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PROMOTING RESPECT FOR ALL LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION

Latham Announces Recipients of "Search for Excellence" Video Awards

First Annual Competition is a Resounding Success

Latham, a long time leader in the production and distribution of videos about humane education, the links between child and animal abuse, and the human companion animal bond, believes the motivation behind and results of videos produced by *others* are commendable and deserving of encouragement. With this in mind, it launched the "Search for Excellence" Video Awards.

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

Winners are announced on pages 12 and 13. Congratulations!



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Canine Companions for Independence Responds to News of Award

Dear Friends,

I was very pleased to learn about our award for "Don't Tell Harrauld" in the video competition. The \$300 prize (sponsored by Grizzard Advertising) will help support our program, and the recognition will undoubtedly help increase awareness.

We continue to provide more Canine Companions than ever

before in our twenty-two year history. Support and recognition from organizations such as the Latham Foundation make this growth possible.

Thank you for this great honor.

*Charlie Creasy, National
Director of Development*

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"To promote, foster, encourage and further the principles of humaneness, kindness and benevolence to all living creatures; the doctrines of universal brotherhood and justice; the prevention and eradication of cruelty to animals and all living creatures, with particular emphasis on the education of children in justice and kindness to animals."

EDITORIAL

Guest Editorial: A MATTER OF OPINION

Mary K. Birkholz
Rita M. Reynolds

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There is this to consider and, we strongly recommend, revise. How often have you read or heard reference to "humans and nonhumans," or "humans and other animals"? We do love to categorize everything in ways that help us to know where we stand in the grand scheme of things, too often placing ourselves everywhere "higher" than but rarely on even ground with all others who share this planet with us.

Dare we say we are on equal footing with a dog, a bear, or even more bizarre, a rat? Yet, if we were to look into the eyes of such a creature and with absolute honesty, be open to what that creature might tell us by way of gesture and thought, we would find that perhaps we aren't so different from one another after all.

All right, take the rat. Here is an animal that receives little if any good press. We're not discussing laboratory or "pet" rats, but those grayish numbers who roam fields, barns, streets and housing projects with such abandon. Sure they spread disease, absolutely they eat the wires under the hood of your automobile. and clearly they have a taste for wooden beams that support waxed, floors and roofs. No arguments there. And these are habits that do not jive well with human require-

ments for safe, happy and healthy lifestyles. Rats multiply without thought to the environment, are famous for leaving trash around about, and fight among themselves over petty matters such as, "you're in my personal space."

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Watch a rat for awhile and you'll notice that they wash themselves a lot: wash the front feet, wash the back feet, wash and re-wash the whiskers, oops - forgot the ears, go back to the nose, down the front, back to the tail. Some rats are precise in their method, following a definite nose-to-tail pattern without stopping, while others seem more easily distracted by outside noises or movements (such as the human who is watching them) and truly appear to say, "Oh rats, where was I anyway?"

Rats are not shift, contrary to popular thought, but will look you steadily in the eye, the nose rotating for additional information gathering, and hold to a body stance that

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speaks boldly of superiority. In fact, having a conversation with a wild rat tends to make one feel quite *inferior* and in the confusing state this can bring upon the human, reduce one to muttering unintelligible nonsense. The rat, who has by now gained the upper hand, will a.) decide the human in question is obviously a lesser being with whom intelligent conversation is impossible b.) see no point in wasting its time further, and/or c.) turn tail and saunter away. No need to run, necessarily; size has little relationship to brain capacity and obviously, the rat is superior anyway (says the rat).

This is hardly a discourse on how to enter into a meaningful relationship with a city or country rat; they are best left on their own turf, in the company of their own peers. Yet consider this: there are wily rats, those who are thieves and thugs, who beat up innocent bystanders "just because."

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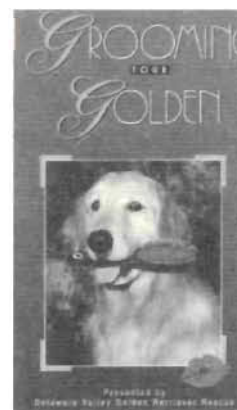
There are also mother rats who care tenderly for their youngsters; and the youngsters who, as babies are sweet and cute. Teenager rats, however, are headstrong and foolish, rush without thought into the jaws of the local cat patrol and never look before leaping into water buckets. There are sleek, beautiful rats,

and they know it. There are the battle-worn, ear-torn, crimped tailed warriors who have to fight. 'Mere are the old rats, moth-eaten, dull-coated, white-around-the-muzzle rats who amble about without haste or care, waiting their time to die.



Would this all sound vaguely similar to a species that too often stands on a shaky soapbox and shouts "Superior!" while we mothers tend lovingly to our children, wars rage in faraway countries and inner city gangs fight one another "just because"? And the sleek, beautiful ones primp for the TV cameras, the old ones sit on park benches or in nursing homes waiting their times to die, and the population numbers grow while AIDS and hepatitis spread ... and so on and so forth. You get the picture.

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Video entry from Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue

The Domestic Violence Assistance Program - Protects Women, Children And Their Pets In Lane County, Oregon

Tamara Barnes

Greenhill Humane Society, SPCA, established in Eugene, Oregon in 1944, is the leading provider of animal welfare/protection services in the Willamette Valley, and has recently expanded it's influence to the entire State of Oregon. In keeping with Greenhill's shifted focus from a reactive to a proactive problem solving approach to complex animal welfare challenges, Greenhill has created the Domestic Violence Assistance Program (DVAP).

This program was founded by Kimball Lewis, Executive Director of the Greenhill Humane Society, and myself. DVAP was announced in February this year at a press conference held at the Greenhill Humane Society shelter. Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio, Lane County District Attorney Doug Harclerod, Captain Roy Brown and Lt. Becky Hansen of the Eugene Police Department and Jennifer Inman, Project Coordinator, Sacred Heart Medical Center Domestic Violence Project attended.

I am a survivor of domestic violence. During my incidents of abuse, my abuser used my pets to maintain control and to retaliate against me. Acts of violence were committed against my pets. The injuries that my pets sustained included broken bones, unexplained burns, broken teeth, swollen eyes, and I witnessed my abuser wrapping up my cat Tom-Tom with duct tape. Tom-Tom was taped up like a football. I was completely freaked out. I told my abuser I was going to call the police. He had this really smug



look and said, "Go ahead and call them. I'll kill this cat if I want to, and I can kill you, too."

