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Denmark’s Queen Margrethe II might have a lot of the world on a string, but bring up the subject of doggie karma, and that string morphs into a giant ball of grimy, dismembered twine. In 1993, Her Highness’ best friend Zenobie ran away during a stroll in the woods north of Copenhagen (searches by thousands of volunteers failed to turn up a trace). Celimene, Zenobie’s replacement, died 12 years later on the heels of a lingering illness. And in 2006, 2-year-old Helike was rushed to an animal hospital after being hit by a car. All three animals were dachshunds, which may illustrate Margrethe’s genuine love for the breed (i.e., her affection for dogs is motivated by the animal, not by public opinion, and that’s cool). All three animals were central figures in trillions of press photos—the monarchy is wildly popular in Denmark, and anything in its connection is the target of a certain overkill. But there’s no record of all three animals, or even one, as the subject of a painted portrait. And that’s a shame. Tributes like that are defined as acts of love by the labor-intensiveness alone.

Just ask somebody who creates them.

Deirdre O’Byrne—the same oil painter and watercolorist who’s made such a splash with her urban and rural landscapes, seascapes and, yes, human beings—would have made an exceptional pet portrait artist to the queen’s Court. It’s not enough, the native Dubliner said, to simply clone eyes, noses and jaws. She’s after expression and temperament, just as she seeks to capture the mood in her other work by being in the moment with her locale. Nothing escapes her scrutiny, down to the natural color of the coat. Purplish snouts and orangish manes often underscore dew-eyed expressions of chagrin, as if to remind the animal there’s more to life than food and slippers.

“Because I love color,” the Mission Valley resident explains, “I started introducing a lot of color into the paintings, like exaggerating, just pushing color. People say ‘how do you pick the colors.’ It’s more my feeling toward the photograph or the pet itself. I just go with what I’m feeling, and that’s how I come up with the color scheme.”

The universal canine countenance makes those feelings come easy.

“They look sad,” she says. “That’s the thing with dogs. When they have their normal face, they do look a little sad. You have to try and get their tongues sticking out to make ’em smile.”

It’s one thing to manufacture that smile, which the 48-year-old O’Byrne has been doing since she was probably 19. It’s another, she said, to encourage its natural evolution in a healthy pet. The best portraits, after all, are the byproducts of the best exercise regimens.

“I had a neighbor,” O’Byrne explains, “who had a great Dane—two great Danes—in an apartment. I was, like, ‘I seriously hope she’s lookin’ after those dogs.’ But she was really good. She walked them every single morning and every lunch and every evening. I felt better knowing she was lookin’ after them. If you’re the kind of pet owner who takes them out, like, once a week, you shouldn’t even have a pet. Twice a day, minimum, is when a dog should be taken out.”

Lore has it that Margrethe’s dogs were exercised faithfully—an outdoor stroll, in fact, led to Zenobie’s disappearance. That’s the last we’ll see of the royal little tyke—not so, O’Byrne said, for many pet owners who choose to capture their pets’ visages for posterity. Dogs, cats, birds, horses, rabbits, snakes, lizards, even ant farms: Pet portraiture is big biz these days. New York’s Doyle Dogs in Art auction cites a record $590,000 paid for a single work in 2005 (it was expected to go for less than a tenth of that figure). A hilarious doggie courtroom scene painting was expected to
fetch up to $50,000 at this year’s event. A 2008 Massachusetts art sale, featuring several portraits of wildlife and sporting animals in action, netted $3.2 million, with transactions held on more than 550 lots.

And the retail pet business itself isn’t exactly slouching. Food, toys, clothes, even health insurance and burial plots: The National Retail Federation estimates that the industry will rake in some $20 billion during 2009, the recession notwithstanding.

“I think animals are the new generation of babies,” O’Byrne says. “A lot of people aren’t having kids nowadays, and they have pets. They’re just as important as another person. I just think that a portrait of your pet is something you have forever. Sadly, all our pets don’t live forever, and a few of my clients have asked me to paint their pets who’ve just passed away.”

O’Byrne says she recently received an e-mail from a gentleman whose terrier was the central figure in one of her portraits. “It just gives him a lot of peace of mind when he looks at the painting. It just really brings him a lot of comfort. That really means a lot to me.”

And forget the record sales and bids. For cat owner O’Byrne, the dollar mentality pales against her genuine respect for the portrait’s subject.

“Dogs are just so fun to look at,” she explains. “They make you laugh when you look at them. All your problems go away when you have a dog or a cat around. Everything melts. I think they’re the most therapeutic things ever, on this whole land.

“If I ever saw anybody doing anything wrong to a dog, they’d have to deal with me.”

It’s a cinch Queen Margrethe feels the same way. After all, those thousands of volunteers who looked for Zenobie showed up chiefly because Her Highness appealed to their public goodness of nature; to boot, she seems like the kind of person who’d be looking out for your animal’s safety if the shoe were on the other foot. Nonetheless, one seriously major element is missing from the royal palace—a vestige of the dearly departed family member whose predicament brought all those people out in the first place.

Your solution, however, may be as near as Mission Valley. For more information on O’Byrne’s artwork, visit odoodle.com.

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**Finding and selecting a pet artist**

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | SAN DIEGO PETS

You’ve decided you want to commission a professional portrait of your pet. But how and where do you find the right painter who can capture your pet’s essential qualities?

