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September

Sat. 9/9 – 12-5pm. Mix 96.5 Dog Day Afternoon at Salvation Station, 466 Riverside Drive, Asheville. Food, music, vendors, games, educational talks from REACH stage and Ultimate Air Dogs. Presented by Prestige Subaru. Adoptable dogs from rescue groups. \$8 admission. Portion of day[’s proceeds will go to rescue groups. For more details call the Salvage Station at 828 407-0521 or Mix 96.5 at 828 259-9695. Or email to info@salvagestation.com.

Sun. 9/10 – 12-5pm. Doggie Dip at Recreation Park Pool, 65 Gashes Creek Rd., Asheville. Dogs can swim, socialize. Current vaccinations mandatory. \$5 in advance, \$10 at pool. More at ashevilenc.gov/parks or facebook.com/aprca. Or call the pool at 828 298-0880.

Thur. 9/14 – 6:15pm. Start of fall obedience classes from Obedience Club of Asheville. Fairview Community Center, 1357Charlotte Highway. Classes thru 11/2. Dogs must be current with all recommended vaccinations. \$80 fee. For registration form or more details visit OCA4info@gmail.com or call 828 678-3345.

Sat. 9/16 – 2-5pm. Rockin’ FUR the Cats at Asheville’s Grey Eagle to benefit Feline Urgent Rescue of WNC. Mewsic by Pleasure Chest, silent auction. Tickets at thegreyeagle.com or furof-wnc1@gmail.com. More at furofwnc1@gmail.com

Multi-family yard sale, vendors, food, inflatables for the kids, boating, paddle boarding, more. Visit lakelogan.org/special-events or sargeanimals.org or call 828 246-9050 for details.

October

Thur. 10/5 – 6-9pm. 9th Annual Sarge’s Furry Friends Benefit Bash, Laurel Ridge Country Club, Waynesville. Dinner, music, auction with auctioneer Todd Thompson. Trips, jewelry, art, much more on the block. \$75 per person, table sponsorships available. More at sargeanimals.org.

Sat. 10/7 – 11am-12pm. 5th Annual Blessing of the Pets, Laurel Park Green, Hendersonville. Parking available across street at First Congregational Church, 1735 Fifth Ave. West.

Sun. 10/8 – 1-5pm. Bark in the Park, Mark Watson Park, Sylva. Agility, hunting, tracking demonstrations, dancing with dogs, rescued dogs and puppies for adoption, face painting, K-9 bingo, costume contest. Details at Town of Sylva: 828 586-2719

Sun. 10/8 – 9am-12pm. AKC Good Citizen testing by WCDFA. Mark Watson Park, Sylva. \$10 per dog/handler team. Also testing for Canine Good Citizen Advanced and AKC Trick Dog title. Information, registration at ncdogwich@yahoo.com.

Sat. 10/28 – 1-5pm. Black Mountain Halloween Parade and Costume Contest. Parading free, costume contest \$5 for a

pet only, \$8 for a pet and human team. For details call Bone-A-Fide Pet Boutique at 828 669-0706.

Sat. 10/28 – 10am-5pm. Heart of Brevard’s 35th Annual HALLOWEENFEST, downtown Brevard. For Pet Parade and Contest information visit info@brevardnc.org or call 828-884-3278

Sat. 10/28 – 5-8pm. Rooftop Halloween pet costume party at Aloft Downtown Hotel, Asheville. Music by Stevie Lee Combs band. \$5 for people, pets free. Photographer, groomer on hand. Portion of their fees plus all admission fees go to Charlie’s Angels Animal Rescue. For more details call 844 513-2936.

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Every Wed., Sat., Sun. - 10am. BWAR. Outward Hounds Hiking Club meets at shelter to take dogs on hikes. volunteer@bwar.org.

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What to Google? “Dog Trainer” or “Behavior Consultant”?

by Kim Brophrey, (Applied Ethologist, CDBC, CPDT-KA)

Your new dog ambushed your elderly neighbor with such a wild display of leaping and barking that it almost knocked the poor gal off the porch. Then he destroyed your living room rug.

So now what? Google “dog trainer”? Or maybe “dog behaviorist”? If you do, a heap of websites will pop up, describing all kinds of services and experience dealing with all kinds of canine behavior problems. Some even have nice pictures of professionals with various letters and certifications after their names. So how does one sift through the options to just find the help they need to keep life copacetic with their pooch?

Many owners are surprised to discover that dog training /behavior is an unregulated field. No formal education is needed before someone can call herself/himself a dog trainer, expert, behaviorist, or any variation of these terms. And there are, unfortunately in my opinion, seemingly countless “certificates” and “certifications” that trainers can acquire from unregulated schools and programs offering curriculum that may or may not be based on sound science and best practices.

The good news is that there are a few national/international organizations working to make the field more credible. These organizations have stringent, high standards for certification dependent on a professional’s demonstration of knowledge and practices based on sound, established behavioral science. They have specific requirements of dog professionals, test candidates’ knowledge of canine science and learning. They also provide continuing education to keep dog professionals current on the latest research in canine behavior (requiring such continuing education to maintain credentials for certified members). The bad news is that these legitimate certifications (i.e. CPDT, CDBC) are voluntary and, given the investment into education required for them, very few dog professionals actually acquire them.

Another thing to consider in your quest to solve your dog’s problems is the kind of professional you need. Most folks think “dog training” will solve all of their problems, when they often need a deeper level of intervention to effectively solve those problems. Hiring a dog trainer might suffice to teach a dog some new skills or crack basic everyday troubles. But many dog owners need

much more in the way of problem intervention.

