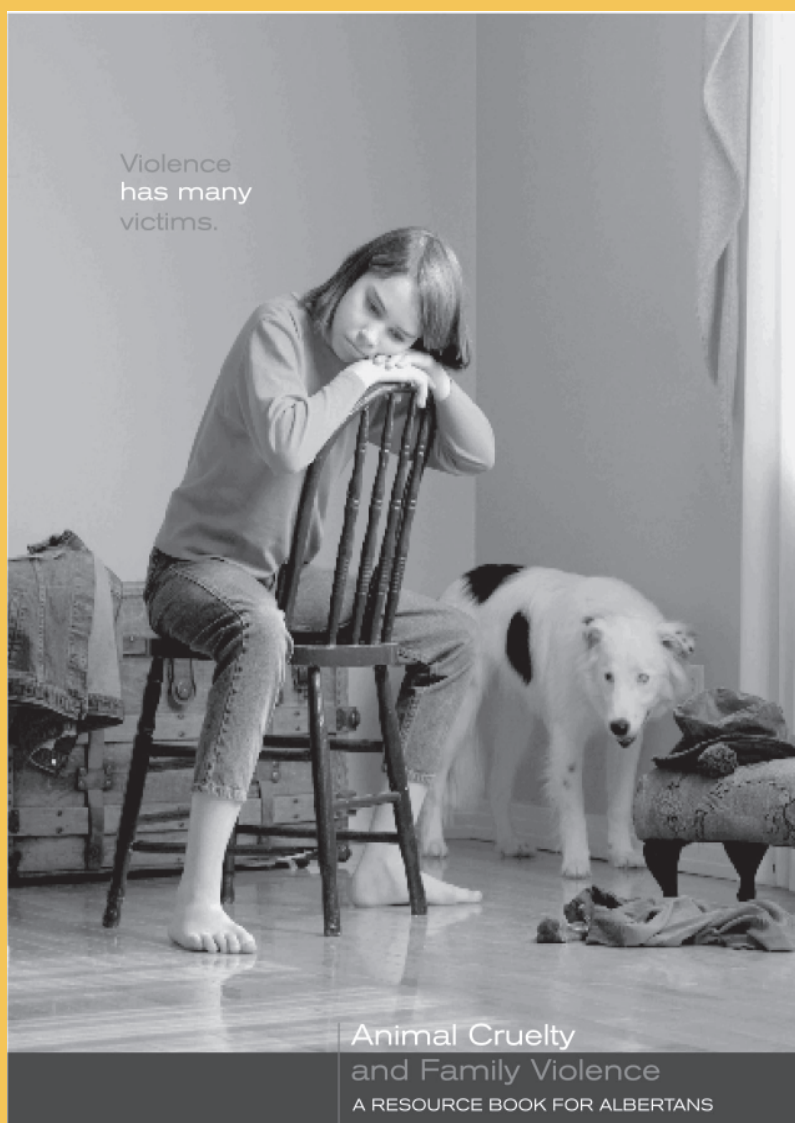
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New “Link” Resource Book Helping Albertans

By Phil Arkow



Growing interest in the links between animal abuse and interpersonal violence has led to a number of community collaborations. In Edmonton, Alberta, the Alberta SPCA has produced a manual that will help professionals and the general public prevent many forms of violence. ***Animal Cruelty and Family Violence: A Resource Book for Albertans*** is an attractive, comprehensive eight-page booklet prepared as part of a Family Law and Family Violence Tool Kit that was distributed throughout the province.

The SPCA received a grant from the Public Legal Education Network of Alberta and Canada's Department of Justice to get it professionally printed, and the attractive result has already resulted in more dialogue and opportunities for collaboration among agencies. The booklet's sections describe: why animal abuse should be taken seriously; the results of Canadian research studies in Winnipeg, Calgary and Hamilton; Canada's Criminal Code and the Alberta Animal Protection Act; and separate pages with useful information for concerned citizens, service providers, victims of domestic violence, law enforcers and prosecutors, educators, and veterinarians. Phone numbers are provided to help people report suspected animal abuse or neglect throughout the province. A short bibliography lists the basic books and videos to get someone started in Link research.

For information, e-mail Tim Battle, Director of Education & Communications
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Winners Announced in the Latham Foundation's Search for

The purpose of the Search for Excellence awards is to recognize and encourage excellence in video productions promoting respect for all life.

The contest is held every two years.



This year's winners are:

**The Edith Latham Award for Excellence in Video Productions
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Project Second Chance is a unique and successful collaboration between the Animal Humane Association and the Youth Diagnostic & Development Center in which teenage boys train and care for dogs—the ultimate win – win situation.