Many pet portraitists exhibit at local pet-related festivals and art shows, such as the twice-yearly ArtWalk (in Little Italy and on the Embarcadero), La Jolla Festival of the Arts, San Diego County Fair and other shows throughout the region. Others show their work at art galleries and local pet-related businesses. Several exhibit at animal rescue organizations, including the San Diego Humane Society & SPCA, or work with rescue organizations such as the Feral Cat Coalition, Rescue House, Helen Woodward Animal Center and breed-specific rescue groups, which may be able to make a recommendation.

One of your first decisions is the medium—oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink, mixed media?

Many pet artists have galleries posted on their websites, along with instructions on how to photograph your pet to get the best results from a photo-based portrait. Other pet artists take their own photographs or occasionally work from life.

For most artists who take commissions, the price of the portrait depends primarily upon the canvas size, but also upon the number of animals and the complexity of the background.

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ART COURTESY DEIRDRÉ O’BYRNE

One dachshund-crazy Danish monarch would benefit mightily from O’Byrne’s acquaintanceship. O’Byrne’s whimsical use of color is a major element in her work.
Pricing for pet portraits starts around $125 for a small, simple portrait of a single pet and ranges upward into the thousands for large canvases with multiple pets and detailed backdrops, with mounting and framing extra.

San Diego artist Ronda Ahrens, who has a local, national and international clientele, is a former graphic designer and gallery owner and now a full-time artist. For the last year she has focused primarily on pet portraits, done in an affectionate, whimsical style, and has long supported animal welfare and rescue groups.

“I’m all about rescuing an animal before getting one from a breeder,” she explains. She currently lives with a Chihuahua-corgi mix and a Boston terrier, both rescues, and used to have a tuxedo rescue cat.

Many of Ahrens’ clients find her at art shows, including Art-Walk and the La Jolla Festival of the Arts, through the Leap-ing Lotus Gallery in Solana Beach or through her website, www.rondaahrens.com.

She works from clients’ photos of their pets — cats, dogs, birds, horses and others — and does a sketch first, giving clients the opportunity to approve background details.

“I’m working on a large painting for a client in Paris showing their bulldogs dressed as a French admiral and Marie Antoinette,” she says.

She has designed and donated poster and T-shirt artwork to the May 16 La Jolla Pet Parade & Festival, which benefits SNAP and the Feral Cat Coalition’s permanent spay and
La Jolla Pet Parade & Festival May 16 to benefit new spay/neuter clinic

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON

The first annual La Jolla Pet Parade & Festival will step off in the seaside community on Saturday, May 16 with costume and look-alike contests and exhibits of artists and pet-friendly businesses from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents and their pets will parade from 10 to 11 a.m.

Sponsored by Promote La Jolla, the coastal community’s business association, the new event is the kickoff fund-raiser for San Diego’s first stationary high-volume spay and neuter clinic, now being developed jointly by the Spay & Neuter Action Project (SNAP) and the Feral Cat Coalition (FCC).

The new clinic is their latest effort to combat pet overpopulation. It will expand their current subsidized spaying and neutering services for low-income families as well as serve animal rescue organizations and caregivers of abandoned, homeless and feral cats.

“La Jolla has a long history of being pet-friendly. When the business association was looking for a new event, they thought of their businesses’ pet friendliness and decided to revive the pet parade and festival started in the late 1930s,” explains Candy Schumann, volunteer executive director of SNAP.

Participation is open to the public. For more information call Promote La Jolla, (858) 454-5718. All proceeds will benefit the SNAP-FCC clinic fund.

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neuter clinic. She can be reached at ahrensart@mac.com.

Mission Beach artist Marcia Wigdahl paints “mostly dogs, but occasionally a cat sneaks in.” Also a dog trainer, she admits dogs are her biggest love. She does occasional commissions, but normally works from her imagination and life experience, which influence her whimsical style.

“When I do a commission, it’s because I’m intrigued by the animal. Mostly I get an idea and it evolves into a story about an animal, usually about some sort of behavior or relationship. I tend to do something that makes people happy,” she explains.

Wigdahl’s work is on display at Noah’s Natural Pet Market, 4431 Cass St., Pacific Beach, and on the Global Dog website, www.theglobaldog.com. She plans her own website soon. Her work is usually at the San Diego County Fair. Contact her via e-mail at mwigdog@sbcglobal.net.

Other San Diego pet artists to check out include veterinarian/artist Dr. Christy Berg, who has a gallery of her work online at www.sunsetcliffsanimalhospital.com, Gloria Lee, who’s work can be viewed at www.pop-dogs.com, painters Yvonne Gillengerten at www.portraitpetpaintings.com and Marna Schindler at www.DoggontArt.com; and watercolorist Sinclair Stratton at www.sinclairstratton.com.
Meet the Chargers at REINS of Life

Have you ever wanted to meet the San Diego Chargers in person? At the 20th annual REINS of Life Celebrity Golf Tournament, you can! Our very own AFC Champion San Diego Chargers will be playing in this intimate tournament, as well as signing autographs and posing for pictures.

This charity golf tournament, sponsored by Mr. Clean Maintenance Systems, will be held Monday, June 8 at the beautiful and private Vista Valley Country Club. All proceeds will benefit REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program (www.reinsprogram.org), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Fallbrook that provides therapy on horseback to children and adults with disabilities.

