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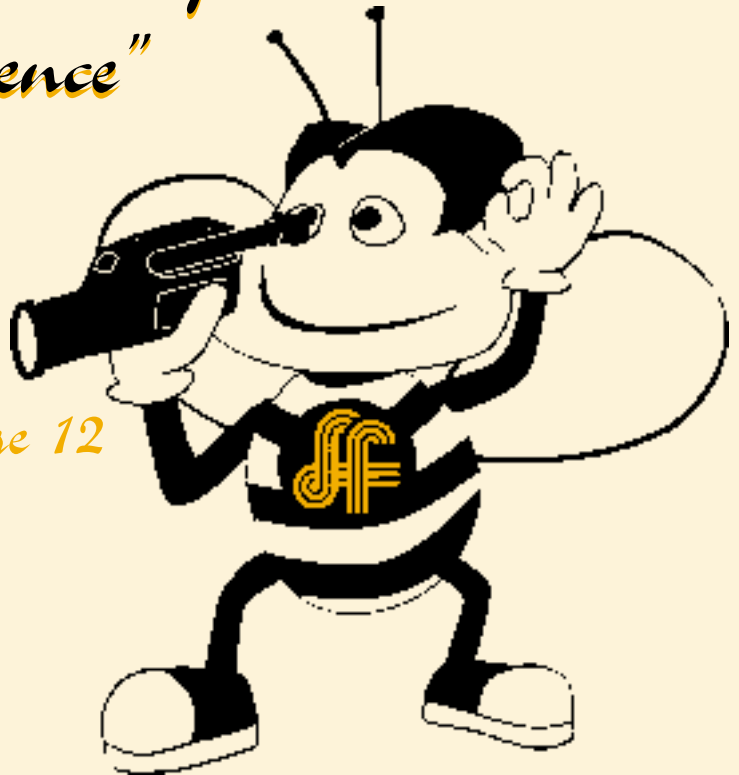
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Dear Latham Friends:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful recognition you've accorded "Patterns of Abuse: Exploding the Cycle," sponsored and produced by the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago.

I'm especially pleased and honored that the film has won the special Edith Latham Award, which will no doubt enhance the film's national profile and the cycles-of-abuse issues we tried to cover in the program.

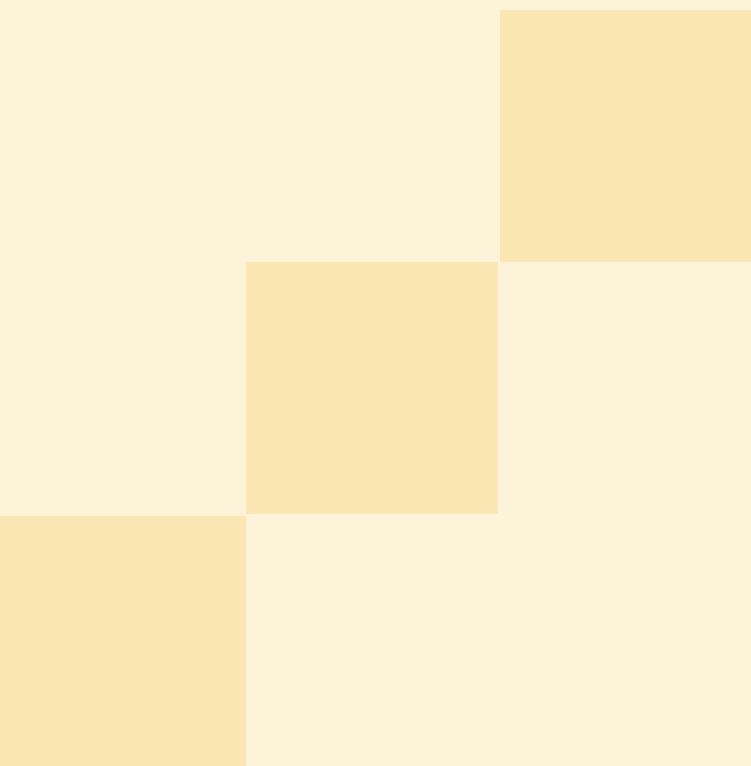
Many thanks again for both this unique honor and for putting the spotlight on humane education films in general through your Search for Excellence competition.

Kindest regards,

Erik Friedl
Filmmaker

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*"To promote, foster, encourage
and further the principles of
humaneness, kindness and
benevolence to all living creatures."*

Editorial



Hugh H. Tebault, III, President

Expectations

state to help prevent such problems. It is the responsibility of those who live in the city or state of this puppy mill to be aware of the problem and take action.

I believe an informed, co-operative community produces care and concern. An ill informed, isolated group breeds fear and distrust. I don't know what the problems or opportunities are in the home state of the writer. I hope that they are informed, cooperative and work with their neighbors to improve their part of this country daily. I hope there is a level of trust and care that allows the writer and neighbors to talk and work together. I hope that in their state there are no puppy mills, or other places that are cruel to animals. I hope that if there are, the people of that state will stand up and not allow this to continue. I believe it is up to the writer and his neighbors to establish and maintain the values that are right and just. This moral duty cannot be subcontracted to some other person or government agency.

The best place to stop problems is at home. Latham's long-standing premise is to help educate the young to have respect for animals. We know that if respect for animals is learned early in life, the child grows up with a core value that produces respect for others, their community, country and the world. This basic value gives rise to many others, such as being a good neighbor, pride in citizenship, and watching out for the welfare of others.

It is for these reasons that I commend the winners of the 2000 "Search for Excellence" Video awards. Many of these films exhibit the very

*information, education, and self-determination I refer to. Latham readers would do well to request copies of these video's from their creators and use the lessons in your home area.**

Someone's Watching; Someone Cares (Alberta SPCA) is a superb film on how the people in Alberta Canada help each other show kindness and care toward animals in their day to day lives.

Kids and Animals – A Healing Partnership (Axis Gears) is a poignant tale of several ways animal-assisted therapy succeeds. I applaud this winner of the Gwyn J. Tebault award. I was pleased that Latham's early video works in animal therapy by horses and dolphins (Ability, Not Disability and Dolphin Swim) are updated with new, current programs and status of how successful these programs are.

Latham is pleased to continue its work in documenting effective humane education programs, publishing information on kindness, and sharing information between groups that often don't work together. At www.latham.org, we maintain a library of books and video's, news about seminars, conferences and programs we believe relate to our field, and an index of state laws that relate to kindness to animals. As more and more state governments provide electronic access to their laws, we are pleased to help index the fine work done by many. Check our new website and let me know what you are doing in your town to further respect for all life through education.

**A full list of winners is posted on the Latham website under the Current News section.*



I received a letter the other day describing a television news report about a puppy mill in the mid-west and its horrors. The writer asked how such a horrible place could exist and what our organization was doing to stop such things. The writer was from an East Coast state; The Latham Foundation is headquartered on the West Coast.

I agree with the writer. Puppy mills, which raise animals for profit in unclean and cramped conditions, are horrible to contemplate and aberrant to the values we at the Latham Foundation ascribe to. All of our programs and energies are aimed at teaching and exhibiting good values that would steer people away from such things.

There is the need in society to be aware of what is going on around you, and to take appropriate action when there is a problem. Without wanting to provoke a negative reaction, I could ask the writer what he is doing in his community, town or



Letters to the Editor

From one of the Video Awards recipients:

Dear Latham:

Thank you so much for your kind donation from the video contest. It is very reassuring to know that there are people like you who are dedicated to the welfare of animals.

Judy Varner, Exec. Director
Nebraska Humane Society

Nebraska Humane Society received the deLemos Award for Artistic Achievement (\$300) for their video, "The Humane Campaign." Additionally their public Service Announcement "Make Sure They Return" took first place in the PSA category.