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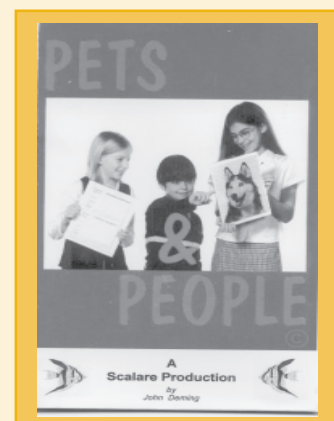
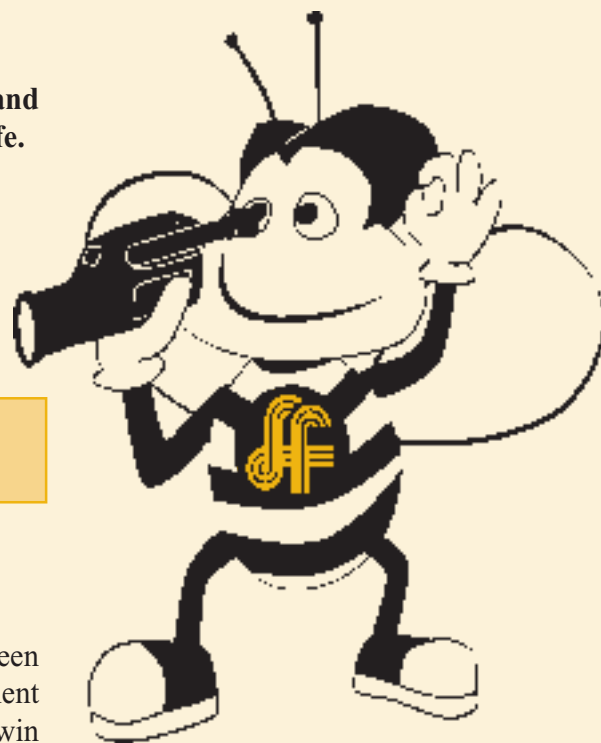
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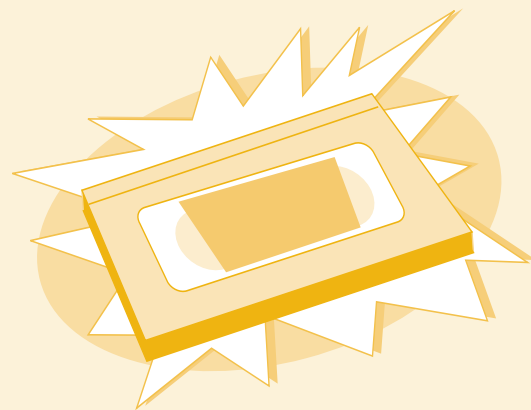
Pets & People illustrates the first-of-its-kind interactive museum exhibit in which children learn about pet responsibility and kindness. This innovative, interactive exhibition is a partnership between Providence (Rhode Island) Rescue League and the Providence Children's Museum.

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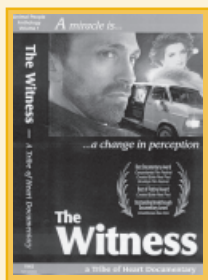
This beautiful documentary makes a compelling scientific and ethical case for maintaining biodiversity. *Contact:* John Hoskyns-Abrahall, Bullfrog Films, PO Box 149, Oley, PA 19547, 610-79-8226.

Advocacy/Public Policy and Awareness Category

WITNESS

Produced by Tribe of Heart

Witness tells the true story of a tough New York City construction contractor who is transformed by the love of a kitten and as a result, is inspired to rescue abandoned animals, become a vegetarian, and invent a creative new form of activism. *Contact:* James LaVeck, Tribe of Heart, P. O. Box 149, Ithaca NY 14851-0149, 607-275-0806.



*First Place:
Advocacy/
Public Policy
and Awareness*

Humane Education/ Responsible Pet Care Category

NEIGHBORHOOD JOURNAL

a Cablevision Broadcast

*Produced by the Hudson Valley
Humane Society*

Neighborhood Journal describes the Hudson Valley Humane Society's visiting pet program in which children in first grade visit nursing home residents. *Contact:* Dolores Schaub, Hudson Valley Humane Society, 150 McNamara Rd., Spring Valley, NY 10977, 845-429-9507.

Public Service Announcement (PSA) Category

IF YOU CARE, LEAVE THEM THERE

*Produced by the Humane Society
of the United States Northern
Rockies Office*

Four effective PSAs on why it is important not to assume that baby wildlife are abandoned or orphaned.

Contact: Dave Pauli, Humane Society of the United States Northern Rockies Office 490 N. 31st, #215, Billings, MT 59101, 406-255-7161.

Young Videographers Category (A Special Award this Year)

YOUR COMMUNITY AT YOUR SERVICE: THE SPCA

*Produced by the Concord High
School TV Production Club*

The Concord SPCA as described and produced by the students in the Concord High School TV Production Club. *Contact:* Jon Kelly, Concord High School, 170 Warren Street, Concord, NH 03301 603-225-0800 X 677.

For information about the next "Search for Excellence" Awards, contact **Latham** at: **The Latham Foundation**, Attn.: Video Awards, Latham Plaza Building, 1826 Clement Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501. Phone: 510-521-0920, fax: 510-521-9861, e-mail: info@latham.org or visit our web site at <http://www.Latham.org>. The contest is held every two years. The next deadline is December 31, 2003.



Humane Society of Sarasota County Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

To quote Margaret Mead, *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, caring citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."* It began in the Fall of 1951 when Sarasota (Florida) resident Donald Evans lost his dog. Eventually, the dog catcher caught the dog, but no one contacted Mr. Evans, and his beloved dog was put to death. Mr. Evans was so upset that he vowed to start a Humane Society to prevent this from happening to others. The Humane Society of Sarasota County, Inc. was incorporated February 8, 1952, and the City of Sarasota leased the present property to HSSC for \$10 a year. That was fifty years ago.

