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Editor’s Note

After a hot summer filled with many animal-oriented events I attended for our magazine, I now turn my attention to fall’s cooler temperatures and the many seasonal activities still in store.

If you are looking for something animal-related to do, I am proud to say we have the largest collection of animal events all in one place, not only in the Calendar section of our magazine but also on our website, at www.SanDiegoPetsMagazine.com. Because we can add events to our site without the expense of printing, we have many, many more events listed there than in our magazine. So please take a moment to check out our site and click on Event Calendar. All the events are listed by month and date of the event. We also have a selection of ongoing events; there is always something to see or do in our county.

I will be attending the Halloween-themed events for the Helen Woodward Animal Center’s Spooktacular WALK & Fund Raiser on Oct. 27 and the second annual Ocean Beach Canine Carnival and Costume Contest, sponsored by the Ocean Beach Kiwanis, Oct. 28. If you don’t have a costume for your pet yet, check out the costumes from Lucky Dog Boutique in our Polished Pet section.

San Diego Pets is represented at more than 40 animal-oriented events a year to showcase our magazine and to meet and greet the wonderful pet owners in the county. I may be a bit biased here, but I think pet owners are some of the nicest people on earth. I enjoy meeting you at the different events and fund-raisers throughout the county, and I can tell you it is truly one of the best parts of my job.

Speaking of charitable events: San Diego Pets works hand in hand with local animal welfare organizations by providing much-needed publicity for their events and by profiling local animal rescue organizations so you can get to know some of the wonderful and giving people active in the animal community. With an overwhelming number of animals in our shelters and in foster care in need of permanent homes, San Diego Pets has chosen not to offer animals for sale in its magazine or on the website.

We realize there are many reputable and responsible breeders in our county, and we applaud their efforts to educate the public on obedience training and good pet citizenship in our community. However, we know they have many avenues in which to advertise their services, whereas many of the rescue organizations survive on your donations alone. Some are stretched to the limit just feeding the animals in their care.

If you know of an animal welfare organization that would like to be profiled in our pages, please do not hesitate to have them e-mail me at PetSitCo@san.rr.com. And if you have an animal-related story you would like to share with our readers, let me know.

I enjoy hearing from our readers, and I want you to know I do share the praises I receive from you with all the hardworking folks at the San Diego Community Newspaper Group. We never take for granted that this publication would not be possible without their help or the support of the pet owners in the county, the animal welfare community and our advertisers.
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PHOTO BY PAUL HANSEN
Bianchi, a 15-year-old blue and gold macaw, entertains Catamaran guests with his large vocabulary and duck quacks.
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Dog Owners Unite to Keep Area for Dogs On Fiesta Island

A grass roots organization called the Fiesta Island Dog Owners or F.I.D.O. have been meeting to see if they can impact the minds of the City and developers who want to develop Fiesta Island and possibly remove much of the open space that dog owners are currently using. On September 11th a meeting of the Mission Bay Park Committee was held at the Mission Bay Hilton and a vote was taken passing 6-4 to move ahead with plans to develop Fiesta Island. The plan will still need approval by the San Diego City Council. For more information on The Fiesta Island Dog Owners go to www.FIDOSD.com For more information on the Parks & Recreation development plan for Fiesta Island go www.FiestaIslandGDP.com

Unexplained Wild Animal Park Bird Deaths Prompt Exhibit Closure

In mid September several lorikeets from the popular Lorikeets Landing exhibit were found dead. The exhibit houses over 80 lorikeets native to the rain forests of Australia and New Guinea. They are also known as brush-tongued parrots because their tongues are specially adapted to extract nectar and pollen from flowers. The birds at the Wild Animal Park have been specially trained to land on humans so visitors can feed them cups of nectar. West Nile Virus has been ruled out but the exhibit has been closed until a reason for the deaths can be determined.

Your Dog on a Flexi or Extendable Leash is Considered Off Leash

Many dog owners use the popular flexi or extendable leashes but may be unaware they may be breaking the San Diego County Codes and be subject to a fine. The County code states, “If you walk or otherwise bring a dog to public or other private property (where dogs are permitted), you must restrain the dog by a hand held leash (not longer than 6 feet in length) (SDCC Sections 62.669[a], 62.601[d], and 62.601[y]). What this means is that County Animal Services will view any dog leash LONGER than 6 feet to mean your dog is “off leash” and subject to a fine and these fines are per dog.

Dog Barking May Be Timed

Currently our County Codes state “It is a public offense for any person to own or harbor an animal in such a manner that the peace and quiet of the public is unreasonably disturbed. The keeping or maintenance, or the permitting to be kept or maintained, on any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by any person of any animal or fowl which, by any frequent or long continued noise, shall cause unreasonable annoyance or discomfort to any person of normal sensitivity in the vicinity shall constitute a violation of this section: (SDCC Section 62.672). However some homeowners association are looking to add time limits to barking dogs. In Mount Dora Florida they already have city ordinances that say a dog can bark at most for five minutes at a time OR intermittently for 30 minutes maximum.
SOLID GOLD NOT INVOLVED IN THE PET FOOD RECALL

Recently, 98 canned dog/cat food brands were recalled due to the lethal contamination thought possibly from rat poison in gluten. Solid Gold does not use this can food manufacturer. Then, several dry dog foods were recalled for the same reason. Again, gluten seemed to be the problem. Wheat gluten, corn gluten and rice gluten are frequent ingredients in low quality pet foods.

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The most frequent allergy causing ingredients in pet foods are soybean, also called lecithin, wheat, and corn. Solid Gold doesn’t use these. We use the non-allergie grains of amaranth, millet, and quinoa. Some of our products contain oatmeal which digest slowly and helps with blood sugar glucose levels.

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Solid Gold never uses animal/poultry fat, which are frequently rancid in pet foods. Thus, it gives the pet a body odor and bad breath. We use the healthful oils of canola, flaxseed, sesame and almond oils. We never use sunflower, safflower or corn oil, which the Swedish National Cancer Society Study found an increase in the risk of cancer by 69%.

Solid Gold dry dog foods are Hund-N-Flocken (adult), and Hundchen Flocken (puppy) uses lamb and fish as the protein source. Our MMillenia (adult) bulk-up diet uses beef and fish. Our Wolf King (adult) and Wolf Cub (puppy) uses bison and salmon. Our Just a Wee Bit is similar to Wolf King for the smaller mouth. It is 28% bison and salmon protein for puppies, as well as small adults. Small dogs have a high metabolism and need a high protein level their whole lives.

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“SQUAWK! SCREECH! QUACK! AARGH!” The Catamaran Resort Hotel’s six tropical birds noisily vie for attention, each certain that he, or she, is top bird. They eagerly greet visitors (“SQUAWK! Hello!”) who venture near their enclosure, where all but escape artist Chadwick, an Eleanora’s Cockatoo, sit on open perches, playfully destroying elaborate toys their bird handlers remake for them daily from stores of colorful wooden blocks and beads. The resort’s exotic ducks — pintails, ringed teals, mandarins and woodducks — frequently wander into the enclosure from nearby duck ponds.
Bianchi, a 15-year-old blue and gold macaw, entertains Catamaran guests with his large vocabulary and duck quacks. Interestingly, as the dominant male, he has a thing for untying bikini strings.
You can invite the parrots to your party at the Catamaran, but beware: They’ll definitely steal the show. Each one is a character, with distinctive personality traits. Seven-year-old Scooter, the lilac crown Amazon (“Peekaboo! Such a big dweeb; I’m sorry! Peekaboo!”), and 3-year-old A Boy Named Sue, the Illiger’s macaw (“Hello! Bye-bye!”) are charmingly shy yet engaging; the other parrots are gregarious talkers.

Chadwick, the 11-year-old Eleonora’s cockatoo with a handsome yellow crest he enjoys unfurling, stays in an aviary because, according to Catamaran general manager Mike Staples, he has an “unbreakable habit of walking over and hanging out in the bar snacking on nuts and bar food.” Like most cockatoos, he has a limited vocabulary, but he happily mimics “Hello, Chadwick!”

