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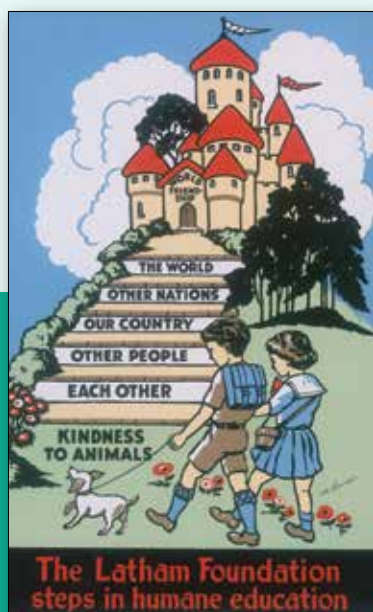


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# NEW SEASON, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

*Hugh H. Tebault, President*

I again have the opportunity to share some of my own expectations and how we at Latham are continuing to promote humane education. Last year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our founding and began a new chapter in our work by providing grants to promote humane education.

The first year of grant selection is now history and we look forward to hearing about the successful outreach that our support helped make possible. We will be highlighting some of those programs in future *Latham Letters*, as we have on this issue's cover. If you have not yet joined the Latham email list, please feel free to do so. [Enter your email here](#) to be notified when future issues of the *Letter* are available.

This year our giving priorities are focused on animal-assisted humane education programs. Note: It is very important to Latham that the program demonstrates benefits to both the humans and the animals involved. Just having an animal join in a program does not automatically qualify it. See our website for more information. Last year we heard about many excellent programs that would qualify and we hope to hear from them again.

The 2019 grant program will accept proposals between July 1, 2019 and July 26, 2019 only. The grant committee will make its decisions at a two-day meeting in August and we will notify

applicants shortly after that. While we can't fund every proposal, it is an honor to hear from so many organizations and learn of their wonderful programs applying Latham principles and making differences in lives each day.

On the educational video front, some readers know that for more than 50 years Latham produced educational video programs for television, and eventually for direct purchase. We have moved all of those educational videos online where they are available for your use. The categories in the new Quick Reference Guide ([see page 30](#)) will help you find the most suitable ones. You can see the complete list, watch previews, and follow prompts to go directly to the library for viewing.

Our new fully digital *Latham Letter* continues to be received with gusto. The digital format allows us to include direct links in articles, making it easier for readers to find additional information. As part of our recent website update, we simplified and expanded your ability to search the *Latham Letter* archives. Use the [SEARCH](#) box immediately below the current magazine image on the *Latham Letters* page. Just enter in the word or words you want to search for – such as HCAB, horse, goat, college – and you'll find all the articles that contain that term in past issues. My hope is that these updates will help and encourage you in your important work.







# LATHAM'S 2019 GRANT PROGRAM

## ANIMAL-ASSISTED HUMANE EDUCATION

**DEADLINE: Friday, July 26, 2019**

**Our 2019 funding priorities are animal-assisted activities that demonstrate people and animals working together for the benefit of both, and include humane education.**

*Proposals will be accepted only between July 1st and July 26th, 2019.*

Grants will range up to \$10,000 and will be for one year beginning September, 2019.

Click here to go directly to Latham's website for an application form and detailed guidelines.

[www.latham.org/grants/general-information/](http://www.latham.org/grants/general-information/)

### *Eligibility*

To be eligible, organizations should be able to show that their animal-assisted program uses education to nurture compassion, empathy, and respect for living beings as described in the first three of Latham's historical Steps to Humane Education: 1) Kindness to animals, 2) Kindness to each other, and 3) Kindness to others.\*

### *Restrictions*

We will not consider proposals for capital projects and equipment, publications, training, conference registrations, or travel. Latham cautions against applying for funds for salaries, as

there is no guarantee that grants will continue past the initial award period.

There are no geographical restrictions; groups outside the U.S. are welcome to apply.

Please feel free to spread this news to your colleagues and through your social media networks.

***\*You can find a detailed description of Latham's Steps to Humane Education at:***

[www.latham.org/about/latham-steps/](http://www.latham.org/about/latham-steps/)

***and Latham's definition of humane education at:***

[www.latham.org/about/what-is-humane-education/](http://www.latham.org/about/what-is-humane-education/)

# GRANTEE REPORT:

## A letter from one of our grantees

By Lynn Hildebrand

*Dear Latham Foundation Staff,*

For decades, the information in your *Latham Letter* has been an inspiration to me. It has motivated me to share new ideas with the students I visit.

Throughout the years, I have relied on your dedication and belief in humane education and your message of promoting kindness to all living creatures.

So why then am I telling you about Stars of HOPE? To me, the stars that adults and children design and the messages they write through that program are tangible evidence of the power of humane education.

**A little history:** I work about half a mile from where the terrorist attacks occurred on December 2, 2015 at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, Calif.

For days afterwards, I would drive by the impromptu memorial. I thought of the children who would not have a mother, father, grandparent, aunt or uncle; I thought of adults who would not have a wife, husband, or child. Sometimes I sat in my car, alone, unable to fathom how someone could be filled with so much hate



*Humane Society of San Bernardino, Calif., and Stars of Hope  
Create Kindness through Humane Education*

as to take the life of 17 innocent people and seriously wound 22 others – People just came to work that day, perhaps contemplating celebrating the upcoming holiday.

One day when I arrived something was different. Objects blew in the breeze from the branches of trees and twirled on the chain link fence. These beautifully created “objects” with messages of caring and concern were Stars of HOPE, created mostly by children who lived in New York and Canada.

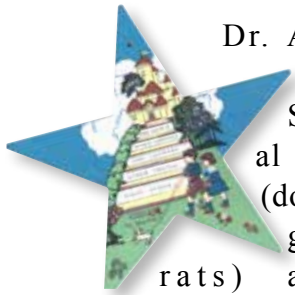
The stars brought a sense of wonderment that people so far away would care about the San Bernardino community. The stars also brought a sense of calm and

peace. To this day, there are stars on the fence.

On weekends, sometimes my dog, Brown Ears, and I would walk the area. Strangers would come up to us, seemingly grateful to have someone to talk with. They patted Brown Ears’ head and stroked her back. You could almost feel the tension and stress leave them.

After IRC employees returned to work, a doctor was always present in case employees felt panic attacks or other post-traumatic stress symptoms. I could not keep from smiling when the doctor entered the room where I was visiting with IRC employees,





Dr. Annie Peterson (Animal Bond Studies), several therapy animals (dogs, mini horses, guinea pigs and rats) and announced, “Now I understand why no one comes to see me!”

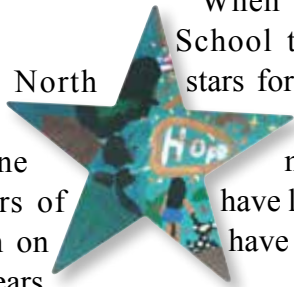
I am also close friends with teachers at North Park Elementary School, where on April 10, 2017 a teacher’s estranged husband entered her classroom and shot and killed her and one of her students.

Two days after the North Park School shooting, students and our humane society staff made Stars of HOPE and placed them on the school fence. Two years later, a few stars still remain. One teacher told me some of the staff consider the stars to be “sacred.” They have taken them into their classrooms and homes. Another teacher said that when she drives to school on Mondays, she feels herself getting tense (Monday was the day of the shooting), but then she sees the stars....

