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My name is Cash. I am horse.

I have been on this planet for some 55 million years. Well, not me personally. My ancestors. And until recently, we’ve done it all pretty much naked and in good relationship with man. But over the past several hundred years, things began to change. These changes are actually inexplicable, given that our genetics and history are widely known. You see, we are not cave dwellers. We don’t like dark cozy rooms, clothing, iron shoes, heat or air-conditioning.

Humans seem to like all that. And because they do, they presume we should like it, too. But we’re movers and shakers. In the wild, we’ll move 10 to 20 miles a day, keeping our hooves flexing and circulating blood, feeding our tiny little stomachs a little at a time, and keeping our own thermoregulatory systems in good working order.

Think about it. Our survival through all those millions of years has built a pretty darned determined genetic system. And an excellent formula for survival. We are what you humans call prey animals, flight animals. We are not predators, like you. We have survived because we freak out at every little thing, race off and don’t look back. We are also herd animals. Not just because it’s fun to be around our pals, but because there is safety in numbers.

Have you ever seen one of us, locked in a stall, pacing, pawing, swaying and gnawing? That horse is saying, Let me outta here! I need to move! I need to circulate some blood!

And about these metal shoes? I don’t think so. There is nothing more important to a prey animal than good feet. And ours have helped us survive for millions and millions of years. Rock-crushing hard and healthy.

Joe and I have had long discussions about all this and he seems to be getting it. So I can shamelessly recommend what follows. Joe has spent much of his life trying to lure you into the heart and soul of a dog, and now he’s trying to lure you into the heard and soul of a horse. For it is there that he first began to comprehend the vast differences between us and you, and the kind of thinking that can bridge that gap and bind us together in relationship. My herd mates and I have taught him well. And, believe it or not, the philosophy behind everything he has learned doesn’t apply to just horses but to how you humans approach life as well. So whether or not you have a relationship with a horse, I think you’ll find this journey of discovery fascinating.

I did.

And I already knew the story.
JOE CAMP Q&A

A conversation with Joe Camp
Questions and Answers about the new book
‘The Soul of a Horse, Life Lessons from the Herd’

Q. There are thousands of horse books on the market. Why did you write another one?
A. I didn’t, actually. I mean, yes, of course, it has to do with horses, but first and foremost it’s a story. I’ve spent most of my life telling stories, most of them involving animals. And I found this one particularly fascinating. Two complete novices — my wife and I — leaping into this enigmatic world of horses, literally without a clue. The mistakes, the fear, the fascination and the frustration with some of the answers we were getting. And ultimately, the discovery that something was very wrong in this world of horses. Imagine a couple of newcomers wrestling with the notion that either we were completely nuts or that we had truly stumbled upon something that was very wrong. That’s where the book got started. It’s a story about the journey.

Q. You are the creator of the very successful Benji series and now, in this newest venture, ‘The Soul of a Horse,’ you have leapt into horses with both feet. What similarities have you found between dogs and horses?
A. I suppose the only real similarity would be that, given the opportunity, both want to please humans very much. Both can be willing, generous partners. But their hardwiring is entirely different. The dog, descended from the wolf, is a predator. The horse is a prey animal, a flight animal — react first and ask questions later. And I think that is one of the most often misunderstood behaviors of the horse. This freaky flight response has more often than not been interpreted as a horse being mean. Like the story in the book about my wife, Kathleen, getting dumped on her derriere when the dogs next door ran down to the fence barking. The mare she was standing beside leapt sideways like a jackrabbit and Kathleen was in the way. I won’t give away the story, but suffice to say many people would have disciplined the horse for that, when all she was doing was what her genetics dictated. If horses didn’t have this react-first-and-analyze-later hardwired response, they likely wouldn’t have survived as they have for the past 55 million years. They could’ve well been extinct eons ago.

Q. Why do you think there is such a disparity between the traditional thinking about horses and what you think it should be?
A. That’s a pretty loaded question. First, it’s not really what I think that matters. It’s what Kathleen and I discovered in this wild and crazy journey that the book covers. And what we ultimately discovered is that the so-called ‘domestic’ horse is genetically the same as horses living in the wild. Which means that all horses are hardwired to live and function like horses in the wild.

Kenny Kitts practices what many call the “wild horse trim” for his equestrian clients.

A resident of Ramona for 26 years, Kitts has been using this method for the last nine months. He hopes to educate more horse owners on the benefits of the barefoot horse philosophy. Kitts explained the key to a healthy horse is healthy feet. Improper trimming or putting shoes on a horse prevents blood flow, circulation and heat regulation. Kitts said, “The reason many farriers don’t tell you this, is because they want to sell you horse shoes.”

Kitts, also a horse trainer, believes in and teaches natural horsemanship to anyone who is willing to listen. Kitts has studied the methods of Clinton Anderson and other Australian trainers. Kitts adds, “We have a lot to learn from those Australians if we would just listen. People need to slow down and take their time with their horses. They get in a hurry and then someone gets hurt. Horses are prey animals. They do what comes naturally to them to protect themselves. You have to earn their trust, and they have to learn what you want them to do.”

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And most domestic horses are living in a way that is diametrically opposite to how they are genetically programmed to live.

So why is there disparity between the life a horse is genetically designed to live and traditional thinking? One reason, I suppose, is that to some it might be really inconvenient to care that much about the horse. But I think most horse owners just don’t know. They don’t have the knowledge. We didn’t when we started. Our horses were living in stalls, with shoes, eating wrong and never moving. We were the typical horse owner, until we started asking questions — lots of questions. Many of the answers we were getting didn’t really make any sense, and with every one of these answers came more questions. It was like peeling an onion, one layer at a time, and suddenly one day we said, ‘Wow. Either something is very wrong here or we’re completely nuts.’ It turns out we weren’t nuts.

Q. So how should horses be living?
A. The short answer is that the horse should live as much like he would in the wild as is absolutely possible. We discovered that there is really no such thing as a domestic horse. There are only wild horses living in captivity — or wild horses living in our care. But what I hope is more important about this book is that the lessons we learned from these horses have immense applications to the way we live our lives with other humans.

It’s all about relationships, and choices, and trust. And these guys [the horses] taught us that the quality of life is often found in the choices we make. That we should approach every relationship — whether it’s with a boss, an employee, a family member or a spouse — from the other end of the lead rope. In other words, we should walk in their boots, not ours. We should gain understanding of what they’re about, what they want out of life and out of a relationship, and only then move forward.

Q. What do you hope the main takeaway will be for people who read ‘The Soul of a Horse’?
A. That you can live your life every day, go to work, tend the kids, mow the grass and still make a positive difference on this planet at the same time. That your soul prospers from sharing, caring, relating and fulfilling. That nothing can make you feel better than doing something good for another being. Not cars. Not houses. Not face-lifts. Not blue ribbons or trophies. And there is nothing more important in life than love. Not money. Not status. Not winning. It is the synthesis of this book, and why it came into being.

And you should always give the choice of choice. To your horse, or your employee, or your friend, or your loved ones. Care enough to want them to be healthy and happy. It will come back a hundredfold.

And always question everything. Be your own expert. Gather information and make decisions based upon knowledge and wisdom, not hearsay. Know that if something doesn’t seem logical, it probably isn’t. If it doesn’t make sense, it’s probably not right.

Q. Of all the places you could live, why did you choose Valley Center?
A. Didn’t really. It sort of chose us. We were living in Dana Point and needed to get out of that crowded and expensive environment. When you have a family of five and both adults are working out of the house, that means a lot of rooms are needed. We did some internet searching and pricing, and spotted this particular house in Valley Center. A realtor drove us out to see it. We drove and drove — and drove. I whispered to Kathleen, ‘No way are we going to be this far out in the sticks!’ But then we got there and the house is way up on the top of a tall hill with green valleys all around filled with avocado groves. It looked more like Colorado than Southern California. The views were just breathtaking. We were sold.

Q. Were you affected by the California wild fires?
A. The fires three years ago got very close, about two miles as the crow flies. Kathleen and the kids and the dogs and cats evacuated to a motel in Carlsbad. This was before horses. Benji and I stayed because we were editing on the film ‘Benji Off the Leash’ at that time, and I knew I could tear down the system and take the important parts with me in about 10 minutes but it would probably take two days to put it all back together again. I kept Benji with me to ensure that I wouldn’t do something stupid and wait too long. The winds changed and all was well for us. Not for some other folks, however.

The reverse 911 system told us to evacuate during the fires last year, but the fires never got closer than 10 miles. Lots of smoke on the morning of evacuation, but other than the smoke, the horses were about as safe as they could be anywhere else. Their pasture is a hill, about an acre and a half, up high, without a stick of anything that could burn on it. So our only concern was getting them fed and watered, because we weren’t allowed back in for three days. Fortunately I was able to reach our vet, who stayed, and he was able to feed and water them for us.

Q. Do you have any plans to write another book or produce another movie?
A. Oh, yes. Writing, for me, has always been the most enjoyable part of the movie-making process. The rest of it is just plain hard work. So writing books is a special pleasure, and allows you to be so much closer to the end user. It’s like having a conversation with the reader. So if folks enjoy this one, there will definitely be more. And probably at least one more Benji movie, one with wild horses. I’m about halfway through the screenplay.

Q. We know you have a deep affection for dogs and horses. Are there any other animals you would like to work with?
A. I’ve been working to lure you into the heart and soul of a dog for more than 30 years. If I do that with horses, I think I’ll be a bit too old to start over with yet another animal.
Joe Camp, Valley Center, is from the wrong place, with the wrong education, the wrong philosophy and the wrong product. He was rejected by every studio in Hollywood, more than once, and without any help from those studios, he turned a cute, lovable, floppy-eared notion of a dog into a worldwide phenomenon that is known and loved all around the globe. And today, the message he’s spreading to people all across the country is that if this improperly educated, small-time advertising guy from the sticks can do it with his dream, anyone can do it.

