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## *The Editor Barks Out*



### Change *Is* Inevitable

This issue and next will showcase several column changes within your *Camp Gone to the Dogs Newswire*. This month, Jeanne Richter, our dog-gone good camp director, will start to ramble. Read *Richter's Ramblings* for all the scoop, including the poop on two new columns to appear next issue.

With the addition of next issue's two new columns, *Tall Tails* will retire with this issue. Dog jokes seem to follow a feast or famine path, and we've been experiencing a famine of recent. We shall continue to insert jokes in some of the other columns

(mostly *Bow Wow*) as we receive them, so please continue to send jokes and other amusing canine tales.

Please enjoy your autumn. My dogs welcome the cooler weather, and when my dogs are happy, I'm happy. But remember, some dogs don't dig Halloween the way we do. Take precautions to protect your pets this Halloween. If they frighten easily, keep them somewhere safe where they cannot dart to escape those door-to-door masked goblins. And please keep your pets away from the candy!

#### NURTURE THOSE WAGGING TAILS

— Valerie Steinman  
Newswire Editor  
CGTTD Camper

**CAMPERS:** please send us your dog-related stories, jokes, recipes, etc., so we can share them with all who read the *Camp Gone to the Dogs Newswire*. Forward your material via e-mail to [campnewswire@hotmail.com](mailto:campnewswire@hotmail.com). In the subject line of your e-mail, please type the word, **newswire**. If you are submitting another person's story, please tell us the author's name or where you got the story (e.g., internet/e-mail). We reserve the right to edit your stories for content, grammar, space, etc. You must be a current or past camper to contribute to the Newswire. Thank you for your cooperation.

# RICHTER'S RAMBLINGS

JEANNE RICHTER  
CGTTD DIRECTOR



Hi Campers!

Welcome to my new column, *Richter's Ramblings*. In addition to *Ramblings*, we are adding two more columns – *The Rainbow Bridge* and *New Additions* – both designed **exclusively for Camp Gone to the Dogs campers**. *The Rainbow Bridge* will list the dogs that we have recently lost (along

with their owners' names). *New Additions* (for the new four-legged members of our families) will list the dog's name, breed, and owner's name. Please let us know if your new addition is a rescue. Campers, please email your input to us at [campnewswire@hotmail.com](mailto:campnewswire@hotmail.com).



## Like Numbers?

Many Campers ask me questions about Camp Statistics. Listed below are some interesting ones:

- 2008 is the 18th year of Camp
- We have had 43 Camps
- More than 11,000 dogs and 6,500 Campers have attended
- The most popular breed at all three Camps is Mixed
- We have had Campers from almost every state including Alaska and Hawaii
- There were more than 50 different breeds at the Summer Camp
- 30% of the dogs at Summer Camp were herding dogs
- The average number of dogs a Camper brings is 1.4



I just returned home from the two Fall Camps in Stowe, Vermont, and we had a fun-filled time.



I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A WONDERFUL FALL. PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ME;  
I REALLY ENJOY HEARING FROM CAMPER.

REGARDS,  
JEANNE



*Mary's TIPS*

MARY THOMPSON  
CGTTD INSTRUCTOR/STAFF



### I Love Puppies!

I love teaching puppies! They are like sponges, ready to soak up whatever you want them to learn. If you only teach them a few things each week, they are still learning but on their own. How much better to have them learn what you want them to learn?! They put everything in their mouths, so either ask for a Trade or Bring It Here and reward the pup. Just think, someday, you may be laid up and want/need the dog to get things for you. It starts by training the pup. Games are great: Hide N' Seek, Where's the Toy, Which Hand Has the Food, etc. They can also learn sit, down, leave it, stand, fetch, wait, and so many other commands. To have a 16-week-

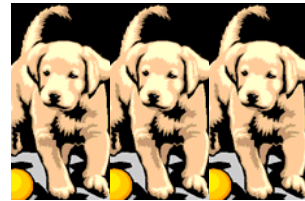
old pup who only knows his/her name and sit is almost a crime to me. My last pup at six months of age was lying down under a table at Outback restaurant for over an hour. By one year of age, he was sorting laundry, loading the washer, taking it from the washer, loading the dryer and then taking it from the dryer to give to me to fold. Yes, he was being trained as a service dog, but I will continue to train my other dogs as much like Finn as I can. He LOVES to learn and is now with me and being a search and rescue dog for the local police departments. At 3 1/2 years of age, he still loves to learn, loves to interact with other animals, including our new

kitten (they are the best of friends).



No matter the size of the dog, you can teach him/her to put his/her toys away in the toy box by name (sooooo helpful!), take the empty soda can and put it in the correct recyclable bin, pick up anything you drop, learn to circle left and right, walk on the right side as well as the left, sit, rollover, play dead, shake hands, speak, pray, bow, and so on. Puppies will give you behaviors! Your only problem: do you want this behavior to continue and what do you want to name it? Enjoy and embrace puppy-hood! I have

always had five to seven dogs as I LOVE to raise puppies, and each and every one of them has taught me something more than I have taught them. All dogs were bred to do a job, whether it was to warm the hands of royalty, guard the flock or family, retrieve game, herd a flock, etc. You don't have to have sheep to own a herding breed, but ANY breed needs to have a job to do at least daily if not more often. You got your pup as a companion/friend, teach him to be that! Keep it fun!