As in any relationship, problems are often far more complicated than rewards and punishments—often having roots and reasons in the environment, genetics, and health of one or both parties. Those circumstances can be game-changers, catalysts, and facilitators. If the source of a behavior problem is not discovered, then the solution will most surely fail to address the real issues. When we are past the point of superficial skills and rules we need a different level of professional help. That level of professional help should have an educational background in integrated canine science, adept critical thinking, problem-solving skills with both dogs and humans, and the proven experience and creativity to apply the right solutions to effectively create change.

Truthfully, the “dog training” mold might be ill-fitted for many 21st century dogs. With most of us facing at least some level of complexity in our dog’s behavior challenges, given our hectic lives and largely indoor lifestyles, the whole concept of simply “teaching” them to be “good” is a little misleading. While some dogs can do great with a just a little formal instruction about the basics, most will at some point require a more in-depth assessment of the reasons behind and solutions for the issues that arise — from overly dramatic behavior on the leash to anxiety about the vet. What many people need is a kind of mixed-species family therapist to guide them through all the obstacles they face and the goals they have for their dog.

If you need professional help that goes beyond “sit” and “stay”, consider a professional specializing in more complicated or serious canine problems. A certified dog behavior consultant (CDBC) might very well be what you need to be Googling to equip yourself with the insights into all the details that make your dog tick.

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Note: The International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC) provides a consultant locator on their webpage at iaabc.org, as well as educational resources such as articles and courses for professionals and dog owners alike.

Selling your home when you have pets: A balancing act

by Susan Young

Nationally, 56% of homeowners share their home with pets. And in the Asheville area it’s a pretty good guess that this number is higher. WNC people love our dogs and when it’s time to sell our home we have to balance our companion’s needs with those of a potential buyer.

Most internet articles will tell you to send Skippy on a vacation. That’s as likely as sending the kids to boarding school so the house can stay organized. Skippy isn’t going anywhere so we need to work around this. There are two aspects to selling a home with pets that we need to look at; cleanliness and logistics.

This is the time to be honest with yourself. Even if you groom your pets daily they still bring dirt into your home. Give everything a good scrub down. Vacuum daily to remove pet hair. Wipe down base trim and wall corners that your dog(s) rub up against. Remove nose prints from windows before each showing. Repair any damage that your pet has done to your home. Clean litterboxes multiple times a day and use high quality kitty litter to help mask the smell. Put away toys and remove any pee pads. Pay attention to odors.

We get used to the odor our own pets bring to our home but be sure that buyers will smell it. Use Febreeze liberally, baking soda in litterboxes and carpet

cleaner on the rugs. In the summer, run your air-conditioning during showings and put a good HEPA filter on your furnace to help filter the air. Even if potential buyers are also pet owners, they will be more grossed out by other peoples “dirt” than they are by their own. So eliminate it as much as you can.

Don’t forget the yard. Buyers look for omens to tell them if this is the house for them and stepping in Skippy’s little “gifts” is not a good omen! Lastly, don’t be surprised if your pets start having house training issues. They feel your stress plus the added stress of strangers coming in when you are not home. When pets get stressed, accidents happen.

So what do you do with your pets while your home is being shown? Cats will pretty much disappear but if you have one that might be an escape artist then invest in a large dog crate or cat pen for extra security during showings. Locking Kitty in a bedroom is not a good option. We want buyers to have full access to your house and not have to worry about letting your pet escape.

Dogs are another story. It IS NOT ok to let your dog loose in the house when it is being shown. This is a very bad idea. Even people who love dogs will be nervous around a dog they don’t know and you know what? Your dog will be afraid

of them, too. I don’t care how friendly and well socialized Skippy is, their home is being invaded by strangers and this puts them in a bad spot. Do I guard the house? Do I let them in? This is not fair to Skippy and it’s unfair to put him in this situation.

You have the ability to set your showing instructions to give you some lead time when your home is being shown. Give yourself enough time that you can run home and crate your dog or remove him altogether. Maybe this is a good time to check out a doggy day care in your area, or maybe a dog walker who can run over and get Skippy out of the house for a an hour. If the dog must stay home and a crate is not an option, put him/her in the laundry room or a bathroom (think small, easy to view from the door) and put up a secure baby gate. This confines your dog and gives them a barrier between them and the intruder. That provides a sense of security for people and pets alike.

Selling a home is stressful for everyone. But with some planning you can balance the stresses and make the process work comfortably for all concerned.



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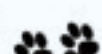
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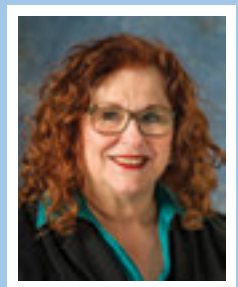
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Mixing It Up with Multiple Species – Part I

by Ryan Jo Summers

For thirty years I’ve had multiple species in my home, and yes, there have been a few disagreements. I like to refer to my pet-style as ‘The Brady Bunch’: full and diverse.

In the late 90’s I had a mature Lhasa and adopted two kittens. There was much hissing and spitting at first as the kittens weren’t sure about the dog. Within a week or two, they all



Rabbit, Delaine, ignores cat, Muldoone.

learned the universal standard that cats rule and dogs drool. Actually, Tasha never drooled, but she learned cats required space.

I’ve always had parakeets. As the kittens grew, I had to modify the birds’ cage location. It started out sitting on a table and soon ended up hanging from the ceiling, free of nearby feline launch pads. With a little forethought,

everyone lived harmoniously—and safely. I had goldfish, hamsters and a turtle during that time and never had a problem keeping the peace once safe cage locations were established. It also required having safe places for the small animals while cleaning their little homes: the hamsters rolled about in a plastic ball and the fish swam in a temporary bowl.