Dear SAWA Colleagues

Please help veterinarians become more effective as part of the prosecution of cases of serious cases of animal cruelty or abuse and are appealing to you and your investigators for assistance in identifying cases. As you know, in cases where human beings have been killed or seriously injured, evidence and testimony from forensic pathologists is often critical to winning or losing a case. Unfortunately, the literature in veterinary forensic pathology is almost nonexistent. Therefore, when faced with examining an animal that may have been killed or deliberately injured, veterinarians may not know

what kinds of physical and pathological signs are necessary to establish in a legally and scientifically sound manner, that particular types of acts of abuse occurred, how they occurred and when. Our goal is to help veterinarians become more effective in assisting with the prosecution of animal abuse cases. The first step in this process is to determine the types of injuries seen in serious cases of abuse and how those injuries were evaluated by veterinarians and presented to the court. We would like to document cases where this was done effectively, as well as cases when the case was lost because critical information was not obtained or the documentation was inadequate in some way. We are requesting your help to identify cases of animal cruelty in which veterinary testimony played a key role. Of particular importance are details of the physical exam, laboratory results and pathology. We hope to compare and contrast information from the fields of veterinary pathology and human forensic pathology for these different types of injuries. In addition we would like to evaluate the veterinary testimony given during the prosecution of these cases and determine which factors helped or hindered in getting a successful conviction. Through this evaluation, we hope to generate some recommendations for veterinarians regarding the physical exam, the preservation of evidence, appropriate laboratory examination and pathologic evaluation in animal cruelty cases. Any assistance in providing us with appropriate case material is greatly appreciated. Of particular value are copies of written case

records and veterinary exam, as well as contact information or referrals to investigators or attorneys who have prosecuted such cases. The quality of the project will be limited by the quality of the case and mailing case records if that would be helpful. The information in this study will be widely disseminated through three interlocking projects, a presentation at the AVMA meeting in Salt Lake City this summer, a publication to be submitted to the Journal of the AVMA and eventually a textbook. Should you have any questions, you may contact me or one of my co-investigators. Thank you in advance for your interest and assistance. It would be very helpful if you would let us know by e-mail that you have case records and provide us with the name of the humane agent or other staff member who could assist us in obtaining copies of case records or contacting the veterinarian(s) who participated.

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Welcome to "Giraffic" Park

By Phil Arkow

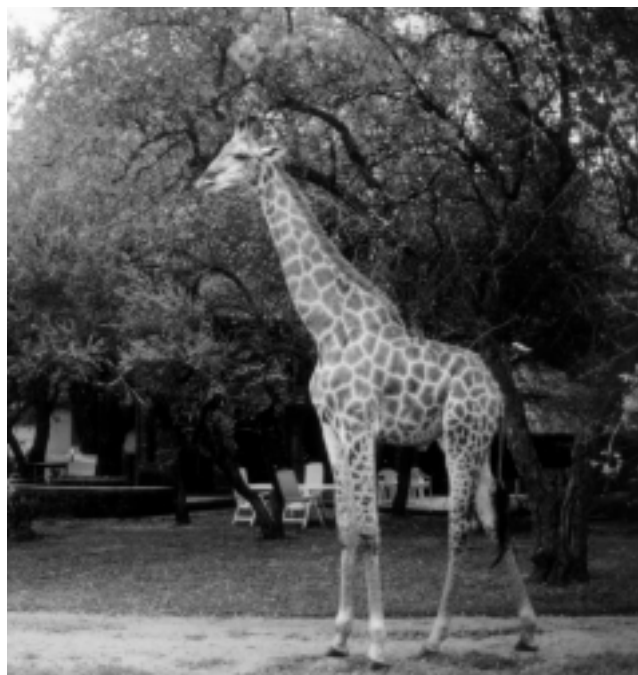
The plane dipped over the escarpment and screeched to a halt on the shortest runway in the Southern hemisphere. We loaded our gear into the car and drove through the Crocodile River gorge past the mango groves dotting Mpumalanga Province.

The rivers were running as wild as the animals. Everything is wild here, including malaria, and the rampaging flood waters that roared down the Labombo Mountains the previous week (and that would devastate Mozambique 30 miles to our east in the weeks to follow) have changed this normally semi-arid landscape, perhaps forever.

This part of the South Africa lowveld averages 17 inches of rain a year: last week's torrents dropped that much water in only three days. Meanwhile, we're waiting for Cyclone Eline off the coast of Madagascar to decide where she wants to go. It will be a long wait, because everything here happens in "Africa Time."

Welcome to Thanda Nani, a wildlife rehabilitation center whose name means "in harmony" in Swazi and where Figaro, the once-orphaned giraffe, wanders at will through the garden in this little spot of heaven. He's joined by Paulus, Natalie and Olga, and their colts Bonnie and Clyde, a family of zebras.

No country can match South Africa's biodiversity. Some ten percent of the world's



THANDA NANI GIRAFFE:

"Figaro" was orphaned, but was nursed back to health by the staff at Thanda Nani, where he visits periodically.

(ALL PHOTOS BY PHIL ARKOW)

9,700 species of birds live here, amid 22,000 species of flora. The Cape Peninsula alone has more species of plants than the entire British Isles. There are 150 major game reserves and hundreds of "mom-and-pop" rehab centers like Thanda Nani. This is one where hunting is not allowed. "We're here for the animals," says proprietor Michelle Carstens. "There's more money in the hunting lodges of course, but at least we can sleep at night."

Michelle explains to her visitors how the hunting camps work. "The lions are lured into the shooting area, and are often drugged. The hunters often don't even do the shooting, but hire someone else to pull the trigger," she says.

"While the lion is living in his cage, he doesn't have a quality of life, and in the hunting reserve he doesn't even have a quality of death." In good weather you can drive through Thanda Nani's 2,500 acres and see giraffe, zebra, kudu, wildebeest, klipspringer, reedbuck, springbok, and duiker. But you won't see the 'Big Five' of lion,



THANDA NANI ZEBRAS:

Among the staff's duties at Thanda Nani is feeding Paulus and Natalie, two of the family of rehabilitated zebras that live in the compound.



*THANDA NANI STEENBOK:
Staff are rehabilitating "Bambi,"
an orphaned steenbok fawn.*

charismatic megafauna from lions to elephants, rhinos to hippos, crocodiles to the ubiquitous giraffes, all in a park that is larger than Israel.

How you can drive down a road and not see an 18-foot giraffe is testimony to camouflage as an evolutionary adaptation, which is why it helps to have a guide. Herbst also points out the golden orb spider's gold web, frog froth in the trees, and a host of beautiful birds such as the

leopard, elephant, rhino and Cape buffalo. No predators are allowed here. There's a bit of excitement this night, though, when a spitting cobra slithers into the camp.

Many species roam at will. Michelle advises us to lock the door of our thatched hut to keep the vervet monkeys out.

It's 5:30 a.m. and we're following a trail of elephant droppings. With thousands of animal species and horrendous rain, "antediluvian" Noah before the flood comes to mind. But today, we're in a "mesodiluvian" mode between the floods. We have a one-day respite from the killer rains that have washed out most of the roads and bridges. With Thanda Nani's roads impassable, we found a guide to take us on the paved sections of nearby Kruger National Park.

If Thanda Nani is mom-and-pop, Kruger is the "big daddy." The park is larger than New Jersey. Our guide, Chris Herbst, explains the wildlife we'll see today, even if we can't go off-road because of the flooding.

Herbst knows his animals. He's a specialist in spoor, a master of manure, a doctor of dung, a professor of pucky. This is a man who knows his kudu doo-doo. This is important with 147 mammal, 507 bird, 114 reptile, and 34 amphibian species. Including impala. Lots of impala. "There are 126,000 impala in Kruger, and you'll see about 26,000 of them," he says.