As a culminating activity at our Humane Society Critter Camp, the “campers” make Stars of HOPE. As they paint, I visit with the children. When I asked one young lady about her star, she replied, “I know all about Stars of HOPE. My mom, sister, and I painted Stars of HOPE after the shooting (at Inland Regional). My mom was shot at but not hit.

She stayed with her dying friend.”

When we were making Stars of HOPE at Arrowhead Elementary School for its recent 9/11 Memorial Glade dedication, I knelt down beside a young lady who had drawn the Twin Towers on her star. She said she was not alive when the plane flew into the buildings, but her Great Aunt was driving a truck and the towers collapsed on top of her. On the back of her star she wrote: “God Bless” “I will hold you in my hands.”



When Salinas Elementary School third graders made stars for Iowa and Nebraska (flooding), a young man wrote: “You must have lost a lot, but you still have us.”

I hope you agree that these stories show the empathy and benevolence that is created when people care.

And that is what you have done through your work at the Latham Foundation. I hope the stars that I have enclosed with this letter will be a tangible remembrance of all the kindness you have created in our world through humane education.

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# QUIZ

**1) When was the term “empathy” first used in English?**

**2) How did the Budweiser Clydesdales get their start?**

**Answers page 16**

For more information about Stars of HOPE, visit <https://starsofhopeusa.org>.



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# Florida Teacher Meets Common Core Standards through Humane Education

Reprinted courtesy of the author and the Association of Professional Humane Educators' (APHE\*) *Humane Education Quarterly*, Spring 2019.

**By Amy Callaghan**

I have been a public school educator for more than 25 years. I've become increasingly passionate about animal activism and humane education. During this era of Common Core Standards, and "high stakes" testing, I've been able to continue to fuel my passion in the classroom while keeping my students motivated to prepare for the tests. Each school year, I challenge myself to determine how to incorporate the standards while developing curriculum that integrates humane education.

## Teaching Critical Thinking

Over the years, I have found ways to incorporate current animal issues into the curriculum while maintaining the rigor necessary for students to be proficient on the state's testing. It is a "win-win" in my eyes.

Children are naturally engaged when the topic of animals come up. I use that engagement to push my students to progress in their reading or math standards. About seven years ago, I got involved with the "Empty the Tanks" movement to raise awareness of the cruelty inflicted upon the Orcas held

captive at marine parks like Sea World. I chose this opportunity to encourage my students to think critically about wild animals held in captivity. I shared accurate information on the life spans and habits of Orcas in the wild. Then I modeled an opinion essay using that information to support my statement that Orcas do not belong in captivity. Later, the students read grade appropriate articles on zoos and how they attempt to work towards conservation. Then they were assigned their own opinion essay. This unit met all the school district's English Language Arts (ELA) standards, and motivated my students to write. Soon after that assignment, some of my students would tattle on each other if any of them visited Sea World!

## Teaching Point of View

During Valentine's Day the organization Dogs Deserve Better run their annual "Have a Heart for Dogs" campaign. I can incorporate authentic writing skills here as well. The organization asks children to write valentines from a tethered dog's perspective to their owners,

expressing the hardships of being chained up most of their lives. Once they write the valentines, volunteers deliver them to various homes where tethered dogs reside.

I begin the week-long lesson with the book *Buddy Unchained* by Daisy Bix and illustrated by Joe Hyatt.



Through this true story account of a rescued dog, the children learn the plight of these inhumanely treated dogs, as well as first-person point of view. Then the children write messages from the dog's point of view on valentine stationary, pleading for their owners to do the right thing. The students themselves come up with their own solutions; whether it's bringing the dog inside or surrendering the dog to a rescue group.

I continually seek opportunities to infuse humane education throughout the school day. In fact, one of our classroom rules is be kind to ALL beings. This opens a discussion on the first day of school about what constitutes "beings," including the "creepy crawly" ones that some children





may mindlessly stomp on. After that, some of my students will tattle on each other if they witness a bug being “messed with.”

In the broader sense, opening children’s eyes to the animal world helps them develop a social awareness that is sorely needed during these tumultuous times in our society. Animals are a bi-partisan issue that touch all humans living on this planet. Sending our children out to be ambassadors for animals gives humanity hope for a much-needed planetary shift of compassion toward ALL BEINGS.

*Author Amy Callaghan teaches 3rd grade in Florida*

## SAVE THE DATE!

### APHE National Humane Conference 2020



The Association of Professional Humane Educators (APHE) is a membership organization that provides networking opportunities and resources to those involved with or interested in humane education. Its goal is to empower those who promote empathy through education. For more information visit [www.APHE.org](http://www.APHE.org)

## Latham Grant supports Spring Animal Adventure Camp at San Diego Humane Society

*Dear Latham,*

As a wonderful supporter of our humane education program, I thought you would appreciate seeing some highlights from our recent Spring Animal Adventure Camp. We hosted 41 campers at our San Diego Campus, all of whom were immersed in animal learning and fun to help foster a respect for life and establish the human-animal bond. Campers met our first-ever pig ambassador, Moose, and the oldest campers had the opportunity to view an animal surgery in our veterinary hospital and do a trash clean-up along the San Diego River to help wildlife.

Here’s a fun video from the week:

<https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoHumaneSociety/videos/340555693253583/>



*Moose is ready for her closeup.*

Meet our campers on the next page.



*K and 1st grade campers*



*2nd - 4th grade campers*



*5th - 8th grade campers*



*River Cleanup!*

Quite simply, we wouldn't be able to provide these valuable animal lessons at the San Diego Humane Society without support from friends like you. Thank you for making our work possible!

### **It's Your Time to Shine!**

*If you received a 2018 Latham Humane Education grant and would like us to consider featuring your program here, please contact [JJohns@latham.org](mailto:JJohns@latham.org).*

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TAIPEI, Taiwan. - According to amendments recently approved by the legislature, national education textbooks should include the topics of animal protection and animal rights. The change was a response to a number of cases of cruelty directed against pets, the Taiwanese Central News Agency (CNA) reported.

Lawmakers argued that the incidents showed that the public's knowledge of animal rights was lacking.

The new amendments also compel authorities at every level to devote an annual budget to issues such as the control of stray dogs, diversified adoption measures, and the management of animal shelters.





## Humane Education and IAHAIO

*By Julie Bank,  
Animal Welfare Consultant*

(International Association  
of Human-Animal Interactions)

I loved animals as a kid. While my friends had posters of TV stars hanging on their wall, mine was filled with pictures of all types of animals. I thought I would be a veterinarian despite my mother thinking that it was silly and that I should just be a “real” doctor. As I grew older, I didn’t have the grades for vet school and I didn’t have the knowledge that there was anything else I could do to promote my passion for animals. With no teacher, mentor, or parent to encourage my excitement, my understanding of the world around me became very small and lonely.

It wasn’t until I was much older that I was able to understand

the world of animals. I quickly recognized the power animals had on humans and the role they played in changing lives, especially for children. I began to understand how people experienced unspoken, visceral energy when they were around animals, and depending on the circumstance and the education about the animal, how this could create positive or negative effects. I became conscious of the fact that programming that encourages compassion, respect and understanding of the interdependence of all living things, was extremely important. This helped as I attempted to create a world where kindness and empathy was the norm. Shifting my passion

toward educating others about animals and their responsibility towards them, helped make my world full and large.

So, you can just imagine how excited I was to be accepted as a speaker at the 15th Triennial International Association of Human-Animal Interactions (IAHAIO) conference.