Then I married and the family grew by another mature dog and cat. The dogs never became BFF’s but they did tolerate each other. The felines took a few weeks to establish their new hierarchy. The goldfish were eventually replaced with tropical fish with huge aquariums. Truthfully, I had a harder time keeping the kids out of the water than the cats.

After my last parakeet, I moved up to a macaw. The cage went from hanging from the ceiling to standing six feet tall off the floor. Instead of finding ways to protect the bird from the cats, I now had to protect the cats—and everyone else in the household—from the bird. “Taz” even chased a hundred pound Labrador from a room when he was trying to bathe in the water dish.

Somewhere in there I adopted a rabbit who became good buddies to one of my collies. Another bunny liked to hop about and tease the cats, who instinctively knew not to mess with those powerful back feet. One day I caught my fifteen-pound Maine Coon Cat yowling and reared back in a corner, trying desperately to escape my four-pound dwarf rabbit who fancied himself a ninja. It all

worked out without anyone losing fur.

Instinct has been my best partner for maintaining peace over multiple species. Combined with some forethought and planning, I’ve never had a serious situation, though I’ve survived plenty of funny ones. Like when the macaw went to unlock the rabbit’s cage and got bitten—and then got stuck on its cage. 🐾



Rabbit, Jade, and Collie, Kip.

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Salvage Station to host Dog Day Afternoon

The event will be held on Saturday, September 9 from noon until 5pm, and will be the first time the popular Salvage Station venue at 466 Riverside Drive will allow pets other than service dogs into its outdoor facility.

Dog Day Afternoon is organized by radio station Mix 96.5 and presented by Prestige Subaru. The event will include spectator and participatory events for people and their dogs. In addition, experts will speak on pet health, behavior and training on the REACH Emergency Care stage. And area rescue groups will bring adoptable dogs to meet, greet and, possibly, find a forever home.

Ingles is bringing the Ultimate Air Dogs to the Dog Day Afternoon. Competitive Labs, Goldens, Border Collies, Australian Shepherds and Canines of Unknown Origin will be after the top prizes in dock diving events. But they could be beaten out by late entrants since all dogs are welcome to join the competitions, which will be held three times during the Afternoon.

There will also be other events to provide fun for spectating people and participating dogs alike. One of the highlights of the day will be the competition to determine the fastest and the slowest dog in Asheville. And in a politically incorrect event

closed to all but dogs of a certain breed, there will be Weiner dog races. In addition, a Boxer Kissing Booth will be there to show a little love to visitors, and a Pet Lookalike Contest will also be held. (Note: Complete rules and a list of judges were not available at PetGazette press time, so it is not clear whether dogs will have to lookalike their owner, or could lookalike, say, Lady GaGa. It is hoped that those questions will be definitively answered before the competition, as will be the question of whether

all contestants get participation certificates.)

Tickets for Dog Day Afternoon are just \$8 at the entrance for humans. Leashed dogs get in free. A portion of the events proceeds will support Asheville Humane Society, Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, Charlie’s Angels Animal Rescue, and Boxer Butts and Other Mutts.

Prestige Subaru will also give visitors a chance to experience the 2018 Subaru Outback, featuring standard symmetrical all-wheel drive. The new Outbacks are now available with “New Dog Smell” thanks to the Asheville Humane Society.

For up-to-date information about Dog Day Afternoon call the Salvage Station at

828 407-0521 or Mix 96.5 at 828 259-9695. Or email to info@salvagestation.com. 🐾

Hendersonville church offers Blessing of Pets

The Fifth Annual Blessing of the Pets will take place on Saturday, October 7 in Hendersonville’s Laurel Park Green. All are invited to bring their pet of any kind to be blessed by Pastor Richard Weidler of the First Congregational Church of Hendersonville. The Blessing will begin at 11am and continue until all pets are blessed.

Organizers are hopeful that the weather will once again be clear and even more pets will be blessed than the 51 that Pastor Weidler blessed in the 2016 event.

The Blessing of the Pets was started in memory of Jane Harlow Peck, who passed away in 2012. She was a member of the First Congregational Church who provided decades of service to people and their beloved animals in

Henderson County. Peck introduced the “Paws for Love” Therapy Dog Program to the county and served as its director for many years. Working with the Alliance for Therapy Dogs she got the local affiliate, “Paws for Love”, established on a firm foundation and served as its director for many years.

Peck was also very active in the Foothills Golden Retriever Rescue, the Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club and the Obedience Club of Asheville. In addition, she was an active member of the Hendersonville Kennel Club for 25 years.

Parking for the Blessing will be available across from the Laurel Park Green in the church parking lot at 1735 Fifth Ave. West. Water and pet treats will be provided. 🐾



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Hyperbaric chamber available soon for area pets and vets

A useful therapeutic tool used to treat humans for over 20 years will soon be on-line at the REACH emergency and specialty animal hospital. The new veterinary hyperbaric chamber, slated to start helping patients in mid-October, is being installed as part of the addition to the REACH facility.



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The new equipment is designed specifically for veterinary use for animals up to 180lbs. Like the chambers made for human use, it works by infusing medical grade oxygen into affected tissue at a much higher level than any familiar treatment. The result is that patients heal more quickly.

For example, according to REACH head Dr. Randy Wetzel, treatment in the chamber

could promote healing even in infected wounds that wouldn't respond to routine antibiotic treatment. He also mentioned "a partial list" of medical problems in smaller animals that could benefit from treatment in the hyperbaric chamber: smoke inhalation, snakebite, burns, abscesses, bites and slipped discs. He also said that hyperbaric treatment could sometimes even make surgery unnecessary.