Mercer, 19, and Bianchi, 17, both blue and gold macaws, are the hotel’s original birds. In residence about 15 years, they hang out with their four buddies in the Bird Room, which doubles as their caretakers’ office. While the birds, all parrots, spend their days on shaded perches in the Catamaran’s tropical gardens, they retreat to their room for dinner and “lights out” when their rotating staff of four exotic bird handlers goes home.

Two caretakers are on duty in the Bird Room to look after the birds and the exotic ducks and swans living in the hotel’s duck ponds, explains chief exotic bird handler DJ Sommers. Sommers, who joined the Catamaran staff about six years ago, reports that the parrots are popular with the hotel’s guests, many of whom make return stays to enjoy the birds.

“These are the luckiest birds for captive parrots because the Evans family (owners of the Catamaran) allows them to be taken care of the way they need to be taken care of. They’re very spoiled and need to be spoiled. They’re very intelligent creatures and need a lot of stimulation,” Sommers says.

Many people acquire tropical birds because they find them captivating, yet they may be clueless about the intense care and attention the birds require, and they’ll often abandon them when reality hits home. Sommers has a Meyer’s parrot of her own and fosters two other parrots for a rescue organization while they await permanent homes. Thousands of birds, she explains, are in foster care looking for good homes.

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Parrots form close bonds with their owners or handlers and are subject to stress when those bonds are broken through ownership or staff changes. “They don’t trust easily. You have to build your trust bond with them,” Sommers says.

That bond enables the bird handlers to perform the birds’ regular care, including showers, wing and nail trimming and the massages they enjoy. The handlers closely monitor any behavioral or personality changes as indications of their state of health, since birds, as a defense in the wild, are genetically programmed to mask illness from predators.

The Catamaran’s parrots interact affectionately with their handlers and enjoy flirting with hotel guests. Bianchi, effectively “top bird” as senior male, has bonded with Sommers and preens lovingly when he perches on her arm.

“What does a duck say?” Sommers asks. “Quack, quack, quack!” Bianchi responds. No one knows who taught Bianchi to quack, but he may have learned from the resident ducks. Sommers and Kohlman are sure that Bianchi gave quacking lessons to Cornell, the 3-year-old, predominantly red green-wing macaw named for owner Bill Evans’ alma mater.

“What does a duck say?” Sommers prompts Bianchi again as children and parents gather.
“Quack, quack, quacker!”

Bianchi, Sommers tells visitors, has the largest vocabulary among the birds and, like all parrots, has a fierce bite, which is why visitors are asked not to touch the birds. Bianchi also must be kept away from hotel guests, Staples explains, because of his “affection for tie strings on female bathing suits.”

Cornell, youngest of the birds and the biggest ham — because he’s from West Hollywood, his handlers laugh — is the most vocal and squawks loudly until Kohlman, with whom he’s bonded, offers his wrist.

“What does a pirate say?” Kohlman asks.

“Aaargh!” he responds, demonstrating his newest behavior, proudly taught him by Staples. “Aaargh!” he repeats, eager to compete in a bucket race with Bianchi. Both contestants “win” a peanut retrieved from the bottom of a small bucket suspended from a rope.

Mercer reaches out to Sommers to offer a kiss, then lifts a foot to rub her head, indicating she wants her head massaged.

The parrots’ entertaining antics and repartee bring smiles and laughter to adults and children alike as well as to their handlers, who admit the birds are as demanding as toddlers.

“They’re like perennial 2-year-olds. They have the intelligence of a 5- to 6-year-old and the temperament and personality of a 2-year-old,” explains Kohlman, who studied exotic animal training and management at Moorpark College in Ventura County, the only school with its own zoo on campus.

At the duck ponds, Sommers and her staff also care for a pair of Australian black swans, named Ruffles and Lacey, as well as many ducks.

“The swans are as silly as ever,” Sommers reports affectionately. “They follow the landscape workers around. Ruffles guards the wheelbarrows and landscape workers’ clippings.”

Last spring produced new families of now-grown ducklings, all of whom Sommers and her assistants have named. Catamaran guests can meet Barney and Betty, Suki and Sake, Spanky and Frankie and Blossom and Brian, all Mandarin duck couples who mate for life. The families include ringed teals Bill and Wilma and their daughter Pinky, plus wood ducks Big Daddy, Mabel and Curley Sue, and Whitey and Fungaly, two white mallards.

Other ducks hanging out at the duck pond, benefiting from Sommers’ vigilant care, are Smiley the American widgeon and Mrs. Myers, a migratory pintail who lost her mate, as well as Larry, a full-bred Rouen, and brothers Darrel and Darrel, Rouen/Muscovy hybrids.

During the off-season, Sommers and her staff work with the birds to teach them new behaviors for the summer bird shows. When guests stop by the bird enclosure, the parrots are encouraged to show off their talents in informal demonstrations (“Squawk! Aaargh! Hi, baby!”). Cornell happily blows kisses while Mercer flirts and Bianchi demonstrates his “cliffhanger” trick, nimbly hanging by one nail and turning upside down. Chadwick unfurls his yellow crest, while Sue spreads his wings and Scooter shouts “Peekaboo!”

Staples recognizes the birds’ contribution to the Catamaran’s tropical ambiance and pays tribute to his staff’s commitment.

“The devotion and love of the parrots, ducks and swans keep them very busy, and the birds show it. Our birds exhibit richer colors, more elaborate plumage and a wonderful entertaining disposition compared to birds in other exhibits. It’s the love factor.”

The Catamaran
The Catamaran Resort Hotel is located at:
3999 Mission Blvd.
Call (858) 488-1081 or visit www.catamaranresort.com.
The Bird Room is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for summer bird show schedules.
See more events at www.sandiegopetsmagazine.com
To list your events, e-mail us at pets@sdnews.com

October 12th
Clicker Training for Cats - San Diego Humane Society & SPCA
6:30-8 p.m. Cost: $35.00 Have you always wanted to teach your cat some fun new behaviors? Maybe how to "sit" or wave bye-bye. Perhaps you’d like to learn a new and exciting way to keep your cat off the kitchen counter. Whatever your desired behavior, clicker training can be a wonderful method of communicating with those hard to train cats. This class is for people only, please leave your wonderful cat at home.
FOR MORE INFO: Space is limited- Please call (619) 299-7012 x2704 for registration. www.SDHumane.org

October 13th
Exploring the Human-Animal Bond – Escondido Humane Society
1-4pm Cost: $40.00 Dr. Lorri Greene, co-author of “Saying Good-bye to the Pet You Love,” will speak on an area of interest to all animal lovers: the Human-Animal Bond. Why are so many of us willing to spend large sums of money on caring for our companion animals? Is it possible that there is a need for many of us to have a connection with another living being, be they animal or human? This presentation will look at many aspects of this bond, focusing also on “end of life” decisions we often have to make for our pets. She will also discuss the effects of a loss of our companion animal, and what we can do to help ourselves and others during this time of grief.
FOR MORE INFO: Call Ina Shookhoff Director of Education (760) 888-2262 or email her at Education@EscondidoHumaneSociety.org

Canine Capers Fun Dog Show & Contest sponsored by San Marcos Lions Club
9am COST: There will be a nominal fee to enter each of the contest categories like, Most Beautiful, Child (under 12) with cutest dog/puppy, Dog in best costume, Adult with cutest dog/puppy, Most look alike dog & owner etc.Location: Walnut Grove Park, 1450 Sycamore, San Marcos
FOR MORE INFO: Call one of the following folks, Ish Lopez 760-744-5203 Mike Barksdale 760-744-1560 or Elsa Singh 760-746-7897

October 17-21st
Del Mar Fall Festival | Horse Show
8am- shows all day - Cost: FREE Parking $9.00, in the Horse Arena at the Del Mar Fair Grounds 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA 92014
FOR MORE INFO: www.JumpDelMar.com

October 18th
Integrative Veterinary Medicine: East Meets West Lecture - San Diego Humane Society
6:30pm-8pm COST: Cost is $10 per person and includes materials, light snacks and refreshments. Learn how holistic medicine practices might fit into your pet’s care. Veterinarian and holistic medicine expert Keith Weingardt how nutrition, acupuncture, Chinese medicine and herbs, massage and chiropractic medicine can be combined to achieve optimal health in your dog and cat. Classes are for people only - please leave your great pets at home.
FOR MORE INFO: Call to register (619) 243-3424 www.sdhumane.org