Four months later on Christmas Day, my abuser hit me for the first time. After that happened, I called Womenspace, the local women's shelter. I found there was no community network to help me care for my pets.

I was constantly worried about them, knowing that my abuser would not hesitate to hurt them to hurt me. As a result, I stayed in my abusive situation much longer than was safe for me or my pets. I felt really stuck. No matter how afraid I was, I would not leave them behind. Giving them up was more than I could stand and something I would not contemplate.

After three years, I was finally able to remove myself and my pets from danger. Overwhelmed by anger, I decided to try to find a way for other battered women to leave their abusers without sacrificing their pets too.

The opportunity arose when in September of 1996, the Centers for Disease Control chose Eugene, Oregon as one of three communities to receive a large multi-year grant to finance resources for victims of domestic violence and fund community education projects. The two other cities chosen by the CDC are Boston, Massachusetts and Spokane, Washington. Programs developed in these three communities are to be used as models for the rest of the country.

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The "Dog Days" of Summer 1995 -- Jenni's Journal Part Nine

Jenni Dunn

If you read my last *Journal* entry, you will remember that I am now working at a Children's Hospital and, since I enjoy kids so much, I am enjoying every minute of it. I really strut my stuff. The kids love me and I love them. They are the right size people for me as we can see each other eye to eye.

July 7, 1995

Mom noticed I was dragging today so we visited only two floors. The first thing that happened was we ran into the male nurse that likes to feed me treats out of his mouth. He stopped me in the hall and, without even speaking to Mom, took my treat bag right out of Mom's hand! He obviously was letting me take treats right from his mouth for himself, not the kids, because there wasn't even any kids around at the time. On one of the floors, one little boy's Mom followed me from room to room to watch me work, talking all the time.

One of the doctors stopped and talked to me and Mom about half an hour. He squatted down to pat me and feed me treats while Mom told him some "miracle" Pet Therapy stories. He was quite impressed. Most of the kids were in the play room so I could visit several kids at once.

On the way out of the hospital, after I had finished my job, I heard a little kid screaming at the top of her lungs. I searched her out and found her and her Dad in one of

the pre-op rooms for outpatient surgery. The little girl was struggling in her Dad's lap and her Dad had sweat all over his face. I could tell he didn't know what to do. The nurse was frustrated because all she was trying to do was take her blood pressure. As I stopped at the door and looked in, Mom asked the nurse if she could use a "diversion." She decided to give us a try and motioned for us to come on in. While the little girl and her Dad gave me a treat, the nurse quickly got her blood pressure reading. She thanked us very much and we went on our way.

Tuesday, August 1, 1995

Mom finally wised up and figured out why I have been dragging on my hospital visits lately. She had me wear a halter instead of a collar and when I walked it would rub on a fatty tumor I have on my chest. It was very uncomfortable. She used a neck collar today and everything was fine.

I am beginning to recognize some of the children on my rounds because they are very sick and their hospital stays are quite lengthy. They are beginning to recognize me, too, and when they see me checking in at the nurses' station, they jump out of bed and run to meet me calling me by name.

Six year old Brittany followed me from room to room as I visited each child in their hospital bed. As I got close to her room, she ran to

her room, jumped into her bed and waited for my visit to her. We hugged and kissed when I put my feet on her bed; and when I was through visiting her, she jumped out of bed and continued following us from room to room.



I visited one young girl today. I would guess to be about 15 years old, that was profoundly retarded and had cerebral palsy. Her hands and arms were drawn up, clutched tightly to her chest and her knees were bent to the side. She could move only her head and eyes by herself and instead of being able to talk, she made groaning noises she thought were words. But she didn't seem any different to me than anybody else. I could see her soul and know she was a real person in there. I think that's why Pet Therapy is so successful. The

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The young girl, unable to see me, seemed to sense my presence as I entered her room because she got very still and quiet like she was listening for something. Was she blind? Did she feel the peacefulness of my spirit? Did she feel the tension leave her parents when they turned and smiled at me as I made my way around the foot of the bed to her side? The girl's face was turned away from me but when she felt me put my front feet up on her bed and crawl closer to her, she smiled one of the biggest smiles I had ever seen.

Her Dad took her hand and rubbed my head and neck. Well, you should have seen her *then* as she felt my warm, soft fur! She let out a big squeal and rolled her head from side to side. She was so excited. A reaction like this makes it all worthwhile.

Linda Dunn, Jenni's "Mom," reports that Jenni, at eleven, has a couple of loose teeth, occasional seizures, and several fatty tumors; however, she is still feisty and can hold her own with Velvet, her younger sister. She still loves going to the hospital.



I knew that this was the perfect opportunity to see if emergency pet care could be made a part of this model. I called Mr. Lewis at Greenhill to see if he could help.

"This program fits right in with Greenhill's new focus," Lewis said. "The harming or killing of companion animals frequently removes a battered woman's last hope, and it causes physical injury to the animals.

"I am a survivor of domestic violence."

The Domestic Violence Assistance Program immediately impacts the lives of victims by providing them with a resource that assists in removing them, their children, and their animals from potential harm."

It is a familiar scenario to Lewis who, before coming to Greenhill a year ago worked for the state Bureau of Animal Protection in southwest Colorado. He saw there how men used animals to control their partners.

Some of the abuses he investigated were a litter of puppies stuffed into a coffee can and set on fire and dogs, cats and horses stabbed, slashed or mutilated. "Over the past several years, we have participated in studies and have seen firsthand that the crimes against women and crimes against animals is strongly interconnected." What kind of mental capacity does it take to harm a creature that can't speak for itself?" Lewis said.

Prior to DVAP, victims in Lane County had the unacceptable choices of either leaving their animals behind, or surrendering them to county animal control. Animals with known owners that are surrendered to animal control are euthanized and not offered for adoption. DVAP's network of foster homes will take any companion animal from gerbils to horses, and extends care until victims can accommodate their pet's safety either on their own or by placing their pets with friends.