Today, the Humane Society of Sarasota County, Inc. is a private not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation dedicated to the welfare of animals. Their Mission is to prevent cruelty, suffering and overpopulation of animals through education, housing and financial support. The HSSC operates an open admission shelter. No dog or cat in need is ever turned away.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, caring citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Approximately 4,000 abandoned dogs and cats are sheltered each year. Since 1952 the HSSC and its staff of 20 full-time and four part-time employees have cared for 180,000 animals at a cost of approximately \$2,400 a day. HSSC receives **NO** funding from any other animal welfare organization nor does it receive city, state or federal funding. It relies entirely on donations, membership contributions, bequests and grants.

On any given day, the shelter is a hub of activity; telephones ringing, people bustling about and a symphony of barks, meows and pitter-patters. The animals are the center of everything that takes place. Staff and volunteers work tirelessly. Their job is a big one, but they give unselfishly of their time because of their love and compassion for the animals. Each of the animals brings his or her own sad story. They are lost, abandoned, neglected or abused. These animals have become victims through no fault of their own. They arrive at the shelter bewildered, frightened and nervous. Many are sick and many are injured. Prompt attention, loving hands, and kind words become the order of the day. The animals are fed a nutritional diet and are groomed. They are loved and cuddled, played with and exercised. Most importantly, the dogs are trained to have good manners, thanks to the dedication of those involved in the Canine Coach Program. Everything possible is done to rehabilitate the animals, by addressing their psychological needs as well as their physical needs. The goal is to have every lost animal reunited with his owner and every abandoned, neglected or abused animal adopted to a loving home.

The Humane Society of Sarasota supports many programs that help not only animals, but animal-related programs that help the community as well. The Foster Pets Program identifies qualified homes that can provide temporary care for special needs animals so they can ultimately be placed in the adoption program. These animals are very young, or are recovering from illness or injury.

The No-Cost Spay/Neuter Program provides rabies, basic canine and feline vaccinations and a \$10.00 stipend paid to the owner of each pet sterilized.

The Volunteer Program maintained by HSSC is at the core of its remarkable growth and success. A corps of more than 400 dedicated volunteers provide assistance with every aspect of the program. Orientation for new volunteers is held monthly. All volunteers complete a thorough orientation and training program. Specific volunteer duties such as matchmaking and pet therapy require additional specialized training. These extraordinary volunteers and the services they perform are vital to the shelter's excellent record of cost containment and at the heart of its ability to fulfill its mission.

HSSC has a strong Pet Therapy Program. They provide extensive evaluation and training of prospective Pet Therapy Volunteers. Currently, more than 80 teams of Pet Therapy Volunteers and their companion animals visit 70 different facilities, which include nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities, hospices and schools for handicapped children and adults, at **NO COST**. These teams touch the lives of hundreds of people each month by offering

compassion and joy to those who may be facing a most difficult time. In an ever-growing impersonal world, the personal relationship with pets is of significant importance. The dedication and unconditional love that pets give is beyond compare. Studies have shown the many benefits to the health and well being of people. The elderly, the sick and the disabled benefit from the companionship of a pet. Professionals have discovered that animals can reach where human contact often cannot.

Education has always been an important goal for HSSC. In 2001, the Education Department brought the message of humane education to nearly 10,000 children in Sarasota County through schools, organizations, events, on-site presentations, the monthly newsletter, **KIND News**, the **HUGS** Program for children with special needs and the **FUR FUN** Camp and Club. HSSC employs a full time Education Director who implements a wide variety of programs that educate our citizens on responsible pet ownership.

The **KIND News** (available from NAHEE) is a monthly newspaper sent to 4th grade classrooms. It teaches children about kindness to animals, the environment, and each other. For just \$.07 per issue, \$22.00 per classroom, one can help create a kinder future.

The "Read Aloud" Program is coming soon to Sarasota County libraries, bookstores, and schools. Reading and developing empathy go hand in hand as children mature emotionally and learn to share in others' happiness or misfortune.

Children in Sarasota County can celebrate their birthdays at the Humane Society. Birthday parties are free of charge but the Society suggests that guests bring a present for the animals.

Fur Fun After School Club is just for fun and to learn about animals. Activities include cat cuddling, dog walking, animal theme arts and crafts, animal care lessons, and games. The fee is \$25.00 per child per session. Fees from the Fur Fun Club are used to purchase children's books with positive animal themes for libraries and the Read Aloud Program.

The **HUGS**/Oak Park School Program focuses on children with physical or emotional handicaps, with emphasis on providing animal-human bond experiences. The program capitalizes on the natural relationship often shared by children and animals. It encourages responsible decision making/pet ownership, nurturing, and empathy. The program is formatted into a series of five lessons with each lesson lasting between 20 to 45 minutes, depending on the children's ages and abilities. The interactive nature of the lessons lends to its success. By providing these opportunities to Oak Park students, HSSC can assist them in attaining goals set by the Florida Department of Education for graduation of students with disabilities. Many of the **HUGS** staff are four-legged furry friends who are physically-challenged. These extraordinary animals, who are adoptees from The Humane Society of Sarasota County, are happy and spirited. With the love and support of their families, these animals live a full life and bring happiness and love and laughter to countless children. Their achievements are astounding and inspiring.