October 19th
3rd Annual Putt Fore Pets Golf Tournament- ACES Foundation El Cajon Animal Center for Education & Services
10:30am Registration Shot Gun Start Noon Cost: $120.00 per person includes, lunch, dinner, green fees, cart, beverage and T-Bag. Non-Golfers $25.00 Dinner, pay at event. Cottonwood Golf Course, Rancho San Diego, 3121 Willow Glen Drive, El Cajon, CA 92019
FOR MORE INFO: www.Acesfoundation.org or email Lisa Saneda at TLSaneda@cox.net

October 20th
Intro to Starting a Pet Sitting Business - Escondido Humane Society
10am-1pm Cost: $40.00 A 3 hour introduction to starting and owning a financially successful pet sitting business, taught by Pamela Begeal Director of the Pet Services & Products Association and owner of her own pet sitting business for over 12 years.
FOR MORE INFO: Call Ina Shookhoff Director of Education (760) 888-2262 or email her at Education@EscondidoHumaneSociety.org

Feeding Your Pet the Way Nature Intended - Escondido Humane Society
1:30-4pm Cost: $40.00 Join us for an informal session with Ann Thomas of Tigertail Foods who will discuss proper canine and feline nutrition with an emphasis on feeding what nature intended your pet to eat. Topics include the following: a comprehensive overview of commercial pet food, translating labels, and how to make your own dog/cat food.
FOR MORE INFO: Call Ina Shookhoff Director of Education (760) 888-2262 or email her at Education@EscondidoHumaneSociety.org

Sunset Safari Fund Raiser- Wild Animal Park to Benefit the Jarrett Meeker Foundation
5:00pm Cost: $100.00 per person enjoy the world-class food and 1920s-style entertainment. From a live band and dancing to Joan Emberry’s famous exotic animals to food and beverages from northern San Diego’s best restaurants, breweries, and vintners, we are really pulling out all the stops to make this 20th anniversary event special! A silent and a live auction will feature fabulous prizes including travel, dining, sports tickets and memorabilia, San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park tickets, and more.
FOR MORE INFO: (619) 660-1274
http://www.thejmf.org/events/index.htm

The 2nd Annual Animal House - Fund Raiser for Rancho Coastal
7pm to 10pm - Cost $100.00 per guest. Celebrity designers are creating animal houses that will be built by local builders and auctioned off by our emcee Sam Bass of radio station KYXY. Join us at theEncinitas Community Center 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas, 92024.
FOR MORE INFO: please email Patty Brooks at PBrooks936@aol.com

First Aid for Dogs and Cats - San Diego Humane Society
1- 5 pm Cost: $55 The San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, is offering a Pet First Aid certification class. This four-hour class includes suggested treatments for choking or breathing difficulties, possible broken bones, shock, poisoning or snakebites, carsickness or temperature illnesses, and more.
5500 Gaines St. San Diego 92110. This class is for humans only - please leave your great pets at home.
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October 20 & 21st
Showpark Country 6 Horse Show
8am-5pm - COST: FREE to enter and to park. This horse show will take place at Horsepark, located two miles east of the Fairgrounds at the intersection of El Camino Real and Via de la Valle.
FOR MORE INFO: www.Showpark.com
October 20 & 21st
Howl-o-ween Open House at The Total Dog, Swim Spa & Training Facility
10am to 2pm - COST: FREE 15 min. swim session, please call to reserve time, $5.00 nail trims, photographs with your costumed canine, FURmination demonstrations + other specials! Grab your best 4 legged pal and a towel and join us! 1750 Ord Way, Oceanside, CA 92056
FOR MORE INFO, call Alison (760) 643-1454 www.thetotaldogspa.com

October 21st
3rd Annual Dog Walk at Rancho Bernardo Dog Park
8am to 11am Cost: Donations to help raise funds to maintain the dog park, vendors, raffle prizes, refreshments. 18448 West Bernardo Drive, San Diego, CA 92127
FOR MORE INFO: contact Robin at Rbs1nest@aol.com or 858-487-6227. www.RanchoBernardoDogPark.com

$25,000 Grand Prix Horse Jumping - Del Mar Fall Festival I
Horse Show
7pm - Cost: $15.00 + Parking $9.00 in the Horse Arena at the Del Mar Fair Grounds 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA 92014
FOR MORE INFO: www.JumpDelMar.com

October 25th
Bat Talk hosted by The Buena Vista Audubon Society
7:00pm meeting/social begins at 7:00pm, bat program will start at 7:30.
Cost: FREE The BVAS We’ll give our interactive slide presentation, and then introduce you to a few of the local bat species which might be encountered along our coastal lagoons as they hunt insects every night. BV Audubon Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Highway in Oceanside 92054
FOR MORE INFO: Call 760-439-2473 www.BatRescue.org

October 26th
Howl-O-Ween Dog and Owner costume party
5-7 pm. We are located off of Cargill Street and are Part of the Doyle Community and Recreation Center on Regents Road. We will have refreshments, prizes for Most Devilish, Most Angelic, Funniest, Cutest, and Best owner/dog look alike. We will have a musical chair competition with prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. We will have a raffle with all proceeds going to the dog park. All prizes will be over $25 in value. We will also have a patron pledge drive to raise funds for future projects at the park. Vendors are in attendance with their information, goods and services on display and for purchase.
VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT, TJ WAUD pronounced (Wode) (858) 784-0544 or email me at DOYLE-DOGPARK@GMAILL.COM

October 27th
Spooktacular Walk for Helen Woodward Animal Center
8:30am- Noon Cost: Collect pledges for walk. Walk with your pets, food, entertainment, raffles and vendor village.
FOR MORE INFO: 858-756-4117 www.AnimalCenter.org

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For information about the Canine Carnival call (619) 225-8705.
For information about renting a booth at the street fair call (858) 274-2016.
October 27th
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Noon-4pm Join us for a fun afternoon of tray passed treats for tricks, bobbing for biscuits, barks & crafts, Halloween costumes and Pet Portraits to benefit SNAP (Spay & Neuter Action Project). And to frame your pet’s portrait, Laurel Youd custom framing & matting will be on available www.laurelscustomframing.com. All around doggie fun! Bring the whole family. 227 S. Cedros, Solana Beach, CA 92075
**FOR MORE INFO:** (858) 755-3647 www.Muttropolis.com

**Annual Open House El Cajon City Shelter**
10am - Cost: Free come on out to the El Cajon City Shelter and see all the wonderful animals we have for adoption and learn more about our shelter located at 1275 N. Marshall Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020
**FOR MORE INFO:** (619) 441-1580

**Halloween Costume Contest & All Breed Lure Coursing by Luratics**
9:30am-1:30pm Cost: Members FREE, Non-Members $10.00 per course run, includes Buffet Lunch and costume contest. Lonnie Brewer Park, 10925 Fury Lane, La Mesa 91941
**FOR MORE INFO:** (619) 749-0724 www.Luratics.com

October 28th
**Family and Pet Fun at Old Town Haunts, Gravers & Ancestors**
Noon to 4pm This multicultural festival unearths the origins of Halloween, who brought the Holiday to America presented by the Boosters of Old Town. There will also be a pet costume contest and Blessing of the Animals. The location is San Diego Ave. between Twiggs St. & Harney St.
**FOR MORE INFO:** Call Jeannie Ferrell (619) 543-9057 www.OldTownSanDiego.org

**Halloween Pawyard Pawty in Little Italy**
Noon to 6pm Cost: $5.00 There will be a pet costume contest with prizes, goodie bags for participants and games plus vendor booths. Location is India Street between Laurel St. & A St.
**FOR MORE INFO:** Call Christina at (619) 321-9829 www.PawyardPawty.com

**2nd Annual Ocean Beach Canine Carnival**
Sponsored by the Ocean Beach Kiwanis
9am-4pm FREE for you and your dogs, a street fair and party featuring costumes, prizes, a doggie parade, carnival rides, food, and lots of craft items for pets and people. Location - on Santa Monica Ave between Sunset Cliffs Blvd. and Ebers Street.
**FOR MORE INFO:** Email Melanie at MelanieN@standordalumni.org

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3rd Annual Bats In Your Belfry Halloween Bash - at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center
12 noon - 6PM Bat Lectures will be at 1:30PM and 4PM Cost: $5.00 per family of 4; $1.00 per person over 4. The overwhelming turnout, for last year’s visit from Dick Wilkins of Bat Rescue, we are offering two bat lectures. Beginning at noon, we will offer trick-or-treating and refreshments. Because of limited lecture hall space at the Center, two bat lectures will be offered at 1:30PM and 4PM. Those planning to attend the 4PM lecture should not arrive before 3:30 pm. Tickets will be required.