The opportunity to take control away from abusers by offering shelter for their victim's companion animals pleases Lewis. "I hope I am very unpopular with them. If we have a woman whose daughter or son had a steer as a 4-H project, we'd find a home for it. The idea is to give clients maximum mobility. Community leaders in all communities need to recognize that animal welfare and health and human service issues are both important parts of our social and economic health. Now that DVAP is a viable program, the direct benefit to health and human services can be accurately gauged," he said. In the short time the program has been available to the community, the DVAP program at Greenhill has housed eighteen to twenty animals; immediately impacting the lives of approximately ten families.

The Domestic Violence Assistance Program is in community partnership with CDC grant coalition members Womenspace, Lane County Domestic Violence Council, Lane County Victim Services, and Sacred Heart

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Animal Chiropractic Provides Potential for Improving the Health of Pets and Livestock

*Claudia Roberts,
Certified Animal Chiropractor*

Pioneers have been blazing new trails and creating exciting legacies for the future since history has been recorded. The spirit of pioneering is often thought a part of the past, the days of adventuring into new areas long gone. But in the field of animal health care, pioneers are daily leaving their private practices to lay the foundation for a new system of treatment and rehabilitation.

These professionals are giving their time and expertise to help advance the fledgling field of Animal Chiropractic. Animal Chiropractic provides great potential for further improving health care of pets and livestock.

Educated and licensed as a human Chiropractor, I have been in private practice in California since 1984. The love and caring of animals has always been an undercurrent in my life and ultimately drew me to discover what was happening in the emerging specialty field of Animal Chiropractic.

In recent years, two organizations have formed the embryonic core of chiropractic care for animals; the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) and the Options for Animals teaching facility in suburban Chicago. The AVCA monitors and guides the development of the animal chiropractic profession while Options for Animals serves as the teaching arm of the profession. Currently,

Options for Animals is the only facility in the world offering a post-graduate program for veterinarians and chiropractors interested in pursuing this specialty field. Seldom in health care will you find such a strong interaction between two professions, joined in a spirit of mutual respect for the pursuit of a common goal: quality health care for animal patients, based on love, kindness and respect. The Hippocratic oath implores physicians to do no harm to any patients. That philosophy has always been at the core of chiropractic treatment.

What does it take to become an Animal Chiropractor?

Licensed veterinarians and chiropractors may enroll in the

basic certification course at Options for Animals. This five module course is comprised of 150 hours of classroom study and hands-on labs. During this time doctors learn to evaluate and apply chiropractic adjustments on everything from a house cat to a 1500 pound horse. On completion of the basic course, passing a written and practical exam, and submitting three case studies, a doctor becomes certified as an Animal Chiropractor. Continuing diplomat courses are offered as a way to encourage the process of scientific inquiry into the mechanisms of animal chiropractic and to advance the profession through research.

When your pet is cared for by

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Dr. Claudia Roberts checks Barney the Beagle's shoulder.

an Animal Chiropractor certified by the AVCA, you can rest assured that top quality care is being received.

Chiropractors deal with the biomechanics of the spinal column and its influence on the nervous system.

When seeking a doctor, the two basic requirements I hear from patients are competency and caring. The caring element of the old-fashioned country doctor may have been lost in time in many fields, but it reigns strong with this group of pioneering doctors I have met since enhancing my practice to embrace animal chiropractic.

When should an animal see a chiropractor?

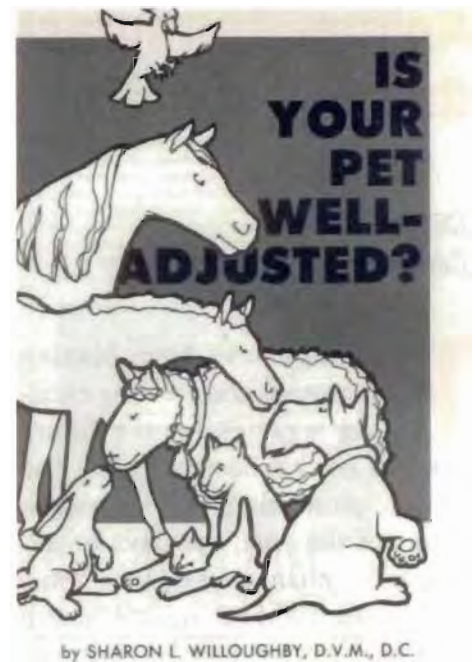
When deciding if animal chiropractic is a viable option for a patient, it helps to first understand what a chiropractor does. Simply put, chiropractors deal with the biomechanics of the spinal column and its influence on the nervous system. Think of the vertebrae and the bones in the limbs as a complex system of gears engineered to work together in a precise set of movements, allowing the animal to do everything from sitting and walking to more challenging motions like running and jumping. Trauma, improper handling and training techniques, poor saddle fit, Frisbee catching and the improper use of choke collars are a few of the causes

creating problems in the joints. One of these joints can become "locked up" meaning it is not moving properly. This can result in problems elsewhere in the complex system of joints that make up the skeletal system. Inflammation, pain and limping are outward symptoms that the owner may first notice. A joint that has locked up is known as a subluxation. It is the job of Animal Chiropractor to locate areas of subluxation and to treat the patient with a series of chiropractic adjustments to restore function to the area.

Some of the most common indications that chiropractic care is required for your animal are limping or lameness, difficulty in changing positions or turning, difficult in lowering the head to the food bowl or trough, refusing jumps for a horse, difficult getting on or off furniture or climbing steps, crying when picked up, excessive licking or chewing of the paws, epilepsy or just a change in behavior patterns when other health problems have been ruled out.

It is the animals themselves who are living testaments that chiropractic is effective.

While it may be the owner's job to seek out a certified Animal Chiropractor, it is the animals themselves who are living testaments that chiropractic is effective for alleviating their maladies. Animals are rewarding to work with; if the treatment helps to heal their problem the animal's behavior indicates an improvement.



*Brochure Available from
Options for Animals*


There is one facet of health care and the healing process that AVCA certified doctors discuss during schooling and that is intent. I am certain the vast majority of pet owners agree that a dog or cat can sense your mood, that a horse can tell when you are afraid or not confident about handling him. Animal patients can also sense the intent of a doctor who is administering their care. Intent is a part of health care that has been minimized in recent decades because of preoccupation with scheduling, slick marketing and economics. The intent of a certified Animal Chiropractor and the veterinarians who refer patients to them is to seek the best possible care for the patient and to deliver treatment with love, kindness and genuine respect for the animal.