REINS has students from all over Southern California and cares for people with disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome, along with rare disabilities like Angelman syndrome and Wiedemann Rauten Stauch syndrome (a premature aging disorder).

With handouts from the Olive Garden of Carlsbad, a silent auction, putting contest and 50/50 raffle, this tournament is sure to be a blast! Call the REINS office, (760) 731-9168, for more information.

Pet therapy teams will help Rady fund-raiser

Join the Oncology/Hematology Service of Rady’s Children’s Hospital & Health Center to celebrate the lives of children with the Celebration of Champions! Kids, families, friends, survivors and sports teams run, walk, wheel or walker around a course on the beautiful Marina Park North near Seaport Village to raise funds for medical care on Saturday, May 16 from 8 to 10 a.m.

The 12th annual event is a celebration of life, a celebration for surviving children, for those who have passed away, and of the strength and courage of these children and their families. This is the 11th year for the very successful participation of therapy dog teams, working the crowd and working their magic with these special children and their families!

The great band Rockola plays at lunch and into the afternoon.

Please call with questions or ideas, and pass the information along to any and all teams you know. RSVP to mailejewell@yahoo.com or call (619) 281-7050.

‘Shangri-Paw’ is theme for Spring Fling

Helen Woodward Animal Center’s 21st annual Spring Fling is presented by O’Riordan and Associates on Saturday, June 6 in the Fairbanks Village Plaza in Rancho Santa Fe.

The theme of this year’s event is “Shangri-Paw... A Stylish Utopia for All Creatures.” Spring Fling co-chairs Laurie McCrink and Katie Shull, with vice-chair Elizabeth Davidson, guarantee an evening of fun, fine art, food from the area’s best restaurants, hosted bars and great music. Planners hope this year’s Spring Fling will

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A highlight of “Shangri-Paw” will come during the live auction when guests will bid on travel, sports and dining packages.

For more information, visit Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road in Rancho Santa Fe, call (858) 756-4117 or purchase your tickets online at www.animalcenter.org.

See Spot glide at Surf Dog Competition

See Spot surf during the “Loews Coronado Bay Resort Surf Dog Competition,” the nation’s largest surfing competition for man’s best friend, on Saturday, June 20 in Imperial Beach. There’s no dog paddling for these surf dogs. Canine counterparts are invited to hang 10 (errr, 20) for a great cause.

Last year, close to 60 brave surf dogs hit the waves and thousands of spectators gathered to watch the competition unfold. This year’s event is expected to draw an even larger crowd with visitors from across the U.S. Since Loews Coronado Bay Resort launched its first dog surfing competition in 2006, the concept has garnered international attention.

This year’s event includes:

- 10-10:30 a.m., optional surfing lessons for less experienced canines eager to catch their first wave
- 11-11:45 a.m., Category One: small surf dogs 40 pounds and under
- 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Category Two: large surf dogs 41 pounds and over
- 12:30-1:30 p.m., Category Three: tandem surfing with dogs and humans
- 1:45-2 p.m., Awards ceremony

The cost to enter the competition is $50 for Category One or Two and $55 for Category Three. There is no cost to attend and watch. Hotel packages are available.

In addition to the Loews Surf Dog Competition, canines, owners and spectators will enjoy a variety of burgers, hot dogs and snacks prepared by the talented chefs of Loews. All proceeds will benefit the resort’s nonprofit partner. To register or for more information, please visit www.LoewsSurfDog.com.

For information on the resort, please visit www.loewshotels.com.

May 14 annual Pet Rescue Day on the Bay

On Thursday, May 14, Hornblower Cruises & Events will present the ninth annual Pet Rescue Day on the Bay event to benefit the Helen Woodward Animal Center. By donating a gently used blanket or towel, you and your dog cruise free on any one-hour Harbor Cruise on the Big Bay aboard Hornblower.

Items will be collected from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1066 North Harbor Drive on the San Diego Embarcadero. Last year Hornblower collected more than 2,000 blankets and towels, and had hundreds of attendees with their dogs take advantage of the free cruises. The event is sponsored in part by Petco, Frosty Paws Frozen Treats for Dogs and the Port of San Diego.
Donors will also receive a “doggie bag” from Petco with treats, coupons and other goodies (people perks, too), as well as samples of Frosty Paws Frozen Treats for Dogs and other fun items.

Although the cruise ticket can be used any time, dogs may only cruise free on Pet Rescue Day on the Bay on May 14 only. Dogs must be on a leash and are allowed to ride along on a one-hour Harbor Cruise. Cruise departures are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. For more information about Hornblower Cruises & Events and Pet Rescue Day on the Bay, call (619) 686-8700 or visit www.hornblower.com/petrescueday>. To learn more about Hornblower Cruises, visit <http://www.hornblower.com>.

**Fiesta Island clean-up deemed a success**

Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO) and I Love A Clean San Diego teamed up in April to help clean up one of San Diego’s most precious treasures: Fiesta Island at Mission Bay Park. The event drew more than 130 volunteers who showed their support by collecting nearly 600 pounds of trash from the area.

The increase in volunteers and trash collected made this event particularly successful for the group, which plans to come together and clean up the off-leash exercise area a few times a year.