FOR MORE INFO: or to purchase tickets, stop by the Discovery Center 1580 Cannon Road, Carlsbad, CA 92008 or contact Deb (760) 804-2969 or email deb@aguahedionda.org.

October 30-November 4th

Greater San Diego Hunter/Jumper Association Finals
8am-5pm COST: FREE to enter and to park. This horse show will take place at Horsepark, located two miles east of the Fairgrounds at the intersection of El Camino Real and Via de la Valle.

FOR MORE INFO: http://www.sddcd.us

November 3rd

Intro to Starting a Pet Sitting Business
9am-Noon Cost: $40.00 - A 3 hour introduction to starting and owning a financially successful pet sitting business. Class held at the Rancho Coastal Humane Society, 389 Requeza St., Encinitas, CA 92024. Classes fill quickly and you must pre-register to reserve your seat.

FOR MORE INFO: Call Pamela Begeal at 858-565-9317 or email her at PetSitCo@sanrr.com

November 9-11

Del Mar Classic Dressage Show
8am-5pm COST: FREE to enter and to park. This horse show will take place at Horsepark, located two miles east of the Fairgrounds at the intersection of El Camino Real and Via de la Valle.

FOR MORE INFO: http://www.sandiegodressage.com

November 10-11

Holiday Photo Shoot at Dog Beach Dog Wash
Photographer Amy Burkhardt of www.PetPhotographyByAmy.com will be taking reservations to get your pet’s photo taken for your holiday greeting cards, and for holiday presents. Family members welcome.

FOR MORE INFO: Please call Amy 619-549-4714

November 13th

Estate Planning for Your Pets - Escondido Humane Society
1pm-4pm Cost: $20.00 This course will teach you some practical strategies for ensuring that your companion will be cared for after you are gone. Come and learn what works, and what doesn’t work, in planning for your pet’s welfare. Included is an introduction to how companion animals are treated in wills, trusts and other legal instruments for you pet.

FOR MORE INFO: Call Ina Shookhoff Director of Education (760) 888-2262 or email her at Education@escondidohumanesociety.org

November 17th

Walk on the Side 5K - Benefiting the San Diego Zoo
7:30am sharp Cost: $25.00 Stroll through the San Diego Zoo before it opens to the public. Enjoy an opportunity to meet Joan Embry and animal friends. Walkers will be given an event T-shirt and goodie bag and will be treated to healthy refreshments, live entertainment, and an expo after the walk. The walk starts in front of the Zoo and finishes at the War Memorial Building in Balboa Park near the entrance to the San Diego Zoo.

FOR MORE INFO: (760) 692-2900 http://www.sandiegozoo.org/walk/index.html

Holiday Pet Portraits- Muttropolis Solana Beach
Call for hours - Cost: $10.00 for 4x6 photo, other photo packages available. Grab your pooch and join us for Holiday Pet Portraits to benefit SNAP, the Spay Neuter Action Project. 227 S. Cedros, Solana Beach, 92075

FOR MORE INFO: Call (858) 755-3647 www.Muttropolis.com

November 17-18

Holiday Photo Shoot at Dog Beach Dog Wash
Photographer Amy Burkhardt of www.PetPhotographyByAmy.com will be taking reservations to get your pet’s photo taken for your holiday greeting cards, and for holiday presents. Family welcome.

FOR MORE INFO: Schedule an appointment – Amy 619-549-4714

November 24th

Avian Basic Care & Lifestyles for Successful Parrot Care
Cost: $10.00 Non-Members, $15.00 at the door at the Marina Village Conference Center

FOR MORE INFO: Register at http://www.peac.org/sem_by_site.shtml

November 25th

Holiday Pet Portraits- Muttropolis La Jolla
Call for hours - Cost: $10.00 for 4x6 photo, other photo packages available. Grab your pooch and join us for Holiday Pet Portraits to benefit SNAP, the Spay Neuter Action Project. Makes great Christmas cards or gifts! 7755 Girard Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037

FOR MORE INFO: Call (858) 459-9663 www.Muttropolis.com

The Wonderful World Of Amazons & The Parrot Gourmet
Cost: $10.00 Non-Members, $15.00 at the door in the Marina Village Conference Center

FOR MORE INFO: Register at http://www.peac.org/sem_by_site.shtml

November 28- December 2

Jingle Bell Horse Show
8am-5pm COST: FREE to enter and to park. This horse show will take place at Horsepark, located two miles east of the Fairgrounds at the intersection of El Camino Real and Via de la Valle.

FOR MORE INFO: Call Horsepark (858)794-1171
RABBITS
Not Your Same Old ‘Sit and Stay’

BY JUDITH PIERCE | SAN DIEGO PETS

Rabbits don’t meow or bark or speak. They don’t squawk, snort, squeak or chirp. But they do honk or hum, and sometimes they purr.

Rabbits won’t fetch a stick or play with a bird on the string, but they will toss a ball, run through a tube and do a binky! Rabbits can even run an agility course and learn new tricks through clicker training.

Rabbits are unique pets that have their own individual personalities and quirky behaviors that will charm you. They love to zoom around the house doing the “Bunny 500,” chew holes in the newspaper and toss it about, and some rabbits love to play with noisy toys, including baby keys, rattle balls or a soda can with a few pebbles inside. And, they love to tear, shred, and dig on cardboard; a pastime in which they can spend endless hours of fun.

If you’ve been looking for a unique pet, a rabbit might be just the right companion for you. They are quieter than dogs and don’t need daily walks outside, making them perfect “apartment pets.” Most people are not allergic to them the way they might be to cats, and changing their litterbox is not hazardous to your health. They can live in any size home, small or large, as long as you give them several hours of run time per day to stretch their legs and interact with you. A larger rabbit does not require a larger home; a big New Zealand bunny is just as happy in a tiny apartment as he would be in a mansion. All that matters is that he is not confined to a cage all day. Don’t have a backyard?

No problem! Rabbits are safer and thrive better in an indoor home. Rabbits housed outdoors are at risk to predators, deadly diseases from fleas, flies and mosquitoes, and illness from temperature extremes. When housed indoors they become more closely bonded with their families, providing a more rewarding relationship for all concerned.

Rabbits can make good family companions if you are quiet, spend plenty of time at home, and your children and pets are older and well behaved. They are not always a good choice for small children (under 8 years old) as they are not comfortable being held and little hands are not coordinated enough to manage a potentially ‘kicky’ rabbit who wants to be put down. They do very well with adults and older, well-behaved children who will interact with them on the floor and respect their space when they are resting or need some time on their own.

Rabbits will quickly learn your daily routine and love to be a part of all that’s going on. They will beg for fresh greens from the refrigerator and some will even welcome you at the door when you get home. Initially they can be shy, but as they become comfortable in their new home and learn your routine you’ll see new behaviors and interact with them in ways you never imagined.

Find out if a rabbit might be the perfect “unique” pet for you. Visit San Diego HRS at www.sandiegorabbits.org to learn about rabbit behavior, housing requirements, litter-box training, diet and more. Contact them at hrs@sandiegorabbits.org or (619) 718-7777 to inquire about adopting a rabbit companion for your family.

LEARN MORE about the unique rabbit behaviors at these websites:

Rabbit Agility: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE9OXATff0o
Clicker Training: http://www.clickerbunny.com/adoptabunny.htm
Rabbit Language: http://www.muridae.com/rabbits/rabbittalk.html

— Judith Pierce, President/Chapter Manager, San Diego House Rabbit Society
Cat & Dog Gift Baskets
Looking for something different for a pet gift this holiday season check out San Diego’s own www.MyPaws.biz 858-736-7290
They can also customize a basket for you. Baskets start around $17.95

Wigs For Pets by Total Diva Pets
Just in time for Halloween we now have wigs to add to our pets costumes made by Total Diva Pets of Santa Barbara. These wigs can be purchased locally at Dexter’s Deli in Del Mar & Carlsbad, The Daily Pet in Carmel Valley and Lucky Dog Boutique Downtown.
Wigs start around $35.00 & up.