The chamber being installed at REACH was developed and produced by Hyperbaric Veterinary Medicine, HVM. Their web site – hvmed.com – has more detailed explanations of hyperbaric treatment and case studies of pets treated for some common and serious injuries. The treatment is often referred to by its acronym, HBOT, for hyperbaric oxygen therapy, and is recognized by Medicare for its effectiveness. According to the HVM site, over 1000 human hospitals treat patients with HBOT.

Dr. Wetzel said that he and some of the others on the REACH staff are currently being trained in HBOT. Staff veterinarian Dr. Paula Levine is already familiar with HBOT, having used it previously in her Florida practice.

Pet patients getting HBOT are sedated on a case by case basis, but Wetzel estimated that the majority would not need it. The chamber's windows make it possible for the pet's owner to be visible to the pet being treated, which reduces its stress and anxiety levels. In any case there is always a staff member viewing the procedure.

The HVM machine being installed at the REACH facility on Brevard Road in Asheville will become only the third presently in the Carolinas. One of the existing two is in Matthews, NC, 142 miles away. The other is in Mt. Pleasant, SC, 269 miles away.



Dr. Randy Wetzel and a satisfied patient.

Dr. Wetzel expects that he will be getting many referrals from other veterinarians once the new system is operative at REACH. That expectation is based on the combination of the effectiveness of HBOT and the new accessibility to it that his practice is bringing to Western North Carolina.

Doggie Dip once again at Recreation Park Pool

The Asheville Parks and Recreation Department and the Asheville Humane Society will again present the popular Doggie Dip at the Recreation Park Pool.

The 2017 edition, the Fourth Annual, will be on Sunday, September 10.

The event will run from 12 noon until 5pm. Dogs 35 pounds and under will have the pool to themselves from noon until 2pm. Dogs over 35 pounds will be unleashed into the water at 2pm and welcome to swim away until 5pm. All dogs must have been spayed or neutered, and dog parents must show proof that their pooch is current with all vaccinations. All dogs must be registered, either in advance or on the day of the event. If registering on that day, be sure to have proof of vaccinations.

Fees for Doggie Dip are \$5 if purchased in advance, \$10 if purchased on the day of the event. Spectators can watch the splashing and splashing for \$1.

Recreation Park Pool is at 65 Gashes Creek Road, Asheville. To get there take Swannanoa River Road roughly 3/4miles past the Asheville Municipal Golf Course, turn right on Azalea Road, then take the first right, almost immediately, onto Gashes Creek Road. The pool is in less than 1/4 mile. Plenty of parking is available.

For more information about the Fourth Annual Doggie Dip go to ashevillenc.gov/parks or [facebook.com/aprca](https://www.facebook.com/aprca). Or call the pool at 828 298-0880.

Healing & Heeling the Dog Within

Asheville, NC is a bastion of alternative practices and ideas. To add to this vibrant alternative community, a local veterinarian and a biologist/dog trainer are joining forces to present *Healing & Heeling the Dog Within*, a series of educational talks on a favorite topic of many - DOGS!

Healing & Heeling Mission

The mission of *Healing & Heeling* talks is to share alternative ways to train and care for WNC's beloved pups. In both the training and veterinary fields, standard approaches



Kathryn Gubista, PhD on left, Laurin Cooke, DVM right, lucky dogs in center.

are useful, but often limiting. New techniques represent new solutions to old problems that may not only surprise you, but also turn your unhealthy, ill-mannered dog into the dog of your dreams. Both Gubista and Cooke have years of experience and are anxious to share their knowledge with dog lovers everywhere. They think beyond long-established methods and use new techniques to solve old problems with renewed success.

HEALING the Dog Within

Laurin Cooke, DVM, founded *Creature Comfort Mobile Laser and Healing* in 2016. Her nurturing house call practice sets animals and their owners on the path towards greater well-being and health. She offers consultations in nutrition and gentle holistic medicine, in addition to providing noninvasive laser therapy to arthritic pets.

Dr. Cooke's therapies build health from within because a healthy animal is less susceptible to injuries, parasites, and chronic diseases. Using a holistic approach to medicine, she seeks to understand and correct the root cause underlying an animal's illness by examining physical factors along with emotional, environmental, and nutritional imbalances. She encourages high quality foods and exercise that allow dogs to thrive. Along with being a veterinarian, her background includes teaching in zoos and doing research in Africa.

HEELING the Dog Within

The *Dog's Perspective* is an alternative dog training approach practiced by Kathryn R. Gubista, PhD (Dr. K) at *Lucky Dog Training Asheville*. This training philosophy comes from the dog's point of view. *The Dog's Perspective* methodology is a canine version of *Positive Discipline*, an extremely popular and highly effective approach used by many

parents to raise young children with love and guidance.

The *Dog's Perspective* thinks outside the constraints of the reward/punishment approach to emphasize dog biology

in training, especially natural dog behavior. This approach is both dog-friendly and human-friendly. Training techniques are not only humane, but also "dogmane". This training approach is successful with dogs of all breeds, ages and temperaments. The combination of being a dog trainer, evolutionary biologist and former zookeeper provides Dr. K with a unique approach to understanding and working with dogs, as well as to teaching others about dogs and dog training.

Talks & Presentations

Gubista and Cooke both look forward to sharing stories and information they have acquired over the years working with all types of animals. They have five fascinating topics of discussion that cover life with dogs from puppyhood through golden years.

If you would like to learn more and schedule a *Healing & Heeling talk*, please contact either Dr. K or Dr. Cooke (see contact below). Their goal is to help as many people possible to heal and heel their dogs so they could ultimately achieve the dog of their dreams.

Kathryn R. Gubista, PhD owns and operates *Lucky Dog Training Asheville*. She can be reached at TrainingLuckyDogs@gmail.com. Laurin Cooke, DVM, owns and operates *Creature Comfort Mobile Laser*. She can be reached at CreatureComfortLaser@yahoo.com.