“The goal of our clean-ups is to demonstrate FIDO’s commitment to protecting and preserving the fenced off-leash exercise area,” says Dr. Jean Spengel, a FIDO board member. “It is the last leash-free area of its kind of California, and we want to do everything we can to save it from unnecessary and costly development.”

Fiesta Island is home to San Diego’s largest off-leash dog area, and FIDO has worked diligently with city officials in an effort to save the unique area from development that reduces off-leash park space. FIDO, the self-appointed steward of the island, is committed to making the area the cleanest dog park in the county.

FIDO began with a handful of people who have utilized Fiesta Island as a source of recreation and exercise for themselves and their dogs for more than 30 years. This group is dedicated to the preservation of the island in the face of massive redevelopment through the Mission Bay Master Plan Redevelopment by the City of San Diego.

For more information, contact Jean Spengel at info@fidosd.org.

**UKC announces its 2008 top breeds**

The United Kennel Club (UKC) is pleased to announce its Top Ten registered purebred dog breeds for 2008. Each breed represented in the Top Ten reflects the “Total Dog” philosophy that is the backbone of the UKC. Truly – “Our Dogs Do Stuff!”

The Top Ten breeds include:
1. Treeing Walker Coonhound (Scenthound Group)
2. American Pit Bull Terrier (Terrier Group)
3. Bluetick Coonhound (Scenthound Group)
4. English Coonhound (Scenthound Group)
5. American Black & Tan Coonhound (Scenthound Group)
6. Australian Cattle Dog (Herding Group)
7. Australian Shepherd (Herding Group)
8. Beagle (Hound Group)
9. Basset Hound (Hound Group)
10. Black & Tan Coonhound (Scenthound Group)
6. Redbone Coonhound (Scenthound Group)
7. Beagle (Scenthound Group)
8. Labrador Retriever (Gun Dog Group)
9. Plott Hound (Scenthound Group)
10. American Eskimo (Northern Group)

The UKC Top Ten Breeds boasts seven scenthound breeds, including treeing walker and bluetick coonhounds, placing in positions one and three, respectively. Also, the rise in popularity of other breeds such as American pit bull terrier and beagle (having held these positions for the third year in a row) clearly shows the general public’s desire to own beautiful dogs that are not only wonderful family pets but can perform competitively in skill events.

It is important to note that while this list reflects the top breeds in the UKC Registry, it is not intended to represent the “Most Popular Dogs in America.” There has never been any viable research to define a list of America’s “most popular” or “most numerous” purebred breeds. To learn more about UKC breeds, events and to view UKC’s Top 50 breeds, please visit www.ukcdogs.com.

Foster families needed for ‘Tweenies’

Each year, the Department of Animal Services receives hundreds of kittens that are younger than 8 weeks old and therefore not old enough for our adoption program. Referred to as “Tweenies,” these kittens are usually between 4 and 8 weeks old and need foster care outside the shelter environment. Foster families will need to provide extra care and socialization for these kittens until they are old enough to return to the shelter for adoption at 8 or 9 weeks of age.

The department will provide all the necessary supplies and food to those who wish to become a “Tweenie” foster parent. We will give you food, bowls, toys, litter and bedding to help raise the kittens. All you need to provide are a loving home environment, socialization and snuggles.

For more information about the “Tweenie” foster program, please e-mail one of our foster care coordinators at the shelter most convenient for you: North County Region, Vanessa Brush vanessa.brush@sdcounty.ca.gov; San Diego Region, Kim Tardy, Kimberlee.tardy@sdcounty.ca.gov; South County Region, terri.green@sdcounty.ca.gov

Rattlesnake avoidance training for dogs

Rattlesnake avoidance half-day training clinics for dogs are now being formed on Sundays throughout the summer by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of De Luz Mountain Empire. Dogs of all breeds are welcome. The classes will include information on the habits and locations of snakes, the time and weather in which they appear and a few chilling details that can save your life as well as your dog’s.

The fee for the class is $100 (per dog); $50 per registration will be donated to the German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue.

For additional information on rattlesnake avoidance classes for dogs or to sign up, call (760) 726-4813; e-mail info@gsp-rescue.org or visit http://www.gsp-rescue.org/.

Education programs utilize animals

The San Diego Humane Society and SPCA proudly announces several new humane education programs aimed at helping young learners across San Diego County. The new “Playful Paws” Girl Scouts Patch, Listening E.A.R.S. and Education Outreach programs are all designed to support the San Diego Humane Society’s mission of promoting the human-animal bond while serving as a learning resource for students of many ages.

“Education is a vital component of the San Diego Humane Society’s programs and services,” says community programs manager Stacey Zeitlin. “Teaching children to value animals not only encourages positive attitudes towards all living things, it also establishes a sense of responsibility to make the world a better,
more humane place.”

The following are the San Diego Humane Society’s new Education programs being introduced in 2009:

**Girl Scouts “Playful Paws” Patch**

Expanding on current Girl Scouts programs offered at the campus, the San Diego Humane Society now offers a special Girl Scouts patch program. The “Playful Paws” patch differs from the traditional Girl Scouts pet care badge as it was designed specifically with the San Diego Humane Society’s mission in mind and is offered only at the San Diego Humane Society campus. Through this program, Scouts will learn community service and leadership skills through pet-related activities, such as creating “enrichment” toys for the shelter’s animals. Upon completion of the program, each Scout will receive a beautifully designed “Playful Paws” patch. The program is open to all Girl Scout levels and ages.