Deborah Robbins Millman's leadership, a dedicated staff, devoted volunteers and a competent Board of Directors have made the Humane Society of Sarasota County the progressive shelter that it is today. We have made many accomplishments over the last 50 years, but much more is yet to be done for the welfare of animals. We celebrate our victories and share our hopes for future success. We pray for people to be responsible pet owners, for a non-animal society to have respect for all life and for ALL our orphaned animals to be adopted to loving and caring families. Then and only then, will we fully accomplish our mission:

*“As we care for the animals,
I contemplate
How every man we can educate
That animals are a gift from God above,
Given to us to respect and love.”*

Each of us faces difficult challenges in the upheaval of a changing world. What remains steadfast is the special bond between pets and people.

The HSSC encourages shelter visits. Contact them at 23311 5th Street, Sarasota, Florida. 941-955-4131 FAX 941-955-3715. website www.hssc.org



Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

SEPTEMBER

September 12-15 – Tufts Animal Expo 2002, Boston, Massachusetts. A 4-day educational conference and 3-day trade exhibition for professionals in veterinary medicine, animal care, human health, and animal welfare. Visit www.tuftsanimalexpo.com or call 800-642-9429.

September 15 – The Human-Animal Interaction and Referral (H.A.I.R.) Fair, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY – a day long educational event dedicated to the Human-Animal relationship. How animals can be utilized to enhance the lives of those with illnesses or disabilities and how educational programs benefit both children and animals alike.

September 19-22 – American Humane Association 2002 National Conference. Adam's Mark Hotel, Denver, CO.
www.americanhumane.org

September 23-27 – Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse: Equal Justice for Children. Lincoln, Nebraska. Sponsored by the American Prosecutors Research Institute. For more information, phone 703-549-4253 or fax 703-836-3195.

OCTOBER

October 6-8 – Society of Animal Welfare Administrators Fall Conference, Seattle, WA. SAWA.org

October 25-27 – No More Homeless Pets Conference, Atlanta, GA. Presented and sponsored by Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and hosted by Lifeline Animal Project. The fourth national gathering of experts exploring strategies for no-kill communities. Info@bestfriends.org phone 435-644-2001 or fax 435-644-2078.

NOVEMBER

November 1, 2, 3 – Open Paw National Humane Education Conference presented by Ian Dunbar, Sue Sternberg, and Jean Donaldson. Radisson Hotel, Berkeley Marina, Berkeley, CA. Sponsored by Puppyworks. Events@puppyworks.com www.puppyworks.com phone 707-745-4237 fax 707-745-8310

November 7, 8, 9 – International Conference on Animal Protection in Spain addressing fairer and more effective laws for animals, violence against weaker subjects, and a more ethical and concerned society. Barcelona, Spain. www.altarriba.org

November 14-15 – International Companion Animal Welfare Conference, Pyramida Hotel, Prague. Sponsored by North Shore Animal League International and National Canine Defense League. www.icawc.org

DECEMBER

December 9-10 – Scientists Center for Animal Welfare Annual Winter Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Promoting the humane care, use, and management of animals involved in research, testing, or education in laboratories, agricultural, and wildlife. 301-345-3500 or info@scaw.com or www.scaw.com

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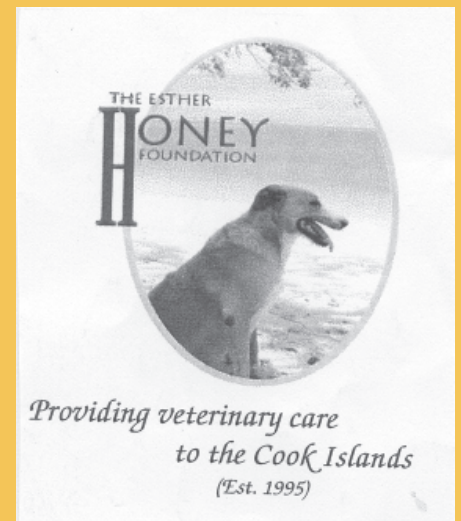
March 2-4 – California Animal Care Conference: Collaboration, Cooperation, & Partnerships. San Jose, California. www.AnimalCareConference.org

APRIL 2003

April 2-5 – The Humane Society of the United States Animal Care Expo, The Reno Hilton, Reno, NV. For exhibitor information, Phone: 800-355-0647, Email: HSUSEPO@brmg.com

Compassion in the Cook Islands:

An Update on the Esther Honey Foundation



As reported in the Fall 1996 and Winter 1997 *Latham Letters*, companion animals on the island of Rarotonga in the southern group of the Cook Islands struggle with disease (*especially fish poisoning*), overpopulation, neglect, and abuse. However, in 1993 Cathy Sue Anunsen decided to do something to help. She founded the non-profit Esther Honey Foundation, named in honor of her grandmother, Esther, and Honey, a golden Rarotongan, or “*Raro*” dog native to the islands.

Two years later with the help of animal advocates and volunteers, veterinarians, pharmaceutical companies, and Air New Zealand, the only animal hospital in the Cook Islands was up and running. Since then, each year the Esther Honey Foundation’s all-volunteer staff treats more than 1000 animals. The Foundation’s treatment and spay and neuter programs even extend beyond the clinic on Rarotonga to the remote outer islands.

Over the last five years, 35 dedicated veterinarians, technicians and students have volunteered at the clinic. They have given their time, faced challenges, and sacrificed to help insure that the Cook Islands are paradise for animals as well as humans.