And now, at an energetic 68, he has headed off on a new mission. For decades, Joe has been trying to lure you into the heart and soul of a dog. Now, with his new book, “The Soul of a Horse,” he wants to lure you into the heart and soul of a horse.

Joe is living his life with purpose, on purpose, and that’s the message he has for those his age and older.

“We geezers are in the prime of our productive lives,” says Camp, “but all too many folks walk away from their jobs and dissolve their entire lives into a golf course somewhere. Now is the time to use all that knowledge, experience and wisdom gained over years and years of work and effort to help less experienced folks focus on how they can reach further, do better and, at the same time, make positive differences in the world. To help them see that life is not all about getting rich, it’s about helping others.”

“Nothing lifts the human spirit like sharing, caring, relating and fulfilling,” says Camp. “Many people don’t get the opportunity I have been blessed with. They die young, before they think they have any time to devote to real meaning. The way you get real meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, to creating something that gives your life purpose.

“And to do so guarantees you better health as well. Nothing soothes the psyche like knowing you’ve made a positive difference in another being’s life. It lowers cholesterol, blood pressure and heart rate. Having purpose is having health in all meanings of the word.”

Joe speaks to families, churches, corporations, civic and philanthropic organizations, pet adoption organizations, equine groups and students, inspiring everyone within earshot to reach beyond any conceived perception of his or her limitations, and he spells out the choices that will create success. His talks are an elixir for the human spirit, proof that the unknown, the uncelebrated can still mount a white horse, charge off into the distance and accomplish things worthwhile, against the odds, and leave the world a better place for the effort.

Joe is the creator of the canine superstar Benji and the writer, producer and director of all five Benji theatrical films and various television programs. He has authored several books, and spends a great deal of time speaking around the country on behalf of kids, homeless pets and, recently, proper care for horses. He lives with his wife, Kathleen, and three stepchildren, five dogs (including Benji), two cats and seven horses (including Cash) in Valley Center. For more about Joe, visit www.Benji.com or SoulOfAHorset.com.
‘The Soul of a Horse
Life Lessons from the Herd’

By Joe Camp
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Joe Camp is a man accustomed to trusting his instincts — and he’s usually right. In the early 1970s, Joe knew he had a special story to tell about a dog. But Hollywood didn’t see what Joe saw, and he was met with “no” at every turn. Believing in the story he had to tell, Joe produced, directed and distributed the movie himself — and the phenomenon of Benji was born.

When Joe became a new horse owner a mere three years ago, by way of a birthday surprise from his wife Kathleen, he once again trusted his instincts. As complete neophytes, Joe and Kathleen were without a clue as to what horses needed or wanted, but they plunged headfirst into this new adventure, navigating unexpected, uncharted and often controversial territory. In this engaging, emotional and often humorous book, Camp deftly lures readers into the heart and soul of a horse, unlocking the mystery of a majestic creature who has survived without humans for 55 million years.

“The Soul of a Horse: Life Lessons from the Herd” is the compelling and heartfelt story of Joe and Kathleen’s initiation into horse ownership. The parallel journeys of a fabled herd in the wild and a wide-eyed couple thrust into this enigmatic new world are charmingly blended into a riveting expedition of discovery about relationships, choices, trust and love. One that could change traditional thinking about horses forever.

Joe set out to attain a deeper understanding of horses — their history and nature as wild animals, their needs, fears and how they perceive the world. But he claims “The Soul of a Horse” is not a horse book.

“I mean, yes, of course, it has to do with horses,” Camp says, “but, first and foremost, it’s a story. And I found this one particularly fascinating: Two complete novices — my wife and I — with no idea what to do with these beasts. The mistakes, the fear, the fascination and the frustration with some of the answers we were getting. And ultimately the discovery that something was very wrong in this world of horses.”

Joe’s passion for these majestic creatures pervades “The Soul of a Horse.” And he credits them for teaching him many valuable lessons about life with humans. “The Soul of a Horse” is much more than one man’s journey to understand horses. It is about building connections — with people, with animals — and trusting one’s instincts.

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Vacations are for pets, too!

With summer just around the corner, it’s time to firm up those travel plans for the summer holidays— for the whole family, including the furry and feathery members.

In the recent past almost all accommodations had a firm “no pets” policy. Now that dogs, cats and other pets are increasingly viewed as members of the family, more and more hotels have altered their former “no pets” policies and are now welcoming them with open arms. Once relegated to a cage in a kennel when their humans were out of town, pets now have many more options for travel with their families.

The San Francisco-based upscale Kimpton Hotel Group, which operates 42 boutique hotels in cities including Hotel Monaco properties in New Orleans, Denver and Chicago, the Cypress Hotel in the Silicon Valley and the Hotel Solamar in San Diego, led the way with their pet-friendly policies. Not only do they offer amenities for visiting pets including customized pet room service, a “doggy bag” or “finicky feline pampering kit” with organic treats, toys, a doggy bed or feline fleece blanket and scratching post, but many of their hotels “employ” canine ambassadors as concierges.

Both dogs and cats (and their humans) can receive massages offered through in-room pet spa packages and enjoy readings monthly from a visiting pet psychic during the “doggy wine hour.” Kimpton encourages guests to bring their furry companions, cats, dogs and other animals, with no size restrictions, although most pet services are geared to dogs. “Petless” Hotel Monaco guests may request a temporary goldfish bowl for companionship in their room. For more information, and introductions to individual hotels’ canine “directors of pet relations,” visit their website at www.kimptonhotels.com.

The Loews hotel chain, which operates 19 hotels in the U.S. and Canada, including the local Loews Coronado Bay Resort, began offering special amenities to pets through their “Loews Loves Pets” program in 2000. Both cats and dogs are offered specialized bedding, pet-sitting and dog-walking, veterinarian-approved gourmet room service formulated to reduce travel stress and access to a “pet closet” filled with loaner paraphernalia and pet supplies for sale.

In response to a customer survey that determined that 76% of dog owners “would be more loyal to a hotel chain that accepted dogs,” the Starwood Hotels & Resorts chain, which commissioned the survey, initiated a “Love That Dog” program in 2002 at all Westin, Sheraton and W Hotels. In addition to hotel-specific dog amenities, the hotels provide dogs with their own designer beds and “Heavenly Bed” duvets as well as food and water bowls and temporary ID tags with the hotel’s address and phone number.

Individual luxury resorts are also welcoming pets. The Hidden Meadow Ranch, located in the White Mountains north of Greer, Arizona, offers pet-friendly cabins with fenced-in yards and dog runs and an expansive pet play pen. The La Quinta Resort & Club, located in the desert community of the same name east of Palm Springs, and the Pacific Palms Resort, in Los Angeles, also welcome pets.

It’s not just upscale hotels that are now opening their doors to pets. Many bed-and-breakfasts and moderately-priced hotel and motel chains are also pet-friendly, unless local laws prohibit pets. The three largest pet-friendly chains are the Best Western, Motel 6 and Comfort Inns, although not all locations accept pets. Other large chains with pet-friendly policies at many or most of their hotels include La Quinta Inns (not connected with the La Quinta Resort & Club), Holiday Inn & Holiday Inn Express, Marriott Hotels & Resorts and related properties, Quality Inn, Red Roof Inn, Travelodge and Econo Lodge.

Many hotels charge extra or require a damage deposit for pets, limit the size or weight of permitted pets, allow only dogs, or designate specific rooms for pet occupancy. Be sure to ask about any extra fees or restrictions about pets when making room reservations. Hotels’ pet-friendly policies and restrictions are also subject to change without notice.

Before traveling with pets, check airline and int’l customs regulations

While airline travel overall is getting tougher, pets can still travel alongside family members, as long as they fit into under-seat carriers sized to airline specifications. Each airline sets its own regulations regarding size of the allowed carrier and weight of the pet inside. Some restrict the number of animals that can fly in the cabin aboard each flight.

Larger animals can also fly as checked baggage aboard a passenger’s flight. Some airlines require reservations for the animal, even if it flies as checked baggage, while others do not.

Fees for pets’ travel in the cabin and as checked baggage vary by airline. Full information is available on their websites.

Animals can also be shipped unaccompanied as cargo. Special regulations apply to pets flying in the hold of the plane and differ by airline.

Check each airline’s website regarding requirements for pre-flight health examinations and health certificates and availability of food, water and bowls.

Because Hawaii is rabies-free, special restrictions and requirements apply to pets’ travel and quarantine. Pets can enter Hawaii only through Honolulu and may not travel in the cabin. Hawaii has recently changed its pet quarantine program, details of which are available at www.petsonthego.com/imphawaii.html.

For international travel, every country establishes its own requirements. To enter most countries, each U.S.-resident pet must have an international health certificate signed by a veterinarian accredited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

For Mexico, pets must have duplicate copies of their health certificate signed by a licensed vet and certifying them free of any contagious disease as well as a certificate showing the dates of rabies and distemper vaccinations. Canada also requires a rabies vaccination within the prior three years and an international health certificate.

Pets entering the U.S., whether returning home or entering for the first time, are subject to the same importation requirements. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection oversees entry procedures at both airports and border crossings.

Vince Bond, spokesman for CBP’s San Diego Field Office, recommends that pet parents consult the pamphlets “Know Before Your Go” and “Pets and Wildlife,” both of which are available on-line at www.cbp.gov (search on the publication name) and which lay out the requirements for importing animals into the U.S.

According to the pamphlets, both cats and dogs “must be free of evidence of diseases communicable to humans when they are examined at the port of entry.” They must also have an international health certificate and dogs over three months of age must have a valid rabies certificate. Because of concerns over the smuggling of “puppy mill” dogs, puppies younger than three months may be subject to special scrutiny. Pet birds may enter the U.S. as long as their humans are in compliance with APHIS and U.S. Fish and Wildlife regulations.

U.S.-manufactured pet food may be brought back into the country as long as the container is still sealed. Any open cans or bags of kibble must be discarded.
Airports are going to the dogs

Did you know that San Diego’s Lindbergh Field has a dog-walking area, available for use alike by pets and service animals? Located between Terminals 1 and 2, the 475 square-foot open space offers dogs and their humans a bit of relief along with a quiet spot to toss a ball while waiting for a flight.