**Listening E.A.R.S. (Education and Reading Success)**

The San Diego Humane Society’s new Listening E.A.R.S. program utilizes the connection between owning a pet and reduced stress levels to help aid students struggling to improve their reading skills. To complement existing literacy programs and curricula at organizations and learning centers such as the Barrio Logan College Institute, Taft Middle School and the San Diego State University Community Reading Clinic, the San Diego Humane Society will bring companion animals to these facilities. Students, both children and adults, will be encouraged to read to the pets. Students will have less anxiety and feel less self-conscious while reading as they are soothed by the pet’s presence, allowing their reading skills to improve more quickly.

**Humane Education Outreach and Check-Out Bags**

While many schools would like to bring their students to the San Diego Humane Society’s campus and participate in our Humane Education programs, not all schools have the resources to do so. The San Diego Humane Society’s Education Outreach program can bring humane education curricula directly to these schools. Through the Outreach program, a Humane Society educator will prepare a detailed lesson plan in keeping with California's state education standards.

Lessons are divided into three categories: pet issues, character traits and life sciences as they relate to caring for animals. Teachers can sign up for one or all three. Rather than bringing many animals and creating a “show-and-tell” style environment, Humane Society educators bring one pet at a time to each classroom, which focuses the students on the lesson at hand and teaches them proper animal interaction skills. No fee is charged for this program; however, schools are asked to make a donation when possible.

For teachers that prefer to lead their own lessons, the Humane Society also offers Humane Education check-out bags. For more information about these programs, including details about fees, scheduling and availability, contact Annie Petersen, (619) 243-3432 or edu@sdhumane.org.

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**Seniors get more than puppy love**

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) recently launched the Senior Initiative to increase placements of assistance dogs with seniors and senior-serving organizations through the help of a grant from the Carlsbad-based Gary and Mary West Foundation. CCI is a national non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 41 percent of adults ages 65 and older have disabilities. CCI assistance dogs can help: They aid seniors with physical tasks, enhance physical and speech therapies, alert those with hearing loss to important sounds and provide an immeasurable emotional boost. Best of all, CCI assistance dogs, their training and ongoing follow-up support are provided free of charge, thanks to the generosity of foundations, corporations and individual donors.

In addition to placing assistance dogs with disabled seniors in their homes, CCI places dogs with professionals and volunteers who work with seniors in rehabilitation, therapeutic and assisted living facilities. Dogs are trained to serve clients with a wide range of physical disabilities, including spinal cord injury, brain trauma, hearing impairment and multiple sclerosis.

Oceanside resident Val Valentine helps a wide range of people with her CCI facility dog, Shirley. Val and Shirley volunteer together at a local retirement home and hospital, and with special-needs children. Val started “working” with Shirley immediately after retiring as a staff member at CCI. She credits her experience with Shirley for making retirement more fulfilling.

“I really don’t know what I would have done with my time if I had not committed to volunteering with Shirley,” says Val. “Watching people smile because of her is such a gift! Many of the people we visit are seniors who are so appreciative of the company. Their stress and pain seem to fade as they pet Shirley, and she loves the attention!”

For more information, visit www.cci.org or call (800) 572-2275. Applications are available online.

**Tails wag for hotel’s ‘Canine Cocktails’**

What’s goes “woof” and is blue all over? “Canine Cocktails” at the new Hotel Indigo San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, located at 509 9th Ave. (cross street Island Ave.)

Canine Cocktails will be downtown San Diego’s newest tail-wagging happy hour where guests, locals and their pet pooches can mix and mingle over cocktails every Tuesday (starting Sept. 8, 2009) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the lobby of Hotel Indigo San Diego, adjacent to the Phi Bar and Bistro. The weekly event is free; neither humans nor dogs pay a cover charge to attend.
Canine hero lauded for ‘dogged determination’

By KEVIN MCKAY | SAN DIEGO PETS

Cabrillo, a Portuguese water dog, was showered with praise and adoration for his role in saving property and, quite possibly, human life.

Cabrillo became the first canine to be recognized by the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department for his relentless effort to alert his sleeping owner, Sandra Angel, to a raging house fire just doors away.

Around 3 a.m. on April 2, the persistent pooch began scratching at Angel’s mattress, tugging at her sleeve and going from window to window of the Rosecrans Street home to rouse his sleeping master.

“That’s when I smelled smoke,” said Angel. “I got out of bed and saw a smoky haze and the orange glow of a fire from the house a few doors away.”

Set in motion by Cabrillo’s alarms, Angel called 911 while her boyfriend, Charles Williams, began waking neighbors and urging them from their homes.

Officials credit Cabrillo’s alertness and unrelenting effort to wake Angel and Williams for triggering a rapid response by fire crews and other emergency response personnel.

As a result, fire-rescue officials recognized Cabrillo for his “dogged determination” Tuesday with the first “Honorary Fire Dog” award — complete with a lifesaving commendation and a box of doggie treats.

Angel, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker in Point Loma.

SCOOPS

La Jolla author Hazel Phillips has always loved animals and is passionate about adopting through rescue organizations. Having just released her first novel, a whimsical parrot-centric tale written to appeal to adults and children alike, she is donating sales of the book, available as an eBook, to qualified animal rescue groups and shelters as a fund-raising tool.