Fish poisoning is one of the biggest problems that companion

animals face on Rarotonga. Despite the Foundation’s public service announcements and one-on-one warnings, the locals frequently feed their pets reef fish. Reef fish feed off of algae that contain ciguatera toxins that, when ingested, gravely affect dogs and cats’ nervous systems. The toxins disable the animals’ regular body functions affecting their ability to walk, eat and often reversing their ability to feel hot and cold. The only remedy for this common illness is time and supportive care. One of the new volunteer veterinarians saw fifteen cases of fish poisoning in her first week on the job.

“There are bright colors of love present in the joy and admiration of seeing an animal walk and play again.”

As Betsy Miskimins writes in her article about the Esther Honey Foundation in the Spring, 2001 *Animal Guardian*, pp 9-11 (*a Publication of the Doris Day Animal League and the Doris Day Animal Foundation* info@ddal.org or 202-546-1761).

“There are bright colors of love present in the joy and admiration of seeing an animal walk and play again. There are colors of frustration that volunteers witness in an animal’s struggles with pain and confusion. But there are also colors of hope present in the generosity of those concerned with compassion for all living things. These colors of hope are the future contributors of time, money, equipment, and supplies for the clinic. The Esther Honey Foundation is a painting that grows bigger and better with each brush stroke and w is always looking for new artists.”

For information on how you can help, contact:

The Esther Honey Foundation
P. O. Box 3969, Salem, OR 97302
or **President and Founder**
Cathy Sue Anunsen at 541-327-1914.



Careers in Animal-Assisted Therapy

Courtesy of Delta Society Interactions Vol. 20, No.1.

Interested in pursuing a career in AAT? The Delta Society suggests you thoroughly research the various programs first and consider volunteering as a Pet Partners Team to get a feel for the industry before investing time and money toward a certificate or degree.

Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ: Certificate program in animal-assisted activities and therapy

Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ: BS in equine studies that includes an elective as a therapeutic riding instructor

Harcum College, Bryn Mawr, PA: Joint venture program with the Devereux Foundation and the University of Pennsylvania. Two-semester certificate program in AAT through the veterinary department.

Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY: BS in veterinary technology with special program in pet-assisted therapy

North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA), Denver, CO: Four therapeutic riding instructor training courses, held at NARHA-member centers in California, Connecticut, South Carolina, and Texas.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, SC: BA degree in therapeutic riding

Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy, North Grafton, MA: MS degree in animals and public policy

University of California, Davis, CA

University of Findlay, Findlay, OH: BS in equestrian studies

University of New Hampshire –Thompson School of Applied Science, Durham, NY: Associate Degree Program in Applied Animal Science, Small Animal Care. Electives in AAT and the Human-Animal Bond. Professional students at the School of Health and Human Services and can also take the electives. Also has NARHA certified therapeutic horseback program.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN – CENSHARE: Center to Study Human Animal Relationships & Environments People, Animals, Nature, Inc. (PAN, Inc.) certificate program in AAT.

As seen on the internet...

Supposedly, the following ad ran in The Atlanta Journal.

"SINGLE BLACK FEMALE . . . Seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant.

"I'm a very good-looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping, and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call xxx-xxxx and ask for Daisy."

HA!

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the local Humane Society about an 8-week-old black Labrador Retriever.

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A Parrot's Bill of Rights

By Stewart A Metz, M.D.

Reprinted courtesy of laJoie, Summer 2002** (**See page 18)

1. Learn About Parrots before You Bring Me Home.

I am not a domesticated pet like a dog or a cat. I still have the spirit of the jungle in me. I have special needs that you may find hard to fill. Please don't learn these too late for my well-being. And please don't acquire one of my cousins from the jungle. It will jeopardize his survival and well-being and that won't be a party for you either!

2. Give Me the Largest Home Possible.

I am used to flying through rain forests or savannas. I have given up this great gift for your pleasure. At the very least, give me enough room to flap my wings and exercise. And I need toys for my amusement and wood to chew. Otherwise, I might confuse your home with the forest and its trees.

3. Give Me a Nutritious Diet.

I need a wide variety of fresh and nutritious foods, even if they take time to prepare. I cannot survive on seeds alone. Take time to learn what my needs and preferences are.

4. Let Me Have a Social Life.

I am a gregarious flock animal, but I am not one of you. I need lots of socialization to learn how to act with you, and with my siblings. I also need to have adequate quality time with you every day, no matter what your schedule or other needs are. I am a living, feeling creature. Above all, I need to be able to have complete trust in you, and count on your predictability in looking after me every day.

5. Let Me Be Clean.

I may like to drop food or even throw it, but I need meticulous cleanliness to be healthy. My skin itches without frequent showers, the barbs of my feathers won't seal if they become oily and, worst of all, I may become ill if my food or water is not always sanitary.

6. I Need My Own Doctor.

You may not understand my physiology and therefore you may not recognize it early on when I get sick. And it may be too late when you do, because I hide my illnesses (remember what I said about my being an animal of the jungle, where there are lots of predators). And I need an avian vet—a specialist (*no HMOs for me please*). If you can't afford one, perhaps you shouldn't have taken me home.