While the space is small, the availability of a pet park of any kind puts Lindbergh Field in the forefront of pet-friendly airports.

Among the U.S. airports deemed the most pet-friendly is Reno-Tahoe International Airport’s fire-hydrant equipped and landscaped Gate K-9 Bark Park in Nevada. The park offers trees, a canopy for shade, drinking water and even plastic mitts for doggy-do clean-ups.

Phoenix’s Sky Harbor International Airport offers two rest areas for pets. The Bone Yard is located at the west end of the busiest terminal, Terminal 4, and provides 2,000 square feet of fenced landscaping and gravel, with a bone-shaped central patch filled with kitty litter. Both the Bone Yard and a second grassy dog-walking park, the Paw Pad, west of Terminal 3, offer fresh drinking water and clean-up mitts.

Other city airports providing pet parks include Los Angeles, Ontario/Inland Empire, Denver, Boston, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Miami, Columbus, Portland, Austin, and Seattle/Tacoma.

For updates and additions to the list of pet-friendly airports, visit www.petfriendlytravel.com.

Pet sitter or boarding facility? Pet care is a growth industry

Taking the family pets along on a trip often is impossible, inadvisable or inappropriate. Some pets do not travel well, whether for health, personality or other reasons.

In recent years the evolution of people’s attitudes towards pets as family members has sparked a parallel revolution in the quality of pet care available to travelers. Gone are the days when the only options were an uncomfortable cage at an uninviting boarding kennel or brief in-home visits from a relative or neighbor.

Professional pet sitting is a rapidly growing business and the kennel industry is transforming. Previously stark kennels have morphed into doggy camps, pet palaces and resorts as well as host-family boarding arrangements, although most are geared more to dogs than cats or other family pets.

In addition to providing continuity of food, care and grooming, dog walks and feline playtime in their home environment, pet sitters can reduce the level of stress and anxiety pets naturally experience when their humans are away. They monitor the well-being and health of the pets, give medication as needed and take them to the vet if they get sick. Most pet sitters typically offer the added benefits and security of regular home checks, mail and newspaper collection, plant watering, adjustment of lights and draperies.

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Maria Brinson, owner of Lemon Grove-based Maria’s Cat Sitting Service (www.feedmenowcatsitting.com) and the Purring Parrot, a new cat and parrot resort and retail center opening in Point Loma this summer, can look at in-home and boarding pet care from both perspectives.

“Some cats do better at home because they’re paranoid about new situations. They could develop an infection from the stress of being away from home. Other cats – and dogs, too – do better at a boarding facility where they’ll get attention all day long,” she says.


She recommends having an introductory visit with one or more pet sitters to gauge the sitters’ comfort level with both the client and the pets. It’s also important that the pets like the sitter, she explains.

“Find out how long they’ve been in business and if they’re insured and have a business license. Be sure to ask if they have pet sitters’ insurance. If they take that extra step they’re protecting not only themselves, but they’re protecting you,” she says.

Brinson emphasizes asking whether the sitter has a backup plan in place for emergencies and knows how to administer medication.

Brinson and her husband Patrick decided to open their new cat and bird resort because boarding facilities for both cats and birds had lagged behind recent upscale trends for canine resorts. The Purring Parrot, located near Liberty Station, will offer cats large, whimsically decorated rooms with sound-proof, one-way glass windows looking onto the parrots’ aviary for extra bird-watching entertainment. The birds will not be able to see or hear the cats.

“We’re going to raise the level of care for cats the way some resorts have raised the level for dogs,” she explains. Brinson strongly recommends a preliminary visit to any boarding facility before arranging an animal’s stay.

Many primarily canine-oriented resorts have opened in San Diego County, all touting different features. Alpine Dog Ranch (www.alpinedogranch.com) offers group play and hikes into the Cleveland National Forest, individual “sleeping dens” for dogs, and zen dog training.
Windsong Resort for Pets (www.windsongpets.com) in Escondido, which also accepts cats, provides a “pup pool” with a waterfall and pool parties for dogs in warmer months. Santee’s Furry Friends Resort (www.furryfriendsresort.com) lodges dogs in themed “luxury suites” and cats in “luxury condos” with a view outdoors and access to a playroom. Pup-town Doggy Daycare (www.puptown.net) offers both daycare with supervised free play and cage-free boarding in an urban, downtown environment.

Both Sleepover Rover (www.sleepoverrover.com), which focuses exclusively on dogs, and Paws ‘N Play Pet Camp (www.pawspetcamp.com) offer boarding with individual host families rather than at a facility. Paws ‘N Play also arranges boarding for non-canine pets as well as doggy day care.

For more recommendations about selecting a pet sitter, visit www.PetSitterUSA.com and the Humane Society of the United States’ website at www.hsus.org, which also has tips on selecting a boarding facility.

Well-designed gear and tasty treats for traveling pets

Whether you’re taking your pet for a walk in the park, on vacation or camping, San Diego pet shops have the gear you need to ensure your and your pet’s experiences are as care-free as possible.

Topping the list of necessities is a sturdy carrier for your cat, dog or other small pet. Muttropolis, located in Solana Beach and La Jolla as well as on the web, offers a broad selection of travel products, including traditional hard plastic crates and handbag totes for pets.

More comfortable for a long auto trip is the Sleepypod ($159), a round carrier with shoulder strap and handle atop a see-through mesh dome top that zips off to reveal a washable plush bed.

Ideal for modern airline travel with long walks between terminals is the Petote Rio Collection ($189), a combination back pack, fleece-lined car seat and carrier on wheels. It slips off its trolley to fit under an airline seat and features an outside pocket fitting a laptop. Both carriers accommodate small pets up to 15 pounds.

While traveling, you’ll want a Bon Ton clean-up kit ($9.99-12.99), a brightly colored bone-shaped container attaching to a leash and carrying a roll of 30 biodegradable poop bags. A bag of three refills is available for $5. For airline travel bring along a handful of Gridlock Puppy Pads ($7.99) for quick relief inside the terminal.

After arrival, pull out a soft Ecomat fleece dog blanket ($60), made from recycled soda bottles, and distract your dog with a Canine Genius kong ($15-22), which you can fill with kibble or treats.

Muttropolis carries a range of travel food and water bowls, including the spill-resistant covered To Go Bowl ($18.99), which fits into a standard car cup holder, plus several choices of fold-up and cinch-top lined fabric bowls ($9.99). The Tucker Traveler ($45) is a red over-the-shoulder bag designed for hiking or traveling with your dog. The bag fits food, water and other necessities and comes with two matching collapsible bowls.

Ari Rueda, Muttopolis La Jolla staff member, advises travelers to pack extras for their pets. “When you travel, always bring an extra collar and leash. Something may break.”

Noah’s Natural Pet Market, formerly Noah’s Ark Pet Wash and Boutique, in Pacific Beach, carries an expansive line of natural supplements, herbs, flower essences and specialty foods for pets.

To combat travel stress and anxiety and improve hydration, Mary Jansky, co-owner of Noah’s, recommends adding a teaspoon of Endurance ($20.95 for a 1 lb. bag), a food supplement originally developed for police dogs, to your dog’s water. She also recommends Animals Apawthecary’s Tranquility Blend for calming nervous pets and their Vitality Blend to boost a stressed pet’s immune system, plus Rescue Remedy for both pets and people to lower stress levels. All three retail for $12.95.

Noah’s carries a full range of sturdy camping, boating and hiking gear made by Ruffwear for pets, as well as all-nat-
ural dehydrated and freeze-dried pet foods suitable for the road.

Jansky, a sailor and camper herself, dresses her dog Star in her K-9 Float Coat, a canine life jacket sold in multiple sizes ($49.95-69.95), whenever they go sailing. When hiking in the desert or mountains, Star dons her Bark ‘N Boots ($59.95), a set of booties designed to protect paws in all terrain and all seasons.

Noah’s also carries backpacks for dogs, such as Approach Pack II ($49.95-59.95), geared especially to working dogs. It comes with belly straps and a padded harness with saddle bags to accommodate the dog’s food, water, bowls and toys.

Jansky recommends attaching the Beacon ($12.95), a safety light with half mile visibility, to your dog’s collar, and bringing along a roll-up waterproof travel blanket bed ($49.95).

For water you can tote the Water Rover ($9.95), a refillable water bottle with detachable bowl, and hook an ultra lightweight fold-up or zip-up nylon food or water bowl to your belt or backpack ($10.95-13.95).

Among pet foods geared to camping are travel packs of The Honest Kitchen’s human-grade dehydrated raw food blends for both dogs and cats ($2.50-5.00 for a 4-6 oz.) and Ice Pups ($7.49 for 4 oz.), which Jansky suggests adding to water for post-hike hydration.

Stella & Chewy’s freeze-dried meat treats and beef and chicken steaks ($10.49-$33.95 for 4-16 oz.) appeal to both dogs and cats and rehydrate into a certified-safe raw food.

With so many products, it’s easy now to plan for that next trip with your pet.

Both Muttropolis and Noah’s Natural Pet Market sell their products at their stores and through their websites. Muttropolis is located at 227 S. Cedros, Solana Beach, telephone 858-755-3647 and at 7755 Girard St., La Jolla, telephone 858-459-9663, and on the web at www.muttropolis.com. Noah’s Natural Pet Market is at 4431 Cass St., Pacific Beach, telephone 858-270-8161, and on the web at www.noahsnaturalpetmarket.com.
Nothing is worse than watching your pets suffer on a trip. For those who have weathered a cat that meows every few seconds of a 100-mile drive or a dog who suffers intestinal distress in the back seat, traveling with your pet may no longer be an option. However, sometimes travel is unavoidable, or preferable to a kennel or a lonely stay at home. So here are some tips to make your pet’s trip and yours a more pleasant experience.