This was my first time attending this conference hosted by





The Sam and Myra Ross Institute at Green Chimneys in Brewster, NY. I knew that I would be enjoying a few days in a great environment, but to be honest, I didn't know what to expect. I was blown away!

The conference started off with visits from a camel, miniature horse, birds of prey and



other resident animals. They were waiting for us as we entered the campus. All of the participants were squealing with delight and taking selfies as if they were teenagers. There was ample amount of time throughout the conference to experience the beautiful grounds, learn about the programs, eat the amazing food, and meet the students and staff at Green Chimneys. What was most powerful for me, however, was the interactions between the participants.

The event drew people from all over the world, all focused on humane education and animal-assisted interactions processes and programs. The group consisted of academics who shared their research, practitioners who shared their experiences, educators who shared their programs

and lay people like me, all wanting to absorb as much information as they could to try to make a difference. Throughout the days, we learned about research from all over the world and listened to oral and poster presentations on animal-assisted interactions for children and implications on mental health. We learned about

how to develop new programs, how to evaluate them, and how to ensure that any animal incorporated into a program is treated as a partner rather than a prop or a tool.

Some standout presentations created a buzz that permeated the room. Pei Feng Su, Founder of ACT Asia, gave us an inspiring look at her organization's humane education program in China. Jens Gaab, Ph.D., University of Basel, Switzerland, asked us to consider the placebo effect in our programs making us all wonder what was "real" and what wasn't.

We even had an emotional moment when we remembered and honored the late and great Sam and Myra Ross for the impact they had on our field.

It didn't matter what each attendee's pedagogy or education was, what country they were from, or what their political ideology was. What mattered was that we were discussing a common theme and learning from one another. Having the opportunity to connect in person with people that I would never have met any other way is something that I will never forget. I made new friends, connected with old friends, and left with tools and techniques that will stay with me forever as I continue to develop as an educator.

The IAHAIO conference gave me a renewed excitement about my field, a sense of vitality, and a community to rely on. It reminded me that I should never feel small and alone again. I encourage everyone to become a member of IAHAIO and plan on attending a conference in the future. You won't regret it.



## The Hope and Recovery Pet (HARP) Program: The Nation's First Emotional Support Animal (ESA) Placement Program



*By Dr. Janet Hoy-Gerlach*

The Hope and Recovery Pet (HARP) Program is a pilot program in Northwest Ohio developed through a unique collaboration between Pro-Medica, a regional non-profit human healthcare system; the Toledo Area Humane Society (TAHS); and the University of Toledo. HARP helps both homeless animals and people living with chronic mental illness through intentionally fostering mental health benefits of the human-animal bond. HARP's goal is two-fold: to improve mental health and well-being for adults living with mental illness, and to increase homes for shelter animals by placing them as Emotional Support Animals (ESAs).

### *What is an Emotional Support Animal?*

There is a lot of controversy and confusion about Emotional Support Animals. An Emotional Support Animal is a companion animal/pet who has been recognized in writing by a licensed mental health provider as therapeutically necessary for a person who is living with a chronic mental illness (Fine et al, 2019).

Unlike trained service animals who perform specific tasks to assist with disabilities, an ESA does not have any special training. While individuals with trained service animals have the right to bring their service animals into public settings with them under the Americans with Disabilities Act, people with ESAs do not have public access rights to bring their ESAs into public settings. However, Emotional Support Animal status is legally recognized in federal housing and air travel legislation, in which having an ESA is recognized as a disability accommodation. Because an ESA is considered a disability accommodation rather than a pet, they are permitted in housing that doesn't allow pets, and pet fees cannot be charged for them. Similarly, ESAs are permitted to accompany their people as a disability accommodation during air travel, however, because ESAs typically do not have extensive training and socialization as service animals do, air travel can be very stressful for an ESA and result in stress behavior that may be disruptive for other travelers.

There has been a great deal of news coverage on ESAs and

air travel recently; the need for an ESA during air travel must be weighed against the animal's welfare and ability to tolerate the stressors of air travel while maintaining appropriate behavior (Hoy-Gerlach & Vincent, under review).

There is likewise confusion about how to obtain an ESA. Unfortunately, there are many predatory websites that claim to designate ESA status for a fee. They provide vests, badges and certificates, all of which are unnecessary. These websites both exploit people with a genuine need for an ESA and serve as a resource for people who do not need an ESA, disingenuously using such websites to fraudulently represent their animals as ESAs to avoid housing and air travel fees.

ESA status for an animal is created through a letter or documentation written by a knowledgeable licensed mental health provider who identifies the animal as therapeutically necessary for a person living with a chronic mental illness, in order to help alleviate the disability/impairment related to the mental illness. The person

who has the ESA should keep the letter on his or her person, and a copy of the letter should be kept in the person's medical chart. The animal may already be living with the person or it may be obtained specifically to serve as an ESA. There is no central ESA registry. While ESAs do not have special training or do specific tasks to help people, they offer crucially needed mental health and well-being support through the natural benefits of human-animal interaction. Natural benefits of human-animal interaction include

scientific statement in 2013 documenting the research supporting the short-term and long-term cardiovascular benefits of having a dog (Levine et al, 2013). While anyone with a pet may experience such benefits, due to the nature of mental illness symptoms and related distress and impairment, a person living with a chronic mental illness may experience such benefits as particularly impactful and helpful. For instance: a person with anxiety may experience a decrease in the physical symptoms of anxiety through

the animal can also help alleviate feelings of isolation and loneliness that can contribute to depression. (Hoy-Gerlach & Vincent, under review)

## HARP

HARP places shelter animals from the Toledo Area Humane Society as Emotional Support Animals for people living with chronic mental illness who are referred by their mental health providers. From a review of literature and discussion with human-animal interaction experts, HARP is currently the only Emotional Support Animal placement program in the United States (Hoy-Gerlach and Vincent, under review).



physical (e.g., decreased heart rate, blood pressure and respiration rate), social (e.g., reduced loneliness) and psychological (e.g., having a purpose and feeling needed) benefits; these benefits are well-documented in research (Hoy-Gerlach & Wehman, 2017). For example, the American Heart Association (AHA) put out a

cuddling or petting an animal; the physical contact triggers physiological processes in a person that reduce heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing.

A person with depression may find the animal's presence to be motivating and activating; e.g., the animal needs care. The presence of

HARP processes and procedures are designed to benefit both people and animals. Qualifications for individual participation in HARP include: 1) desiring a companion animal; 2) having written attestation from a mental health provider that one could experience a mental illness ameliorating benefit through living with an animal; 3) having low income (Medicaid eligible); 4) being identified as at risk of social isolation by referring provider; 5) living independently in stable housing; 6) being capable of caring for an animal; and 7) having no history of harming animals.



The referring providers and patients submit an application to the ProMedica HARP Operations Committee (comprised of animal care professionals and mental health professionals), who screen and evaluate applicants (including a home visit). The HARP application includes appropriate documentation of the therapeutic need for their respective HARP clients to have ESAs, thus designating legal ESA status for the animals adopted through HARP. Approved HARP participants are referred to the Toledo Area Humane Society (TAHS), where staff assists in matching them with animals based on species, temperament, size, and activity level; kittens, cats, and dogs more than one year old are currently adopted out as ESAs.