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Why I Don't Declaw

by Karel Carnohan DVM

This is a controversial subject in the veterinary world. In the United States, a large proportion of veterinarians declaw cats. That is not true in the rest of the world, where declawing is often considered mutilation and abuse and outlawed. The US is the only advanced country allowing declawing.

Most people with declawed cats have never been educated by their vets as to what it really is and what the long-term consequences can be. This is my attempt to help people understand why I consider declawing cruel and will not declaw a cat. There is no "proper" way to declaw a cat. Vets who claim using a laser and good post surgical pain control are ignoring the fact that declawing permanently changes the way a cat walks. It has long-term consequences.

Declawing is a surgical procedure, also called onychectomy, in which the animal's toes are amputated at the last joint. Yes! It is AMPUTATING your cat's toes. Most people do not realize that the distal digit (bone) - not only the nail - is removed, usually when the cat is young. While some cats will have immediate complications from the procedure, it may be months or years before the damaging effects of declawing become obvious. Declawing may result in permanent lameness, arthritis, and other long-term complications. The chronic pain can create behavior problems such as biting and poor litter box habits.

Why does amputating the toes cause problems? Because cats normally walk with their toes bearing the weight of their bodies; each step is cushioned by the pad under the toe. The last digit, with its nail attached, is critical in distributing the weight evenly so the cat is cushioned by its pads. When that last digit is removed, the cat's full weight bears down on the next digit, sometimes driving it through the pad, causing extreme pain. No vet is perfect, and there have been many instances of bits of bone being left behind. The entire nail is not removed, causing it to grow back abnormally and often painfully. Or the vet accidentally cuts the end of the remaining digital bone, creating a knife-like cutting edge.

To compensate for the pain in their tender paws, cats will attempt to shift their weight

farther back on their feet, in effect walking on their "wrists". The stresses caused by the abnormal posture and movement may produce arthritis in the legs, which, in turn, may cause more suffering.

There are good alternatives to declawing - scratching posts, soft-paws (which are quite stylish) and interactive toys. Scratching is a natural behavior which promotes well-being in your cat.

I have been accused by my colleagues of being "emotional" about this issue, that there is no "proof" of the long-term problems associated with declawing. But the intake manager at a shelter or animal pound will tell you the number one reason cats are surrendered is inappropriate elimination - in other words, peeing and pooping outside the box. A large percentage of these cats are declawed and don't want to use the box because it hurts their paws. Walk a mile in my shoes and see the pain declawing can produce. YOU BET I AM EMOTIONAL!

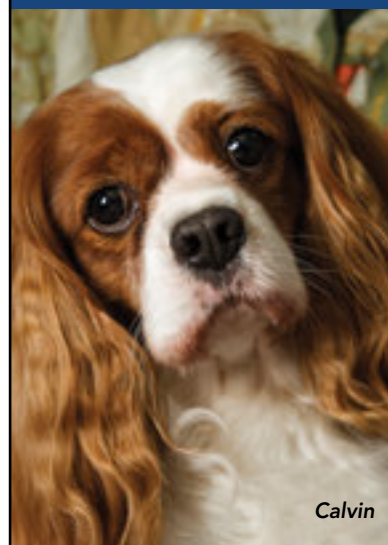
Studies are underway to provide the proof that many of us already understand. And efforts are underway in several states, including New Jersey and New York, to ban declawing. It is an uphill battle because declawing is a very profitable business and the veterinary industry and its lobbyists fight these laws. But the industry is changing because vets and cat people are becoming much more knowledgeable about declawing.

There are good people leading the fight and many vets are choosing not to declaw. Dr. Jennifer Conrad's movie "The Paw Project" is eye-opening; Dr. Marty Becker is a leading advocate for cats and their paws; talk show host Steve Dale is against declawing; Cole & Marmalade, Lil Bub and City The Kitty ask you to raise your paws against this cruelty. Check out their Facebook pages for more information.

Please join me and raise your hand for cats' paws.

After a long career in finance, Dr. Carnohan returned to school and graduated from the Kansas State College of Veterinary Medicine at the tender age of 50. She bought the Cat Care Clinic of Asheville in August 2013.

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Parade and costume contest again in Black Mountain

On Saturday, October 28, the 2017 edition of Black Mountain's annual Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest will march through downtown.

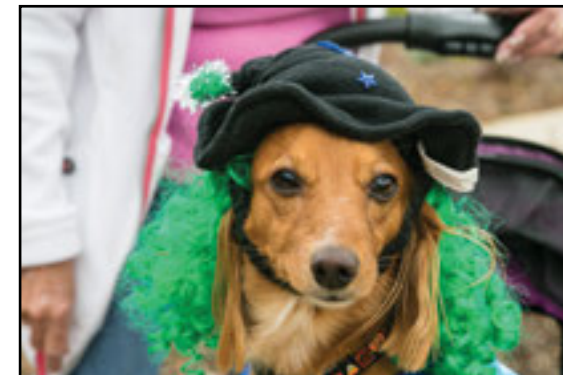
Participation in the parade is free for children of all ages and their pets. But there are fees for the Costume Contest:

\$5 for a pet only, \$8 for a pet and human team. Prizes will be awarded for the three best costumes in each category. There will also be grand prizes.

Contest registration will begin at 1pm in the Town Square at the corner of Montreat Road and State Street. The

parade will start at 3pm and be followed by the Costume Contest. Proceeds from the costume contest will be donated to area animal rescue organizations.

For more information, call Bone-A-Fide Pet Boutique at 828 669-0706.



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*"There will also
be grand prizes."*



Contestants prepare for parade

Doggie Dash in Mills River September 17

A one mile Doggie Dash has been added to the other fall running events at the Mills River Park, 124 Town Center Drive at 8:30am. A portion of the proceeds from all events will benefit the Blue Ridge Humane Society.