One of my first animal patients was an eight-year-old Doberman Pinscher named Cassidy who was dropped off at the animal shelter where I volunteer. All I knew of her

history was that she had started life as a research dog in the Sleep Disorder Unit at Stanford and had been adopted out to a family with whom she lived most of her life. Cassidy walked but did not run. She was quite stiff in the hind end and I suspected that she had some trauma to one of her rear legs, possibly an old fracture that had left her with an odd gait. Like many animals, as soon as I started checking her spine, Cassidy took a liking to what I was doing and was very cooperative patient.

An employee who had been watching us remarked, "That dog really seems to like what you are doing to her." Dogs are smart and they know what feels good. While animals in pain can sometimes be fractious, once they begin to respond to chiropractic care their whole demeanor can change for the better. The day after I adjusted Cassidy I let her out in the exercise area and for the first time in our three week acquaintance I was treated to the sight of her running laps at full speed. Cassidy was demonstrating something I already knew, that chiropractic care for animals is an effective treatment option. In this case, it allowed Cassidy to move in a way that I suspect she had not moved in quite some time. After one more adjustment Cassidy happily left the shelter with her new adoptive family.

Animal chiropractic care is not meant as substitute for regular veterinary care but as an adjunct to it once fracture and infectious disease processes have been ruled out. Robert Frost wrote, "two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." This philosophy of life has steered my own career path. During my train-

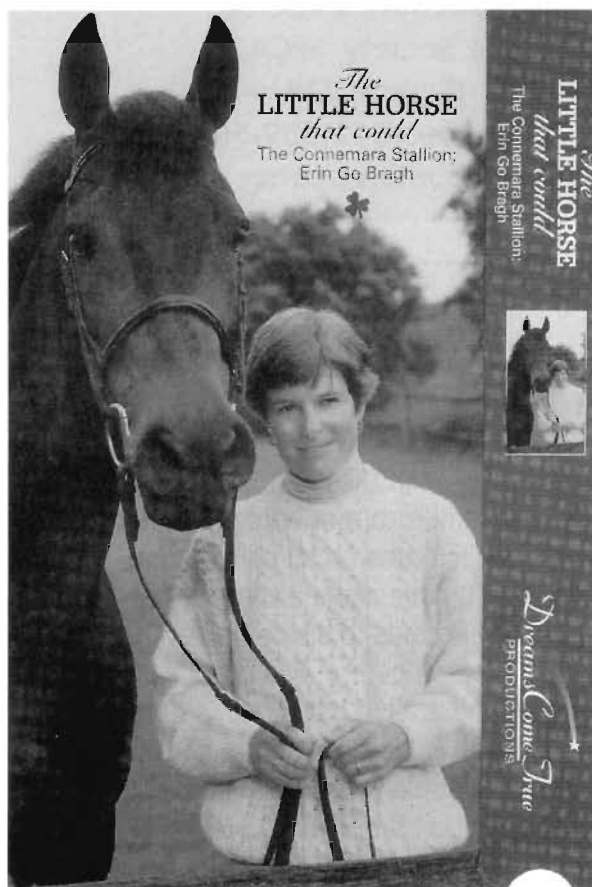
ing at Options for Animals, my colleagues and I spent the bulk of our time learning and reviewing the technical aspects involved in providing chiropractic care to animals but we also spent time discussing the philosophy behind it and that has made all the difference. 

For a referral to a Certified Animal Chiropractor in your area, contact the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association at 309-658-2920, Fax 309-658-2622, e-mail AmVetChiro@aol.com

on-line news

Visit Tamara Barnes' website for an excellent overview of the connection between animal abuse and domestic violence.
<http://members.aol.com/TBarnes247/index.html>

Tamara is the author of the article on Page 4.



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Medical Center Domestic Violence Project. Objectives of this program are not only to establish a foster-care network, but to coordinate community education by tapping into the network of other CDC coalition members, form a referral system with resources such as Womenspace, Lane County District Attorney Victim Services, law enforcement and veterinarians, and ultimately to lay the foundation for training and implementing a cross-reporting system of agencies to safeguard all life that is without protection from violence.

Mr. Lewis and I hope this resource migrates to other communities. We are both available to assist anyone interested in starting a similar program. According to Lewis, "The DVAP program would be a huge success anywhere from New York to Los Angeles or any town in between."

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OREGON WELCOMES PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN A UNIQUE WAY

Special facilities have been constructed at Silverfalls State Park in Oregon to enable people with disabilities to rent horses for guided trail rides. This is the first ever public horse rental equipped to serve people with disabilities. This unique service allows people who use wheelchairs or other mobility aids to visit areas of the park they have never been able to reach before. The service is operated by H.O.R.S.E.S. for the Physically Challenged, a non-profit organization that specializes in wilderness and recreational horseback riding opportunities for people with disabilities.

For more information call H.O.R.S.E.S. at 503-873-3890 or Silverfalls State Park at 503-873-8681.

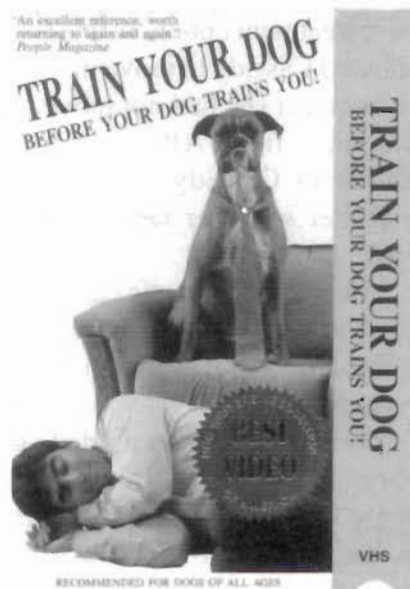
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Teaching about Wildlife: Docents at California Museum Teach What Schools Omit



Aline H. Kidd and Robert M. Kidd

In order to develop a society whose members care about all animal life, people who can teach the importance of protecting and maintaining wildlife and the environment are needed.