7. Please Don't Punish Me.

Just as I don't always understand your peculiarities, you may not understand mine. I don't TRY to get in trouble—remember, a house is not the jungle. If I do screw up, don't yell at me and never hit me. I have sensitive ears and I may never trust you again if you strike me. Hands are sometimes scary things to us (*why in the world would you not be zygodactylous like us?*). Even more importantly, we don't learn by punishment. We are gentle creatures who only strike back to protect ourselves; we learn through patience and love.

8. Speak My "Language."

I know you get upset with me when I knock over my water bowl, throw food, scream or pluck my feathers. I don't do these to annoy you. I am probably trying to tell you something (*perhaps that I am hurting, lonely, or sad.*) Learn to speak my (*body*) language. Remember that I alone, of all creatures on this planet, learn to speak yours!

9. See Me As An Individual.

I am a unique and feeling being. No two of us are alike. Please don't be disappointed in me if I don't talk like you wanted or can't do the tricks that your friend's parrot can do. But if you pay close attention to me (*and I always empathize with you, whether you know*



it or not), I will show you a unique being who will give you so much more than talking and playing. Give me a chance to show you who I am; I think you'll find the effort worth it. And remember, I am not an ornament. I do not enhance any living room décor. And I am not a status symbol. If you use me as such, I might nip at your up-turned nose!

10. Share Your Love With Me.

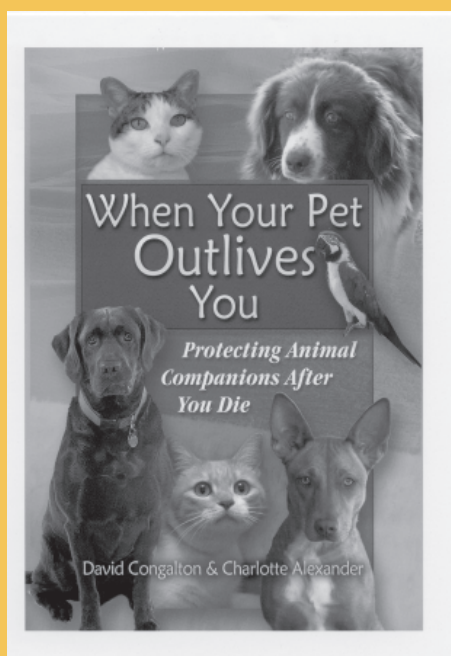
Above all, please remember that you are my Special Person. I put all my trust and faith in you. We parrots are used to being monogamous (*no bar-hopping for us!*). So please don't go away for long periods or give me away. That would be a sadness from which I may never recover. If that seems to be asking a lot, remember, you could have learned about my needs before bringing me home. Even having a baby or taking a new job isn't a fair reason. You made a commitment to me first. And if you think that you must leave me because you might die, provide for me forever after you leave. I may live to a ripe old age but I can't provide for myself. Remember I'm in a small cage amongst people who are not of my blood.

11. Your Rights.

You have lots of rights, but I can only assure one and that is, if you treat me the way I described above, I will reward you with unwavering love, humor, knowledge, beauty, dedication, and a sense of wonder and awe that you haven't felt since you were a child. When you took me home, you became my Flock Leader—indeed my entire universe—for life. I would have the moon and stars for you if I could. We are one in heart and soul.



Media Reviews and Announcements



When Your Pet Outlives You

What would happen if you were to suddenly die and your beloved pets were left alone? Who would come to your house? How would someone know which pet was which? Who would know their names and their particular needs? Where would the animals go to live and who would pay for their expenses?

These concerns, and more, are essential questions that millions of pet owners need to ponder and answer, according to authors David Congalton and Charlotte Alexander. In their new book, *When Your Pet Outlives You: Protecting Animals Companions After You Die* (New Sage Press 2002), they recount heartbreaking stories of pets who fell to tragic fates because their owners did not have a plan for their ongoing welfare. The authors offer a wealth of information, eliminating any chance of abandonment for the

animal companions that bring their owners so much love and joy.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, more than 58 million households have at least one animal companion, including cats, dogs, birds, rodents, horses, reptiles, and more. Unquestionably, Americans love their pets, with 84 percent of pet owners considering their animal companions to be their children, according to a survey by the *American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)*. Especially telling of the animal-human bond was the AAHA finding that over half the respondents in its survey said that if they were stranded on a deserted island, they would prefer the company of their animal to a human companion!

This book is a wake-up call for all pet owners who love their pets. There is only so much you can do to keep your animals safe and healthy. However, taking the time now to work through important decisions regarding their well being if you were to die first, allows for peace of mind. The authors' message: *You need to start planning today.*

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"Our book is based on the premise that anyone who adopts a dog, a cat, a parrot, a snake, a horse—any companion animal—does so with a great deal of love and hope and good intentions, and just a little bit of nagging fear," explains Congalton. Pet owners fear that their animals will die suddenly and traumatically. They also are afraid that they, the pet owners, will die suddenly and traumatically in some kind of unexpected freak accident. "We have experienced the first scenario, and that made us want to be better prepared for the second," notes Alexander, referring to the house fire that killed all five of the couple's beloved animal companions. Congalton wrote about this experience in his first book, *Three Cats, Two Dogs, One Journey Through Multiple Pet Loss* (New Sage Press 1999), which won a writing award from the Dog Writers Association of America.