Needing a creative outlet as she labored to remodel her home, Phillips fantasized about an unlikely trio of eccentric but flawed parrots who find themselves in an animal shelter filled with dogs and cats awaiting adoption.

The result is “Parrot Heads,” a charming, illustrated tale of the birds’ antics and adventures as they adjust to their new situation, attempt to get along with each other and team up to use their insight and empathy to help other shelter animals overcome their own flaws to find their “forever” homes.

Currently “Parrot Heads” is available through Aztec Doberman Rescue (http://dobermanresq.com/ph) and Friends of County Animal Shelters (FOCAS), www.focas-sandiego.org.

“I really want to help the rescue organizations that are hurting now,” Phillips explains.

To purchase “Parrot Heads” directly from Phillips or discuss use of the eBook as a fund-raiser for your organization, e-mail her at philipshazel@att.net.

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MAY 14
PET RESCUE DAY ON THE BAY TO BENEFIT HELEN WOODWARD ANIMAL CENTER & RANCHO COASTAL HUMANE SOCIETY
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. 2009.
MORE INFO: http://www.hornblowerholidays.com/sd/pet_rescue_day.htm

MAY 16-17
MT. PALOMAR KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
9am-4pm - Cost: Free to watch, NEW LOCATION this year at Bates Nut Farm. 15954 Woods Valley Road, Valley Center, 92082
MORE INFO: www.BatesNutFarm.biz (760) 749-3333

MAY 23
WALK A MILE FOR ANIMALS - DOG WALK & ANIMAL FAIRE
8am-1pm - 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. Location: Rancho Coastal Humane Society, 389 Requeza St., Encinitas, 92024. All proceeds will benefit Rancho Coastal Humane Society.
MORE INFO: 760-753-6413 or visit http://www.rchumanesociety.org/

MAY 29
DOGGIE CAFE
6-8 p.m. Cost: $10 suggested donation. Bring your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other dogs while you learn how to keep your pooch calm in a distracting cafe setting. Dogs should be at least four months old and up-to-date on all vaccines. Limited beverages, sandwiches, salads, and more available for purchase. Complimentary desserts and dog treats provided. Behavior and Training specialists will be "on-paw" to answer training questions.
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JUNE 2009

JUNE 6
4TH ANNUAL NOVELTY FUN DOG SHOW IN ALPINE
8am-11am NEW LOCATION Viejas Outlet Center 5005 Willows Road, 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.
MORE INFO: http://www.alpinelions.org/fundogshow.html or Email Beck at NoveltyDogs@yahoo.com or (619) 200-0675

JUNE 6
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ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & FUNDRAISER
1pm-4:30pm - Cost: Free. A purr-fect retreat celebrating the cat shelter's 41st anniversary with door prizes, a silent auction, raffle prizes, tasty refreshments and many kittens to greet. Location is the NATCAT shelter. 9031 Birch Street, Spring Valley, CA 91977.
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JUNE 12 – JULY 5
DEL MAR FAIR – FARM ANIMALS THIS YEAR IN THE BARN WITH THE BIG WHALE PAINTED ON THE FRONT.
10am-7pm - Cost: Free with fair entrance of $11.00. The new AgriFair will have new exhibits. Be aware the Fair will be CLOSED 2 Mondays this year on June 15th & June 22nd.

JUNE 13-14
BAHIA SUR KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
9am-5pm - Cost: Free Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista, 91910
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BUNNY CALENDAR

MAY
BUNNY 101
Saturday, May 9, 3:30PM to 5:30PM
HRS Bunny Supply Store
4805 Mercury St., Suite C, Kearny Mesa
$15 fee includes subscription to The Rabbit Reader. Pre-registration required by May 7. Email or call 619-718-7777 to register.

MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES
Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation
Saturday, May 16, 4PM TO 6PM
4805 Mercury Street, Suite C
Fee: $5 donation at door
This presentation discusses Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation, known as VOM. This treatment is for animals experiencing issues such as stiffness, muscle or joint problems, or other medical conditions that would benefit from orthopedic manipulation.

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Saturday, May 30, Noon to 4PM
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JUNE
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4805 Mercury St., Suite C, Kearny Mesa
$15 fee includes subscription to The Rabbit Reader. Pre-registration required by June 12. Email or call 619-718-7777 to register.

MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES
Enriching Your Rabbit’s Life
Saturday, June 20, 4PM TO 6PM
4805 Mercury Street, Suite C
Fee: $5 donation at door
HRS volunteers will present ways to encourage your rabbit to explore and play, and interact with your family. This presentation will include hands-on opportunities for children to create art, and fun toys and furnishings for their rabbit’s home.

ONGOING EVENTS
HRS BUNNY SUPPLY STORE OPEN:
May: 2, 9, 16, 23
June: 6, 13, 20, 27
July: 4, 11, 18, 25

HRS ADOPTION DAYS:
May: 3, 17
June: 7, 21
July: 5, 19

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JUNE 20
5TH ANNUAL LOEWS SURF DOG SMALL WAVE COMPETITION
10am-2pm - COST: $50 for Surf Dogs in Heat One & Two and $55 for Heat 3. 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.