Adults who had positive experiences with childhood pets are far more concerned about animal welfare and the environment than adults who had no pets or animal experiences in childhood. Adolescents who care deeply for wildlife usually grew up in families where parents and grandparents helped provide them with experiences with both domestic and wild animals and modeled positive attitudes toward all life and the ecology.

Today's grade, middle, and high-schools teach little about animal life and needs; indeed, school text books seldom mention animals as having any effect on humanity or society. Further, pets are forbidden or severely restricted by landlords and housing agencies in too many living areas. As a result, thousands of children have no experience with or knowledge about animals. Clearly, adult volunteers are needed who can and will teach children and adolescents about the positive effects animals do have on human/animal social interactions.

One program at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek, California, is focused on teaching about wildlife. The Museum's volunteer docents lead groups of children and adolescents through the Museum and permit them close contact with some of the animals. Individual and specific animals' appearance, behavior, food and environmental needs are clearly described and illustrated. They are shown injured animals who cannot be returned to their wild habitats because of what humans have done to them or their habitats, and they are shown recovered animals who have become so emotionally attached to human care taking that they could no longer survive in the wild. But they are also shown how many of the healed and rehabilitated birds and animals are actually released safely back to their natural habitats!

Because the groups range from pre-schoolers to high schoolers, the docents carefully match their teaching to the children's level of education. Some of the docents take animals and other wildlife exhibits out to school groups to display, discuss, and educate children and adults who can't readily get to the Museum about animal behaviors and needs.

Service as a volunteer docent makes a number of demands on the volunteers, of course. They must set up and take down the exhibits. They must watch the animals' and the children's interactions closely for the protection of both. They must themselves learn and know a great deal about each animal they display

so they can answer the questions children can come up with and explain misconceptions and information in a warm, caring manner the children can understand. Often they must convince a child that it actually would be harmful for an animal for a child to take home a seemingly cuddly and appealing wild animal.

In order to create more positive attitudes toward animals in our society, many more volunteer docents like those at the Museum will be needed. What are the characteristics and motives of such docents? First, more women than men will volunteer. They will come from suburban homes and almost all of them will have had childhood pets. Ninetenths will have had parents and/or grandparents who provided them

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with nature and wildlife experiences and served as role models by patterning their deep concern for animal care and survival. And after they finish the Museum's training period, they will all report that they supported each other's Museum work and were in turn supported by the Museum's staff.

These docent volunteers in wildlife education differed from

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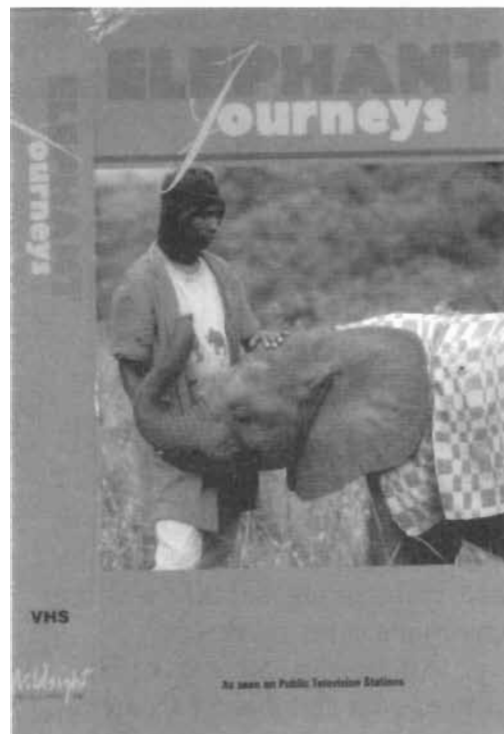
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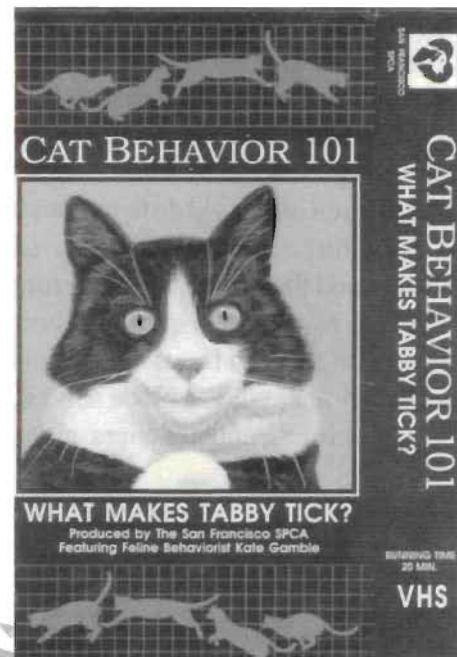
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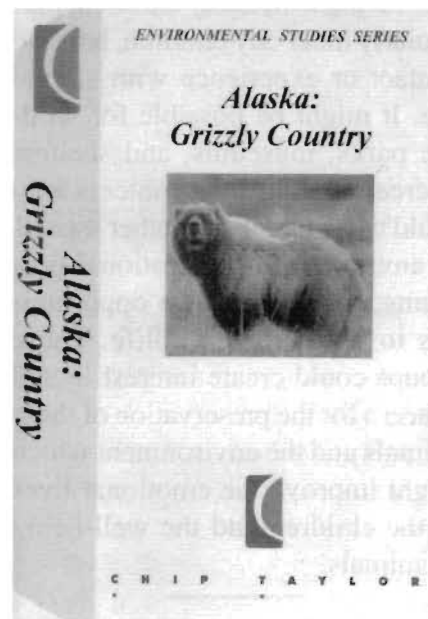
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some of the Museum's adult volunteers in wildlife rehabilitation and the adolescent volunteers in wildlife education in that 84% had already served educational roles in schools, summer camps, church and Sunday schools, and other learning groups for children. Most notably, they were very concerned with educating children about wildlife as a way to help ongoing preservation of wildlife and the environment. Future efforts to recruit such qualified volunteers might well focus on schools of education as well as grade school, church school, and teachers aides groups.

Because the Lindsay Wildlife Museum's goal is so similar to The Latham Foundation's mission of promoting respect for all life through education, the primary thought raised by this study of the Museum's docents in wildlife education suggests an exciting future.