We'll also see Cape buffalo that Herbst describes as having "the same lovely expression as your bank manager when you're asking for a loan." And other

oxpecker, woodlands kingfisher and white-helmeted shrike that we novices miss with our city-suffered eyes.

We're urged not to feed the baboons ("it only encourages them"). We watch the exquisite interplay of ecosystems at work as roller birds cover anthills with their wings so ants can climb aboard. When the birds ruffle their feathers, they apparently also ruffle the ants' feelings, for the ants release formic acid that kills parasitic mites attacking the birds.

There's nothing like a day at Kruger to refresh the spirit and let you step back in time to when the world was new.

We'd like to think that in Africa, at least, the animals are free. But the encroachment of



A herd of warthogs graze at sunset in the vast bushveld of Kruger National Park in South Africa's Mpumalanga.



Lions watch human visitors from the side of the road in Kruger National Park.

human civilization has taken its toll. The last free-ranging lion left Eastern Cape province in 1890. So today the Shamwari Game Reserve is responding with a humane education center where Zulu, Xhosa and Swazi children are learning to conserve the wildlife that is rapidly disappearing around them. Shamwari is promoting the conservation of species and the protection of habitat while maintaining a humane approach to the welfare of animals grazing its 44,000 acres.

Shamwari, which means “friend” in Shona, is near Port Elizabeth in one of the richest wildlife zones in this wildlife-gifted country. Five ecosystems of forest, grasslands, karoo, fynbos and savannah converge here along the Bushmans River.

Guests, meanwhile, are treated to elegant hospitality and enormous meals in the Edwardian manor house, while they stay in the refurbished 1860 and 1900 vintage settler cottages. Triangular road signs warn drivers to yield to stray elephants.

Tim Parratt, on-site coordinator for the Born Free Foundation's new humane education complex at Shamwari.



Extensive relocation of indigenous species has been under way for eight years, but Shamwari's new link with the U.K.'s Born Free Foundation is truly revolutionary. Four lions and two leopards rescued from appalling captivity conditions in Greece, the Canary Islands and the Ivory Coast have been relocated here to live out the rest of their lives in natural enclosures in this rest home for aging “Africats.”

Tim Parratt, Born Free's on-site coordinator, explains the Julie Ward Education Center being built in memory of the wildlife photographer murdered 11 years ago in Kenya. This sanctuary and education complex will teach 1,000 children a year to appreciate their natural heritage, and will generate local interest in conservation issues.

“If you can plant a few seeds in every class that comes here, you've accomplished something,” says Parratt, echoing a sentiment expressed by all American humane educators.

The new center will enable a compassionate future for animals that cannot be returned to the wild. The curriculum focuses on creating a more humane world shared by all living creatures on a basis of respect by reducing the suffering of captive wildlife and promoting the conservation of species in their natural habitat.

The respect is visible as we bounce in a Land Rover, riding a ridge that feels like the roof of the world, overlooking the sprawling Assegai hills. This part of South Africa is still dry: the last appreciable rain was in 1996. In the distance, ostrich, bush pig, oryx, elephant, white rhino and hartebeest graze.

The farmers in this Cape valley bushveld hunted out most indigenous species as predators or threats to their crops. Shamwari is re-introducing them. “We're not just stocking animals willy-nilly, but rather calculating those that can sustain themselves on this vegetation,” says Danie Malan, Shamwari's Managing Director. “Shamwari and the Born Free Foundation will work together to maintain the balance between nature and man through education and awareness.”

Phil Arkow, Director of Communications at the Philadelphia Foundation, chairs Latham's Child and Animal Abuse Protection Committee. Phil is a frequent contributor to the Latham Letter, an author, editor, and speaker.



Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

September

September 7-9 – Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) Fall Conference. Toronto Colony Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Information: 000-000-0000.

September 8-10 – Technical Animal Rescue. Bakersfield, CA. Presented by the American Humane Association. 800-227-4645.

September 9-12 – Healthy Families America: Sharing our Strengths. Atlanta, GA. A national conference presented by Prevent Child Abuse America. 200 S. Michigan Ave., 17th floor, Chicago, IL 60604.

September 14-17 – Sixth Annual No-Kill Conference, Sponsored by Doing Things for Animals. Tucson, AZ. Information: 516-883-7767.

September 18-20 (Level I) and **September 20-22** (Level II) – National Horse Abuse Investigator's School, Denver, CO. Presented by the American Humane Association. 800-227-4645.

September 21-22 – Public Relations in the Animal Shelter. Boston, MA. Presented by the American Humane Association. 800-227-4645.

September 25-26 – Euthanasia by Injection in the Animal Shelter, Pasadena, CA. Presented by the American Humane Association, 800-227-4645.

September 23-27 – Fifth International Conference on Family Violence, Town & Country Hotel and Convention Center, San Diego, CA. Conference Coordinator: 858-623-2777.

September 26, 27, 29 – Strategies for Mandated Assessment and Treatment of Perpetrators of Animal Cruelty. Sponsored by Mental Research Institute and the Humane Society of the United States. Taught by Lynn Loar, Ph.D., LCSW and Randall Lockwood, Ph.D. 9/26 Level I, Los Angeles; 9/28 Level I, San Diego; 9/29 Level II, San Diego. For further information contact: MRI, 555 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94301. 650-321-3055; Fax 650-321-3785.

September 29 – Introductory Euthanasia Training presented by Penny Cistaro. The Marin Humane Society, Novato, CA. 415-883-3522. *To be repeated November 30.*



October

October 1-5 – 10th Annual National Conference on Domestic Violence. Sponsored by the National College of District Attorneys, Anaheim, CA. Information: Candace M. Mosely 803-544-5005.

October 10-13 – Tufts Animal Expo, an outreach event for veterinarians, technicians, and other animal care professionals. The Delta Society Annual Conference is part of the Expo. Karen Pryor will present a post-conference workshop on October 14. Hynes Convention Center and Back Bay Hilton, Boston, MA. For information, 978-371-2200 or <http://www.tuftsanimalexpo.com>

October 10-13 – Arkansas State Training Academy for Animal Control Personnel. Level II Training. Sponsored by the Arkansas State Animal Control Association. Eureka Springs, AR. 800-552-3785.

October 15-18 – American Humane Association's Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. Latham's Teaching Compassion authors will hold a workshop Wednesday, October 18. Information: 800-227-4645.

October 20-21 – The Healing Power of the Human-Animal Bond: Lessons Learned from the AIDS Epidemic. SF SPCA, San Francisco, CA. For information: KCGorczyca@aol.com or www.lgvma.org

October 27-29 – Sowing Seeds, Humane Education Workshop, Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA. Sponsored by the Center for Compassionate Living. Information: P.O. Box 260, Surry, ME 04684. Phone/Fax 207-667-1025, e-mail: ccl@acadia.net, www.compassionateliving.org

November

November 18 – Stopping the Fear: Creating Violence-Free Public Schools, California Teachers Association Regions 1 and 2. Vacaville, CA. Information: 916-723-2822.

November 30 – Introductory Euthanasia Training. See Sept. 29th.

December

December 4-8 – Investigation and Prosecution of Child Sexual Exploitation. Santa Fe, NM, El Dorado Hotel. Presented by the American Prosecutors Research Institute's National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse. 703-739-321.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are glad to publicize relevant conferences and workshops when space and publication schedules allow. Send information to: The Latham Foundation, Attn: Calendar, 1826 Clement Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. Phone 510-521-0920, Fax 510-521-9861, E-mail orders@Latham.org

KANALOA'S STORY

by Dr. Kenneth R. Pelletier

"Kanaloa" is Polynesian for "god of the oceans" and it was an altogether fitting name for the scruffy Rhodesian Ridgeback and Golden Labrador puppy who found us on the beaches of Kauai. Like a visitation from the gods, we had no inkling of the literal miracles that Kanaloa would bring into our lives in the subsequent decade of our all too short time together.