Halloween Costumes
If your pet has nothing to wear this holiday check out the line of costumes at www.ShopLuckyDog.com
Costumes start around $30.00 & up.
There’s nothing unusual about seeing a motorcycle on the roads of Southern California. After all, this is a motorcyclist’s paradise. When the operator of the motorcycle has a dog on board, the usual response of observers is, “Well, that’s California.” But when the passenger is a certain Boston terrier with his own bandanna, helmet, goggles and a leather jacket with patches that match those of the man operating the motorcycle, the response is often, “Hey, there’s Bandit, the Biker Dog!”

Bandit, a 5-year-old San Diego native, is one of the most recognizable dogs in Southern California as a result of his involvement within the motorcycle community and in support of charitable organizations. This is the result of the work ethic of Mark Shaffer, Bandit’s owner.

“I’ve always been passionate about supporting charities such as San Diego Hospice, Children’s Hospital and animal shelters,” Shaffer said. “When I got Bandit, he seemed to share the same enthusiasm for riding on my Harley, so I thought, ‘Why not incorporate the two interests and have some fun at the same time?’”

It all began when Shaffer got Bandit in February of 2002. “He was only about 2 months old when I got him,” recalled Shaffer. “He was small enough that I was able to place him inside my leather jacket for the ride home. I kept checking on him as we rode home, and he seemed to smile at me as if to say, ‘This is fun!’”

Initially, Shaffer fashioned a dog carrier from one of the Fiberglas saddlebags on his full-dress Harley. He built it complete with flow-through ventilation and a hole in the saddlebag cover so Bandit could stick his head up and enjoy the scenery. He even outfitted it with a temperature gauge and a windshield to protect Bandit’s eyes in the wind.

The more Bandit rode, the more he loved it (and the more people would take notice). A friend, Laura Stockham, made Bandit his own leather jacket, vest and chaps. Shaffer added the appropriate patches, bandanna, do-rag and goggles, and Bandit, the Biker Dog was born.

Bandit has been featured on numerous San Diego TV stations, and the Harley-Davidson company featured him on the cover of its clothing catalog last year. He’s been featured in numerous articles in publications across the country and was recently the cover story in a dog magazine in Serbia. Shaffer submitted Bandit’s name for inclusion in the Harley Owners Group, and he became a card-carrying member.

Shaffer and Bandit can be seen on the big black Harley all over Southern California and in Nevada and Arizona. “We do most of the well-known rides, but we also enjoy just getting out and riding down to the beach,” Shaffer explained.

Several years ago, Mark was invited by musician-actor Mickey Jones to take part in the Children’s Hospital of Orange County Ride, a fund-raising event Jones has spearheaded for years. “I had to get Bandit certified as a therapy

STORY BY GERRY ASHLEY | PHOTOS BY MARK SHAFFER
dog in order for him to be allowed into the
rooms with children,” Shaffer added. “We
got it done quickly, and then I thought,
‘Hey, wouldn’t it be cool if Bandit rode
down the hallway and into the children’s
rooms on his own little Harley?’

Mark purchased Bandit’s bike (a child’s
battery-operated version) and had it fitted
to operate via remote control. Today, Ban-
dit can be seen riding his personal Harley
at numerous events throughout Southern
California. For the past four years, The San
Diego Padres have used Bandit to lead the
parade of dogs at the annual Dog Days of
Summer event. “But really,” Shaffer
added, “most of the events we attend are
fund-raisers for such organizations as the
Helen Woodward Center, San Diego Hos-
pice and many others.”

It’s easy to see where Bandit’s charitable
spirit comes from. Shaffer, a real estate
agent with Prudential California Realty,
donates a portion of his sales commissions
to many of these charitable organizations.
“I really have a ball with Bandit at these
events,” said Shaffer, “and it always feels
good to give something back.”

Now, Bandit has added a new hobby to
his résumé: surfing! Bandit recently com-
peted in the Loews Surf Dog competition
held at Imperial Beach. Although he did-
n’t win the competition, he apparently
won the hearts of the media. The NBC and
Fox News national stories on the contest
were accompanied by video of Bandit, the
Surfing Biker Dog.

San Diego is indeed lucky to have Shaf-
fer and Bandit the Biker Dog. Whether he’s
visiting the guests at the San Diego Hos-
pice or participating at one of the many
local fund-raisers for such organizations as
the San Diego Children’s Hospital, Helen
Woodward Animal Center and local Hu-
mane Societies, Bandit provides joy to
everyone he meets.

Prudential is lucky because Shaffer and
Bandit bring them extra attention. And
Shaffer benefits as he combines his love for
Bandit with support of the charities and
helping people find the perfect home. After
all, you never know when they
might want to have a biker dog of their
own someday!

Bandit even has a MySpace page
with his very own blog and an area
where you can send him messages.
For more information, please go to
San Diego’s South County gets new emergency veterinary hospital

The Pet Emergency & Specialty Center has opened its second location, at 885 Canarios Court in Chula Vista, thus fulfilling a promise of emergency veterinary service to the South County pet-owner community.

The Pet Emergency & Specialty Center of South County is committed to providing exceptionally high-quality client and patient care. The facility combines modern medical technology, such as ultrasound, digital radiology and advanced anesthetic and patient monitors, with a passion for caring.

Dr. Elena Vassilev is the clinic’s medical director and a board-certified specialist in emergency veterinary medicine and critical care. Her team’s goal, she explained, is to provide compassionate care and positive outcomes for their patients and clients. She added that the hospital seeks to work closely with area veterinarians to provide exceptional care.

“South County has an amazing community of family practice veterinarians,” Vassilev said, “and the Pet Emergency & Specialty Center feels fortunate to join their veterinary team. Every member of our team works to make sure our patients’ and clients’ needs are met and their expectations exceeded.”

The hospital works in combination with the Pet Emergency & Specialty Center of East County, which is open 24 hours every day, to provide complete emergency and specialty care. Their East County hospital offers services in emergency medicine, critical care, internal medicine, surgery and avian and exotics medicine. In combination with a separate facility, it also offers advanced imaging, such as MRI and CT scans, and nuclear medicine.

The 3,200-square-foot Chula Vista facility houses a laboratory for rapid monitoring of total body chemistries, white and red blood cell counts, blood gas analyses, blood clotting times, blood gluoses and many more critical parameters for the ill or injured veterinary patient. The hospital includes a modern surgical suite, a special procedures room for advanced procedures such as endoscopy and bronchoscopy, a triage and primary treatment area, an isolation ward for patients with contagious diseases and an intensive care unit. More stable patients are housed in separate dog and cat wards so as not to disturb one another.

Vassilev stresses that, although they are capable of handling major emergencies, the doctors and staff are always available to manage less critically urgent medical needs when family veterinarians’ offices are closed. They are always happy to provide some pain relief to a dog or to remove a pesky foxtail stuck up a dog’s nose. However, the hospital does not perform any spays or neuters or provide flea control or vaccines. “We feel it is critical,” Vassilev said, “that people in the community develop and maintain a relationship with their family veterinarian.”

The hospital is open from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. during the week and again all weekend (Fridays at 6 p.m. until Monday mornings at 8). It will be adding specialty services, such as advanced surgery, internal medicine, exotic animal medicine and oncology very soon in support of the family veterinary clinics in South County. The facility invites questions; the phone number is (619) 591-4802, and it’s answered 24 hours a day.

San Diego County pet owners have 11 emergency animal hospitals. For more information on these facilities, please see the “Emergency Hospitals” heading in the Animal Resource section of our magazine.
WHAT IS IT LIKE FOR YOU WHEN YOU SPEND A DAY AT THE OFFICE? CAN YOU DESCRIBE A TYPICAL DAY?
— Maggie in Mira Mesa

DEAR MAGGIE,

My first priority when I come into the office is to greet all of my friends and co-workers here at the magazine. Then I go to my office and get ready for my day. I usually like to sit on the desk while my mom works because it is easier for people to pet me and give me attention up there — it's also a nice place to take a nap. Since I am near the front office I also like to greet customers when they come in. Sometimes I even get treats!