Upon selecting and adopting an animal as an ESA, HARP participants receive adoption counseling and ongoing behavioral/animal care information as needed from TAHS, as well as ongoing support (phone and home visit check-ins, home delivery of food if needed, reminder calls for vet appointments) from a graduate social work HARP intern who works under supervision from the ProMedica HARP Program Manager, TAHS staff, and the University of Toledo social work faculty. The HARP program is funded through donations, and ProMedica manages the finances. The HARP operations fund managed by ProMedica covers the adoption fee for each animal, as well as ongoing food, supply and

veterinary costs, and temporary housing (if needed due to a participant needing hospitalization or having a temporary inability to provide care) for each animal. Through HARP, individuals who might not be able to afford an ESA but are otherwise capable of caring for an animal are able to experience the benefits of the human-animal bond.

While benefits of companion animals for people are well-researched, there are currently no studies focusing specifically on ESAs. To begin to address this gap, Associate Dean Dr. Barry Scheuermann, kinesiology professor and director of the Cardio-pulmonary and Metabolism Research Lab, and I are conducting an evaluation study of Hope and Recovery Pet (HARP) Program funded by the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust. Twelve adults are enrolled in the study, and live with a cat or dog who was adopted from the Toledo Area Humane Society (TAHS) and designated as an ESA through the HARP Program. All participants live alone, are diagnosed with a chronic mental illness, and were identified as being at risk of social isolation by their respective referring mental health providers. Baseline data, prior to ESA placement, was collected with all study participants. We are in the process of collecting data on participants' psychiatric symptoms, reported loneliness, and biomarkers of stress (cortisol and alpha amylase) and bonding (oxytocin) over a twelve-month period. At the end of the

twelve months, we will complete qualitative interviews to better understand from the participants' perspectives the impact of living with an ESA.

Extrapolating from existing research with people and pets, the purpose of this exploratory study is to examine bonding and stress biomarker levels, psychiatric symptoms and/or loneliness for differences over time. This is the first empirical study on ESAs, and the first longitudinal study of the human-animal bond in terms of biomarkers measured among bonded human-animal pairs.

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regarding human-animal issues encountered in practice. She has conducted free continuing education social work workshops across Northwest Ohio on therapeutic roles of animals, and has presented nationally and internationally on the topic. Janet has served as an expert witness for the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division on Emotional Support Animals, and was appointed to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Interdisciplinary Service Animal Advisory Committee. She served on the board of the Toledo Area Humane Society (TAHS) for nine years, where she developed and supervised graduate social work internships focusing on intersections between human and animal welfare.

**Through HARP, individuals who might not be able to afford an ESA but are otherwise capable of caring for an animal are able to experience the benefits of the human-animal bond.**

## Answers to quiz

1) The word "empathy" first appeared in English in 1909 when it was translated by Edward Bradford Titchener from the German 'Einfühlung' meaning to "feel into."

2) The Budweiser Clydesdales made their first-ever appearance on April 7, 1933. A gift from August A. Busch, Jr. and Adolphus Busch to their father in celebration of the repeal of Prohibition, the presentation of the original two six-horse hitched of champion Clydesdales moved their father, sons, and drivers to tears. The phrase "crying in your beer" was officially coined shortly thereafter.

# CAN PET STORES STILL SELL PUPPIES?

*What happened after the Macerich decision of October 2011?*

*By Debra J. White*

The Macerich Corporation, based in Irvine, Calif., and owner of approximately 70 malls in the USA, made a stunning announcement in October 2011: They would no longer renew the leases of pet stores in their malls. Wow! That shocked everyone including Elizabeth Oreck, national manager of the puppy mill initiative for the Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah. “We were thrilled by the news. The decision will keep puppy stores out of malls, decrease puppy mills sales, and lead to more shelter dog and cat adoptions.”

Dedicated shelters, rescue groups, and national organizations like the ASPCA, HSUS, and Best Friends Animal Society have been working tirelessly for years to increase public awareness of the inhumanity of puppy mills and to shut them down. On April 4, 2008, an eye-popping segment about puppy mills aired on the popular Oprah Winfrey Show. More recently, a gut-wrenching story about puppy mills appeared in the January 3, 2017 issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Nearly all pet stores acquire puppies from puppy mills, although pet store operators disagree.



*Protest outside a pet store*

Su Ewing, an award-winning pet writer, author of 14 books, and past president of the Dog Writers' Association of America and the Cat Writers' Association, says a reputable breeder does not sell to pet stores. Dog breeding has variable standards. A responsible breeder who cares about her litters will keep them indoors, socialize them, feed them properly, and sell them to responsible owners. Backyard breeders and puppy mills breed dogs for the money and could care less about the welfare of the animals.

Puppy mills are cruel, inhumane and barbaric large-

scale breeding operations where female dogs are bred repeatedly whenever possible throughout their lives. Puppy mills keep female dogs and puppies outside in small cages with little or no access to veterinary care. Exposed to heat or cold, they lack socialization and receive scant food or water. By the time the puppies arrive at mall pet stores, they are often sick with communicable diseases and have parasites or skin infections like ringworm. A few arrive dead.

Large scale breeders are supposed to be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture



(USDA) but the ASPCA says only about 2,000 hold such a license. The federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) of 1996 set minimal standards of care for puppy mills, zoos, breeders, and animal research laboratories, but inspections are rare. The Trump administration slashed the number of puppy mill inspections. A *Washington Post* article (2/26/19) indicates that in 2017 there were about 4,000 inspections but in the next year the number fell below 1,800. In fact, the USDA temporarily removed a searchable data base of inspection reports in 2019 from their website. After public outcry, the reports were restored but in heavily redacted form. Some documents were no longer available or did not show the USDA license numbers.

In addition to the thousands of pet stores still in operation, puppies and kittens are now for sale on the internet and Craig's list. It's almost impossible to trace the backgrounds of these animals and discover the conditions in which they were raised. Breeders may post photos on-line, but there's no way to determine if they are authentic. There are plenty of internet scams regarding the sale of purebred puppies.

Besides the welcomed Macerich decision, dozens of cities and two states (Calif. and Md.) passed laws that ban the sale of live animals in retail stores unless they are from a rescue group or shelter. For a complete list of localities with such bans, visit the

the Best Friends Animal Society's website. <https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/states-retail-pet-sale-bans>.

The shelter and rescue communities welcome the closure of these pet stores, but do the malls? No one maintains such data, so there's no way to tell how many shuttered puppy stores became rescue centers. Why should a shelter/rescue group pay rent in a mall when they can operate an adoption center for free at a PetSmart or Petco store? Some small retail chains that cater to pet owners such as the Pet Club also offer free space for adoptions.



*Courtesy of the Arizona Animal Welfare League, the Chandler pet adoption center, site of a former pet store*

Heather Allen, president of HALO, a shelter in Phoenix, wishes that the Macerich Company had offered the former pet store spaces rent-free to rescue groups/shelters and taken a tax write-off. The Macerich Corporation did offer reduced rent to the Arizona Humane Society at the high-end Biltmore shopping center during the last recession and the AHS

did over 7,000 adoptions during their seven years there. However, as the economy improved, so did demand for space at the mall and the AHS had to shut down their off-site adoption center in 2017.

Jill Van Tuyl, operations manager at SAVE, a Friend to Homeless Animals in Skillman, N.J., explains that shelters/rescue groups face challenges in operating mall adoption centers. "There are issues like staffing, transportation, keeping dogs and cats available for adoption, and treating the animals' medical issues." Some shelters with mall adoption centers keep the animals

at the mall while others drive them back and forth from the main shelter or foster homes.