Predictably it was my wife, Elizabeth, who first spotted him trotting across the street to greet us with a toothy smile and tail waving high in the air. "Oh look at the starving puppy," were the first words I heard. To which I emphatically responded, "We are not bringing him home!" My resolute stance was born out of many years of rescuing dogs, cats, horses, birds, and innumerable members of our growing four and two footed family.

To be sure, it was not love at first sight. He was so thin that every vertebrae protruded from his back, his furry coat was virtually nonexistent due to malnutrition and mange (which we later found to be a life threatening strain), both eyes were infected and oozing, and a doggy smell that was clearly not an island plumeria! Although he followed us to the one small Chinese market in Hanalea so we could feed him, we (at least I) thought this would be the end of our relationship.

Day after day, we would watch him playing on the beach with an affectionate female whom we dubbed "Mom Dog" and a three-legged German Shepherd with the highly original name of "Three-Legged Dog." Together they were quite a pack of ragamuffins who compensated for their physical shortcomings with seemingly endless exuberance and games of chase along the length of the huge crescent beach and shallows of the breaking waves. As we watched the starving puppy we were struck by an inner poise, dignity, and bearing that belied his shabby exterior. We fed him modest amounts of food so as not to overwhelm his digestion and, although he was



literally starving, he would sit quietly and then eat slowly and methodically with impeccable manners and a disarmingly quiet presence. There were children on the beach who played with the dogs and although he was often too weak to even stand, he would pounce and play with his gentle demeanor to the delight of every child as though they were the center of his universe, and they were.

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Over the course of a week, we fed him as he slowly gained weight; had many wonderful walks with him and his equally scruffy companions at sunrise and sunset; gave him a bath to try to help his sores and mange although he emerged no closer to breeder show quality than before; watched over him as he sought the shelter of our deck in the warm trade wind rains, and fell in love with his indomitable, loving, and compassionate spirit. Each day we asked both local residents and beach tourists if anyone knew him or where he came from but this was met with an indifferent shrug and a dismissive snort about the overpopu-

lation of stray dogs in paradise. Toward the end of the next week we started in earnest to talk with residents along the beach to see if they would give him a home provided that we could pay for all his veterinary bills and food for at least a year. At one point, a young woman and her son who owned a local store said they would be willing to take him. But later that night we found him laying patiently on the grass mat outside their door long past when they had locked up and gone home.

Seeing him be so loving, trusting, forgiving, and loyal against all odds just broke our hearts. That night my wife and I had a very long, emotional talk when my indifferent demeanor finally cracked and I had to admit that both of us had fallen in love. At sunrise we walked to the beach and as the three dogs joined us, my wife asked that we might know the scruffy puppy's name and immediately she heard "Kanaloa" not knowing its meaning at the time. Although the day started with a glorious sunrise, it soon changed into a monsoon-like deluge. Since it was near time for us to leave in a few days, we committed to taking him home. But the last we saw of him that rainy day was that he was running full tilt down the beach and disappearing into the rain and mist.

Reluctantly we went downstairs to the laundry room to prepare for leaving when my wife whispered to look down where I saw the bright, shiny yellow/brown eyes staring silently up at me from the height of my right knee. It was that sight of his great soul staring out at us that galvanized us to race all over the island to find the one available dog kennel for his flight; find a veterinarian at the end of a dusty lava road for the necessary vaccinations and to check for heart worms; call the airline for another ticket; and realize that we had a new family member. That night he slept quietly on the deck outside of our bedroom while "Mom Dog" and "Three-Legged Dog" stood a silent vigil all night long for their beloved friend.

With his astounding grace, composure, and lion-hearted dignity, he braved the noise of two major airports and the confinement of a kennel which surely must have intimidated him with its contrast to the churning of ocean waves and endless expanse of his beach. As though in a cosmic reciprocation to us, he brought a miracle into our lives as we changed flights in Honolulu. Actually, we had escaped to Kauai to retreat from what was an overwhelming sense of too many responsibilities at home and a conflict I was having with a higher level faculty member at my medical school. Suddenly, in the gate area lounge, that very individual and I came face to face and in a very brief matter of minutes, on a neutral ground, with my being filled with Kanaloa's love, that individual and I set aside years of conflict in a most miraculous encounter.

Little did I know how Kanaloa's love opened our hearts and how many, many literal miracles would occur with us and all who came to know and love him. Much to our surprise he grew into a magnificently beautiful dog with a coat as golden as a Kalahari lion, and amber eyes that always looked steadfastly and lovingly into the depths of our very soul. Often times during his life we communicated with him through our friend, Jeri Ryan, and directly after her teaching us the art of contact and communication. His perceptions and wisdom were always inspiring, insightful, and so filled with the "mindfulness" to which we all aspire. With every walk, he taught us to experience the day through the smell of the earth, the sound of quails and red tail hawks, the taste of a mountain stream, delights of rolling in wet grasses, and the immediate present moment of infinite possibilities and exuberance. Throughout his life he remained a puppy at heart, always signaling with his pounce to come play, chasing his tail in sheer delight, and racing through the tall California grasses or colder Pacific waters with his beloved German Shepherd, and lifelong companion, Zoe, who adored him as much as all of us whose lives he touched. Throughout his life he retained his regal, leonine demeanor when in repose while punctuating those meditations with his sheer joy and exuberance that, even in the midst of difficult days, always reminded us of joy, vitality, forgiveness, and love.

Just after Kanaloa's tenth birthday, his appetite fell off for a few days but his energy and playfulness was unabated. As a routine precaution we brought him to his lifelong veterinarian who originally saved him from his life threatening mange. All of his blood tests and liver functions were completely normal but the veterinarian detected a large mass in his abdomen that biopsied as a dreaded carcinoma. Within twenty-four hours, our beloved friend and companion was faced with immanent death or a potentially futile surgery.

His perceptions and wisdom were always inspiring, insightful, and so filled with the "mindfulness" to which we all aspire.

That night before his surgery, we all slept side by side as a family and never in all my life had I ever wished for the sun not to rise. On that last day we went for our usual walk and literally as Kanaloa jumped into the car to go for his surgery, his eyes were bright and clear, his exuberance for life overflowing, and his gentle kisses as sweet as a puppy.

It was within minutes of his surgery that our friend and veterinarian walked out of the clinic to the tree where we were all waiting for Kanaloa. His posture conveyed what his words confirmed. With all of us in tears we agreed to let Kanaloa die with the grace and dignity that he exhibited throughout his all too short lifetime. Shortly after his death, Jeri assisted us in communicating with Kanaloa who conveyed his unbounded joy at meeting the "Francis man" and hearing the roar of a Kalahari lion to greet him at the end of the Rainbow Bridge. When we talked with our friend and veterinarian a few days later, he conveyed to us that both the primary surgeon and he were overwhelmed by the extent of the metastatic cancer and that Kanaloa should have been dead six months



ago. From a medical perspective, only one lobe of his liver was functioning, his spleen and gall bladder were virtually engulfed with intestinal metastases, and he had stopped eating since his stomach had been invaded and consumed by the aggressive carcinoma. From a more spiritual perspective, we all knew that it was Kanaloa's lionheartedness and soaring spirit that had borne up his body. For all of us who knew him, it was a certainty that his spirit had outgrown the limitations of his earthly body until he burst with unbounded joy into the infinite light.