Today, more people are traveling with their pets. Not only have the modes of transportation become more pet-friendly but also the hotel industry has begun to cater to pets. In fact, many hotels and bed-and-breakfast establishments accept pets and provide special amenities throughout their stay. The American Automobile Association (AAA) and petswelcome.com can be good sources for finding pet-friendly lodgings. But do your homework. Don’t expect to find pet-friendly lodging by cruising motel row.

When making a hotel reservation, there are several questions you should ask. First, do you accept pets and are there any pet fees or deposits? Are these fees per pet or per room? And are these deposits refundable? Next, are there any areas that I can’t go with my pet? Third, do you offer anything special for pets? Many five-star resorts offer pet sitting, walking, welcome gifts and room service items. And finally, am I limited to certain types of rooms? Many hotels that accept pets will place you in a smoking room or in a room on the first floor with a view of the street.

Once the reservation is made, the next step is to decide on the mode of travel. Whether you travel by car or plane, there are a few things to keep in mind. To begin with, it is a good idea to have your pet examined by your veterinarian before traveling. An unhealthy pet does not travel well. And always make sure to bring any medications and enough food for your pet. Sometimes it can be difficult to locate your pet’s food when traveling.

If you are going to travel by plane, here are some general tips to keep in mind. Airline travel has changed significantly due to security issues. Not all airlines allow pets. Be sure to call your airline and ask about traveling with your pet. Inquire about fees, health certificates and travel gear. Also check the weather at your destination. Airlines will not travel with pets in weather below 45 degrees. If you must travel in cold weather with your pet, you will need to get a letter of acclimation from your veterinarian.

For airplane travel, sedation is generally not recommended for your pet. High altitudes and sedatives can be dangerous. If your pet does require some sort of tranquilizer, ask your veterinarian.

Always have your pet’s leash and collar easily accessible for walking prior to departure. Identification tags for your pet and travel kennel, including pet’s name, home address and phone number, are essential. Familiarize your pet with the kennel prior to the trip so that it is comfortable for him/her at travel time.

Whether your pet will travel with you in the cabin or as checked luggage in the cargo area, your pet will need to be contained in a kennel for the entire trip. In selecting a kennel, you must select one that can allow your pet to stand, sit, turn around and lie down comfortably throughout the flight. And finally, place a shirt or some socks that have been well worn by you in your pet’s carrier. It will make your pet feel more comfortable.

If you are traveling by car, bear in mind that most dogs are great travelers. On the other hand, cats rarely enjoy travel. Be certain that your pet is accustomed to traveling in a car. If not, try a series of shorter trips before taking a long one. Sometimes medications can be helpful for your pet. Be sure to ask your veterinarian about appropriate drugs.

Never leave your pet in a sealed car on a hot day. Heatstroke can occur in minutes and be fatal. Always be sure to take frequent toilet and exercise breaks for your pets. For cats, always keep the carrier clean. In addition, if your cat wants to be talkative throughout the entire trip, try playing some soft music. It sometimes will relax him.

At rest stops, try not to allow your dog to run loose. A pet can become lost, run into traffic or get into a fight with another animal. If you want to take your cat outside to stretch, be sure to have a leash and harness. Do not let your cat off the leash — he/she will run away and try to find your house. And always make sure that your pet has proper identification. Unfortunately, even on vacation people will steal animals.

Although traveling with your pet can be a hassle, with proper planning it can be a rewarding and fun experience. Remember, your pet is a part of your family.

— Dr. David Robbins is a small-animal veterinarian at VCA West Bernardo Animal Hospital. In addition to practicing veterinary medicine, Dr. Robbins lectures to veterinarians on the topic of pain management. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking and spending time with his family.

For more information, call (858) 485-7570.
Third Annual Surf Dog Competition

With summer just around the corner, the city of Imperial Beach has announced dates for two of its biggest seasonal attractions. Loews Coronado Bay Resort Surf Dog Competition and the U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition, which both garner significant national media attention every year, are coming to Imperial Beach again this summer and, with them, crowds of beachgoers.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort will be holding its third-annual Surf Dog Competition on Saturday, June 28, on the beach north of the pier. Recognized as the largest event of its kind, last year 47 brave surf dogs took to the waves of Imperial Beach and more than 1,000 spectators gathered to watch man’s best friend hang 20. This year Loews anticipates at least 60 dogs will participate as a new big-dog category has been added.

Attendance is free and all proceeds benefit Loews’ Good Neighbor Council. Advanced registration of dogs and their human companions is strongly encouraged. For more information, visit www.LoewsSurfDog.com.

Coming to the sands of Imperial Beach on July 12 and 13 will be the 28th annual U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition. Last year, more than 325,000 spectators gathered over the duration of the two-day event, making it the largest sandcastle building competition in the country.

With more than 140 vendors situated on Seacoast Drive for the weekend activities this year, the street festival will kick off on Saturday with lively entertainment, tasty food and plenty of craft and vendor booths, but the excitement doesn’t end there. Attendees will conclude their fun-filled afternoon with the Kids-N-Kastles Competition starting at 2 p.m.

On Sunday, July 13, the U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition will take place where teams will compete for more than $21,000 in cash prizes. Sandcastle building begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Due to the tides, sculptures are only available for viewing until 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.usopensandcastle.com.

Local groomer competes in new reality series 'Groomer Has It’

Animal Planet is launching a new reality series titled “Groomer Has It.” The series will follow 12 dog groomers as they compete against each other to become America’s Top Groomer, and our own Kathleen Sepulveda will be one of them. Kathleen was chosen to compete against other top groomers across the country. The first of 13 episodes premiered April 12 at 9 p.m. It will run for 13 episodes.

The series sniffed out America’s most creative and hard-working groomers, amateur and professional, and put their drive to the test for the supreme grooming title as they transform some of the scruffiest looking dogs to their doggie best! Host Jai Rodriguez, three regular judges and one guest judge will put the groomers through their paces each week to see whose knowledge and skill can turn the shaggiest, most unstylish pooch into a fancy, prancing pup. While every dog has its day, at the end of the series, only one groomer has his or hers, and is crowned America’s Top Groomer!


Fiesta Del P.A.W.S Star Studded Fundraiser

PAWS Pets Are Wonderful Support is celebrating their 15th anniversary with the 8TH Annual Fiesta Del PAWS San Diego’s...
most anticipated event with two parties.
June 1st is Fiesta Del PAWS a fabulous, festive garden party honoring people that make significant contributions in animal advocacy and attracts hundreds of animal lovers. Well behaved dogs on leashes are invited and encouraged to dress up. Party with the Pets! Mr. Blackwell will be scouting for the Best/Worst Dressed Dog List. Dick Van Patten, last year’s recipient, is presenting the Lifetime Advocate Award to actress Rose Marie (Sally on “The Dick Van Dyke Show”). Henry the Cat, Kim Novak, Ellen DeGeneres, Doris Day, Drew Cary, June Lockhart, Ernie Riviera and Doris Roberts will be honored.

Fiesta Del PAWS is the primary fundraiser for P.A.W.S. providing services to low-income disabled, elderly and chronically ill so they can keep their pets. The Legendary Pedigree Party kicks off Fiesta on May 18, 4-6 pm at the lovely home of Jack and Judy White overlooking the ocean. Fiesta Del PAWS takes place on June 1, 3-6 pm at the lovely estate of Bobby Bohannan in Mission Hills 2440 Pine Street over looking the city featuring fabulous foods, a Tommy Bahama Bar entertainment.

To purchase tickets $85.00 for Fiesta Del PAWS tickets and $225.00 for Both the Fiesta Del PAWS and the Pedigree Party Kick off visit www.pawsd.org.

100 days until the Fair starts!

Summer is right around the corner, and the official countdown to the 2008 San Diego County Fair has begun! Only 100 days remain until the start of the Fair, opening Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Highlights this year include Reggae Festival, June 14; Dollar Day, June 17; Craft Brewers Competition & Festival, June 21; Fourth Annual Gospel Festival, June 28; Enviro Fair, July 5; Kids’ Day, Tuesdays; Seniors’ Day, Thursdays; Pepsi Pay-One-Price Ride Day, Wednesdays & Thursdays; and much more!

To participate in the Fair as a sponsor, performer, entertainer, exhibitor, or for employment opportunities, go to the Fair’s Web site www.sdfair.com/fair and click on “Be a Part of the 2008 Fair.”

The Fair will be open June 14 through July 6, 2008, and closed on the first two Mondays (June 16 and 23). Gates open daily at 10 a.m.; exhibits close at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The Fun Zone closes at approximately midnight. Admission is $12 for adults, $6 for ages 6-12 and 62 and older, and free for ages 5 and younger. For information, log onto the Fair Web site, www.sdfair.com/fair.

Valley Center Western Sheepdog Trials

On May 24-26, Saturday, Sunday and Monday over 50 border collie dogs and their handlers will be competing at the Valley Center Western Days Sheepdog Trial in Valley Center. The event is being held in conjunction with the community Western Days vendor fair and carnival sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce each year.
Rambouillet ewes will be brought down from their Central California pasture and the border collies will be tested on their ability to quietly control small groups of 4 head around a course encompassing approximately 450 yards. The event is sanctioned by the United States Border Collie Handlers Association, which sponsors a national finals each year and many past and present finals qualifiers will be seen at the trial.

The event will run from 7 AM until dusk each day and spectators are welcome. For the safety of our animals, please DO NOT bring your pets, but please do bring chairs and shade. There is a spectator seating area and an announcer will describe the action.

Cookout For Critters is June 7

Tickets are now on sale for Cookout for Critters 2008, a benefit for East County animals to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Joan Embery’s Pillsbury Ranch, located at 13036 Willow Road, in Lakeside.