"Talking things over, we realized how woefully unprepared we were in case of an unfortunate accident," adds Alexander. The result of their research and preparation is *When Your Pet Outlives You*, which drives home the message of planning ahead, now. Their chapter, "September 11th: The Pets of Ground Zero," is a sobering reminder of how quickly tragedy can hit home.

This is the first book on this topic that combines personal stories with step-by-step information on how to prepare *today*, including how to create a pet identification system, choosing an emergency caretaker, and putting together a legal pet trust. The authors supply sample legal forms, and lists of long-term care programs and animal sanctuaries nationwide. They also discuss important court decisions related to people and their pets, along with relevant state statutes.



When Your Pet Outlives You

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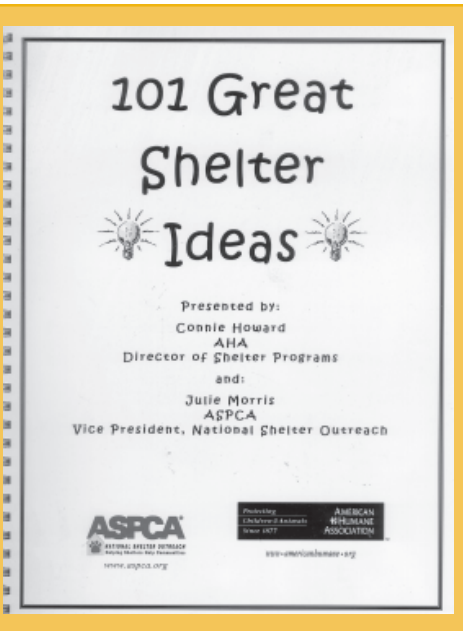
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101 Great Shelter Ideas

Compiled by and available from the American Humane Association (www.americanhumane.org) and the ASPCA (www.aspc.org), this wonderful resource for the real world includes topics such as Adoption, Disease Prevention, Education, Employee Morale, Enrichment, Food Donations, Fund-raising, Promoting Animal Welfare, Public Relations, Reducing Returns, and Shelter Beautification.



Project WILD K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guides

Project WILD and its companion *Project WILD Aquatic* are administered by the Council for Environmental Education and are co-sponsored by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. First published in 1983, they are now in their 4th revision. Their sponsors and many of their participants—including students and educators—have received a variety of awards and recognition.

The materials have been endorsed by the National Council for the Social Studies and are consistent with recommendations of the National Science Teachers Association.

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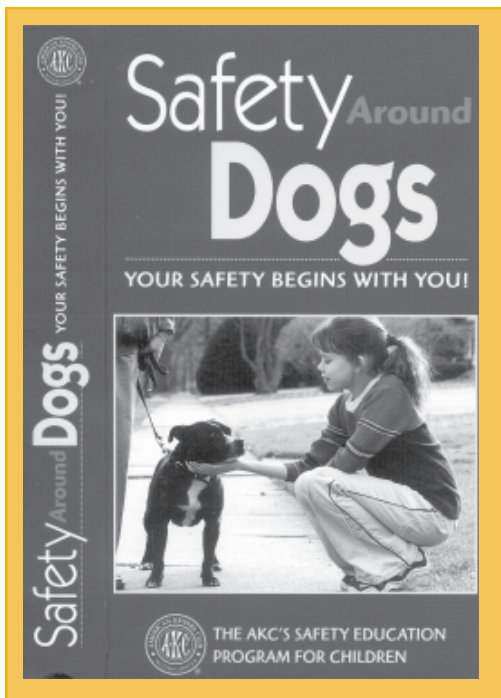
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Safety Around Dogs

The AKC's Safety Around Dogs: Your Safety Begins with You teaches an important message: teaching children how to interact safely and enjoyably with dogs.

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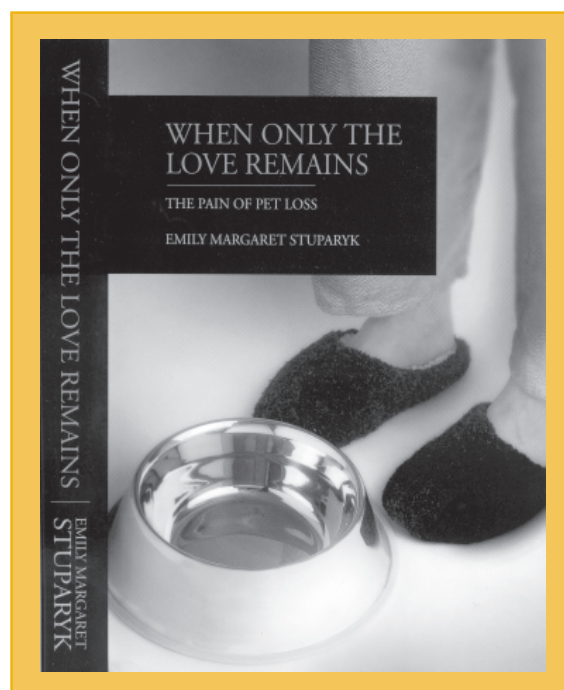
When Only the Love Remains: The Pain of Pet Loss

Author *Emily Margaret (Milka) Stupark* is an animal lover whose passion for rabbits began in childhood. Her deep sadness following the death of her beloved pet rabbit prompted her to compile her personal thoughts and feelings in the form of a journal. It was from this journal and extensive research on grieving that this book of poetry emerged. These poems show how the pain of pet loss can be turned into a healing experience.