On the evening we brought Kanaloa home it was cloudy, but as we approached our house, my wife pointed out a ray of the setting sun that was illuminating Kanaloa's favorite lookout spot where he would wait to greet us with a bark and an animated run to the gate to coax us into his world of play. It was as though that ray of sunlight echoed "Look at the starving puppy" who had enriched our lives forever. At sunset we buried his body beneath a ginkgo tree that would only be outlived by our memories and love of our most beloved friend and companion.

Now when we see Kanaloa, he is radiant with joy and running with abandon on his crescent beach alongside the turquoise blue waters and pounding surf of a perfect island paradise. His old friends, Mom Dog and Three-Legged Dog, are with him sharing the exuberance of their reunion never to be separated again. No longer a ragamuffin puppy, he is a magnificent, leonine, amber-eyed dog of stature and dignity. With a wisdom only borne of being consciously on the other side, Kanaloa conveys to us with a pounce and a wag that we will all be together again on his beach where he patiently awaits our arrival.

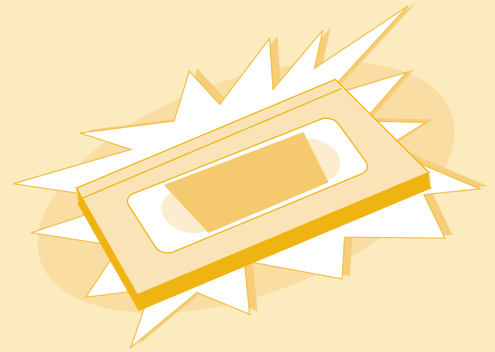
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4 Dinners Announced in the Latham Foundation's Search for Excellence Video Awards Program

Latham believes that the motivation behind and results of videos produced by other organizations is commendable and deserves encouragement. Therefore, Latham launched a semi-annual competition, the Foundation's "Search for Excellence" Video Awards.

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



THIS YEAR'S WINNERS ARE:

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Kids and Animals, produced by Axis Gears, is a moving and effective overview of animal-assisted therapy successes at three different centers: therapeutic riding, a marine center, and Green Chimneys. Contact June Salin, Axis Gears, 315 West Verdugo Avenue, Burbank, CA 91502, 818-840-9333.

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An identity and fundraising piece describing the many services that Nebraska Humane provides and their need for a new, modern, more humane facility. Produced by the Nebraska Humane Society. Contact Darcy Beck, 8801 Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68134. 402-444-7800, x219.

To be put on the list to receive information about the next "Search for Excellence" Awards, contact Latham at:

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Humane Education/ Responsible Pet Care Category

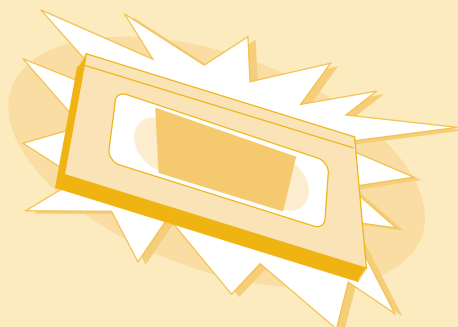
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CENTER OF HOPE

Describes the Animal Cancer Center at Colorado State University. The video illustrates the importance of animals to families, the lengths and expense they will go to for a beloved companion, amazing advances in cancer surgery and treatment, and advances in treatment for humans that are sometimes discovered through veterinary treatment. Videographers are Gregory O'Malia and Joe Vasos. For further information contact Paul Maffey, Office of the Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO 80523. 970-491-3932.

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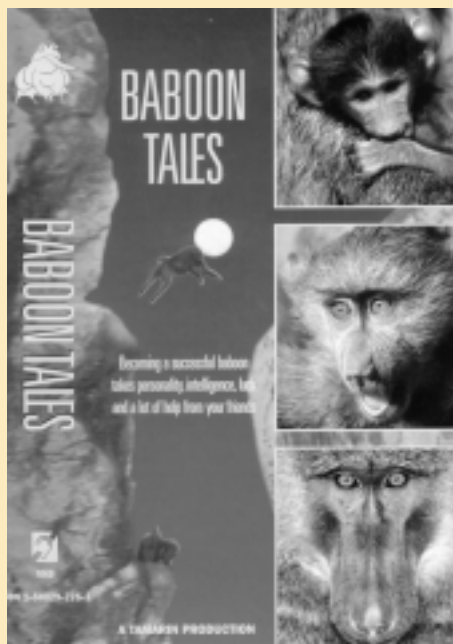
A COW AT MY TABLE

This feature documentary about animals, meat, and culture provides historical perspective on the problems for animals that are the result of our wanting food produced as cheaply and efficiently. Producer: Jennifer Abbott, 202-1860 Haro, Vancouver, B.C. V6G1H5. 604-688-9787.

Science & Nature/Natural History/Animal Behavior

BABOON TALES

A fascinating look into the lives of a troop of baboons in central Kenya. Produced by Gillian Darling Kovanic, Tamarin Productions, Bowen's Island, British Columbia. Distributed by Bullfrog Films. For further information contact John Hoskyns Abrahall, Bullfrog Films, P. O. Box 149, Oley, PA 19547. 610-779-8226.



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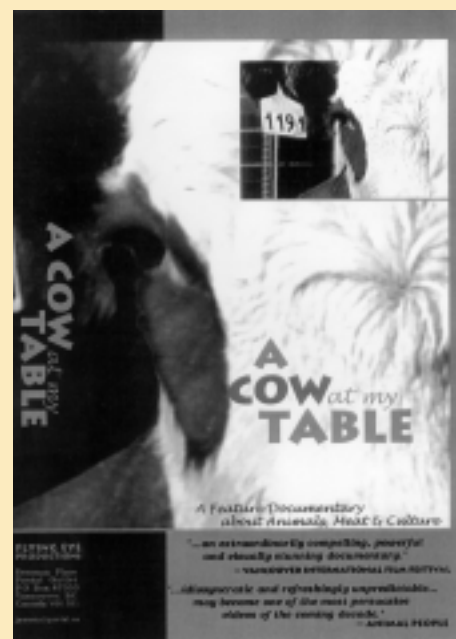
A VOICE TO SING

The problems and solutions (a cooperative program between Mexico and the US) to preserve an important way station for migrating songbirds along the Rio Laja. The Rio Laja is a river in Central Mexico, which is an important water source for farmers in the area. The video was produced for the Sociedad Audubon de Mexico by Bob Johnson, Correo 55, San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato 37700, Mexico. 011-52-473-0748 if calling from the U.S.; within Mexico 415-152-0748.

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Three clever TV spots about the importance of having ID on your pet. Produced by the Nebraska Humane Society. Contact Darcy Beck, 8801 Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68134. 402-444-7800, x219.



January Morning

By Jean McGroarty

As I scrape my windshield this January morning, I think about the day ahead. The frost is thick on the glass, and I hate to erase some of the crystalline formations left overnight, but there is work to do, life has to go on, and the frost has to go. I am planning a quiet, productive day. I'm an education specialist at the local Humane Society, and spend most of my time in classrooms. But today I have no school programs, so that means that I can catch up on the two-foot stack of paperwork sitting on my desk, and maybe even attack the three huge piles on top of my file cabinet. I like days like this. When I'm not spending most of the day in my car or in front of sixty restless first graders, I can do some housekeeping, a little writing, maybe even create more fun and games for more school children. There is no hurry and no structure to these days, and work is gentle and calm.

When I walk in the door of the animal shelter, I realize that my hopes and plans for this day are futile. The phone is ringing. Susan is at the front desk, talking on another line. There's no one else visible to answer the insistent buzzing of line two. So, before I can even take off my coat and put down my lump of take-home work, I am on the telephone.