At present, many children, particularly inner city children, have no contact or experience with animal life. It might be possible for wildlife parks, museums, and shelters to create groups of volunteers who could take animals and other aspects of environmental educational programs to areas with no opportunities to experience wildlife. These groups could create interest in and concern for the preservation of these animals and the environment which might improve the emotional lives of the children and the well-being of animals.

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Statewide Commission Created for Cross-Reporting Legislation

Phil Arkow

The Rhode Island General Assembly has created a special legislative commission to study the associations between domestic violence, child abuse and animal abuse with a goal of producing statewide legislation that would require the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and animal protection officers to cross-report suspected abuse.

The special commission, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, is comprised of 15 individuals representing the State Senate, the State Veterinarian, DCYF, the Department of Health, Windwalker Humane Coalition, the R.I. Animal Legislative Coalition, the state veterinary Medical Society, the R.I. Animal Control Officers Association, the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Volunteers in Service to Animals. Other members include a mental health professional, a veterinarian, and the general public.

The purpose of said commission shall be to study the association between and amongst domestic violence, child abuse and animal abuse to produce legislation to require cross reporting between DCYF and Animal control Officers (SPCA), says the Resolution. The commission is charged with reporting back to the legislature by Jan. 22, 1998.

The Resolution was spearheaded by State Sen. Rhoda E. Perry of Providence and the Windwalker Humane Coalition. Perry is Deputy President Pro Tem of the Senate.

With growing research data indicating linkages between various forms of family violence, a number of communities and states are introducing provisions whereby officials in child protection, animal protection and domestic violence prevention report suspected abuse to each other. The Rhode Island commission is believed to be the most comprehensive of these efforts to date and the first to involve a statewide body especially convened for this purpose.



Woonsocket, Rhode Island Celebrates a Holiday of Respect for All Living Things

Ripples, Hopes and Butterfly Wings: Changing the World One Day at A Time

Debbie Fahrenholtz

Can one idea really change the world? Can one child's bonding with a special dog named D.J. lead to an entire city's celebration of life? On May 8, 1997 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, one young man's idea became a glimmer of hope to a better world.

Joshua Ridolfi, fifth grade student at Social Street School in Woonsocket Rhode Island, had an idea. Joshua had been a participant in Pearl Salotto's and D.J.'s "Respect for Living Things" program, which is part of the curriculum in selected schools in Rhode Island. This program helps children to understand their value as human beings and their responsibility to all living things.

According to Joshua, "People don't just need to respect people and animals, they need to respect the

earth." Joshua's idea was simple, a holiday of respect for all living things. Joshua asked for such a holiday and on May 8th (D. J.'s eleventh birthday) the city of Woonsocket celebrated just that.

Children from all over the city attended the celebration. They submitted essays, posters, poems and pictures, showing children cleaning up their parks, hugging their pets, and helping others.

Children sang, a band played, and students from Citizens Memorial and Leo Savoie Elementary Schools reminded everyone, "In order to respect all living things, we should start by respecting our family, neighbors, friends, and pets. We should respect others as we respect ourselves. After we learn to do that, we should respect everyone we meet. D.J. needs your help respecting all living things."

As part of the celebration children were invited to sign D.J.'s Respect for Living Things Pledge for Peace and Respect: 1) I pledge to respect myself by doing my best in school and by avoiding drugs, alcohol and tobacco. 2) I pledge to respect the feelings of my family and all the people with whom I come in contact. 3) I pledge to treat my pet with the same respect as other members of the family. 4) I pledge to do my part to help make the world a better place for people and animals

and the environment.

The event was sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Woonsocket Harris Library, the Kiwanis Club of Woonsocket, The Rhode Island Veterinarian Medical Association (RIVMA), the Woonsocket Education Department, and the City of Woonsocket under the leadership of Mayor Susan D. Menard.

Rosemary Santos, of the United Black and Brown Fund of Rhode Island was the Honorary Guest Speaker. She spoke of children holding on to "A Sense of Wonder." She explained that her favorite holiday had previously been Valentines day, a day cele-



Joshua Ridolfi, D.J., and Mayor Susan D. Menard

brating the sharing of love and feelings.

Now her favorite holiday is Woonsocket's Respect for Living Things Day, for its celebration of the earth, its animals, and all life. Ms. Santos stated that "once we respect ourselves, we will take care of our minds and continue learning as a life long pursuit. . ."

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Speaking on behalf of the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Linda Hanson commended the Mayor, Joshua, and D.J. for creating a Respect for Living Things Day stating, "A program that gives children the opportunity to realize how their behavior and attitudes affect their own lives and also the lives of others, is a wonderful remedy to a world that often seems uncaring."

Sylvia Natalie, Principal of Citizens Memorial School in Woonsocket added, "The Respect for Living Things program is wonderful and unique. D.J., the Dog of Joy at the heart of the program, really encourages kids to come to school. D.J. is so gentle and kind that children want to become that way as well. In this complex society, the old feelings of respect are falling by the wayside. A program like the D.J. program resurrects the old feelings of respect. When we respect ourselves, we will respect all living things. Most of all, when children learn to respect themselves then they won't want to do anything harmful to their bodies in any way. They are more likely to say 'no' to drugs, alcohol, or any other materials that can harm themselves. Programs like the D.J. program help keep our kids in school."

It's been said that when a butterfly flaps its wings in South America, you can feel it in the breeze at the North Pole. Can one idea make a difference? Ask Joshua Ridolfi.

In recognition for Joshua's wonderful idea, the Mayor of Woonsocket officially proclaimed May 8, 1997 as "Joshua Ridolfi Day."

The Windwalker Humane Coalition along with the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association and other organizations, is working toward making May 8th a state wide Respect for Living Things Day. For more information on celebrating a Respect for Living Things Day in your community, contact the Windwalker Humane Coalition; Sue Sirois at 401-334-4881, or Debbie Fahrenholtz at 401-658-4478.