Despite the challenges of operating a satellite operation at a mall, several shelters/rescue groups are successful in Ariz., such as the Arizona Animal Welfare League, HALO and Follow Your Heart, all in the Phoenix area. Without

a national source to draw from, there surely are other shelters/rescue groups that operate adoption centers in malls, some in former pet stores that were closed by the Macerich decision. The Arizona Animal Welfare League (AAWL) took over the space in the Chandler mall in the fall of 2012 once occupied by a pet store whose lease wasn't renewed, explains Judith Gardner, president and CEO. For the first two years the PetSmart corporation paid the rent. After that, the shelter was on their own. A generous business owner stepped in, free of charge, and showed the shelter how to transition the pet adoption center into selling pet products as a way to raise sorely needed funds. Since it opened, the AAWL has adopted 8,400 small dogs, cats, puppies and kittens into loving homes. "Our small paid staff couldn't possibly operate without the volunteer," says Gardner.

Some shelters opened mall adoption centers and then closed them. Take the case of the Humane Society in Naples, Fla. HSN took over a former pet store at the Coastland Center mall. "There was foot traffic but not a lot of adoptions," says Jonathan Foerster, the shelter's director of community affairs. "It became more like a petting zoo." The shelter closed the adoption center after seven years. Because it was a former pet store, only small animals could be housed there. HSN plans to open a new facility with an open cat room and cages for larger dogs.

Dave Bernacchi, founder of Pets4Luv, operated an adoption center for three years in the Source mall in Westbury, N.Y. They placed more than 700 animals in good homes, but ran into a snag when a new company bought the mall. Bernacchi said the new owners initially agreed to renew their lease but then reneged on the deal. As of this writing, Pets4Luv is fighting to stay in the mall. Real estate prices are steep in that part of Long Island.

### *The Good News*

There is a trend towards adoption and away from pet stores. Elizabeth Oreck of Best Friends and others in the shelter community believe that more pet stores will be closed either by law or by awareness of the appalling conditions of puppy mills.

### *The Challenges*

However, the pet store industry is fighting back. The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) argues that such legal bans inhibit pet store owners from the right to operate a business. PIJAC president Mike Bober says shutting down pet stores is a disservice to the community. "We want a pet owner to find the pet that best fits their needs," Bober says. The pet store industry recently scored a success in Ariz. According to Howard Fischer of the Arizona Capitol Times (5-19-16), Governor Doug Ducey overturned two laws passed by the cities of Phoenix and Tempe that obligated mall pet stores to make rescued dogs/cats available

for adoption. He did this despite proponents of the law making him aware that dogs in puppy mills could be kept in crates stacked three feet high and kept in cages 'round the clock that were only cleaned once a week.

The rescue industry remains challenged. Millions of dogs and cats enter the shelter system every year. Those who aren't or can't be adopted are humanely euthanized. As long as the public remains infatuated with designer dogs like Labradoodles and Cockapoos and keeps paying thousands of dollars for purebreds at pet stores, shelters must be creative in finding new homes for the animals in their care. Elizabeth Oreck of the Best Friends Animal Society and others such as Jan McClellan who started her activism in 2007 continue to work toward shutting down puppy mills. Advocates for shelter animals are undaunted. They protest regularly outside mall pet stores, trying to close them down. Every weekend, depending on the weather, McClellan leads a group of protesters outside one of the three remaining pet stores in the Phoenix area.

"However, there's no doubt that retail puppy stores are dying and rescues are growing because of the ongoing exposés, investigations, outreach by the humane community, legal bans on commercial pet sales, and progressive thinking," says McClellan.

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# The Human-Companion Animal Bond: *More Good News*

## LaSalle University Opens Its Doors to Pet Dogs

LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Penn., is among the first in the U.S. to allow students to keep approved dogs on campus as pets. While Service Dogs and Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) are permitted for students in need, this new policy will allow upperclassmen who choose to live in the dog-friendly residence to apply to bring an approved dog with them to campus. Amenities include a dog-run for exercise, on-campus washing station, and dog-friendly lounge space.

Said Vice President of Student Affairs Dawn Soufleris, Ph.D., “We recognize that there are mental, physical, and emotional benefits to having a pet, and are excited to provide this option to our on-campus community.”

Roommates must agree and there are many other logical requirements, but overall, we congratulate LaSalle on this progressive policy.

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## *Therapy Dogs Offer Comfort to Grieving Families*

According to Jamie Keim-Thurman, funeral director of Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapels in Troy and Hawk Point, Mo., funeral homes around the country are adding therapy dogs as a comfort to grieving families. She said she expects the trend to grow.

“Families grieving a loved one are able to speak more openly around an animal,” Keim-Thurman explained. She owns a therapy dog named Yeti.

“Statistics show that grieving families’ blood pressure levels are down whenever an animal is present, so they’re able to describe their loved ones better,” she said. “I always feel that I can write a more colorful picture of an individual’s life when Yeti is with us because the family is more at ease.”

Although the National Funeral Directors Association does not keep a record of funeral homes with therapy dogs, the association has seen an increase in the past few years. According to a survey taken by the association to gauge interest, more than half of the

participants said they would like to interact with a therapy dog at a funeral or memorial service.

Excerpted from an article by Naomi Klinge in the *Columbia Missourian*, Federated Publications, Inc. A Gannett Site.





# The LINK



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[www.NationalLinkCoalition.org](http://www.NationalLinkCoalition.org)  
 Phil Arkow, Coordinator

## The International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO) Issues Position Statement on Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence Calling ABUSE AGAINST HUMANS AND ANIMALS “UNACCEPTABLE.”

Acknowledging “the link between domestic violence and animal abuse, IAHAIO has issued a position statement on The Link calling for greater public education, professional training, academic research, and interdisciplinary partnerships.

The statement calls for continued development of practical initiatives to reduce the legal, ethical, safety, training, and economic barriers that often deter professionals from detecting, reporting, and reducing human and animal abuse. It emphasizes that the complex societal challenges involved in interpersonal and interspecies violence require integrated solutions by multiple stakeholders.

The statement was drafted by Ian Robertson, a veterinarian and attorney in New Zealand, and edited by National Link Coalition Coordinator Phil Arkow.

The National Link Coalition is named as a resource.

Following several international gatherings of scholars and practitioners of animal-assisted therapy beginning in 1977, IAHAIO was incorporated in 1992 to turn long-standing working relationships into a formal association. IAHAIO convenes triennially, with the 2019 conference held at Green Chimneys in Brewster, N.Y. (see page 11)

This is believed to be the first position statement offered by the group, although IAHAIO has periodically published white papers and declarations addressing the welfare of animals in therapy programs, guidelines for therapy and school interventions, and the One Health movement.

*IAHAIO is the global network of human-animal interaction organizations.*

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



## OKLAHOMA CITY YWCA OPENS PET KENNELS

Earlier this year *The Oklahoman* newspaper featured the Oklahoma City YWCA's new program to provide co-sheltering kennels for the animal survivors of domestic violence.

"She saved my life in more ways than one and I wasn't going anywhere without her," said one woman. Even as she lay in a hospital bed with broken bones and covered in bruises, fear for what might happen to her dog kept her from seeking shelter from her abusive ex-boyfriend.



YWCA Facilities Director Philip Cross worked with volunteers to build a dog kennel at the facility. Citing National Link Coalition statistics, the article reported that the YWCA opened eight kennels earlier this year for dogs that have been approved through a system and that have updated shots and vet checks.

The Wilshire Charitable Foundation paid for the kennels and OKC's Pet Food Pantry installed them. "This doesn't have to be a barrier for shelters," said Kim Pempin, Pantry President

and Founder. Last year, the Pantry installed eight kennels at the Homeless Alliance in Oklahoma City and two at the Women's Resource Center in Norman. Pempin said shelters in Durant and Stillwater also are considering plans to build kennels on site this year. "This is a very workable plan."