"Good morning, Humane Society. This is Jean. May I help you?"

"Is this the Animal Shelter?"

"Yes, this is the Humane Society. Is there something I can do for you?"

"Well, I lost my cat and I wanted to know if you guys picked her up."

"Let me get some information first. What does your cat look like?"

"Well, she's a tiger cat, about three

years old. She's black and brown."

Oh, great. Another of perhaps thirty tiger cats on our lost and found board, not to mention the twenty tigers we have at the shelter. "Is she long haired? Short haired? Does she have a collar?"

"She's got short hair, I guess. She has a flea collar."

"How long has she been missing?"

"Oh, man, I guess the last time I saw her it was before Christmas."

I take a deep, cleansing breath. So much for calm and productivity. "Ma'am, have you called the shelter before about your cat?"

"Why, no. Should I have?"

"When we receive a stray animal, we are required by law to hold it for five days to allow the owner to pick it up. After that we are free to either put that animal up for adoption or euthanize it. Since Christmas was nearly a month ago, your cat could literally have come and gone at least four times. I can take a lost card with your information, and I encourage you to come to the shelter to see if your cat might be among our stray or adoptable cats. But please keep in mind that your cat may very well not be here."

"Well, she's an outdoor cat. We didn't even look for her until last week. What were we supposed to do?"

There's no point in arguing with the lady. I take the rest of her information, once again strongly suggest that she come in, since we have so many tigers right now. Then I hang up.

Susan smiles at me and thanks me for taking the call. She gives me the bad news. Three of our scheduled staffers are out with the flu, and calls are in to others to see if they can come in. She's all alone at front desk, there's only one person working in the cat area and two in dogs, cleaning kennels. I try to smile as I assure her that I'll help with the phones whenever I can, pick up my stuff and unlock my office.

I have always contended that if

anyone would spend just one morning behind the desk of the animal shelter, their eyes would be opened to the sadness and frustration we face, and they wouldn't blast us in letters to the editor and anonymous phone calls. Our staff is primarily made up of part-time help, and I never fail to be impressed at the professional demeanor, the kindness and compassion shown by these people, all much younger than I am.

My office looks as cluttered as usual, stacks of brochures and letters, files and random sheets of paper lying on my desk along with the Beanie Baby cow, the beaver puppet, and the harp seal

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stuffed toy. Will it ever look neat and tidy? The phone rings again. By the time it rings in my office, it has already rung three times at the front desk, meaning that Susan is not able to get to it.

"Humane Society, this is Jean. May I help you?"

"Oh, Jean, I'm so glad it's you. This is Marge at the XYZ Pre-School. I've been meaning to call you for a while, but I keep forgetting. We're doing our pet unit next week and wonder if you can come out four times, twice on Monday and twice on Thursday."

I look at my calendar, though I really don't need to. I already know I have 23 programs scheduled for next week and I refuse to add any more to the docket. I have been trying for twelve

years to convince teachers that they need to give me at least two weeks' notice in scheduling – more if they can.

"I'm sorry, Marge. I'm completely booked up, really until the end of April. I can schedule something for you in May, if you'd like." This isn't exactly true, but she wants four programs and it's problematical at this point to squeeze them in anywhere.

"Oh, I was hoping you could come next week. I don't know what my schedule will be like in May. I'll call you in April. Are you sure you can't fit me in?"

"I'm sorry Marge. We really need more notice than this, since we're so busy. And it's a good idea to call me as soon as you know what you want to do in May, since I'm filling up fast for the rest of the school year."

"OK. I'll take a look. Thanks anyway."

I hear the front door open and the rasp of a dog straining at a leash, lunging and rebelling at the pressure around his neck. As I peek out my door, I see a large brown and black rottweiler mix pulling and coughing, straining and choking on the slender lead. An old man is at the other end. He's thin and stooped, with a baseball cap on his head, a denim jacket much too thin for the weather and dark gray work pants stained with white paint. He's telling Susan that he just can't handle Spike anymore. The dog's got too much strength and energy. Could we find him a home? I go out to help the man put Spike on a stronger leash and attach it to the hook at the front desk. The man looks so frail I'm afraid he'll break an arm trying to hold on to the dog. Spike is a hurricane of a dog, delighted to see me. He jumps up and his paws rest on my shoulders. His chest is broad and the muscles ripple. I put his feet on the floor, pet him under the chin and tell him to stay down. He jumps right back up and I stumble backwards trying to hold my ground with this mass of energy. At least he's friendly. I wouldn't want to be me right now if he weren't. The man signs the forms Susan hands to him and turns to the dog. He has tears in his eyes, and I wonder how long he worried and agonized

before coming to us, how many friends and family members he asked to take the dog. "Good-bye, old Spike. You be a good dog and these nice ladies will find you a good home." Spike jumps up on him and licks his face again and again, whining. There are tears in my eyes, too. The chances of us finding a home for a large, hyperactive dog like Spike are minimal. The old man leaves, and Susan struggles to get Spike through the door into the holding kennels, where we'll hold him overnight before we decide if we'll put him up for adoption.

The phone erupts again, and I grab it on the second ring. "Humane Society, May I help you?"

"Yeah, my neighbor tells me that the dog catcher come and took my dog away last night. Is he there?"

This sounds like potential trouble. I get more information, and check our tag board. It looks like the dog is here, a chow-pit bull mix picked up for running at large. The dog is aggressive and I suspect the owner is, too.

"Yes, it looks like animal control picked it up for running loose. You can

I'll have to hang up and you can call me back when you've calmed down."

"I'm not gonna effin' calm down. I'll be there after I get off work and I'm not gonna pay any effin' money. I'll just take my dog."

"Sir, You can certainly come and claim your dog, but you violated the law when your dog was running loose and you are required by that law to pay fines. Now, what time are you planning to come in?"

"I'll be there at 3:30 and you better have him ready for me."

I hang up and call the police department, report the phone call, give them identifying information about the man and his dog and let them know that we'll probably be calling them about 3:30 for back-up.

Susan comes back to the front desk, all smiles. Not only did she get Spike to go willingly into his cage, she was able to get Cindy and Karen to come in and help with cats and front desk. They'll be here any minute. I smile, too. I'm off the hook, at least for a while and can get back to those piles of papers.

But I know it won't be for long. There will be more animals coming in the front door, wanted and unwanted, each one with a heartbreaking story and many with a heartbroken human attached. There will also be people coming in, hoping to find the perfect companion, to take one special animal home to join the family. There will be more phone calls – for information, for reassurance, for no reason at all, full of hope, full of despair, full of anger, each with no clue in the ring of the phone which it will be. This January morning will be repeated hundreds of times in the span of a year, and hundreds of lives will be affected, human and non-human, for better or worse.

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come in and get him but you'll have some fees to pay before you can get him out."

"What the hell are you talking about? He's my dog. You don't have no effin' right to take him and then make me pay."

I sigh quietly, not wanting to antagonize him. Why does this have to happen when I answer the phone?

"Sir, if you're going to swear at me

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Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.

By Arlene Klein

For individuals who live in a world of darkness, it can be a lonely and frightening experience. A faithful dog who guides them makes their world a brighter place. These extraordinary dogs give independence, dignity and companionship to their partners.

SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS, INC. (SEGD), was founded in 1982 with Michael Sergeant as Director. He still serves as Director today. It is located in Manatee County, Florida and is a recognized not-for-profit organization. It is one of only ten guide dog schools in the country and the only one located in the south. The school provides guide dogs, equipment and training to the blind at NO COST to the blind recipient. SEG D does not receive any type of government funding. Its operations are

funded entirely by donations from individuals, foundations, service clubs, bequests and fund-raising events. It is also the state project of The Florida Lions Club. SEG D offers donors many Sponsorship Opportunities that provide the dollars to support the programs.