I thought people might also be interested in a cat's perspective of coming to work each day, so I asked my friend “Bucket Baker,” who works at John Baker Picture framing a few questions about a typical day at the store for her, and a little background information
— Dolly

My name is Bucket Baker. I am 11 years old and I was adopted by John Baker about five years ago. I am the current top sales lady, professional designer and store mascot of John Baker Picture Frames.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a mascot?
A: My picture in the newspaper!

Q: Do people recognize you on the street?
A: They do, and I love the attention. I have many local fans that are so gracious towards me.

Q: What are your favorite hobbies?
A: Fine dining, chasing crickets after dark and gazing at myself in the mirrors around the store.

Q: What’s your favorite food?
A: A breakfast sandwich from Java Beach.

Q: How much do you actually weigh, Ms. Bucket?
A: None of your business!

DEAR DOLLY

Dolly plays on a longboard on her lunch break at San Diego Community Newspaper Group.

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The cheetah, or Acynx jubatus, can reach speeds of 45 miles an hour in 2 seconds and obtain speeds up to 75 miles an hour. Its powerful heart and lungs are designed especially for these short bursts of speed. It’s the largest cat to emit a purr instead of a roar. Its beautiful spots help camouflage it in tall grass.

Sadly, in its native Africa, the cheetah has become one of the most endangered of the cats. Habitat destruction and heavy competition from other predators play a role in its decline — but the human presence is the main reason this magnificent cat is disappearing. The cheetah, being a diurnal (daytime) hunter, is often mistakenly blamed for humans’ livestock losses due to its visibility. While education on co-existence with the cheetah is starting to take place, much more needs to be done.

Cheetah Conservation Botswana, for example, places its biologists and educators on the front lines in the battle to save the cheetah. Recently, it successfully raised three orphaned cubs and released them into the wild, where they began to thrive. However, within a month, all three were shot by game farmers and a ranger. This devastating news shows the need for more education on this amazing animal.

And that is where Victor, the beautiful cheetah pictured here, comes in. Rejected by its mother as a cub, Victor would soon assume an important role for his wild cousins across the world.

Victor, a South African cheetah, was born at DeWildt wildlife trust in Pretoria, South Africa, the only survivor from his litter. As his mother started showing aggression towards him, the decision was made to pull and hand-raise the underweight cub. As he grew, he became an ambassador for Cheetah Outreach in Capetown until he landed on American soil in May. He made his debut here in San Diego County, on his first birthday, at the Safari Soiree fund-raiser, held in Fallbrook on Sept. 15, to benefit Zoofari, Inc.

Zoofari is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing permanent homes for unreleasable wildlife, providing quality education programs for schools and supporting conservation projects worldwide. It houses over 110 animals at its north San Diego facility, including Olivia, an owl monkey confiscated in a cruelty raid in New York, and Baloo, a binturong (also known as a bearcat) found abandoned in a box as a baby.

Victor will eventually be traveling to schools and events to educate and inspire kids and adults about the plight of the wild cheetah. And Zoofari knows it is privileged to have him.

If you would like more information on Victor and the rest of the Zoofari family or any of our fund-raisers, please go to www.zoofari.net or www.wildwonders.org or call (760) 630-9230.
How do you awaken a horse from leg surgery?

SAN DIEGO PETS

Why, in a swimming pool, of course. No, not the kind you’re thinking of — a recovery pool designed especially for horses.

We are aware of only three equine recovery pools in the United States, and San Diego County is home to one of them, at the Helen Woodward Animal Center in Rancho Santa Fe. The others are in central California and at the George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals at the University of Pennsylvania’s New Bolton Center. This is the hospital where the racehorse Barbaro had his surgery after fracturing his right hind leg during the running of the Preakness on May 20, 2006.

Following the surgery, Barbaro was lowered into a recovery pool that allows the patient to awaken surrounded by water. Horses often thrash when they emerge from anesthesia, but the pool allows them to wake up without reinjuring a surgically repaired limb. (Sadly, eight months later, Barbaro was euthanized amid complications and infections from his injuries.)

“The reason why it’s so important that we have a recovery pool here at Helen Woodward’s Animal Center Equine Hospital is that there are more horses per capita here in San Diego County than there are anywhere else in the world, except for Riverside County, California,” said public relations manager John Van Zante. “And that doesn’t take into account the number of horses that travel to San Diego County to take part in racing season at Del Mar.”

The pool at Woodward is approximately 12 feet long by 4 feet wide and 10 feet deep. Its warm water circulates as a grate bearing the horse is lowered. Once the horse is awake and stabilized, the grate is slowly raised, allowing the horse to remain standing without putting pressure or stress on the leg. When the grate reaches ground level, the horse is led a few steps into a recovery stall, where it is monitored by the veterinary surgeon and Woodward’s equine hospital staff.

Leg surgeries on horses are not uncommon today. In the past, many of those injuries would have led to euthanasia. Advances in veterinary medicine and surgical technique, and equipment such as the recovery pool, now give horses an extra opportunity to recover from these injuries.

For more information about the recovery pool or the equine hospital at Helen Woodward Animal Center, log on to www.animalcenter.org, call (858) 756-4117 or visit the center at 6461 El Aajo Road in Rancho Santa Fe.
We first became aware of Emerald Forest Bird Gardens when my oldest son, Aaron, was doing research for an eighth-grade school report on his favorite bird, the toucan. Ask most people what they know about toucans and they’ll probably mention the toucan with the rainbow-colored bill on the front of the breakfast cereal box. Who knew there was an accredited toucan breeder located so close! Aaron thought it would be a good story idea for the magazine. I promised Aaron (now a freshman) I would take him to tour the site if he would write the story. Aaron educated me on what he had learned about toucans. Aaron tells me the reason for such a large bill is that allows the toucan to reach into the thick foliage of the rainforest jungles, which other fruit-eating animals cannot access. So with a list of ten questions Aaron had prepared, we traveled about an hour north of San Diego to speak with Jerry at his 40-acre Emerald Forest Bird Gardens located in the back country near Fallbrook.

We sat down with Jerry in his home and were greeted with a “hello” from his colorful macaw. A free-flying cockatoo perched atop my husband’s head, and a curly-headed toucan eyed us cautiously while we asked Jerry Aaron’s prepared questions.

**Q: HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN BIRDS?**
**JERRY:** As a kid around the age of 10, I raised some pigeons until about the age of 12. I didn’t own another bird until the age of 26, when I bought a pair of finches spur of the moment while traveling in India.

**Q: HOW MANY KINDS OF BIRDS DO YOU HAVE?**
**JERRY:** A total of 40 varieties currently, including macaws, cockatoos, toucans, toucanets, aracaris, large hornbills and finches.

**Q: HOW MUCH DO TOUCANS TYPICALLY SELL FOR?**
**JERRY:** It varies from $1,000 to $10,000. The average price might be $2,000 to $3,000.

**Q: WHAT DO TOUCANS EAT?**
**JERRY:** Primarily fruit and insects. They can’t bite or chew, so they eat only what they can swallow. Most domestic birds eat a bite-size pellet with a fresh fruit supplement.

**Q: HOW BIG SHOULD YOUR CAGE BE FOR A TOUCAN?**
**JERRY:** It should be as large as the large parrot and macaw cages. It depends on the size of the toucan.

**Q: WHAT KIND OF HEALTH PROBLEMS COULD YOUR TOUCAN HAVE?**
**JERRY:** Very little, actually. Toucans are very resistant to viruses, which can be a concern for parrot owners. As long as they receive a proper diet, they are a good choice for first-time (exotic) bird owners.

**Q: ARE TOUCANS COSTLY TO CARE FOR?**
**JERRY:** No more than a large parrot. (A toucan’s life expectancy is 18-30 years.)
Q: DO TOUCANS REQUIRE A LOT OF ATTENTION OR ARE THEY MORE SOLITARY BIRDS?
JERRY: They don’t require a great deal of attention; however, they can be very affectionate. It really depends on the training and the owner.