## Lines and Tracks

For those of you who liked my long lines at fall camp, they may be purchased through [www.pawmark.com](http://www.pawmark.com). It is the 5/8 inch poly combo line. Ed also makes harnesses, so you can have a complete ensemble made for your dog.

I am now back in judging mode and have realized another reason MOST dogs fail at the start of a VST or TDX! You lay most of

your own tracks (I do as well), BUT you turn your body in the direction the track goes. So even though the dog is working the scent, he is keeping one eye on you and trying find a reason to go in the direction you are facing. Turn your back on your dog and only when he makes the correct pull, follow him! He will eventually learn to make that most crucial decision, where to go at the start.



GOOD LUCK AND KEEP IT FUN!

MARY T.



## TRUE TAILS

140 Years Ago  
ASPCA Action, Spring 2006  
[www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)



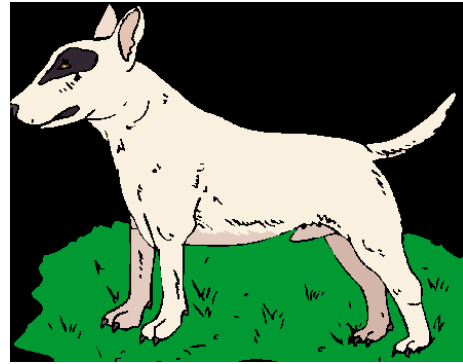
When world traveler Henry Bergh first spoke up for animals in Civil War-era New York, America was not an animal-friendly place. Workhorses hauled overloaded carts, only to be whipped or abandoned to die in the gutter if they grew too lame to work. Dogcatchers, paid by the animal, rounded up pets in cages and tossed them in the river. “Sportsmen” openly bet on animals that took hours to fight to the death.

With a knack for oratory and friends in high places, Bergh’s impassioned accounts of the horrors inflicted on animals led the New York state legislature to pass the charter incorporating the ASPCA on April 10, 1866. Nine days later, the first effective anti-cruelty law was passed and, with a staff of three, the ASPCA began its work to enforce it.



“Day after day I am in slaughterhouses, or lying in wait at midnight with a squad of police near some dog pit,” wrote Bergh, whose lean and well-tailored figure became a familiar sight on the city’s streets. “Lifting a fallen horse to his feet, penetrating buildings where I inspect collars and saddles for raw flesh, then lecturing in public schools to children, and again to adult societies. Thus my whole life is spent.”

Bergh's compassionate ideas quickly took hold and spread. Within five years of the ASPCA's founding, humane societies had sprung up in such far-flung cities as Boston, Buffalo, and San Francisco. Many adopted the ASPCA seal depicting an eagle with upraised arm and sword standing guard over a symbolic carthorse under attack from a stick-wielding driver.



Bergh's pioneering animal work translated into benefits for human society as well. To transport injured horses, the ASPCA began operating the first ambulance service in New York City within a year of its founding, two years before Bellevue

Hospital adopted a similar idea for people. And by 1874, child advocates, emboldened by Bergh's dramatic street rescues of mistreated horses and livestock, turned to the famous leader to help found the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children on behalf of a horribly abused nine-year-old, Mary Ellen McCormack.

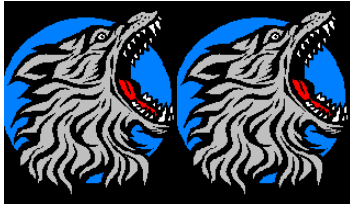
By the time Bergh died in 1888, 37 of the 38 states in the Union had passed anti-cruelty laws. He left his mark not just on the streets of New York City but throughout the nation.

# CREATIVE TAILS

## Fire Song

By Valerie Steinman, CGTTD Camper

While the firehouse wails its torrid tune,  
Large and small tilt their muzzles skyward  
Their music crescendos to the moon  
The canine chorus barks from backyards



Shouts, as they sing, of “SHUT UP!” arise  
Yet the dogs to the fire song howl  
While windows blink on like fireflies  
The dogs ignore the cat lovers’ growls

Both pets and strays sing in harmony  
A Broadway act fresh from rehearsing  
They yip and they yap in revelry  
With tails of metronomes beating



The siren at last douses its din  
Now it’s time for the dogs to go in.

VJ Steinman  
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## "DIVINE" TAILS

### A Major Gift for Animals

ASPCA Action, Winter 2005

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



Like so many in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Leslie Ann Miller and Richard Worley were shaken by news on the damage left behind. "We have family in New Orleans and felt very connected to the suffering there," says Miller. "But what haunted me were the indelible images of the animals that couldn't care for themselves." The couple decided to make animals a focus of their own giving with a generous \$100,000 donation to the ASPCA Disaster Relief Fund, money that was critical for providing housing for local animal rescue workers displaced by the storm.