SEGD has a 23-acre complex in a park-like setting in Palmetto, Florida, consisting of an administration area, a dormitory and dining facilities for students. It has a main kennel accommodating as many as 125 dogs, a puppy kennel and two smaller specialty kennels. Southeastern also maintains a training center in downtown



Bradenton. It opened an "Outreach" training center in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1996 to better serve those blind individuals who are unable to travel to Florida for training.

SEGD has graduates in 32 states, Canada and South America. It graduated its 1300th guide team in September, 1999. More than 110 guide dog teams graduate annually.

SEGD maintains its own Florida-based breeding colony in order to ensure that the guide dogs possess the temperament and physical characteristics necessary for guide dog work. Virtually all of its puppies are from well-established bloodlines. The mainstay breeds are the Retriever breeds. They use both the yellow and black Labrador Retriever and Golden Retriever. Since they work with a broad spectrum of Guide Dog users, they also use the Australian Shepherd, the Hungarian Vizsla,



the German Shepherd and the Smooth Coat Collie. They place puppies with volunteer foster families when the puppies are about nine weeks old. These dedicated families are responsible for house-breaking, teaching basic obedience, socialization and exposure. They have puppy raiser families in nine different states. They maintain an average of 200 puppies, of varied ages, in the homes of foster families. They recall the puppies from foster families when the puppies are 16-18 months old.

When the dogs come back to the school, they spend four-six months in training. SEGD trainers teach each guide dog over 40 commands that it will use in guiding a blind person. The most important of these commands is "intelligent disobedience"; that is teaching the dog to disobey any command that would put the guide dog team in danger.

SEGD has a program for local volunteers to cuddle and socialize

newborn puppies. They can also volunteer time to walk, groom and play with the older dogs. Volunteers find the time they dedicate to the dogs a rewarding experience.

Southeastern's graduates are provided guide dogs, equipment, training and follow-up at NO COST. They spend 26 days in a resident training program. During this time, they live in the dormitory facilities at the Palmetto campus. They spend their first week of class getting to know their dogs and they begin to learn to use their dogs in the quiet setting of the Palmetto campus. They spend their second week of class training on the busier streets of Bradenton. They spend their third week of class training in the congested areas of downtown Tampa. They are provided with annual follow-up as well as any additional training needed for a successful guide dog team.

What sets Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. apart from the other nine recognized guide dog training centers in the United States is a Special Needs Program. SEGD is one of the first guide dogs schools

in the country to formally initiate classes for students who are challenged beyond their blindness with other disabilities. Faced with hearing impairment, severe medical problems, advancing age, loss of a limb or wheelchair confinement, they may receive customized training to accommodate these special needs.

SEGD also provides an In-Home Training Program to serve those with professional and/or parenting commitments or medical requirements that prevent attendance at the 26 day training program. A trainer works one-on-one with a student in their home area. SEGD is a leader in providing dogs to senior citizens.

Michael Sergeant's leadership, a dedicated staff, devoted volunteers and a competent Board of Directors have made SEGD the excellent school that it is today.

SEGD provides tours and encourages people to visit the school. For more information contact : Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., 4210 77th Street, East Palmetto, Florida 34221. Phone: 941-729-5665 Fax 941-729-6646; www.guidedogs.org E-mail: webmaster@guidedogs.org



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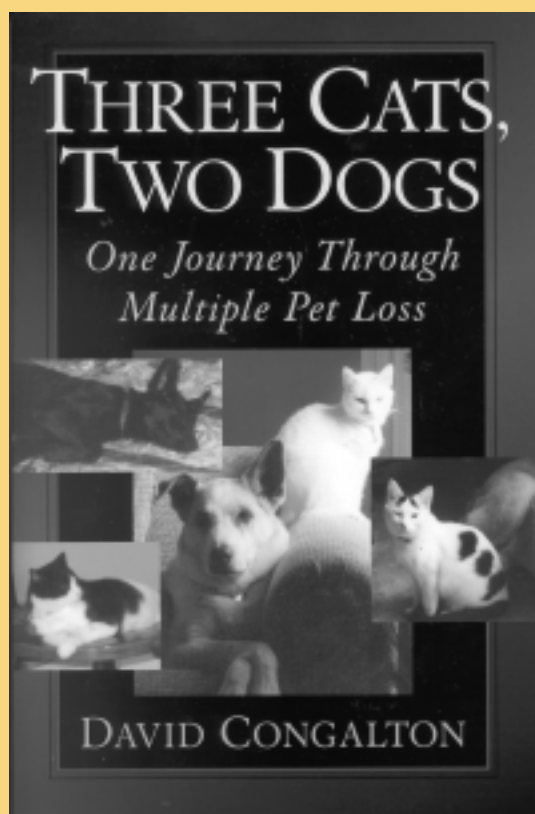
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Three Cats, Two Dogs: One Journey Through Multiple Pet Loss

by David Congalton

Death is a part of life. As soon as we are born, we begin to die. We may know this with our heads, but our hearts are often caught unaware by the emotion of grief.

David and Charlotte Congalton lived in San Luis Obispo with their three cats and two dogs. On December 14, 1997, they went to a holiday party. Two hours later they arrived home "to find the inside of our house engulfed in smoke and flames. All five pets were dead. Just like that. Not one was spared" (p. 13 of book).

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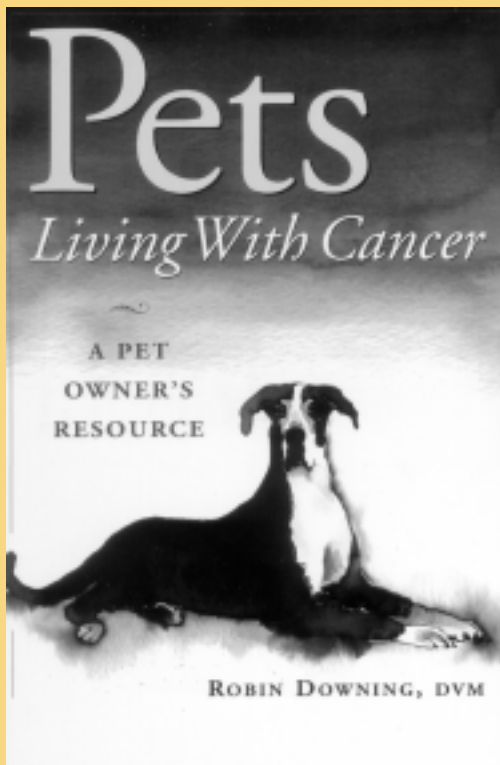
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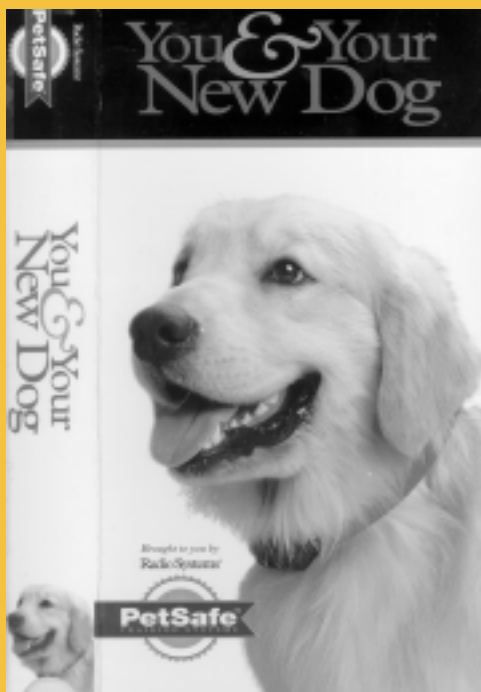
Individuals who face the diagnosis of cancer in their loved pets have a new resource available to help address their fears: The American Animal Hospital Association Press's *Pets Living With Cancer: A Pet Owner's Resource*. Authored by Robin Downing, DVM, the 154-page book is the first and only book that provides a single resource for owners of pets that have been diagnosed with cancer.