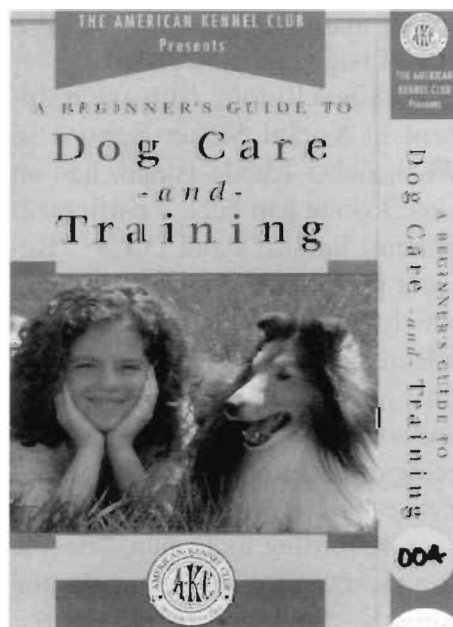
Debbie Fahrenholtz is a member of the Windwalker Humane Coalition of Rhode Island. She lives in Cumberland, RI with her husband Bob and sons Erik and Mark, their dog Pepper and cat Shadow. Debbie and Pepper will soon be starting their internship in the D.J. Pet Assisted Therapy University Certificate Program.

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Study Quantifies Reasons for Pet Relinquishment

The findings are in from an intensive study to determine and quantify the reasons pet owners relinquish their dogs and cats to shelters, reports the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Conducted at 12 shelters, the study involved personal interviews of people surrendering dogs and cats. The National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy sponsored the study, through donations from several organizations.

Trained interviewers used a 66-item questionnaire that included questions relating to the animal(s) relinquished as well the relinquisher. During the 12-month study period 3,414 people were interviewed who had relinquished 2,096 dogs and 1,319 cats. Of those, 3,041 were individually relinquished, 280 were surrendered in litters, and 94 were in litters relinquished with the bitches.

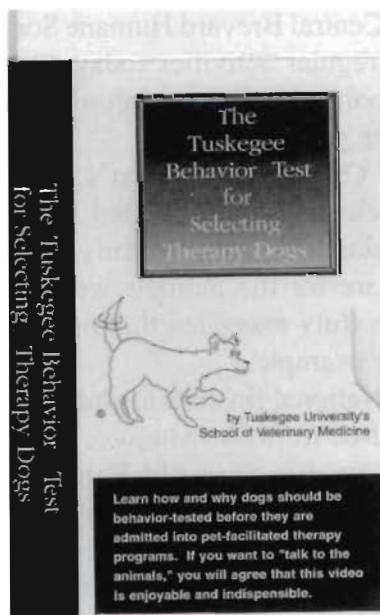
Seventy-one causes were given for relinquishment. They are being condensed into 12 categories. Of those 71, the top 10 reasons given for relinquishment of dogs and cats are as follows:

1. Requests for euthanasia because of illness (7.4%).
2. Moving (7.3%).
3. Found animal (of unknown origin) (6.6%).
4. Landlord will not allow pets (5.3%).
5. Owner has too many animals (4.8%).
6. Euthanasia because of animal's age (4.6%).
7. Cost of maintenance of pets (4.1%).
8. Animal is ill (4.1%).

9. Allergies within the family (3.9%).
10. House soiling (3.37%).

As a group, pet behavior problems accounted for the greatest reason for relinquishment, representing 12 percent of the total.

Dr. M.D. Salman, scientific adviser for the NCPPSP, said, "These are the first quantitative measurements of the causes of relinquishment. However, we must be cautious in terms of what people claim as the cause of relinquishment."



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"This information is based only on their responses, without any investigation to evaluate the reliability of their claims."

"An analysis is going on in which we will try to associate claimed causes of relinquishment with the type of people and animals. We have quantitative measurements

now, but we won't know their meaning until we start to link them with the characteristics of the people and animals."

The 12 animal care and control agencies included in the study were located in Sacramento County, CA (three); Front Range, CO (three); Knoxville, TN (two); Louisville, KY (two); Bergen County, NJ (one); and New York City (one).

The study data will continue to be analyzed, and then combined with additional research being conducted by the NCPPSP. Upcoming reports will include information on owner demographics, lifestyle issues, and previous knowledge of pet care as associated with relinquishment of animals at shelters in the study.

The National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy is a coalition of 10 of America's foremost animal organizations concerned about unwanted pets. The AVMA is a member. The coalition gathers and analyzes reliable data that further characterize the number, origin, and disposition of dogs and cats. It also promotes responsible stewardship of companion animals and recommends programs to reduce the number of surplus/unwanted pets.

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American Humane Association Names National "Be Kind to Animals Kid"



The American Humane Association (AHA) announced the national grand prize winner of its Be Kind to Animals Kid Contest at a celebrity studded event at the Mann Chinese Theater in Hollywood on May 2nd.

Thirteen year old Shanin Paige Leeming, from Merritt Island, Florida, has an unmatched history of helping the furred and feathered. It began when, at age seven, she became the youngest volunteer ever accepted at the Central Brevard Humane Society Cocoa, Florida and continues through her regular activities today. She runs the Divine Mercy Pet Club at her school, rehabilitates injured birds in her backyard aviary, and raises a guide puppy.

One of the contest's celebrity judges, who had the difficult task of selecting Leeming and five other national finalists from hundreds of nominations, said, "I truly believe kids are born with a natural affinity to care for the animals we share this earth with. These incredible kids have truly exceeded that potential and I think that adults can learn from their example.

National finalists in alphabetical order include: Twelve year old Sandra Bledsoe from San Antonio, TX, 11 year old David Hamell from Ringwood, NY, twelve year old Patrick Monahan from Moreno Valley, CA, a vegetarian, uses his money to take toys and treats to all of the animals at the shelter for Christmas, nine-year-old Kelley O'Connor from Bethesda Maryland, assists a wildlife rehabilitator with orphaned and injured mammals and prepared a pet care video for her class, and thirteen-year-old Carla Frances Ochoa from Millbrae, CA, who has for the past two years volunteered for the Benicia Vallejo Humane Society.