The first-ever one mile Doggie Dash for person-pet pairs is in addition to the established 5K and 10K races.

The entry fee for Doggie Dash participants is \$15 whenever they register. Entry fee for 5K runners is \$35 if registered by September 13, \$40 on race day. The fee for 10K runners is \$40 before September 13, \$45 race day.

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Family Fall Fest, Community Yard Sale September 30 at Lake Logan

Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation and the Lake Logan Conference Center will jointly sponsor a Family Fall Fest and Community Yard Sale from 8am to 1pm Saturday, Sept. 30, at Lake Logan.

The event will offer fun for the whole family. There will be a multi-organization and multi-family yard sale, vendors, food, inflatables for the kids, boating and paddle boarding, the Alpine Tower and more. Sarge's will have adoptable animals at the Fall Fest ready to join a new family. Entry to the event and parking are free.

Booths are available for crafters and those wanting to participate in the yard sale for \$20. Vendor opportunities are also available. Visit lakelogan.org/special-events for more information and/or to reserve a space.

Lake Logan Conference Center is a ministry of The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. The Center hosts retreats, family reunions, weddings, and corporate meetings. It welcomes a wide range of groups to Lake Logan, where the natural surroundings restores and rejuvenate.

Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation rescues adoptable animals for adoption in Haywood County or transport to a no-kill shelter or breed-specific rescue group elsewhere. Animals rescued from the shelter are spayed/neutered and brought up to date on shots and other medical treatments. They are given a safe haven, either in a foster home or at Sarge's Adoption Center in Waynesville, while in search of a loving "forever" home. For more information visit sargeanimals.org or call 828 246-9050.

Furry Friends Benefit Bash benefits Sarge's

The Ninth Annual Furry Friends Benefit Bash will be held at 6pm Thursday, October 5, at the Laurel Ridge Country Club in Waynesville. Proceeds from the evening of fun, food, music and bidding, both silent and live, will go to help the work of Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation.

...the winner's dog's picture on the 2018 Sarge's Dog Walk T-shirt

"Laurel Ridge Country Club is a beautiful setting for the event," said Bash co-chairman Gary Smith. "Come join Sarge's for an evening of fun celebrating the animals we love."

Before the dinner, guests will be able to bid on silent auction items, including many dining opportunities, golf and spa packages, and unique items for people and their pets. The live auction will include an overnight package at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort, vacation packages and a special "tag-along work day." The Bash will feature "Buy-It-Now"

auction items at a fixed price —first come, first buy — and will include specialty items, sculptures, art pieces and the ever-popular rights to have the winner's dog's picture on the 2018 Sarge's Dog Walk T-shirt.

The evening's auctioneer will be Todd Thompson, owner of Thompson Carr Auction in Sevierville, Tennessee. Thompson also owns the world-famous Charity Pros Benefit Auction Service.

"Sarge's is grateful to The Mountaineer and Harrah's Cherokee Resort Casino for partnering with us to support the Furry Friends Benefit Bash," said Smith.

Dinner at the Bash will be a sit-down affair. Diners can choose either a sirloin steak/chicken Marsala combination or a vegetarian entrée, both with side dishes, salad and dessert. Menu selections must be turned in by September 28. There will also be a cash bar for those who work up a thirst bidding, or need a little liquid fortification to work up their courage to bid on the more expensive offerings.

Tickets for the Bash may be purchased for \$75 per person at Sarge's Adoption Center, 256 Industrial Park Drive, Waynesville. Table sponsorships are available for \$650, which will reserve a table for

eight guests. Call 828-246-9050 or visit sargeanimals.org. Attendees may purchase with PayPal or a credit card at sargeanimals.org/furry-friends or use the 'Donate Social' button on Sarge's Facebook page.



Pictured are some of the 150 attendees enjoying the dinner and auctions at a past Furry Friends Benefit Bash.

"Last year's Furry Friends Benefit Bash was the liveliest, most fun, of any of the eight Bashes Sarge's has held," said Sarah Jane League, co-chairman of the 2017 event. "All those interested in attending are urged to get tickets soon, since the event sold-out the last three years."

FUR mewsical fundraiser at Grey Eagle

On Saturday, September 16, Feline Urgent Rescue of WNC (FUR) will host a roof-raising fundraiser called Rockin' FUR the Cats at Asheville's Grey Eagle, the home of new mewsical talent.

The festivities, the first-ever in Asheville for Waynesville-based FUR, will run from 2 until 5pm. The popular band, Pleasure Chest, masters of blues, soul and rock n' roll, will provide the mewsic. T-shirts featuring the event logo will be available to buy, and there will be a drawing for various prizes. There will also be a silent auction of donated gifts of goods and services with the proceeds going to FUR.

Items up for bid will include a diamond necklace, courtesy of Susan Marie Designs in Asheville; a weekend retreat in Maggie Valley; a gift certificate for services at Wink Hair Salon in Biltmore Village; various goods and services from firms in Biltmore Village, Biltmore Park, Asheville, Waynesville and Maggie

Valley; and show tickets and dinner for two at the Grey Eagle itself.

The Grey Eagle, opened in June 1999, has become known for its food and drink as well as its musical offerings. Its popular Tacqueria will be open for the afternoon to sell original and tasty appetizers and full meals. The bar, too, will be open, selling all kinds of creative cocktails as well as a selection of beers too vast to cover in limited space. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$20, and sponsorships are available for \$75. Sponsors will get recognition on the Sponsor Board, two tickets to the event, and a Sponsor Gift. Tickets

are available through the Grey Eagle and FUR websites: thegreyeagle.com, furofwnc.com. Tickets will also be available at the door of the Grey Eagle at 185 Clingman Avenue in Asheville.