JUNE 20
CHULA VISTA ANNUAL PET FEST
8am-1pm - Cost: FREE, $12.00 to go on 2-mile Doggy Dash Walk. This fun event located in a beautiful park setting and features 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 26
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.TakeYourDog.com
MORE INFO: http://www.TakeYourDog.com

JUNE 22-26
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.srchumanesociety.org/
Have you ever purchased an expensive toy for your bunny only to find he prefers to play with a paper plate? Often simple things we find around the house bring more pleasure to our rabbit friends than more costly options found in pet stores or online.

Toys for your rabbit do not need to be expensive or even purchased, though there are many wonderful items you can buy. If you’re counting your pennies, like many of us, these ideas can help you come up with hours of fun for your bunny with little drain on your wallet.

Things you already have at home:

Paper bags: Bunnies LOVE paper bags! They dash inside them and hide, chew holes in the corners and pull them around by the handles. Your Henry’s, Trader Joe’s or other paper shopping bags are perfect for this.

Cardboard boxes: A simple cardboard box can become the ultimate bunny castle. Cut holes in the side so they can come and go, and place sheets of newspaper or the telephone book inside for shredding fun. They’ll jump on top to become “king of the castle” and hide underneath for an afternoon snooze.

Canning jar rings make fabulous bunny rattles. Paired with a ring from your shower curtain rod, you have a clanging-banging toy! These are a huge hit with my bunnies at home.

Empty toilet paper or paper towel tubes are perfect for stuffing with fresh hay or wadded up paper towels. Bunnies will chew on them and fling them around.

Empty Quaker Oats boxes (the round kind) are great tunnels for little bunnies. Cut out the bottom for tunneling fun.

Straw whisk brooms (the little ones for sweeping up crumbs) are great for chewing. Just make sure they are clean and new.

Old towels for bunching and re-arranging: Bunnies are natural “interior decorators” and love to smooth things out and move them around.

Large rubber balls: Buns like to bump them with their noses and follow them around. It’s so fun to watch them playing “soccer” in the family room as they run the ball around.

Branches from apple trees or other “seed” fruits: Avoid stone fruit trees (cherry, peach, plum and apricot) as they can be poisonous. Make sure they are free from pesticides and well-dried.

Dried pine cones: They should be clean and dried over a several-month period.

Junk mail catalogs for ripping and shredding (bunnies love the noise of tearing paper).

All of these ideas are bunny-tested and approved!

For more great ideas on how to keep your bunny busy with a variety of toys, visit San Diego House Rabbit Society at www.sandiegorabbits.org and click on “Behavior.” To find great, bunny-safe treats and toys, visit the HRS Bunny Store on Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m., at 4805 Mercury St. (corner of Ronson & Mercury), in Kearny Mesa.

~ Judith Pierce, San Diego House Rabbit Society

Hey! We have more than just hay!
The SDHRS Bunny Store sells everything you need for your bunny. But did you know you can also buy fun bunny-themed gifts for yourself and your friends? We have t-shirts, hats, mugs, greeting cards, bunny slippers, and more!
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Diligence can keep San Diego dogs and cats flea free

By Sindi Somers | San Diego Pets

We all know what fleas are, those annoying, dark-colored creatures that hop on our pets when they sit or roll in the grass, visit the beach or park or stop to say hello to a fellow furry friend. Although they seem to jump as if they are flying, fleas are wingless insects capable of piercing skin and sucking blood. This in itself sounds unappealing, but add to it the potential of having these unwelcome visitors as permanent residents in your home, laying eggs, multiplying relentlessly and causing stress and potential discomfort to you and your pets. Although this is not a desirable situation, it is one many of us have experienced. In addition to this, some animals are allergic to flea saliva. This allergy can lead to more severe skin irritation that gets worse as the animals lick, scratch and bite the affected areas in an attempt to get relief. Fleas also are capable of transferring diseases between animals. It is obvious we need to keep fleas away from our pets and homes, but how do we do it?

Most people have heard of the over-the-counter “spot on” treatments, such as Advantage and Frontline. Although some may have success with these, fleas can and do build up a resistance to them. If you have tried these or similar pesticides and they have not worked, now you know why! In addition to the possibility of these products not solving your problem, they are highly potent chemical pesticides.

So what can we do to keep our pets safe and flea-free in San Diego County, which seems to be paradise for this pest population? Luckily, we have a number of independently owned health-conscious pet stores throughout San Diego County that offer natural alternatives to the toxic options.

I have tried a variety of natural products, and found that once applied they worked great — temporarily. I also have learned that using multiple products is sometimes necessary.

To give you a head start when addressing your external environment, helping your pets have a strong inner defense is essential in successful flea control. Nutritious foods and any needed supplements, along with adequate exercise, will help build and maintain a healthy immune system. Fleas prefer a weak host, as it allows them to flourish with more ease. The healthier your pets are, the less likely they are to be affected by fleas.

Bathing can also help eliminate fleas on your pets, but be careful not to over-bathe them, which can lead to dry skin and other issues. A monthly bath with a gentle, natural shampoo, along with thorough water-only rinses as needed, will help in the fight against fleas.

It is also important to remember that the fleas on your pet are only a part of the war to conquer. In addition to those that you can physically see, you can rest assured that there are growing flea families happily nesting in your rug, bedding, upholstered furniture and anywhere else that provides a safe place for them. I recommend very frequent vacuuming of carpet areas, as well as upholstered furniture. Immediately disposing of the used vacuum bag will help avoid reinfestation.