Milka is an elementary school teacher. This is her first book on pet loss. She lives in Winnipeg with her husband and two pet rabbits and is currently working on a second book of poetry.

When Only the Love Remains

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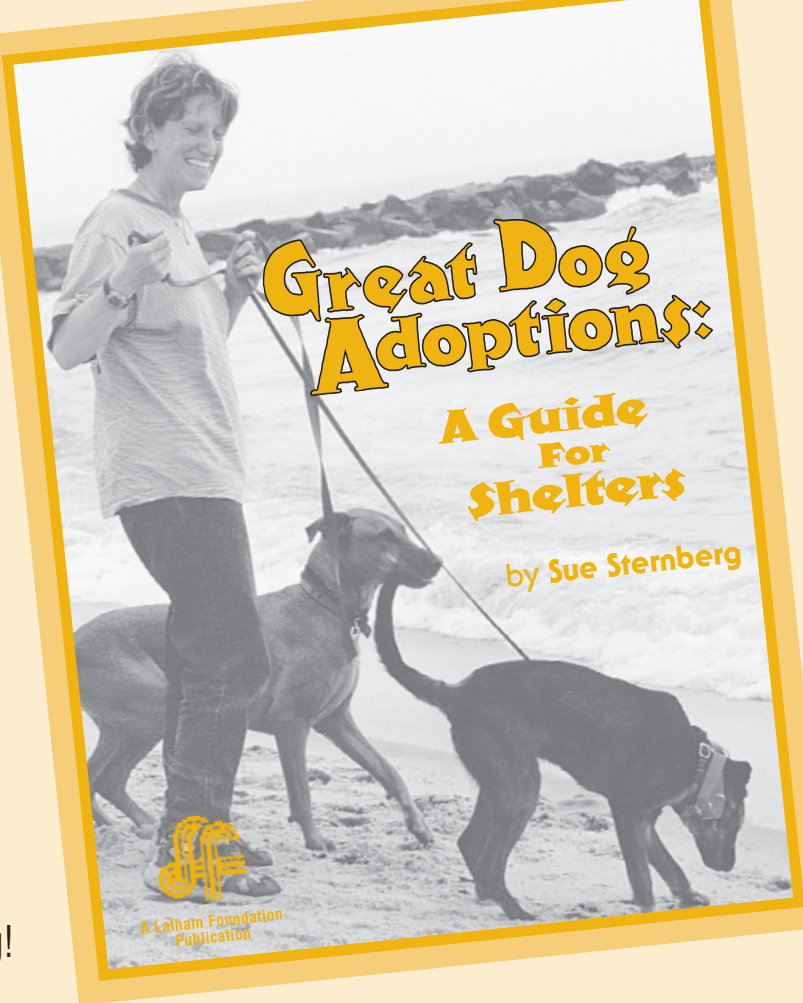


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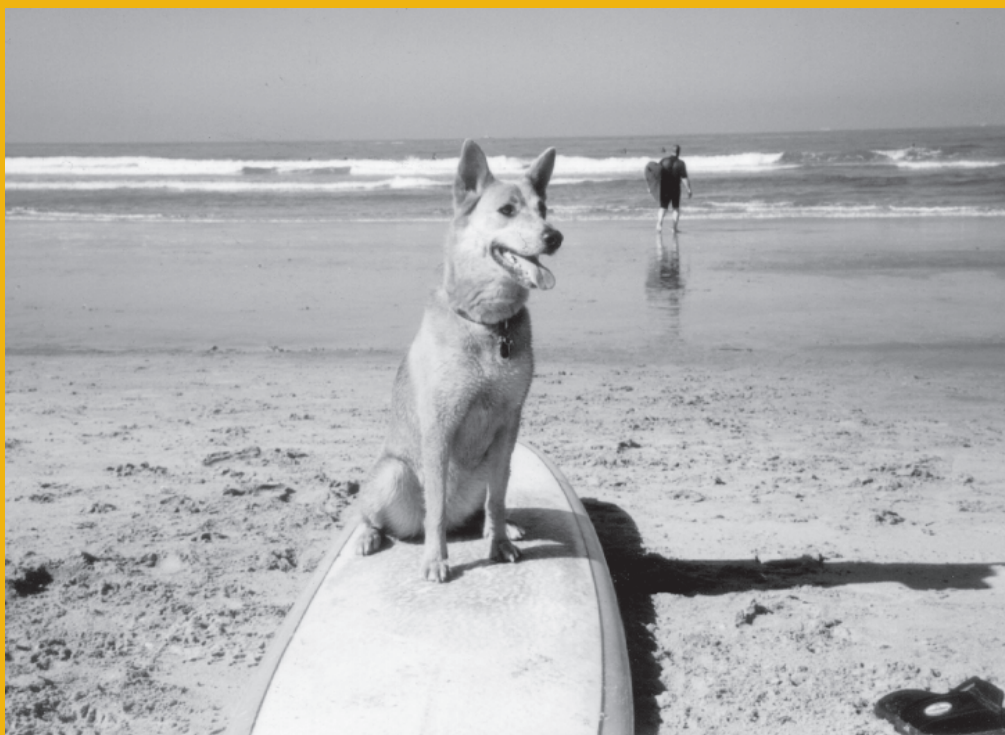


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