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Pets in Spirit

by Renee Takacs

Have you ever woken from your morning slumber with the sensation of your pet jumping onto your bed? Were you temporarily confused when you realized that your pet is actually deceased and in Spirit?

Many of us, with beloved pet friends in Spirit, have been visited by them. They have chosen to contact us either in spirit form or through other natural signs. As we surrender and trust during those non-analytical moments, these visits can open us to expanded states of awareness, acceptance, healing and gratitude. We can receive assurance of the continuity of life and the bonds of love which flow between spiritual and physical domains.

I want to share with you a few experiences from clients who have been contacted by their pet friend after their pet transitioned into Spirit. My hope is this may validate for you those moments when you feel contact was made. What if you choose to accept this energetic connection through your heart and soul's perception? What could you learn from it? Could it provide a more expanded way of considering the death process with less fear and more trust in the continuity of life?

Clients have reported contact being made through various avenues of nature. One was leaving her vet's office where her kitty had been euthanized. It was a sunny day in July as she sat crying in her car, attempting to compose herself to drive home. Through teary eyes, she watched as a yellow butterfly

flew across her windshield. In that moment, she had a 'knowing' this was a sign from her kitty. Her spirit was now free, and her kitty was all right. The client experienced a 'peaceful feeling' while observing this moment. Paying attention to how you are feeling when you sense a sign can validate your experience.

Another client's kitty left on her own volition during her sleep in the daytime. Later that summer evening, a lone firefly remained blinking at the client's bedroom window. She had a knowing and feeling it was a sign from her kitty. Her kitty was now in her light body once again and was at peace, blinking "I'm okay, so long for now."

I also had a personal friendship with this kitty. After she passed I, too, was visited by a lone firefly, who appeared in the middle of my living room the night after her passing. I knew in an instant that this was our kitty friend sending me a loving message.

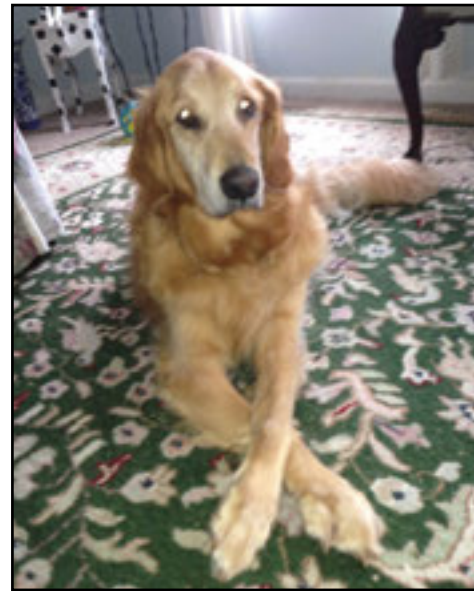
Please know that once your pet friends are in Spirit, they can be present with you at the speed of a thought. They are willing to connect with you as you are able to relax, receive and remain open to their presence or the signs they send.

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Pet Obituaries

Hunter – VP Customer Relations at PetGazette

Our beloved Hunter went to Rainbow Bridge on Tuesday, 8/8/17 at age twelve. He left peacefully from home with the help of a caring veterinarian and held by his loving parents. His increasing medical issues and the pain they caused made helping his departure the only loving choice.



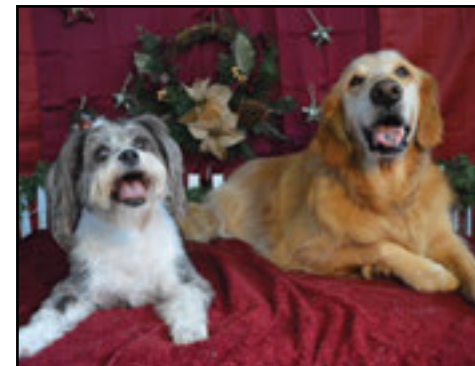
We adopted Hunter from Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue in July, 2014, when he was nine. One look at him on their website was all it took for us to be on our way to Raleigh, and return with a back seat chock full of panting Golden Retriever. He was a big boy, and we soon learned he had a positive genius for knowing where you wanted to step, then stretching full length in that place. Otherwise he was extremely dignified and rested with his long legs crossed in front of him, as if waiting for the butler to serve tea.

Although Hunter had some strange aversions for a Golden, (He wouldn't chase tennis balls and he didn't swim!), his heart and love were exactly what any Golden lover would expect. He was a joy to us, and to friends and neighbors, for the three years he was with us. When school starts again, the neighborhood kids will miss saying hello on their way to and from the bus. And Ollie, the terrier next door, will miss the afternoon ArfArf/WoofWoof bark-off which both he and Hunter believed they won.

We'll miss seeing him rolling on his back in the grass, and bounding up with a giant smile on his face that lifted our spirits. He was a Velcro dog. It seemed that he was always no more than a foot from one of us, no matter what room or activity – under the computer desk, behind the recliner, under the kitchen table- how close could he get? How did he do it, big as he was?

For all his sweetness, he was a defender of his people, too. His bark, frequently and loudly exercised, was enough to scare away any unknowing intruder – in fact during a period of break-ins on our street, ours was the only house not burglarized. Non-intruders, such as guests at the door, soon learned that those barks were simply a very enthusiastic "Hello! Glad You're Here! Let me escort you to the couch and get hair all over you!"

The only person or animal that Hunter never barked at was Rosie, our rescued Shih-Tzu/Terrier, who serves as VP of Credit and Collections for PetGazette. No one says "no" to Rosie, especially Hunter. Maybe it was because she was the senior dog in our home and he deferred to her because of it. But it's more likely that he deferred to her because in his generation in dog years, gentlemen defer to ladies, and Hunter was a true gentleman.