Prior to opening pet kennels, the Norman shelter had to turn away 43 people because they were not able to bring their pets with them and they were not willing to come without them.

The article shared the story of the survivor whose ex-boyfriend nearly beat her to death in her home. The dog provided a distraction, allowing her to escape to a neighbor, where she called for help. "[The dog] was lunging and snapping at the boyfriend and barking. He punched her and then threw her against a wall," she said. "It was terrible, but it was enough that he had to take his hands off me to focus on her and that gave me time to get up onto my feet."

The YWCA made an exception for the dog, allowing the woman to keep the dog in her room at the shelter and keeping the traumatized pair together while they recovered. With her abuser in jail and assistance from the shelter, the two settled into a new apartment where they continue the recovery process and encourage others to seek help.

"There are no excuses anymore," Pempin said. "You can save your and your animals' life. What are you waiting for?"



### New! The National Sheriffs' Association Animal Cruelty App

The National Sheriffs' Association Animal Cruelty App is designed to assist law enforcement officers in recognizing and understanding the nexus between animal abuse and other criminal offenses. It contains multiple mini-training modules and questions to assist in determining if animal abuse is occurring in connection with crimes such as domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse. It also contains a resource section with informative website links, and the publication *Animal Cruelty as a Gateway to More Serious Offenses*. Of special note is a form for recording and documenting crimes while the officer is on scene at an incident. Available in the Apple App store; Free.

# DOGS AND COYOTES

## What you need to know

Coyotes are common in urban areas. Understanding canine behavior and modifying our own behavior is essential to peaceful coexistence with our wild neighbors.

### UNDERSTANDING COYOTE BEHAVIOR

- Most interactions with coyotes in urban areas result from the presence of a dog, and/or from intentional or unintentional food availability.
- Coyotes are much like our domestic dogs and share similar behaviors. Curiosity and play are often misinterpreted as being “bold” or aggressive.
- Coyotes are naturally timid, but may view dogs as a threat or as competitors for territories, and for resources. They may defend their mates, their territory, and their pups during breeding season (winter) and pup rearing season (spring & summer). Understandably, they have a young family to protect.
- Coyotes may attempt to escort or divert your dog away from a den site or a food resource. Coyotes do not want to injure themselves, so they may put on a show to get your dog to move along, including a bluff charge or hunching the back, dropping the head and showing teeth. These “threat displays” are intended to scare your dog away without the risk of making physical contact. If the dog doesn’t move away, or engages the coyote, the threat may escalate. **Keep in mind that coyotes in the West weigh only 18-35 pounds!**
- Coyotes’ primary food sources in our cities include rats, gophers, insects, fruit. But human and pet foods (and water) may attract coyotes, so eliminate these attractants to reduce negative encounters.
- Many confrontational behaviors are seasonal, and are often a result of bold dog behavior.

### HOW TO COEXIST

- Never let your dog chase or play with a coyote.
- In an area where coyotes have been seen, keep your dog closer to you than usual, and keep them under full control (voice-control or leash) at all times.
- Be aware of what is happening around you and what your dog is doing at all times.
- To protect your small dog, in coyote areas:
  - Avoid using a flexi-leash
  - Avoid walking near bushy areas or “edge zones”
  - Stand or walk with other people, and/or larger dogs
  - Avoid walking small dogs at dawn
- If a coyote gets too close for your comfort, **and you can make and maintain eye contact**, leash your larger dog or pick up your small dog, and haze the coyote (learn how to do this correctly using our *Coyote Hazing Field Guide*). If the coyote doesn’t leave, it’s likely there’s a den, pups, or food source that the coyote is protecting. Don’t run. Leave the area calmly. Change your routine to avoid this challenging area for awhile.
- If a coyote performs a threat display, or two or more coyotes charge your larger dog(s), leash up, leave the area calmly, and report it to your local animal control or humane society.

*Note: A coyote has never harmed a person in our city; in contrast, more than 3,000 people are bitten by domestic dogs each year.*

**Open spaces and urban areas belong to all of us — people, dogs and wildlife. By being responsible dog guardians and minimizing dog interactions with coyotes, we can give each other “breathing room” and peacefully coexist.**

### PROJECTCOYOTE.ORG

Project Coyote is a national coalition of scientists and educators working together to help communities coexist peacefully with wildlife in urban and rural environments.







### NORMAL URBAN COYOTE BEHAVIOR

- Active in the daytime and nighttime
- Most active at dusk and dawn
- Watching you and your dog in plain view or from a camouflaged position (like dogs, coyotes are curious)
- Sitting on a hill in plain view
- Relaxing or playing in a field or other grassy area
- Walking and not paying attention to you
- Following you and your dog with curiosity from a comfortable distance
- Hunting gophers in fields and meadows
- "Escorting" your dog away from den/territory, food or pups during pup rearing season (spring & summer)
- Bluff charging your dog in an attempt to move your dog away from pups, during pup rearing season (spring & summer)
- Standing his or her ground unfazed by your attempts to scare him/her away, during pup rearing season (spring & summer)
- Waiting at stop lights to cross busy streets
- Dashing across a trail
- More than one coyote relaxing together or greeting each other
- Hearing coyotes howling and yipping (they are greeting, communicating and defining territories)
- When hazed, trots away, then stops and looks back (keep hazing until the coyote leaves)

### WHEN TO TAKE ACTION (HAZE)

- If a coyote approaches to a proximity that you feel is uncomfortable and you can make and maintain eye contact, do not turn and run, haze the coyote according to our *Coyote Hazing Field Guide*, available in SF parks or download from ProjectCoyote.org
- When coyote seems interested in the food you are carrying, even if he doesn't approach, but hangs around appearing to wait for a handout
- Coyote is in your yard, unless you think there could be a den on your property

### QUICK COYOTE HAZING TOOLS

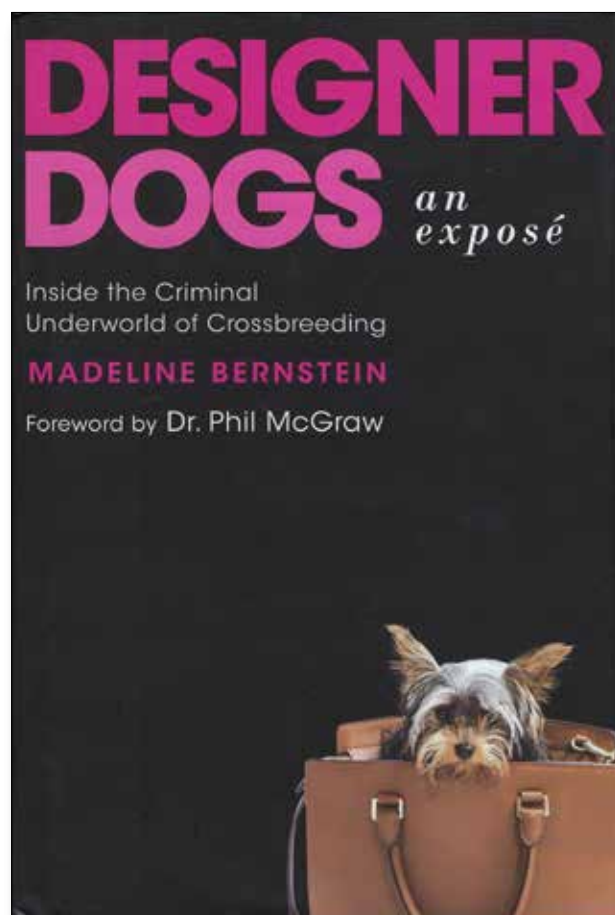
- Surprise with a pop-up umbrella or simple noise maker (keep a penny in a shiny soda can and shake!).
- Wave your arms overhead, make direct eye contact and yell, "Go away coyote!" Don't stop until the coyote leaves.
- Pick up your small dog or put your large dog behind you before you haze so that the coyote focuses on you and your message.
- Download our *Coyote Hazing Field Guide* from ProjectCoyote.org to learn the why, when, where, and how of correcting unusual coyote behavior. Hazing must be done correctly and consistently to be effective.
- Living well with our wild neighbors is a community effort; please share this information widely!