Q: DO TOUCANS GET ALONG WELL WITH OTHER BIRDS? CAN THEY SHARE AN ENCLOSURE WITH OTHER SPECIES?
JERRY: They are very social with other birds, but you do not want them in the same enclosure. Birds can be territorial and they can harm one another.

Q: ARE TOUCANS LOUD BIRDS?
JERRY: Not compared to parrots! There are two types of toucans, ‘croakers’ and ‘yelpers.’ ‘Yelpers’ are the loudest. Toucans have very unique vocal calls, like warning calls and other social calls, to communicate with other toucans. All toucans ‘purr’ like a cat when they are content.

Jerry told us the subtropical climate here is perfect for toucans and provides a comfortable setting similar to the rainforests from which the birds originate. Toucans can be found in areas of Central and South America except Chile, which does not have neo-tropics. His birds, usually in breeding pairs, are kept in exceptionally large, spacious enclosures landscaped with many tropical plants, not unlike their natural habitat. He told us he chose this location (near Fallbrook) carefully. He said it took nearly nine months to get moved in.

“We did not cut any of the large trees and as little underbrush as possible,” he said. “We wanted the enclosures to be as natural as possible.”

The bird enclosures are built around trees and foliage which allow the birds to frolic and fly freely, enjoying their lives and raising their families. Construction of the facility began in the spring of 1990 and his bird collection was finally moved from the Los Angeles area where they had previously been housed.

We toured the “nursery” and watched as Jerry and staff prepared a young umbrella cockatoo to go home with its new owner.

(ABOVE) Julie and son, Aaron, getting acquainted with a young bare-eyed cockatoo.
owner. Jerry told us he has two full-time people working in the nursery. Some of the young hatchlings have to be fed every two hours. Nursery staff are trained biologists who provide around-the-clock attention. Each baby bird is fed and cuddled by several individuals of both sexes, ensuring they are property socialized to fit in any family pet situation. He has at least four groundskeepers most of the time, and one full-time employee at the “kitchen” preparing the fresh fruits and daily feedings. Jerry drove us around the numerous breeding enclosures where we saw various toucans, toucanets and aracaris. Some of the other birds we viewed included macaws, cockatoos, hornbills, finches and golden pheasants. Jerry told us he only breeds the natural variety of birds. He doesn’t agree with hybrid breeding, creating designer birds with a mix of colors sold with high price tags.

“It’s all about making money for the hybrid breeders without consideration of the natural species,” he said. “Eventually, there is a risk of losing the pure ‘natural’ breeds of these birds.”

Jerry said he sells all the birds he has available all over the world. Of the toucans, there is a little higher demand for the toco, the largest, most common of the toucans and easiest to train. He also works occasionally with SeaWorld and many zoological societies. Jerry told us he plans to break ground this fall for a bed and breakfast that will be located near the forest stream. The cozy cottages will offer guests a stay similar to what one would experience in the rainforests of South America, with all the sights and sounds of exotic toucans and other species. Additionally there are more than 80 native species of wild birds to enjoy in the trees surrounding the cabin retreat, from ten species of birds of prey to songbirds, wading birds and migrants. Although Jerry has an MBA and law degree, he says he enjoys life doing what he loves, having turned what started out as a hobby into a full-time job.

Emerald Forest Bird Gardens is the only toucan breeding facility certified by the Model Aviculture Plan (MAP), which means it passes a rigorous annual quality assurance inspection that is your warranty the highest standards of care are maintained. Visitors are welcome to visit Emerald Forest at any time for a complete tour of our entire facility. For more information go to www.emeraldforestbirds.com or call (760) 728-2CAN.
Jerry Jennings is the director of Emerald Forest Bird Gardens in Fallbrook. He began his career in aviculture in 1971 with the development of a large collection of Australian, African and Asian finches on a small farm near Los Angeles.

After several years of working with finches and a first captive breeding of the black cap waxbill in 1975, he turned his interest to the management of toucans and large psittacines.

In 1978, Jerry received two world first-breeding awards for the Ariel toucan and the Emerald toucanet. Eight more first breedings of toucans followed over the next 10 years and a tenth North American first breeding for toucans was accomplished in 2006 with the Ivory Bill Aracari. This flurry of activity led Jerry to create the world’s largest collection of toucans that has numbered as many as 25 species and currently over 350 individuals.

Jerry’s interest in breeding toucans took him to Central and South American, where he acquired land in Costa Rica and Peru. The Peru property, located in Puerto Maldonado, has been developed into a breeding and conservation facility for several species of Ramphasids not currently maintained in collections in North America. The offspring from this farm have been imported into the United States beginning in 2002.

Jerry has also developed a Peruvian-oriented ecotourism company, Emerald Forest Tours, which provides unique tours to Peru both for the adventurer and bird watcher, visiting locations of a historical interest as well as the rainforests.

Jerry has written numerous articles on the management of toucans, toucanets and aracaris and has lectured on the subject in North and South America. He is a contributor to the book “Biology, Medicine, and Surgery of South American Wild Animals” (2001, Iowa State University Press).

Jerry is the founder of the American Federation of Aviculture and served as its president from 1973-’76 and 1985-’87. He also served as assistant editor of the AFA Watchbird Magazine in the early 1990s as well as advertising sales manager.

Professionally in the animal world, Jerry is a member of the board of directors of the Zoological Association of America, an association of accredited zoos and private animal keepers.

He is the conference coordinator for the Avicultural Society of America, of which he is also a patron director of the Toucan Preservation Center, a nonprofit research foundation. He is fluent in Spanish and German.
Q. **MY DOG Molly LOVES PEOPLE!** Her idea of greeting someone is jumping on them or smothering them when they walk through the door. The holidays will approach soon, and I will be hosting several gatherings at my home. I do not want her jumping on any of my guests. The good thing is that she only weighs 20 pounds — but she is very annoying to my guests nonetheless. How do I get her to stop annoying people? She’s a great dog, Please help.

- JODI, SPRING VALLEY

A. **I HAVE NO DOUBT Molly IS A GREAT DOG.** Dogs are very affectionate animals and love unconditionally. It’s a great feeling to know that after a tough day at work you can always count on your four-legged friend to be at home waiting to spend time with you. But it is our responsibility as pet owners to set boundaries, limits and rules so our animals can live in harmony with us in a domesticated world.

Many factors can play a hand in why Molly breaks her boundaries when greeting people. First, let’s talk about the cute factor. Dogs get away with so much simply because of how darn cute they are. Don’t fall for it. A lightweight dog jumping on your leg to greet you may seem harmless, but if you give in, you are indirectly teaching the dog that this is an acceptable behavior. Soon, it will become your dog’s favorite game to jump up not only on you but also on your guests. It is a natural behavior for a dog to jump and want to be close to people, so it is crucial how we respond to this.

Rather, find the moments when Molly is near you and on all fours to acknowledge and reinforce this acceptable behavior. On the flip side, ignore the jumping up (no reinforcement whatsoever). If needed, use a leash to communicate and contain out-of-control jumping.

Another good idea is to enroll Molly in an obedience class. Through obedience, Molly will learn her boundaries with you, your family and guests, in and outside your home. When the holidays approach, you’ll be thankful for a great dinner and a well-mannered Molly!

**Good Luck,**

* Fido

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Q. I have been told my dog needs surgery for a cruciate ligament rupture. Is there anything I should know, and is there a standard procedure for this type of injury?

— CONCERNED DOG OWNER

A. One of the most common causes of hind limb lameness in dogs, especially in the larger breeds, is rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament. More than $1 billion is spent annually in the United States on surgery for the treatment of cranial cruciate ligament rupture. The ligament is one of the main stabilizers of the knee joint, preventing overextension and excessive internal rotation of the knee. Its rupture can be caused directly by trauma, typically by a sudden internal twisting of the knee when running after a ball or a Frisbee. But much more commonly, we see a gradual degeneration and weakening of the ligament over months to years, often associated with the development of arthritis in the knee joint. This eventually leads to partial or complete rupture and lameness. In 40 to 60 percent of patients, the condition will ultimately occur in the other knee within a few months to years following surgery for the original condition.