Veterinarians are treating a growing number of pets with cancer each year. According to the Morris Animal Foundation, cancer is the number one killer of dogs and cats, as well as the top concern of pet owners. Cancer can undoubtedly be one of the most challenging and emotionally upsetting of diseases that pet owners will

face. However, it is also the most curable of chronic diseases. With treatments ranging from surgery to chemotherapy and radiation therapy, there are more options for pets and their owners than ever before.

After confronting a cancer diagnosis in her dog, Murphy, Dr. Downing found there was no single source for all of the questions she faced. Her resulting book provides a resource that leads pet owners through treatment and care. Written with the positive but realistic view that cancer does not always mean death, Dr. Downing asks many questions confronted by pet owners and answers them in a comprehensive and caring manner.

The book begins with an overview of cancer and how it is diagnosed. Dr. Downing then highlights treatment options and provides a thorough discussion of surgical oncology, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, complementary therapies, as well as nutrition information for the cancer



Some of the additional Video Entries ...



patient. Subsequent chapters cover hospice care for pets and euthanasia.

"At long last here is a comprehensive book at the most prevalent health threat our beloved pets face: cancer. Well written, in language we can understand, Dr. Downing covers the various alternative treatments available. Best of all, by citing the many cancer survivors, she gives us hope."

Betty White

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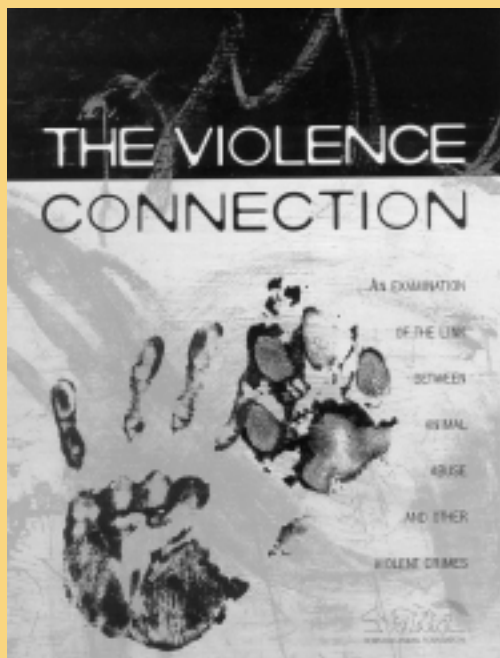
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The newly revised

"Violence Connection"

booklet is now available.

Its expanded range of information includes intervention programs for convicted animal abusers that will hopefully, encourage judges, district attorneys and others in law enforcement and legal communities to consider the link between cruelty to animals and violence toward people.

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*"Wise sayings
often fall on barren
ground, but a
kind word is never
thrown away."*

*Arthur Helps in The
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Modern Relationships

These statistics are taken from the American Animal Hospital Association's 1999 Pet Owner Survey. The study is based on the responses of 1,200 pet owners throughout the US and Canada. The complete, 33-question, summary is available from the AAHA.

When you come home, whom do you greet first? (n=1,162)

<i>Pet</i>	78%
<i>Spouse/Significant Other</i>	13%
<i>Kids</i>	7%
<i>Roommate</i>	<1%
<i>Family Member</i>	%
<i>Other</i>	3%

Who understands you best? (n=1,122)

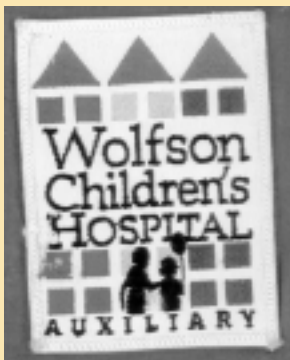
<i>Pet</i>	31%
<i>Spouse/significant other</i>	46%
<i>Friend</i>	11%
<i>Family member</i>	11%
<i>Other</i>	1%

Latham's Newest Video – A Tribute to Jenni, A Therapy Dog



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and a special love."*

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Richland, WA



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Jenni died of cancer on March 8, 2000. She will be greatly missed by her therapy partner, Linda Dunn, her housemate, Velvet, and all the nurses, doctors, patients, and people she touched during her life.

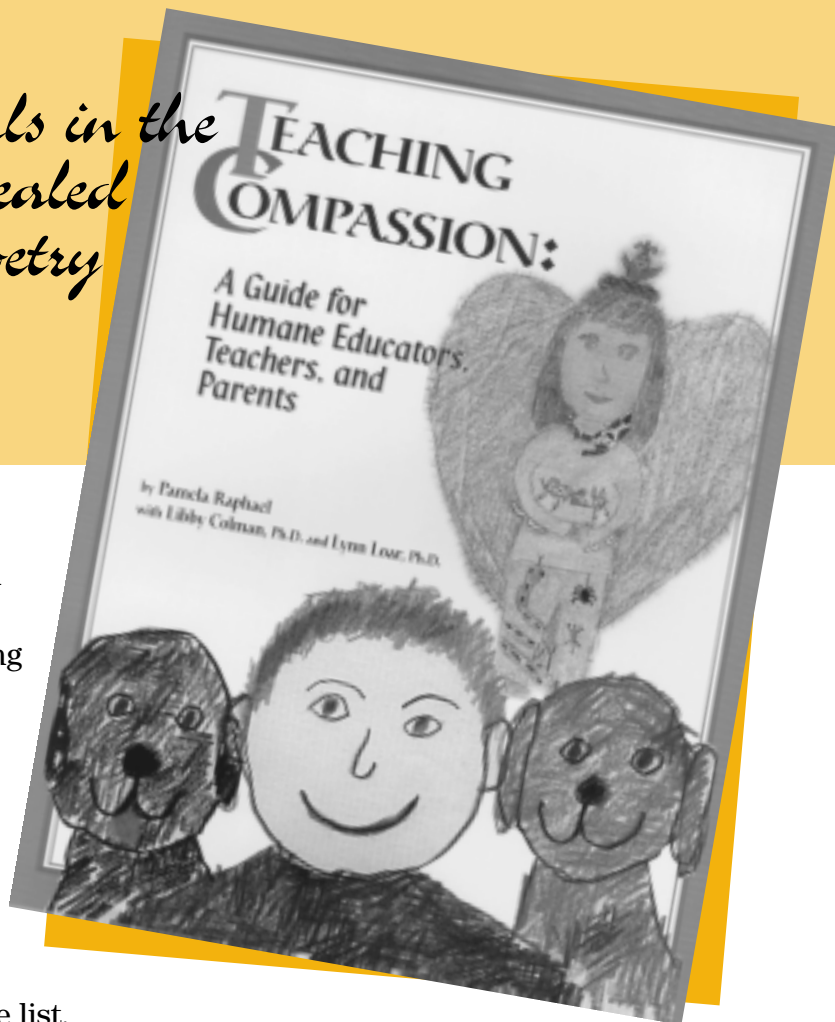
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Teacher's narrative and lesson plans to encourage respect, responsibility, and compassion.

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Pamela Raphael: Humane Educator, Humane Society of Sonoma County (1991-97) where she implemented classes on responsible and compassionate treatment of animals in elementary, secondary, and special education schools. Pamela is presently expanding this program to additional schools in Northern California. Published poet and Poet Teacher for California Poets in the Schools (1978-93).

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