Featuring great food, good fun and plenty of entertainment, the annual Cookout For Critters event is a fundraiser for the El Cajon Animal Center for Education and Services (ACES) Foundation, the nonprofit organization dedicated to helping animals in the City of El Cajon and La Mesa. The event will feature a live animal presentation by Conservation Ambassador Joan Embery, a live auction conducted by Steve Hamann, a silent auction, a horse dressage freestyle demonstration by “Anteas” ridden by Dani Judy, and an appearance by the El Cajon Mounted Police. Festivities include a genuine Chuck Wagon meal provided by Chef George Barnard, Entertainment by “Events with Pizzazz”, Amore cheesecake with Starbucks’ Coffee for dessert, and a no-host bar. Attire is Country Casual and ticket prices are $65 per person or $110 per couple if purchased before May 20, or $75 and $135 after May 20. Adults only, no pets please. Space is limited, and advance reservations are required.

For additional information please call (619) 447-3535, or visit online at www.acesfoundation.org.

‘Mother of the Year’ had three legs and one eye!

A three-legged, one-eyed cat named Felicity that was rescued from an alleged cat hoarder in Kern County is being touted as “Mother of the Year” at the Helen Woodward Animal Center. Two days after her first litter of seven kittens was weaned from her, she put her best paw forward and accepted four new motherless kittens as her own.

Felicity arrived at HWAC with seven kittens that she was nursing.

She fed and cared for all of them until they were weaned.

The day after, a litter of four motherless kittens arrived at HWAC. “These tiny babies needed round-the-clock care,” says adoptions manager LaBeth Thompson. “This means you feed them from a bottle every two hours and do everything their mommy would do.”

As care providers prepared to contact one of HWAC’s foster care families, a staff member suggested that they place the babies with Felicity.

“She welcomed the four orphans with ‘open paws,’” says Thompson. “Felicity pulled them close so she could feed and groom them. Even though she’s just a little more than 1 year old and she’s a small cat, she gets my vote for Mother of the Year!”

Thompson’s nomination is sure to gain support in the coming weeks, as the first seven kittens may become available for adoption in two weeks and the other four should be ready during the week after Mother’s Day.

For more information about cats (and dogs) available for adoption or to locate a shelter or rescue group in your area, visit Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road in Rancho Santa Fe, call (858) 756-4117 or log on to www.animalcenter.org.

Top Dog Contest

Do you have a Top Dog just waiting to be discovered and win $50.00? The Alpine Lions Club, will hold their fourth annual “Novelty Dog Show”, a dog show that puts the fun into showing off those canines champions.

More than 60 dogs and their humans were in attendance last year to compete for the “Top Dog” title. The “Novelty Dog Show” is an opportunity for owners to show off their dogs in a lighthearted no-stress setting. Classes will include such favorites as Least Trained Dog, Waggiest Tail, The Dog That Ate New York and the People’s Choice Pooch Parade.

Gas prices got ya’ down?

We can’t do anything about the price of gas, but we can help you save! Get an Animal Avenue VIP card for $5 (normally $25) & save money on pet sitters, pet food, pet supplies & more. Send this ad along with your application or mention promo code CBKM92 when you apply online.

Offer good through 10/31/08

For more information, check out www.AnimalAvenue.net.
The fun starts Saturday, June 7th from 9am to 12pm at Tom C. Dyke Park, located immediately off I 8 West at 1000 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA, with registration starting at 8am.

Donations are greatly appreciated and proceeds from the “Novelty Dog Show” will benefit individuals with disabilities by supporting or sponsoring service dogs. The show is sponsored by Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

This is a great family event as spectators cheer on their favorite contestant in the People’s Choice Pooch Parade to the delight of dogs and humans. Where else can you see the “Least Trained Dog” win a class and then go on to compete for the “Top Dog” title?

Free admission. Dog show entry fees are $6 per class or $20 for 4 classes with ribbons & gifts awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class. Top Dog wins $50.00

**Morley Field goes to the dogs**

After two years of fundraising, the Canine Council of Morleyfield is celebrating the installation of a new water fountain for dogs. The dedication ceremony took place on Saturday April 26

For many years dogs went thirsty when they played at Morley Field unless their owners thought to bring water with them. Lack of water was especially a problem during the hot summer months as dogs easily overheated and become dehydrated. The Canine Council decided to rectify this situation by raising money to install a water fountain.

With the support of the local community, Toni Akin’s office & Jeffery Tom, Friends of Balboa Park, and the Balboa Parks and Recreation Department, the Canine Council was able to raise the $12,000 necessary to purchase and install a water fountain.

**Local Resident Receives Guide Dog**


Roseanne works at the San Diego Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired as an adaptive equipment specialist.

During the course of training, skilled Guide Dogs and their new partners learn to negotiate stairways, elevators, overhead obstacles, crowded sidewalks and busy streets. The dogs are trained to avoid distractions and disobey commands to cross a street if traffic is approaching.

Guide Dogs for the Blind is more than a school- it is a community dedicated to providing people who are blind with the opportunity to experience what a powerful partnership with a Guide Dog can mean— not only to mobility, but to quality of life.

Guide dogs for the Blind is a nonprofit organization supported entirely by private, charitable donations and the time and talents of dedicated staff members, puppy raisers and other volunteers working together toward a common mission.

For more information, contact Guide Dogs for the Blind at 800-295-4050, and on the web at www.guidedogs.com

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**Rattle Snake Avoidance Classes**

A rattle snake avoidance training class for dogs is now being formed on Sundays by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of De Luz Mountain Empire. Dogs of all breeds are welcome. The class will include information on the habits and locations of snakes, the time and weather in which they appear and a few chilling details which can save your life as well as your dog’s. Other subjects the class will cover are: the types of snakebites, venom and effects of the poison, the myths of treatment and given correct veterinary procedure.

The fee for the class is $100.00 per dog. $50.00 per registration will be donated to the German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue.

For additional information on Rattle Snake Avoidance class for dogs or to sign up visit www.GSP-Rescue.org.

**AnimalAttraction.com**

“The Place For Pet Lovers” provides Facebook-like features and functionality for pet lovers to create profiles of themselves, AND THEIR PETS, and connect with each other in an online community created by and for pet lovers exclusively. The site was founded in 2004 by Dan Cohen, a former sports marketing executive with The Washington Redskins, Washington Wizards and Washington Capitals, and has a membership base of nearly 100,000. Members send “Pet Pal Invites” to each other, post comments to each others’ profiles using the “Scratch Pad” feature and send virtual tokens of affection to each others’ pets: “Belly Rubs” for dogs; “Chin Scratches” for cats and “Beak Pettings” for birds. In addition to social networking tools, Animal Attraction provides pet-themed information and entertainment in the form of pet care tips, ask-the-expert columns, a pet blog, monthly photo contest, forums and live chat rooms.

**“Paw-dres Puppies” Need A Home Run**

Nine puppies abandoned in a cardboard box near an Arizona highway will soon hit “home runs” and “run home” now that they’re in San Diego. Helen Woodward Animal Center is calling them “Paw-dres Puppies”. Each pup has been named after a San Diego Padres player.

The Paw-dres are primarily Labrador Retriever mixed with St. Bernard, Bernese Mountain Dog, and Keeshond. “They’re small now,” says Van Zante, “but they’ll grow up to be major league-sized dogs.”

When they’re released each pup will be altered then become available for adoption. There’s no waiting list and they’re not available for public viewing. In the meantime they have lots of other dogs and puppies and the first kittens of the season will become available this weekend. Remember that all of these orphaned pets are looking for lifelong contracts with a no-trade clause.

For more information about pets available for adoption visit Helen Woodward Animal Center at 6461 El Apajo Road in Rancho Santa Fe, call 858-756-4117.

**Online store caters to the unique needs of disabled pets**

A new online store dedicated to meeting the unique needs of disabled dogs and cats - and their owners - has been opened by Scout’s House(TM), one of California’s leading physical rehabilitation therapy centers for animals.

This unusual store, found at www.scoutshouse.com/store, offers a variety of specialized products designed to help pets suffering from chronic, debilitating physical conditions, such as arthritis, degenerative myelopathy, hip dysplasia, and old age, as well as those recovering from injury or surgery, to live more comfortable and more functional lives.

Scout’s House is a full-service physical rehabilitation therapy center for animals in Menlo Park, CA, offering a complete range of rehabilitation therapy services, specialized products, and customized information programs to the owners of “special needs” pets. The center uses state-of-the-art equipment and techniques, including a Ferno Aqua Paws hydrotreadmill, low-level laser therapy, acupuncture, and veterinary orthopedic manipulation, to help dogs, cats, and other companion animals live more comfortable and more functional lives.

**Pet Fitness Service Keeping Fido and Felix Fit and Trim**

With one out of every four dogs and cats in the western world reportedly obese, it seems that Fido and Felix are battling a health crisis of their own. Like obese humans, weight-challenged animals run a higher risk of developing diabetes, heart disease and joint and hip difficulties, among other medical problems.

With this knowledge, FETCH! Pet Care,
the nation’s largest provider of professional pet sitting and dog walking services, offers “Go Fetch!” – a four-legged fitness service through which animals under the company’s care get up, move and have fun for sustained periods of time with each visit.

FETCH! Pet Care can be reached via toll-free telephone at 1-866-FETCH-ME or at www.FetchPetCare.com.

Weather Increases Attacks on Children by Chained Dogs

Since 2003, when the Mothers Against Dog Chaining began monitoring attacks nationwide that result in serious injury or death, it has traditionally seen an increase every spring when the warmer weather beckons more children outside and chained dogs can be especially frustrated after another lonely, agonizing winter.

“Children are dying because of the misguided belief in certain segments of our society that it is appropriate to chain a dog to a tree and leave it there to pace the same patch of dirt and excrement for years on end,” says Miranda Riane, the mother of an 8-year-old boy who was seriously mauled by a chained dog in November 2007.

In part because of the public safety issues posed by perpetually chained dogs, a number of states, cities and counties have started passing laws addressing how long people can chain their dogs. California and Texas recently passed statewide laws that put specific time limits on chaining.

For more information and the latest updates on attacks, please visit www.mothersagainstdogchaining.org.