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# MEDIA REVIEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ***Designer Dogs – an exposé Inside the Criminal Underworld of Crossbreeding***

By Madeline Bernstein  
Foreword by Dr. Phil McGraw

***Reviewed by Judy Johns***

I admit it. I've oohed and aahed over many a goldendoodle and labradoodle, even knowing that the man who first bred goldendoodles with the best of intentions came to regret it. And I've smiled at all the cute little breed combos, even though I thought some of them were silly. But I'd never thought about what was behind this increasingly popular trend until I read

Bernstein's book, *Designer Dogs*. Some say that it is one of the most important animal industry exposés ever published, and I agree.

*Designer Dogs* is sure to be controversial because many dog owners love their "combos," feeling they have the best features of two or more breeds, but this book will open readers' eyes about the health consequences of our culture's obsession

with unusual dogs. Bernstein reveals how this has led to a world of "disposable pets" – puppies and adult dogs abandoned when their medical expenses become too costly and added to the 6.5 million animals entering shelters each year, or put on the street.

As president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) and of the California Animal Welfare Association, she offers informed insight into what lies ahead: made-to-order puppies; hybrid animals; shorter life spans for dogs; and even the extinction of breeds like the French bulldog, King

Charles spaniel, and others. She also shares her work busting an international dog trafficking ring.

Author Madeline Bernstein has written numerous articles on animal welfare, and her blog on the subject won the CBS People's Choice Award in 2011. In 2012 she was the first distinguished visiting animal advocate for the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School, in Portland, Oregon. She has been the recipient of many prestigious awards. Bernstein travels nationwide as an expert speaker and is regularly featured on TV and radio programs, and in print media.

Erica Gaudet Hughes, Executive Director of the California Animal Welfare Association, says, "With sharp wit, wisdom, and candor, Bernstein walks through the dark side of our national obsession with designer dogs. This is an important read for any fan of our four-legged friends."

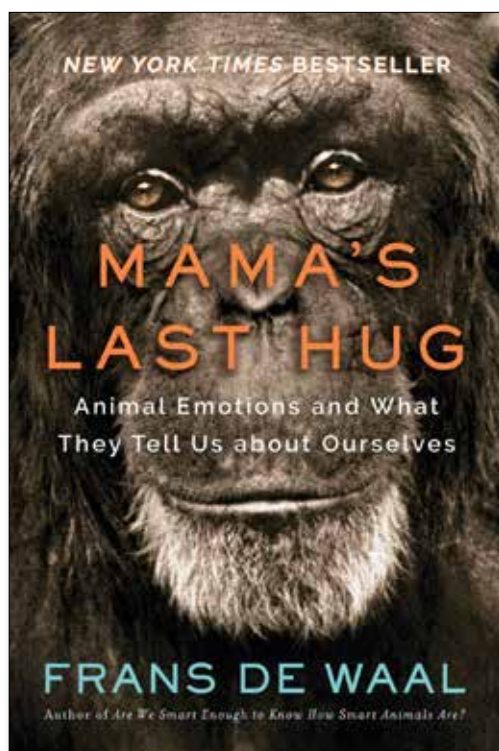
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### ***Mama's Last Hug: Animal Emotions and What They Tell Us about Ourselves***

By Frans de Waal

*Mama's Last Hug* delivers a fascinating exploration of the rich emotional lives of animals. De Waal, a noted primatologist, is convinced that animals do not operate merely on instinct.

The book begins with the death of Mama, a chimpanzee matriarch who formed a deep bond with biologist Jan van Hooff. When Mama was dying, van Hooff took the unusual step of visiting her in her night cage for a last hug. Their goodbyes were filmed and went viral. Millions of people were deeply moved by the way Mama embraced the professor, welcoming him with a big smile while reassuring him by patting his neck in a gesture often

considered typically human but that is, in fact, common to all primates. This story and others like it form the core of de Waal's argument, showing that humans are not the only species with the capacity for love, hate, fear, shame, guilt, joy, disgust, and empathy.

De Waal discusses facial expressions, the emotions behind human politics, the illusion of free will, animal sentience, and, of course, Mama's life and death. The message is one of continuity between us and other species. *Mama's Last Hug* opens our hearts and minds to the many ways in which humans and other animals are connected, transforming how we view the living world around us.

For de Waal, taking the measure of animals' wordless consciousness, and wordless pain, is a moral imperative.

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### ***Sarge, the Veteran's Best Friend***

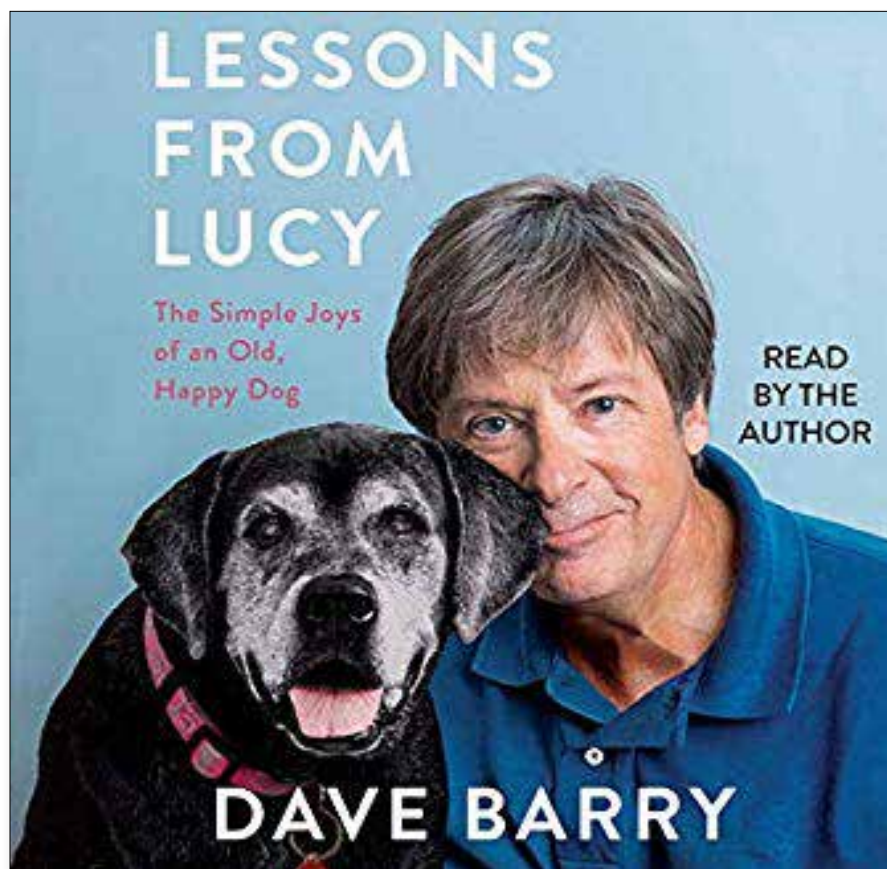
By Otto and John Payton

This father and son team has done it again. *Sarge, the Veteran's Best Friend*, like *Marvin's Shining Star* (reviewed in *The Latham Letter* Fall 2016), is a true story of the journey of an unwanted dog through an Oklahoma prison dog program called Friends for Folks. It is a story of how a gift of unconditional love can transform an animal or a person into one capable of giving love to others, resulting in a ripple effect in our society.