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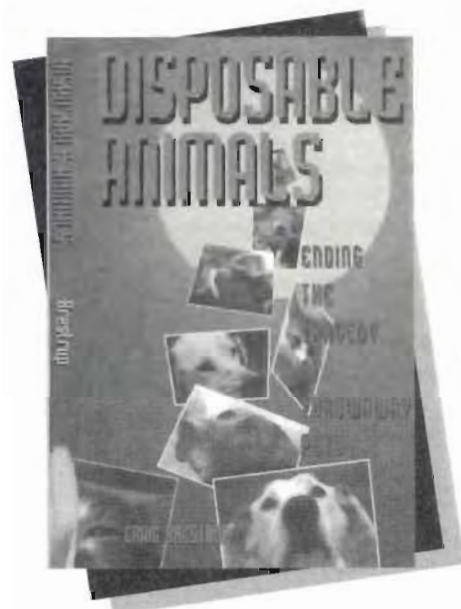
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DISPOSABLE ANIMALS: *Ending the Tragedy of Throwaway Pets*

Correction of the real and ever increasing companion animal overpopulation problem, has more than challenged those concerned with human as well as animal welfare. Various suggested solutions and emotions regarding its management vary widely, though unanimity of thoughtful consideration recognizes that the problem's primary reason d'être is human irresponsibility.



Society's failure to recognize the need for spay/neuter procedures and to accept life time commitments to and for an animal's well being, are two important elements which greatly aggravate the problem. And without providing solace for Animal care agencies and their personnel, they too bear a portion of the blame. That being particularly so, in light of the common practice of animal care agency personnel to imply or verbally assure those surrendering an animal, that a new home will be found for the animal, for in so doing psychologically, the infidelity of those who would abrogate their responsibility for the animal's continued care, is seemingly excused.

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After presenting a detailed discussion concerning the above rationale, *Disposable Animal's* author, Craig Brestrup offers a meaningful and detailed argument concerning the ineffectiveness of surplus animal control through euthanasia. In it, he highlights the paradoxical predicament in which a humane organization presumes to prove its humaneness by killing healthy animals. And, with sincere conviction, he then describes the successful humane operation of a number of "no kill" animal control agencies.

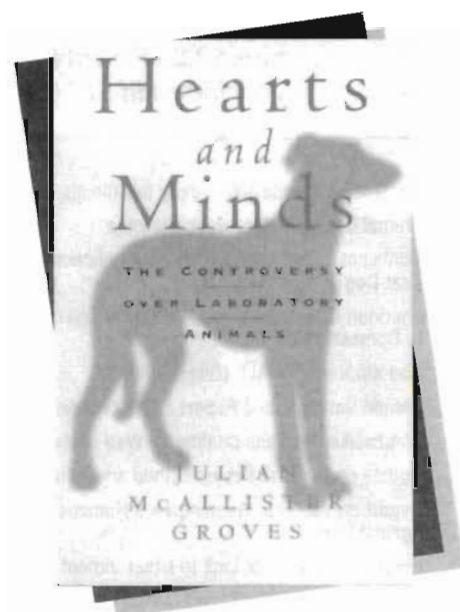
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HEARTS AND MINDS: *The Controversy over Laboratory Animals*

The practice and even the descriptive word "vivisection" is guaranteed to cause an instant and, in many cases, vehement reaction among its opponents and proponents. In both cases their substantiating arguments supposedly fully justify a given position.

If asked, it's very unlikely that there are many individuals to be found, without an opinion concerning either a justification or inculpation of the practice of vivisection. Unfortunately, those who support animal testing are routinely dismissed as mad scientist, emotionless logicians, or sadists with little regard for nonhuman creatures, and animal protection activists are dismissed as hysterics, antisocial radicals, or simple folk who prize rabbits and rats over human beings, whereas neither is entirely the case.



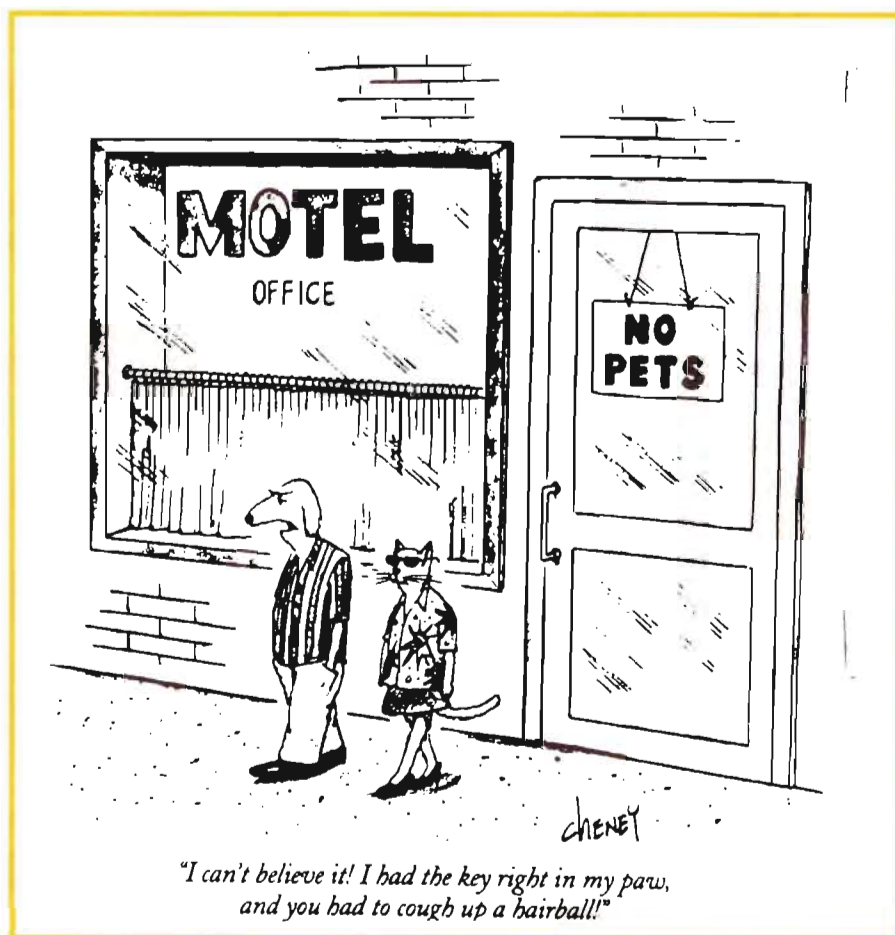
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