Three Dog Bakery® Announces Major Expansion into SD

Three Dog Bakery recently announced their Franchise Offering for domestic and international markets accompanied by an exciting, new store design in January 2008. With franchises in North America, Japan, Canada and China, Three Dog Bakery is the largest pet boutique franchise concept in the world.

Coming this Spring to San Diego, the market will be the first of many franchise operated full-service, full-product line, and fully-functioning bakeries...for dogs worldwide! Three Dog Bakery is known the “world rover” for its all-natural, wholesome, fresh, oven-baked food and treats for pets.

To learn more about Three Dog Bakery franchise opportunities, please visit https://businessPartners/franchising.aspx, call 816.474.3647 or stop by your local bakery for a personal tour.

Animal Attractions Honored by Humane Society of the US

Animal Attractions TV, the No. 1 pet show on PBS, is a half-hour show that airs nationally on over 235 Public Television Stations and features segments that include pet training, veterinarian advice, dog and cat breed features and tales of true-life pet rescues. The show’s hosts include: Megan Blake, a former Miss Georgia and Miss Jacksonville who regularly appears in feature movies; Alex Boylan, winner of the second Amazing Race; and Chriashaunda Lee, formerly of Entertainment Tonight.

“We were floored by the news of winning this honorable mention,” said Amy Barnett, Executive Producer of the series. “It encourages us to work even harder to advance Animal Attraction TV’s mission which is helping people learn what it takes to have the best possible relationship with their pet, mostly so fewer end up in animal shelters or worse. When we submitted our sample, we had no idea we would get a second look because of the high level of competition.”

Dogs are man’s (or woman’s) best friends.

At three weeks old, Lucy was found in a puddle in Florida during Hurricane Rita. For the last two years, she has brightened the lives of husband and wife, Dennis Burns and Suzanne Burry, managers of Guardian Angel Animal Haven in San Diego.

“She’s a Border Collie/Dalmatian mix and is intelligent, full of love, energy and fierce loyalty,” said Burry. “She possesses an intense desire to work and her happiness comes from pleasing her human companions.”

Lucy requires consistent training and will travel to her new home with a special trainer free of charge. She is very adoptable and has the potential to become an excellent ranch hand.

“It’s amazing how intelligent she is and how fast she learns,” said Burns. “She is going to be such a blessing to someone who has the time to love and nurture her need to be appreciated.”

To meet Lucy and other animals up for adoption, contact the haven at (619) 300-9059 or visit www.guardiananimals.org.
The Derby: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

“On Saturday, May 3, 2008, a beautiful bay horse named Big Brown shattered a barrier that will mean better health and longer life for horses everywhere,” said Joe Camp, author of the new book The Soul of a Horse: Life Lessons from the Herd. “The colt became the first horse in history to win the Kentucky Derby without metal shoes nailed to his feet.”

Big Brown had lameness issues, cracked hooves, and hoof wall separation allowing him to run only three races prior to the Derby. His metal nail-on shoes were pulled and flexible glue-on plastic shoes were put on, allowing his hooves to flex as Mother Nature intended. His hooves healed and he could run again. “A horse’s hoof is supposed to flex,” Camp said, “and that flexing acts like a secondary heart, pumping blood throughout the thousands of capillaries in the hoof mechanism, which keeps it healthy and provides a hydraulic-like shock absorption for the tendons, ligaments, and joints of the leg.”

“This is huge!” Camp added. “It could be the impetus needed to get tons of metal shoes off horses’ feet so the hooves can flex as their genetics designed them to do.”

But it was also a day of tragedy when the only filly in the race, Eight Belles, after coming in second place, suddenly collapsed with two broken front ankles and had to be euthanized on the spot. “The death of Eight Belles, even more clearly than that of Barbaro, focuses on the need to stop allowing horses who have not matured skeletally to run in these races,” Camp said after the race.

“The growth plates between the bones in the joints of a horse do not fully mature into strong bone until the horse is four to five-and-a-half years old,” Camp said. “Yet the horses in the Derby are running at three years old, after usually being trained hard from the time they are one-and-a-half to two years old. It’s way too young.”

Joe Camp is author of the new book The Soul of a Horse: Life lessons from the Herd, a book that many have said is going to change the way we all look at horses.

Camp Bow Wow Opens in El Cajon

Camp Bow Wow® El Cajon, the newest California location of the Premier Doggy Day and Overnight Camp®, invites dogs and their two-legged companions to come and visit the brand new doggy day care and overnight boarding camp located in El Cajon at 1677 N. Marshall Avenue, Suite A. With summertime approaching, come see how San Diego pups will beat the heat in style at climate-controlled, pool-lovin’ summer camp.

“San Diego is known for its beautiful sunny days, but where is your dog spending the dog days of summer?” asks Connie Garrett, who owns the camp with husband Mark. “Come join our celebration and see what we’re all about!”

For more information, visit Camp Bow Wow online at www.campbowwow.com/elcajon, stop by for a personal tour or call the Camp at 619-448-WOOF (9663). Locations open nationwide.
As a rabbit rescue organization, we often receive calls from individuals who are moving and believe they cannot take their rabbits with them. Either they believe the trip will be too stressful for the rabbit, they haven’t made arrangements for pet-friendly housing in their new location or they feel the rabbit would be “better off with someone else” than making the trip.

In reality, rabbits travel quite well. Many rabbits have relocated to new homes within the U.S. and some have even made international moves. Anke and Steffen Hartung moved their two bunnies, Albert and Schewi, from Germany to San Diego, flying with them on Delta Airlines.

Anke and Steffen prepared for the trip by checking online with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for import regulations and discussing the move with their vet. Their vet advised them not to use sedatives, as they are too dangerous and can cause the death of the animals during the flight. He examined their rabbits and provided a health certificate, stating they were neutered and in good health.

Preparing for a trip with your rabbits includes getting a health certificate from your vet. If you’re flying, there is a time limit on this so be sure to check that in advance, depending on your final destination. Check with your airline on carrier sizes to ensure bunny’s carrier will fit under the seat, and book well in advance with an airline that allows rabbits (typically Delta and Continental). Bring along a small water bottle that can be attached to the front of bunny’s carrier and a small supply of pellets, fresh greens and hay.

When traveling by car, a plastic tote can hold a supply of hay and a small cooler will hold fresh veggies. Keep a frozen water bottle handy your bunny to lay against on the hottest days. Check with the House Rabbit Society’s (www.rabbit.org) vet list to prepare a list of rabbit-experienced veterinarians in the cities along your route. This way you’ll know exactly where to go if an emergency should arise. Make reservations at pet-friendly motels, and set up bunny and her litter box in the bathroom for a safe place to keep her confined. If you have room in the car, you can bring along an x-pen to house bunny during stops. If making a long trip, do allow for one or two stops during the day in a safe location to allow bunny out into her x-pen to stretch her legs. Your rabbit may not eat or drink much while on the road, but should take food once settled into a room for the night.

Matt and Angela Bachmann drove from St. Louis to San Diego when Angela was assigned to the Naval Medical Center San Diego for her medical internship. They drove the nearly 2,000 miles during the heat of summer, taking turns staying in the car during stops so they could keep the air conditioner running. Their bunny, Optimus Prime (Opie for short), a little black and white Dutch boy adopted from Missouri HRS, made the trip with ease.

“We set Opie on the back seat of the car with his carrier belted in and his hay box, food and water on the floor. He could come and go as he pleased. Opie was very alert and seemed to enjoy the trip. He spent most of the time sitting, facing forward in the middle of the back seat,” says Matt. “It was obvious he could tell the car was in motion and his posture was what we nicknamed ‘surfing’ — he was very deliberately maintaining his balance. So we joked that Opie surfed his way out to the West Coast.”

The Bachmanns’ vet gave them Reglan to administer in case Opie didn’t eat during the trip, but they never needed it. He nibbled regularly from his hay and fresh veggies.

Matt remembers, “One thing we noticed after the trip was that Opie seemed to want more human attention. We think he enjoyed spending that time with us in the car.”

Rabbits can even enjoy a trip with you on an extended family vacation. Scott and Windee Wiro brought along Bridget, their newly adopted rabbit companion, when they drove from San Diego to Oregon for their wedding. “We put Bridget’s carrier on the back seat and buckled it in. During stops, we let her out of the carrier and onto the seat, where she could jump into her litterbox or just relax,” said Windee.

Bridget took the trip in stride, enjoying the adventure and visiting with new family. With some thoughtful planning, gathering basic supplies and making reservations in advance, traveling with your rabbit companion can be accomplished with little stress to him — or you. If you need advice for best ways to bring your bunny along on a move, contact San Diego HRS at (619) 718-7777, or e-mail hrs@sandiegorabbits.org.

Now — hit the road!
May 3rd
WALK FOR ANIMALS-SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY & SPCA 7:00AM-NOON,
Cost: Collect pledges to benefit the shelter.
NEW LOCATION ON GRASS!- Crown Point Shores in Pacific Beach, Crown Point Drive, 92109 MORE INFO: www.sdhumane.org

May 10th-11th
CABRILLO KENNEL CLUB 9AM TO 5PM
NEW LOCATION - Del Mar Fair Grounds. Parking $9.00 MORE INFO: http://www.sdfair.com

May 15th
PET DAY ON THE BAY to benefit Helen Woodward Animal Center & Rancho Coastal Humane Society - Hornblower Cruises.
9:30AM-4PM - Cost: Bring a towel or blanket receive a free 1 hour bay cruise from Hornblower Cruises, 1066 N. Harbor Drive, 92101, to use that day with your well behaved leashed dog or any other day without your dog up to Dec. 31st. 2007. MORE INFO - Hornblower Cruises event calendar at www.hornblower.com or call 619-686-8700.