Thanks to a grant from the Harris Foundation, schools across Oklahoma are using *Sarge* to help children heal from the traumatic effects of parental incarceration. Oklahoma has one of the highest incarceration rates in the nation, and this book is an attempt to help break the multigenerational effects of incarceration. *Sarge*, which is dedicated to veterans and their families, made the Oklahoma best sellers list for children's books last year.

You can see both *Star* and *Sarge* on YouTube in "[Dogs of Lexington](#)," which is an Emmy-nominated documentary about Oklahoma's prison dog program. (See also Latham's video "[Hope Unleashed](#)".) Both books are available at Full Circle Books in Oklahoma City, Okla. [www.fullcirclebooks.com](http://www.fullcirclebooks.com)





***Lessons from Lucy  
The Simple Joys of an Old,  
Happy Dog***

By Dave Barry

Faced with the obstacles and challenges of life after middle age, Dave Barry turns to his best dog, Lucy, to learn how to live his best life. From “Make New Friends” (an unfortunate fail when he can’t overcome his dislike for mankind) to “Don’t Stop Having Fun,” Dave navigates his later years with good humor and grace. Lucy teaches Dave how to live in the present, how to let go of daily grievances, and how to feel good in your own skin. The lessons are drawn from Dave’s routine humiliations and stream-of-consciousness accounts of the absurdities of daily life, which will leave you laughing with recognition.

Whether he’s trying to “Pay Attention to the People You Love” (even when your brain is not listening), or deciding to “Let Go of Your Anger,” Dave Barry’s *Lessons From Lucy* is a witty and wise guide to joyous living.

Stephen King says it best: “*Lessons from Lucy* is extremely funny (in a couple of places I laughed until water ran from my eyes and a slightly thicker fluid came from my nose). You’d expect that from Dave Barry. What you might not expect is how insightful it is, and how downright touching.

“If you’ve grown old along with Dave, who is now seventy, you will want to read this book. You’ll also want to read it if you’re a dog lover, but that’s optional. These are very lively life lessons even for the canine-impaired.”

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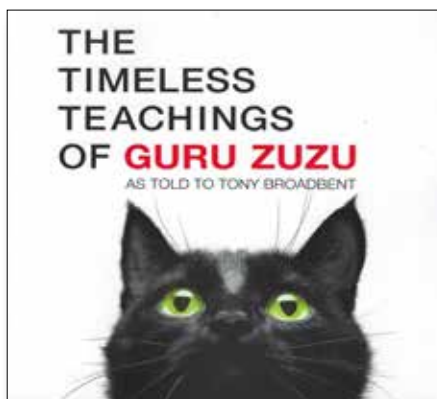
***The Timeless Teachings  
of Guru Zuzu***

By Tony Broadbent

When author Tony Broadbent began observing his cat Zuzu in all her daily wanderings, he found she led him to new pathways of thought, new insights, and an unexpected trove of wisdom.

In tribute to the beloved little Bombay pussycat that he took as his teacher, Tony has collected some of the teachings of Guru Zuzu into this enchanting book. He has coupled them with illustrations that celebrate all cats, in the simple hope that you may delight in them too. And perhaps, as he did, also find some small measure of enlightenment for the way ahead.

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***Service Dog Coaching: A Guide for Pet Dog Trainers***  
By Veronica Sanchez, M.Ed., CPPDT-KA CABC

To be clear, this book is not intended for individuals who want to train their own dogs as service dogs. Rather, it is written for professional dog trainers wanting to get into the business – and rewarding work – of coaching human and dog teams for service work.

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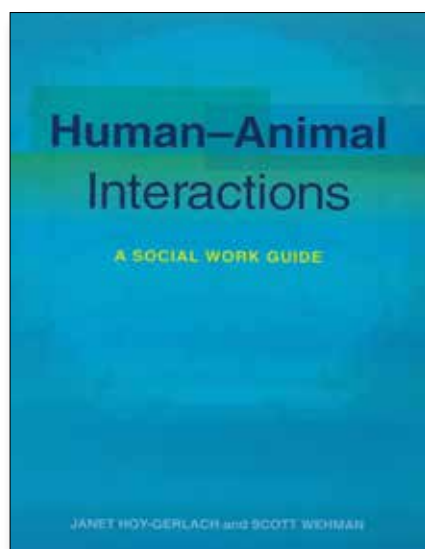
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collaborators with owner-trainers of service dogs."

Veronica Sanchez is the founder of the Cooperative Paws Service Dog Coach certificate program for professional pet dog trainers.

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One-third of the book sale royalties goes to the Toledo Area Humane Society, which provides Master of Social Work internships and innovative human-animal support programming.

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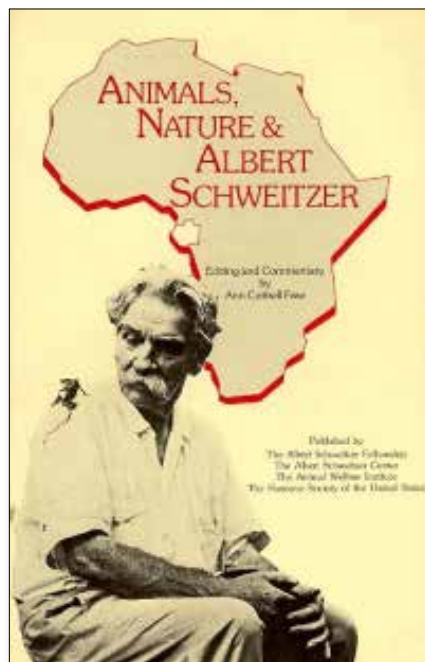
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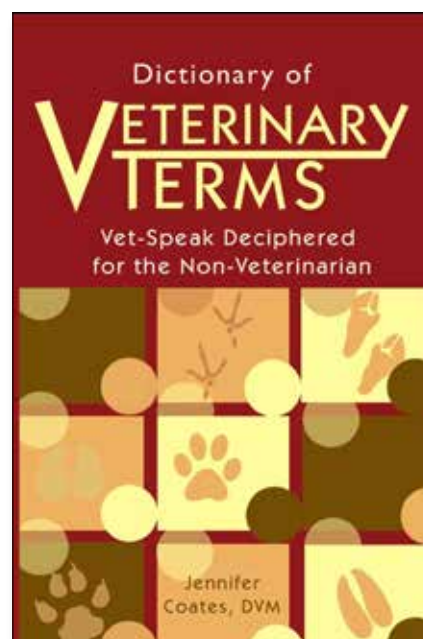
volunteers at those five nurseries and from reviews of procedural manuals, budgets, and administrative documents – combined with the expertise of The National Kitten Coalition on how to care for vulnerable kittens. Learn more about the Coalition and download a free copy of the Manual at <http://www.kittencoalition.org/resources/kitten-nursery-manual>.



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By Jennifer Coates, DVM

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