The condition is diagnosed through the observation of lameness and pain in the knee joint and by feeling for instability in the affected knee. Plane X-rays of the knee are important to rule out other possible causes of the lameness, such as fractures, other muscle or tendon injuries or, more rarely, cancer and immune-mediated joint diseases.

There is much controversy regarding the best method of treatment for cranial cruciate ligament rupture in dogs, and there is little consensus. Repair of the ligament is not feasible, and traditionally the ligament has been replaced using various techniques. There are literally dozens of replacement methods described over the last 50 years or more. These include the use of various suture materials (Gore-Tex, Dacron or graft tissues from the patient’s body or from those of other dogs). No single technique is superior to the other, and each is crucial in a common goal —stabilizing the knee joint by enhancing the strength of the scar tissue around the joint. While ultimate function is typically very good, stability comes at the expense of limited range of motion in the knee joint and progressive arthritis.

In the last 15 years, a newer type of surgery has been developed with the aim of stabilizing the joint while still maintaining normal range of motion and limiting the progression of arthritis. This has spawned the development of other surgical techniques with similar goals. These techniques include tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO), tibial tuberosity advancement (TTA), and tibial wedge osteotomy (TWO). With these techniques, the joint is stabilized not by replacement of the ligament but by altering the mechanics of the joint so that the missing or torn ligament is no longer required. While the jury is out regarding the superiority of these procedures, many surgeons report a more rapid and more comfortable recovery with better ultimate function and less arthritis when using one of these newer techniques.

The ultimate decision regarding treatment of cranial cruciate ligament rupture in dogs is less about which procedure and more about which surgeon. In our practice, the procedure is individualized to each patient and client. TPLO and TTA are the most commonly performed procedures, with generally excellent results. The traditional surgery using suture material to stabilize the joint is still performed in about 25 percent of our patients, also with very good to excellent results, although we tend to limit this procedure to smaller patients and older or more sedentary dogs. Overall success rates, generally regardless of technique, are very good, with about 90 to 95 percent of patients recovering excellent quality of life within six months of surgery. Complications are few, but they can be serious, and it is important to take the time to discuss this in detail with your surgeon.

DR. MIKE SERDY, PET EMERGENCY & SPECIALTY CENTER

Serdy is a native Australian who received his veterinary degree with first-class honors from the University of Sydney in 1992. He worked for two years as a general practitioner in Australia before relocating to the United States, where he completed a one-year internship before his selection to a surgical residency at the University of California, Davis. Serdy completed his three-year residency and joined the Pet Emergency & Specialty Center in 1998. His years of advanced surgical training, international education and numerous research projects in the surgical field have prepared him to perform the most state-of-the-art surgical procedures. He will work with you and your veterinarian to offer the highest level of surgical care for your pet. The center is located at 5232 Jackson Drive, Suite 105, La Mesa, CA 91941; the telephone number is (619) 462-4800.
San Diego authors provide self-help for those healing from the loss of a pet

Saying Good-bye to the Pet You Love, written by San Diego authors Lorri A. Greene, Ph.D., and Jacqueline Landis, is a 152-page comprehensive guide to help people heal emotionally following the death of a companion animal.

“People who have lost a companion animal do not find much social support to help them through the grieving process,” said Greene, a licensed clinical psychologist practicing in Cardiff. For more than 20 years, Greene provided group support through the San Diego Pet Loss Program. Presently, she provides individual support through her private practice.

“I drew on self-help tools developed from the support group process and coupled that practical knowledge with the growing scientific literature on the human-animal bond,” Greene said. “We wanted a book that was helpful, practical and healing but also supported by research.”

In addition, Greene has also built a website that features a 274-member discussion group. It provides a global forum in which people can support each other on issues stemming from the loss of a pet. To access this group, please go to http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/petbereavement/

For more information about Greene, her support groups or the book, please go to www.PetBereavement.com. The book can be purchased ($13.95) directly from the publisher at www.newharbinger.com or from online bookstores such as amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com. Many San Diego bookstores also stock the item.
Sinclair Stratton has always had cats, and animals have always been a part of her art. An artist all her life, she has been earning her living as a watercolorist for the past eight years. Looking back, it seems natural to her that she came to paint animals almost exclusively (almost, since some of her paintings do include people).

The first watercolor she ever painted, 17 years ago, was of her cat. The first painting she ever got into a juried show was of a dog; the first award she received was for a painting of a tiger. She had more fun painting animals than any other subject, and people who saw her work seemed to enjoy her animal paintings the most. (Her current pets are Nefertiti, a little black cat who loves people, and Babushka, a formerly feral white and gray tabby.)

Stratton has always cared about animals and has donated money to humane societies and animal shelters throughout her life. She realized that she could raise more money for animals through her art than from her own pocket. As a result, she likes to participate in at least one animal-related fundraiser each year.

She has also created the invitation artwork for a number of fundraisers and has donated original works and limited giclee prints for auction to the San Diego Humane Society, the Escondido Humane Society, the Rancho Coastal Humane Society and the Helen Woodward Animal Center.

Her favorite nonprofit organization is Lions, Tigers and Bears, a 93-acre big cat sanctuary just outside of Alpine. “Between the Stripes,” the sanctuary’s fourth annual fundraiser, will be held Oct. 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. Stratton will be donating a large, limited-edition giclee print of Conga, a leopard living at the sanctuary. In addition, she intends to paint a portrait of at least one of the three new lion cubs that arrived at the facility in April.

Stratton’s style is instantly recognizable with its use of rich, vivid colors and the way she captures the animal’s personality in her painting.

Because she works from photographs, Stratton’s watercolors are portraits of individual animals. When she receives a commission, she likes to view photographs of the animal and learn about its personality. If possible, she will do a photo shoot as well. She especially likes it when she gets to paint a portrait of an animal looking directly at her.

Once she has a photo that she feels expresses the animal, she will ask if there is a color the client does or does not like. After that, she sets to work, and the colors flow from her brush based on her sense of the animal’s energy and the way that the colors relate to one another on the paper. She used to feel more restricted when doing commissioned work but has come to trust her artistic instinct and not limit herself to particular colors or a particular idea of how the finished piece should appear. She has been told repeatedly that her work captures the essence of the animal.

Stratton is currently working on a wildlife series. She has painted tigers, lions, elephants, a hippo, a rhino, a giraffe, a squirrel, a raven, an eagle, a dolphin, an iguana, a dragonfly and a bumblebee and is working on a tarantula. She also wants to paint a grasshopper based on photo taken by a friend during a trip to Africa. She finds it exciting to be working with the textures on animals without fur and aspires to paint a bat, a seal and a porcupine when she shoots or finds the right photographs.

Stratton’s original artwork is on display at the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA campus, 5500 Gaines St. in Mission Valley; Dogma Catma, 142 University Ave. in Hillcrest; and The Gallery-Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa, 21500 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach. Her giclee prints are available at Taste — Artisan Cheese and Gourmet Shop, 1243 University Ave. in Hillcrest. She shows her work annually at the San Diego Arts Festival, held at the San Diego Convention Center over Thanksgiving weekend, and at ArtWalk, held in downtown’s Little Italy neighborhood every spring. In addition to the wildlife series, she is working on a line of greeting cards for a firm in London.

At the end of September, she will be going to South Africa.
While there, she intends to go on a photo safari to see African wildlife close-up. She is excited at the prospect of painting animals new to her portfolio, such as flamingos, antelopes, monkeys and zebras — so stay tuned.

Those wanting to view more of Sinclair Stratton’s work or to contact her for commissioned pieces can reach her through her website, www.SinclairStratton.com, or by e-mail at artbywater@yahoo.com.
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Camp Pendleton Animal Shelter
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CARLSBAD

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2481 Palomar Airport Road, CA 92009 (760) 438-2312 or (760) 746-7307
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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
700 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
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Rancho Coastal Humane Society
389 Requeza Street, CA 92024 (760) 753-6413
www.RCHumaneSociety.org 11am-5pm everyday except Tuesdays 11:30am-5pm

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www.AngelWingsCatRescue.com
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www.batrescue.org
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LEASH REQUIRED LOCATIONS
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California Veterinary Specialists (760) 431-2272
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VCA Emergency Animal Hospital & Referral Center (619) 229-2400
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