May 17th
2ND ANNUAL "PAWS TO CELEBRATE" NORTH CO. HUMANE SOCIETY FUND RAISER 6PM-10PM Cost: $225.00 VIP Tickets $125.00 Regular tickets per person with discounts for group tables purchased. VIP Tickets include acknowledgment in program as patron, valet parking, priority seating, hosted wine with your dinner plus patron gift. This year will be 1930’s Hollywood theme, black tie optional, with cocktail reception, dinner, whodunit theatrics courtesy of the Mystery Cafe and silent auction. Sheraton Carlsbad Resort and Spa. FOR TICKETS http://www.nchumane.org/news/pawstocelebrate08.html OR CALL 1-800-450-9950.

May 17th & 18th
THE BULLDOG CLUB OF GREATER SAN DIEGO HOSTS - AKC SANCTIONED DOG SHOW 8AM - 6PM Sat. 8am -Noon Sun. COSTS: Donations appreciated at entry. This dog show will feature conformation, obedience and rally events. All contestants will be bulldogs. Location - Bernardo Winery 13330 Paseo del Verno N. which also offers daily wine tours. FOR MORE INFO - Email show chair Naomi Bell at NaomiBell@hotmail.com

May 31st
5TH ANNUAL ENCINITAS WINE FESTIVAL to benefit several charities including the Rancho Coastal Humane Society. 5:00pm to 8:00pm Cost $100.00 per person. Held at the Quail Botanical Gardens. Guest will stroll around the grounds sampling fine wines and beverages from around the world while tasting the best dishes and desserts from local restaurants. FOR MORE INFO: go to http://www.EncinitasWineFestival.com or call Rancho Coastal Humane Society at 760-753-6413.

June 1st

June 7th

June 7th
3RD ANNUAL "COOKOUT FOR CRITTERS" ACES Foundation fund raiser 11AM TO 3PM COST:$75.00 benefiting the El Cajon Animal Shelter. Includes a BBQ lunch at Joan Embrey’s ranch in Lakeside plus entertaining programs of horse dressage, mounted police and special animal presentations by Joan Embrey. FOR MORE INFO: http://wwwACESfoundation. website-by-you.com/cookout.html Or email ACESInfo@cox.net

June 7th
NOVELTY DOG SHOW 3RD ANNUAL IN ALPINE 8:00AM At Tom C Dykes Park at 1000 Tavern Rd. Alpine 91901. This is a “fun” event with prizes and refreshments. Entries are $6.00 per class or $20.00 for 4, money raised through the Alpine Lions Club will go to benefit training of Animal Assistance Dogs. FOR MORE: http://www.alpinelions.org/fundogshow.html or Email Beck at beckybar-doo@yahoo.com

June 8th
ANNUAL FUND RAISER & 40TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY - Spring Valley 1-4:30PM Cost: Free, donations appreciated though. 9031 Birch St. Spring Valley, CA 91977 Appetizers, silent auction items, balloon picks and tours of the facility. MORE INFO: www.NatCat.org 619-469-8771 Email - NatCatSpringValley@earthlink.net

June 8th
CARNIVAL DE GREYHOUNDS 10AM-3PM COST: $15.00 Includes lunch. Bring your Greyhounds & sunshades, chairs, x-pens etc. to 273 Chicory Lane, El Cajon 92021 for live music, contest, $5.00 doggie pedicures, adoptions, silent auction and raffle to benefit Operation Greyhound. FOR MORE INFO: http://www.operationgreyhound.com/ 619-588-6611

June 14th-July 6th
DEL MAR FAIR – NEW animal exhibit this year in the barn with the big Whale painted on the front. 10AM-7PM Cost: Free with fair entrance of $11.00. The brand new AgriFair will have new exhibits, long with the petting zoo, “farm pasture,” Super KIDS Market, small animal competitive exhibits and a focus on agriculture. Be aware the Fair will be CLOSED 2 Mondays this year on June 16th & June 23rd.

June 14th
WALK A MILE FOR ANIMALS - DOG WALK & ANIMAL FAIRE 8:00AM TO 1:00PM Cost: Entry fee is $15.00 and walkers will receive T-shirt & bottle of water. The walk will start & end at Rancho Coastal Humane Society and go for 1 mile. The Animal Faire portion will include, vendors, entertainment, workshops, a bake sale and animal readings by Paula Brown and goes from 10:00am to 1:00pm
FOR MORE INFO: 760-753-6413

June 14th-15th

June 20th
TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY Register your company or workplace to take part in the National Take Your Dog to Work Day sponsored by Pet Sitters International.
To get your kit and posters go to http://www.petsit.com/dogday/

**June 21st**

CHULA VISTA PET FEST  
8AM TO 1PM COST: FREE. This fun event located in a beautiful park setting features a 2-mile Doggy Dash walk, entertainment, pet-related activities, vendor village of pet products and services, obedience demonstrations and pet adoptions. Location is Memorial Park in Chula Vista. 373 Park Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910. MORE INFO: www.ThirdAvenueVillage.com or 619-422-1982

**June 23rd-27th**

ANIMAL CAMP FOR KIDS 6 TO 12 - A WEEK IN THE WORLD OF ANIMALS 9:00AM TO 4:00PM Cost: $175.00 Each day campers will get to experience the life of a different animal group as they learn what it is like to be trained without speech, move like a cat, build shelters and much more. Rancho Coastal Humane Society is located at 389 Requeza Street in Encinitas. CLASSES FILL QUICKLY To Register Call (760) 753-6413 or visit http://www.rchumanesociety.org/Or http://www.rchumanesociety.org/events/show.php?news_id=215

**June 28th**

4TH ANNUAL LOEWS SURF DOG SMALL WAVE COMPETITION 9AM-3PM COST: $40 for Surf Dogs in Heat One and $50 for Teams in Heat Two if registered by August 13. Registration after August 13 is $50 for Surf Dogs and $60 for Teams. There is no cost to attend and watch. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase at the event (cash only). All proceeds will benefit the Resort’s Good Neighbor Council, a group of employees who volunteer their time to help raise money for various non-profit organizations, including Modest Needs and PAWS of Coronado. To register or FOR MORE INFO: www.LoeswsSurfDog.blogspot.com or call 619-424-4000 ext. 6696.

**June Generally first Sat.**

ANNUAL BASSET HOUND RESCUE PICNIC  
MORE INFO: http://members.aol.com/sdbasset/frame.htm

**June**

PARROT EXPO 2008  
10:00AM TO 5:00PM Cost: FREE Many vendors with exciting products for you and your parrot plus adoptable parrots from the Parrot Education & Adoption Center of San Diego. Location: Marina Village Conference Center, near Sea World - 1936 Quivira Way, Room D-1, San Diego 92109. FOR MORE INFO: Call or email us (619) 287-8200 Parroted@cox.net
WE ALL KNOW THAT CONSUMERS ARE ALL ABOUT BEING “GREEN.” Being eco-friendly, as you know, is suddenly the new craze for everyone from mothers to multimillion-dollar corporations. You and your pet can jump on the “green wagon” too. To jump-start Earth Day, the Petfinder.com community (the No. 1 pet-related site on the Web and largest online database of adoptable pets) is sharing its favorite environmentally friendly pet products, as well as other ways to green your pet on www.petfinder.com/greenyourpet.

HEMP CATNIP MOUSE WITH TAIL
These sturdy cat toys are filled with certified organic catnip, so your feline can have only the healthiest treats.

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Made from corn, they’re compostable to reduce landfill waste.
8 Ways to go green with your pet

1. **Adopt from a shelter**
   Pet breeders have only one goal in mind—to raise large quantities of purebred animals for profit. They’ve also been pilloried for misdeeds such as overbreeding, inbreeding, poor veterinary oversight, lousy food and living conditions, overcrowding, and culling of unwanted animals. Check out Petfinder.com to find your perfect match.

2. **Spay or neuter your pet**
   Did we mention 70,000 puppies and kittens are born every day in the United States? We don’t need any more homeless animals than we already have. As a bonus, spaying and neutering helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives by eliminating the possibility of uterine, ovarian, and testicular cancer, and decreasing the incidence of prostate disease.

3. **Rein in your pets; protect native wildlife**
   Always keep your dog on a leash when outside, and confine your mangy feline indoors. Topped only perhaps by habitat destruction, cats are the biggest, baddest bird killers of all time. That aside, two out of every three vets, according to the Humane Society of America, recommend keeping cats indoors, because of the dangers of cars, predators, disease, and other hazards. The estimated average life span of a free-roaming cat is less than three years; an indoors-only cat gets to live an average of 15 to 18 years. I

4. **Swap out the junk food**
   Most conventional pet-food brands you find at the supermarket consist of reconstituted animal by-products, otherwise known as low-grade wastes from the beef and poultry industries. Natural and organic pet foods use meats that are raised in sustainable, humane ways without added drugs or hormones, minimally processed, and preserved with natural substances, such as vitamins C and E. Certified-organic pet foods must meet strict USDA standards that spell out how ingredients are produced and processed, which means no pesticides, hormones, antibiotics, artificial preservatives, artificial ingredients or genetically engineered ingredients.

5. **Clean up their poop**
   Scoop up your doggie doo in biodegradable poop bags so your buddy’s No. 2 isn’t immortalized in a plastic bag, while deep-sixed in a landfill somewhere for hundreds of years. Cat owners should avoid clumping clay litter at all costs. Not only is clay strip-mined (bad for the planet), but the clay sediment is also permeated with carcinogenic silica dust that can coat little kitty lungs (bad for the cat). Plus, the sodium bentonite that acts as the clumping agent can poison your cat through chronic ingestion through their fastidious need to groom.

6. **Give them sustainable goods**
   Your furry friends can get in on some saving-the-planet goodness, too—and have plenty of fun—with toys made from recycled materials or sustainable fibers (sans herbicides or pesticides) such as hemp. A hemp collar (with matching leash) is a rocking accessory for a tree-hugging mutt. These days, you can even get pet beds made with organic cotton or even recycled PET bottles.