We are so glad Hunter was here, for a too short time. We hope that Hunter's final three years were as wonderful for him as they were for us. We have been blessed to have had many wonderful dogs in our lives and he was one of the biggest blessings of all.

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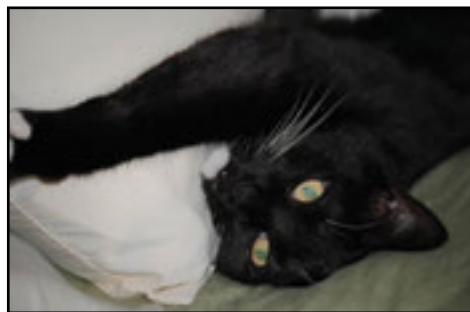
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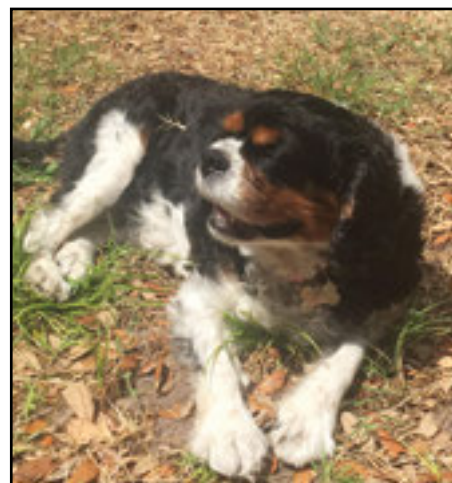
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Georgia

Elvis, aka "Mr. Man"

Rest well, Elvis, aka "Mr. Man." You brought much joy and laughter to this home for the past 17 years. We will miss your soft, whiskery kisses and playful antics. My greatest hope is that you're running and pouncing at the Rainbow Bridge. Missing you and love you dearly, Little Man.

Jeanne Naber

Georgia

Dear Georgia: our house feels so empty without you and I have a hole in my heart. I can't look at your picture without crying. The pain has been intense, and your dad feels the same way. We would rather feel this pain than not have had you in our lives. We loved all our furry kids, but you were by far the sweetest and most gentle dog. My greatest hope is we will meet again someday. Love you, and miss you terribly.

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Wags to Riches fundraiser benefits BRHS

It's a dinner. It's a dance. It's an auction. It's the 7th Annual Wags to Riches dinner-dance and silent auction on Saturday, September 30 at the Hendersonville Country Club. And if you don't go, you won't be there.

Proceeds from the fundraising evening will benefit the Blue Ridge Humane Society. Activities for the evening will benefit everyone who attends. They can all dine and drink and then dance to the music of the 96.5 House Band, which covers all the great music of the last four decades.

Of course, not everyone can attend because only 250 tickets to Wags to Riches will be sold. No one wants to be crowded while dining, dancing, drinking and bidding.

Speaking of bidding: Paula Roberts, Resource and Event Director for the Blue Ridge Humane Society, spoke about the humongous number and quality of the items donated for the evening's auction. Think really valuable estate jewelry – the kind that people argue over in a divorce. Or think

tickets to major football and basketball games – the kind that people argue over in a divorce. Or think golf trips, golf equipment, gourmet dinners or a guest DJ for your own party. And the second best part is, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE THERE TO BID.

BRHS is so eager to maximize the return on the donated auction items that it has arranged for on-line participation in the auction. How considerate can they get? Potential bidders can register at qtego.net/qlink/blueridgehumane. But if you just bid on line, you'll miss the dining, dancing and drinking part - not to mention the chance to take a selfie with one of the cute, furry BRHS Shelter Celebrities who

will be there.

The best part of Wags to Riches is that all of the dining, dancing, drinking and bidding can be yours for \$100 per person, \$65 of which is tax deductible. \$100! So order your tickets today. Go to blueridgehumane.org/wags-riches-rsvp. Order a couple of tickets. Or a whole bunch. And tell them PetGazette sent you. 🐾



Auction items ready for bids at past Wags to Riches fundraiser.

Halloween pet costume party at Aloft hotel

On Sunday, October 28, the Aloft Downtown hotel will once again host a Halloween pet costume contest party on its rooftop deck, bar and pool area...officially called Air Level.

The party will be open to all members of the public, a departure from the usual requirement that those enjoying the Air Level amenities must be guests of the hotel. The admission fee of \$5 will be donated to Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue (CAAR). The party and costume contest will run from 5-8pm. Live music for the event will be provided by the Stevie Lee Combs band, an Asheville area favorite.

There will be a cash bar, with snacks of various kinds provided to accompany the beverages. There will also be a professional groomer and a professional photographer on hand, with a portion of their fees going to CAAR.

Participants in the costume contest will be judged on the basis of originality, creativity, humor and "cool". The winner will get a free night's stay at the Aloft and allowed to bring his/her human along.

David McCartney, General Manager of the Aloft Downtown, said that last year's event had about 200 to 250 people attending, and that over \$1000 was raised for CAAR. McCartney also said, "Everyone attending the Halloween pet costume party would have 'a doggone good time.'" None of last year's participating dogs was available for comment.



The Aloft Downtown partners with CAAR on an ongoing basis to help find adoptive homes for some of CAAR's homeless dogs. One at a time, dogs rescued by CAAR are taken in to the Aloft and cared for by hotel staff members. The dogs get to meet and interact with guests and visitors, and wag their way into many hearts. The result has been that over 50 dogs have been adopted through the program.

For more information about the Halloween pet costume contest call 844 513-2936. And tell them PetGazette sent you. 🐾



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