"Natural disasters are becoming a way of life, and we need to learn to deal with them better," says Miller, a highly accomplished attorney who one day hopes to be trained as a hands-on animal rescue worker. "There should be plans and shelters in place to address animal as well as human welfare."

The pet-centered home Miller shares with husband Worley in Bryn Mawr, PA, is testament to the couples' devotion to animals in distress. Their household includes Buster, a border collie mix "cow dog" rescued from a New Mexico airport, and three cats: Lulu, a calico rescued Thanksgiving day on a busy highway; Little Orphan Annie, who made herself at home in their garage one day; and Cassie, an 18-year-old Maine coon and grande dame of the brood.



The crisis of Hurricane Katrina, however, presented a special challenge. "This is an area where the private sector can make a

real difference,” says Miller. “We were just glad to be able to help.”



## Zoey

In the last issue, you read about Zoey, the Chihauhau who challenged a rattlesnake. We received the following note about the brave Zoey:

Thought you might be interested regarding the Chihuahua that saved the toddler from that rattler. The owners go to our vet, Dr. Mary Wright. We were talking about the incident the other day. What the article did not mention is that this valiant little dog is only 11 months old! Both her life and her eye were in danger, and the vets were able to save both.



Cathy Taylor  
Windsor, CO



## TALL TAILS

### More Quotes Than Jokes



#### THE QUOTES

All I have to say, is, to tell you that the  
lanthorn is the moon; I, the man in the moon;  
this thorn-bush, my thorn-bush; and this dog, my dog.

– William Shakespeare

He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.  
You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true.  
To the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such  
devotion.

– Anonymous

Therefore to this dog will I,  
Tenderly not scornfully,  
Render praise and favor.

– Elizabeth Barrett Browning

I would rather see a portrait of a dog that I know, than all the allegorical  
paintings in the world.

– Samuel Johnson



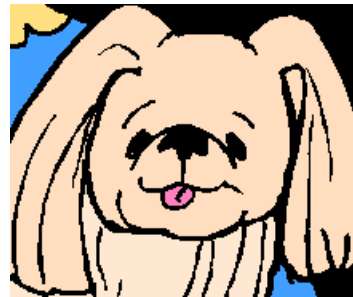
## THE JOKES

### Real Newspaper Ads

(From a circulating e-mail)

FREE Yorkshire Terrier  
8 years old. Hateful little dog.  
Bites

FREE Puppies  
½ Cocker Spaniel, ½ sneaky  
neighbor's dog



FREE Puppies  
Mother, AKC German Shepherd  
Father, Super Dog – able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

FOUND Dirty White Dog  
Looks like a rat – been out awhile.  
Better be a reward.

*BOW WOW*

### Pyramid Power

If your pet craves human food, there are ways  
to serve it...healthily. Meat and veggie meals  
are the way to go, experts say.

## Next, Zagat for Cats

Here's the story on putting a good home-cooked meal on the floor  
By Christie Findlay

AARP, September&October 2007  
[www.aarpmagazine.org](http://www.aarpmagazine.org)



Business is booming for Wendy Nan Rees, pet chef to the stars. Rees's fees range up to \$500 a day to teach celebrities (or their kitchen staffs) how to cook healthy, homemade meals – think lamb stew, Cajun fish cakes, meat loaf, and more.

Is this just another example of Hollywood excess? No, says Andi Brown, author of *The Whole Pet Diet: Eight Weeks to Great Health for Dogs and Cats* (Celestial Arts, 2006). Brown credits a mild chicken-and-veggie stew with bringing her chronically sick cat, Spot, back to health. (We wonder if Spot wasn't also suffering from an identity crisis.) "Properly prepared homemade food keeps away love handles," adds Shelley R. Epstein, V.M.D.,

a homeopathic veterinarian at Wilmington Animal Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware. She explains that just as humans gain weight from a high-carb diet, animals that eat highly processed pet foods filled with corn, wheat, and rice can easily grow a belly. For the record, this opinion is not universally held: "Just use a good-quality name-brand pet food," says Gregory Hammer, D.V.M., president-elect of the American Veterinary Medical Association, "and your pet will have all the nutrition it needs."



There. We've given you balance. Now, it's your call. To

gastronomically coddle your four-legged friend, consult *Home-Prepared Dog and Cat Diets* (Iowa State Press, 1999) by Donald R. Strombeck, for more than 200

recipes, many tailored to pets' individual health needs. Sites such as [www.balanceit.com](http://www.balanceit.com) and [www.petdiets.com](http://www.petdiets.com) are also relevant resources.



## Food Fright

AARP, September&October 2007

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

You probably know that chocolate, coffee, and alcohol are bad for dogs and cats. But did you also know these common foods can make your pet sick?



### DOGS

- avocados
- macadamia nuts

### TURTLES

- spinach
- rhubarb

### CATS

- grapes
- onions

### BIRDS

- avocados
- apple seed

*UNTIL TAILS UP*  
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2007)



*CAMP*

*TIME TO WAIT*

***SUMMER***

JUNE 1-7, 2008

8 MONTHS

***FALL***

AUG. 31-SEPT. 6, 2008  
SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2008

11 MONTHS



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