7. **Use natural pet-care and cleaning products**
   You don’t use toxic-chemical-laced shampoos and beauty products, so lather up your cats and dogs (or ferrets, rabbits, or hamsters—we don’t judge) with natural pet-care products, as well. And if your cat horks up a hairball, or Fifi doesn’t make it all the way to the bathroom, clean up the mess with cleaning products that are as gentle on the planet as they are on your critters’ delicate senses.

8. **Pets, not fads**
   Baby bunnies grow up into rabbits, and little chicks into full-size chickens. Unless everyone involved understands that a pet is a long-term commitment that involves demands on both their time and money, you’re better off giving the kid a stuffed animal. Impulse buying (say, rushing out an grabbing the next available Dalmatian puppy after watching 101 Dalmatians) isn’t a good idea, either, as the large numbers of fad dogs that pass through shelters (often to their death) can attest. Repeat after us—especially you, Paris Hilton: Pets are not fads or fashion accessories. These and other “going green” tips and products can be found at www.Petfinder.com
Choosing wisely and ensuring a happily-ever-after

“I’m not bashful about admitting that I love dogs,” declares Bruce Fogle, internationally renowned veterinarian and author of “New Dog”. “There’s something about the immutable constancy and fidelity of a dog that’s deeply reassuring.”

Written with professional dog trainer Patricia Holden White, the book is a comprehensive guide to welcoming a new dog home.

“‘New Dog’ could equally be called ‘New Dog Owner’ because what follows is as much about us as it is about dogs,” notes the author. “That’s why I’ve devoted the start of the book to decision-making.”

Dr. Fogle has organized the book sequentially, following a timeline of the various judgments prospective dog owners must confront. Are they ready to be dog owners? Should they get a puppy, an adult or a rescued dog? Where is the best place to get a dog? What are the secrets to effective training? What breeds are best for an inexperienced dog owner?

A major consideration is time. “Dogs take a lot of time,” he emphasizes. “You have no idea how much time a new dog takes! When it’s older and settled into your routines, you’ll get your life back, but a new dog takes time to train, to exercise, time to care for, time to groom and time to worry over.”

There are descriptions of the top 30 most popular breeds, the top 10 breeds for a variety of lifestyles and health issues, and 20 essential tips for having a well-behaved pet. Readers will find detailed information on:

- Where to find the right dog;
- Temperament and defining breed characteristics (personality, health; time)
- Feeding, exercise and play;
- Various toilet-training procedures;
- Choosing the right veterinarian;
- Preventative health care;
- Good nourishment;
- Home treatments and home nursing;
- Advice on travel, boarding, dog walkers and daycare;
- Dealing with common problems (chewing, aggression, boredom, separation anxiety);
- Simple obedience training;
- Why dogs do what they do (they are not furry little people!).

Expert trainer Patricia Holden White provides obedience-training instructions that use positive, reward-based methods, take little time and are easily carried out at home.

The book is illustrated with more than 300 color photographs, dozens of useful tips and facts on recent breakthroughs in veterinary science, making “New Dog” an essential manual for new dog owners.
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www.APassionForPaws.org

Angel Wings Cat Rescue Inc.  
Wilma Daubman  (760) 744-0764  
www.AngelWingsCatRescue.com

Bat Rescue  
Richard Wilkins  (858) 679-0211  
www.batrescue.org

Chihuahua Rescue of San Diego  
Ann Pollack  (858) 277-3557  
www.ChihuahuaRescuedSanDiego.com

German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue  
(760) 726-4813  
www.GSP-Rescue.org

Greyhound Adoption Center  
Toll Free 1-877-478-8364  
www.greyhounddog.org

Greyhound Connection  
(619) 286-4739  
www.GreyhoundConnection.org

Operation Greyhound  
Bruce or Bob  (619) 588-6611  
www.OperationGreyhound.org

Paws of Coronado  
Louise Shirey  (619) 435-8247  
www.PawsOfCoronado.org

Pug Rescue of San Diego County  
www.pugbutts.com

San Diego House Rabbit Society  
Judith Pierce  (619) 718-7777  
www.SanDiegoRabbits.org

S.D. Turtle & Tortoise Society  
(619) 593-2123  
www.SDTurtle.org

Southwestern Rottweiler Club San Diego  
Deanna Giller  (619) 645-8800  
www.SRCSD.net

Westie Rescue of California  
(619) 579-6395  
www.WestieRescueCA.com

**Animal Welfare Organizations**

Labrador Harbor  
Sue Frounfelter  (619) 892-0049  
www.LabradorHarbor.org

Lions, Tigers & Bears  
Bobbi Brink  (619) 659-8078  
www.LionsTigersAndBears.org

Project Wildlife  
Caring for sick, injured & orphaned wildlife  (619) 225-9202  
www.ProjectWildlife.org

ZooFari inc. - A partner in preservation  
Jackie Navarro  (760) 630-9230  
www.ZooFari.net

**Dog Beaches/Parks**

**NO LEASH REQUIRED LOCATIONS**

- **Coronado Beach**  
  North end of Ocean Blvd., S. of Naval base & North of Lifeguard Tower

- **South Coronado Cays Park**  
  Coronado Cays Blvd.

- **Del Mar North Beach**  
  N. end of 29th Street Sept.15 to June15 only

- **Fiesta Island**  
  Sea World Dr. & Fiesta Island Rd.

- **Ocean Beach Dog Beach**  
  end of Voltaire St. & W. Point Loma Blvd.

**LEASH REQUIRED LOCATIONS**

- **Cardiff State Beach**  
  Old Hwy 101, Cardiff lot seaside

- **Coronado Tidelands Park**  
  Mullinix Dr. & Glorietta Blvd.

- **Del Mar Beach**  
  S. of Powerhouse Park & Ocean Ave.

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  www.AztecDPC.com

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  Madelon McGowen  (619) 441-7339  
  Email - MadMac646@yahoo.com

- **San Diego Whippet Association**  
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  www.SanDiegoWhippets.com

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  www.aboci.com

- **Ballistic Racers Flyball Team**  
  B & J Matsumoto  (619) 991-5267

- **Catchers on the Fly**  
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  www.CatchersOnTheFly.org

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  www.MartinisRanch.com

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  www.actionk9sports.com

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  www.feralcat.com

- **Pet Assistance Foundation**  
  Betty Brokaw  (619) 469-5008  
  www.orgsites.com/ca/pet-assistance/

- **SNAP – Spay Neuter Action Project**  
  (619) 525-3047  
  www.Snap-SanDiego.org
Animal Shelters & Humane Societies

SHELTERS THAT WILL ACCEPT STRAYS & HAVE ADOPTIONS

BAY PARK/MISSION VALLEY

County Animal Services – Central
5480 Gaines St., CA 92110 (619) 236-4250
www.sddac.com Hours: Tues-Sat 9:30am to 5:30pm

Bonita
County Animal Services – South
5821 Sweetwater Road, CA 91902 (619) 685-6309
www.sddac.com Hours: Tues-Sat 9:30am to 5:30pm

CAMP PENDLETON

Camp Pendleton Animal Shelter
4th St. Area 25 Bldg. 25132 CA 92054 (760) 725-8120

CARSBAD

County Animal Services – North
2481 Palomar Airport Road, CA 92090
(760) 438-2312 or (760) 746-7307
www.sddac.com Hours: Tues-Sat 9:30am to 5:30pm

CHULA VISTA

City of Chula Vista Animal Shelter
130 Beyer Way, CA 91911 (619) 691-5123
Hours: M-F 10am to 5pm Sat. 10am to 4pm

CORONADO

Animal Control Facility
705 Orange Ave, Coronado, CA 92118 (619) 522-7371
Hours: 7 days 8:30am to 4:30am

EL CAJON

City of El Cajon Animal Shelter
1275 N. Marshall Ave., CA 92020 (619) 441-1580
Hours: Tues-Sat 10am to 5:30pm

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Escondido Humane Society
3450 E. Valley Parkway, CA 92027 (760) 888-2275
www.EscondidoHumaneSociety.com
Hours: 7 days 9am to 5pm

OCEANSIDE

North County Humane Society
2905 San Luis Rey Road, CA 92054 (760) 757-4357
www.NCHumane.org Hours: 7 days 10am to 4:15pm

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BAY PARK/MISSION VALLEY

San Diego Humane Society & SPCA
5500 Gaines Street, CA 92110 (619) 299-7012
www.SDHumane.org Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-6pm Sat-Sun 11am-5pm

EL CAJON

Friends of Cats
15587 Olde Highway 80, CA, 92021 (619) 361-0361
www.FriendsOfCats.org Hours: Tues-Sun 10am to 4pm

ENCINITAS

Rancho Coastal Humane Society
389 Requeza Street, CA 92024 (760) 753-6413
www.RCHumaneSociety.org Hours: 11am-5pm every day except Tues. 11:30am-5pm

RANCHO SANTA FE

Helen Woodward Animal Center
6461 El Apajo Road, CA 92067 (858) 756-4117
www.AnimalCenter.org Hours: 7 days 11am to 6pm

SPRING VALLEY

National Cat Protection Society
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www.NatCat.org Hours: Tue-Sat. Noon to 5pm
Emergency Hospitals

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South Co. Emergency Animal Clinic (619) 427-2881
3438 Bonita Road Bonita, CA 91902 M-F 6pm-8am Sat. Sun. Open 24 Hours

Pet Emergency & Specialty Center of South County (619) 591-4802
885 Canarios Court, #108, Chula Vista, CA 91910 M-F 6pm-8am Sat. Sun.
3:30pm-8am www.PESCSanDiego.com

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2310 Faraday Ave. Carlsbad, CA 92008 7 days 24 hrs.
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414 Encinitas Blvd. Encinitas, CA 92024 7 Days 24 hrs.
www.VCANorthCoast.com

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Animal ER of San Diego (858) 569-0600
5610 Kearny Mesa Road San Diego, CA 92111 M-F 6pm-8am Sat. Sun. 24 hrs.

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Pet Emergency & Specialty Center (619) 462-4800
5232 Jackson Drive #105 La Mesa, CA 91942 7 Days 24 hrs.
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