Tomb Stone by Great Life is a spray that seems to kill fleas on contact, or at least slow them down enough so they can be picked off. I was told it is safe to spray it on bedding, furniture and any surface, as well as on your pet. With lavender being one of the main ingredients, I found that it smells pleasant, which is a plus when spraying it in and on your home environment. Citronella-based Purely Botanical Flea! by Dancing Paws is another spray that some have had great success using. Both sprays are available at Paw Country in La Mesa, www.welcometopaw-country.com. I recommend spraying the product into your hand first and then applying it on your pet.

Buck Mountain Herbal Gold Parasite Dust for Animals, which is available at Point Loma Pet Pantry, www.pointlomapetpantry.com, has brought relief to many pets. I recommend applying it on your pet while either outside or in an open area. This powder can be applied directly onto your pet, bedding or furniture, as well as the carpet, and then vacuumed up. However, it is a yellowish powder and not everyone may choose to have this added to their belongings. Grocery store-purchased borax, which contains boric acid and diatomaceous earth, available at Paw Country and Point Loma Pet Pantry, are two other flea-killing powders that can be sprinkled on carpets and vacuumed up.

Another option is FTI Pet Products’ Flea Treats. Both my dog and cat love these tasty tablets as treats! They contain brewer’s yeast and B vitamins and are available at Point Loma Pet Pantry, Healthy Pet Pantry in El Cajon (www.healthypetpantry.net) and Wholesome Choice Pet Market in Rancho Bernardo (www.wholesomechoicепetmarket.com). Some people swear by them. I have never used them alone, but instead as an additional precaution, along with a spray, the parasite powder and of course diligence.

If you have questions about flea treatments, behavioral issues or nutrition concerns, I welcome your e-mails at info@wildtame.com. You may wish to visit my website at www.wildtame.com to learn more about alternative and holistic approaches to pet care.
Cats, dogs and birds all need distinctive toys, but recent recalls of dangerous Chinese-made toys raise questions.

What should we look for — and avoid — when we select pet toys?

“Look for solid construction,” advises Mary Jansky, co-owner of Noah’s Natural Pet Market in Pacific Beach.

Jansky favors “green,” eco-friendly toys made of renewable materials such as jute, bamboo, untreated wool and rubber. She urges people to read labels on toys just as on pet food and know their origin and contents.

“I have to know where (toys) come from and what they’re made of. If it’s something made of PVC we won’t carry it. It’s the same problem with toxic chemicals as with lead-painted toys,” she explains.

For both dogs and cats she recommends interactive toys, such as a fishing pole to entertain cats, and for dogs a leather, wool or jute-covered chewable toy. Among their most popular toys are “egg babies,” which challenge dogs to pull squeaker-filled “eggs” from a stuffed animal.

Dogs, Jansky says, can be trained not to shred toys. She advises interacting with dogs and putting toys away the minute they start to shred them, a trick taught her by her trainer.

“They learn pretty quickly that the toy is to play with and not to shred. I try to educate people about playing with toys — and buying durable toys,” she adds.

Colorful, interactive dog toys, designed to appeal to both dog and human, are popular sellers at Muttropolis, located in La Jolla, Solana Beach and online.

“The size of the dog doesn’t determine the size of the toy — a small dog may drag a large toy”  
— Lisa Russell

“The choice of a toy depends upon what a dog likes, chews and eats. Some dogs want an unstuffed animal to carry around and some dogs want the squeaker. The size of the dog doesn’t determine the size of the toy — a small dog may drag a large toy,” explains Muttropolis associate Lisa Russell.

She recommends toys that challenge the dog, keeping him occupied and entertained, such as their popular puzzle-type toys. Her favorites include pull-apart stuffed animals, squirrels popping...
PET TOYS 🐶 byteArrayFromImage here

from a tree trunk, a fabric-covered “bone” layered with squeaky pull-off rings and a carpenter’s pocket apron with pull-out tools.

For balls, Russell suggests a fully digestible boiled wool ball or a textured ball that can be filled with treats.

“The more you keep dogs entertained, the mellower they are,” she adds.

Muttropolis also offers interactive cat toys, including a fling-a-string battery-operated toy, motorized rolling Bubble

uses a laser pointer at playtime. She advises keeping it away from their eyes and limiting use for cats addicted to the laser’s red dot.

“Use the laser in short bursts because some cats want to chase it too long and get overheated,” she says.

For parrots, they’re experimenting with a durable gelatin that congeals like plastic and is safe for chewing.

“Birds need to be able to tear apart and shred their toys,” explains Len LaRiccia, owner of Bird Crazy in Kearny Mesa. They also need complex, puzzle-like toys that challenge them and stimulate their intelligence.

He recommends brightly colored wood toys that birds can chew and destroy as they do naturally in the wild. Younger birds require softer woods than mature birds.

LaRiccia emphasizes avoiding exposing birds to any insecticide or plant materials treated with systemic poisons, which are fatal to birds.

As with cats and dogs, small, detachable objects — beads, buttons, bells, squeakers, fasteners or latches — are dangerous for birds, which can catch their beaks in small openings.

In choosing safe, durable pet toys, the key is to know your supplier, especially your local pet shop. Expect to pay more for better quality, but that may save you money ultimately. Responsible shops tend to select well-made toys from known vendors that stand behind their merchandise.

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