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The Editor Barks Out



It's Time for Summer Camp!

As the excitement builds for us summer campers, we can hardly wait to see all of our camp friends, many of whom we see only once a year. At camp, time and distance are erased; it's as if we've been best friends all of our lives.

Speaking of best friends, our furry companions also know the joys of camp. Running the agility course, tracking down objects, dancing with their humans, herding those sheep, leaping for that Frisbee – your dogs will be drooling with excitement. When you drive onto the campus, your veteran camp dogs already know what's to come. If you haven't done so yet, print a copy of the schedule (www.campgonetothedogs.com) for details. Plan ahead but don't go too crazy. Temper your dogs' activities, so you don't tire them too soon.

On Thursday evening in the Happy Valley dorm, we shall once again hold an informal drumming circle, but we invite anyone who loves music to join us. Bring any instrument you can play – kazoos, sheep whistles, flutes, violins, saxophones, spoons. Heck, bring your timpani. Last year we played all sorts of things including coffee cans and trash cans. If you just want to watch and listen, that's okay too. All are welcome.

NURTURE THOSE WAGGING TAILS

— Valerie Steinman
Newswire Editor
CGTTD Camper

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RICHTER'S RAMBLINGS

JEANNE RICHTER
CGTTD DIRECTOR



Hi Summer Campers!

Two weeks from today (May 16), I leave for Camp, and I am really excited. I can't wait to get to Vermont and to see all of the returning Campers and meet the first year Campers. I have been exchanging numerous emails with the Staff, and they are looking forward to Camp. The numerous postings on the Camp Yahoo Group demonstrate that all of you are psyched! If you have not looked at the Camp web site recently, the schedule is available in PDF.

I just completed the Camp Store Shopping List. I found a lot of new items for the store this year. There are two new tee shirt manufacturers, visors, fleece vests, a large variety of healthy training treats for the dogs, and **PURPLE** Lucite wine glasses. Additionally, there are great leashes and collars from Wiggles Wags and Whiskers, including bungee leashes.

I wish everyone a safe and uneventful trip to Camp.



Hi Fall Campers!

I just want to let you know your **PURPLE** envelopes are ready to go. I will mail them the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Have a wonderful Summer, and I look forward to seeing you in Stowe.



WARMEST REGARDS,
JEANNE



Safety Tips for ... Drivers Taking Their Pets on the Road

Off preparing for summer camp, Mary will return for the next issue. In lieu of Mary's wisdom, the following article from a Pennsylvania newspaper offers some excellent information, particularly with the advent of Summer camp.
(reprint from Volume 4, Issue 1)

America's vacation season is in full swing, and many dogs and cats are joining their owners for family vacations and weekend getaways. Although summer heat and driving can be a dangerous combination for household pets, they do not have to be if drivers take some simple precautions.

Ray Palermo, director for public information for Teachers' Insurance Plan, offered some advice from the insurance program's *Driving with Your Pet* brochure. "There are more than 120 million household dogs and cats in the nation," said Palermo. "They're members of the family and when we take a driving vacation, they are often along for the ride. Unfortunately, too many drivers do not take the time to prepare them for long trips." Palermo suggests several

ways to help ensure a safe driving experience:

-- Feed your pet a little less than you would normally. Since too much water can upset their stomachs on the road, limit water by providing ice to chew on. And don't forget to pack some toys and any other favorite items or bedding.



-- If the pet is not used to car trips, try a few test runs to help acclimate them for the ride.
-- Cats should be kept in a carrier and dogs should be held in a restraining harness. This

will help stabilize your pet if there is a sudden movement or accident.

-- When traveling to places your pet is not familiar with, it is particularly important to have a collar with an ID tag that includes both your permanent and vacation address and phone numbers. Bring a photo of your pet in the event you need to put up "Lost Pet" posters. Many veterinarians and animal welfare organizations also offer microchip identification implants.

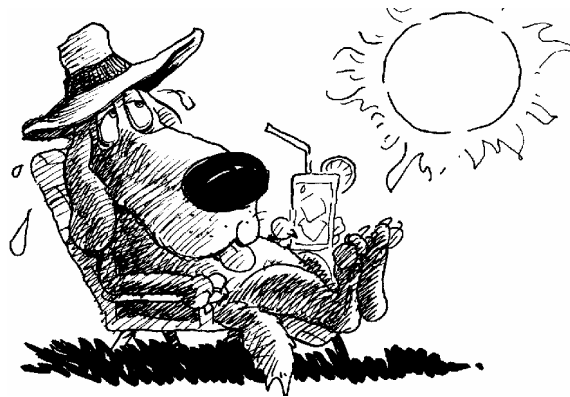
-- Dogs like to stick their heads out of the car window, but this is

very unsafe. Small stones and debris become dangerous projectiles at highway speeds.

-- Never leave your pet in a car in warm or hot weather. Even with the windows open or parked in the shade, interior temperatures can quickly rise to lethal levels.

-- Pack a first aid kit with tweezers and alcohol for tick removal, cloth bandages, and topical antiseptic.

The free brochure, *Driving with Your Pet*, and other information is available at www.teachers.com.



IF YOUR ANIMALS CAN MAKE YOU LAUGH AT LEAST ONCE A DAY, THEN NO MATTER HOW THE REST OF THE DAY WENT, IT WAS A GOOD DAY!

MARY T.

TRUE TAILS

An Eye On You
By Terry Burns
Middleburg, Pennsylvania



Cashew, my 14-year-old yellow Lab, is blind and deaf. Her best friend is Libby, 7, her seeing-eye cat.

Libby steers Cashew away from obstacles and leads her to her food. Every night she sleeps next to her. The only time they're

apart is when we take Cashew for a walk.

Without this cat, we know Cashew would be lost and very, very lonely indeed. It's amazing but true: this is one animal who knows what needs to be done and does it day in and day out for her friend.

Contributor: E-mail from a friend



CREATIVE TAILS

Cold Water

John went to visit his 90-year-old grandfather in a very secluded rural area of West Virginia. They spent the first evening chatting the night away.

The next day, John's grandfather prepared a breakfast of bacon, eggs, and toast. Noticing a film-like substance on his plate, John questioned his grandfather, "Are these plates clean?"

His grandfather replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get 'em. Just you go ahead and finish your meal, Sonny."

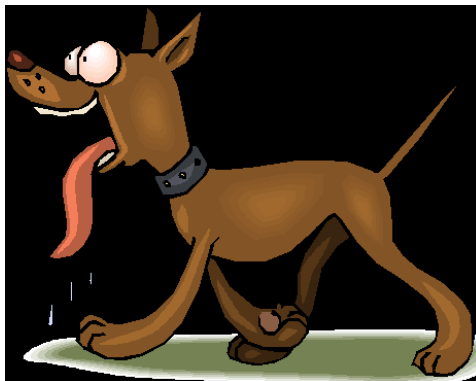
For lunch, the old man made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates as his appeared to have tiny specks around the edge which looked like dried egg. Again he asked,

"Are you sure these plates are clean?"

Without looking up, the old man said, "I told you before, Sonny, these dishes are as clean as cold water can get 'em. Now don't you fret; I don't want to hear another word about it."

Later that afternoon, John prepared to travel to a nearby town. As he was leaving the house, his grandfather's dog began to growl and wouldn't let him pass. John yelled, "Grandfather, your dog won't let me get to my car."

Without diverting his attention from the football game he was watching on television, the old man shouted, "Coldwater, go lie down now, ya hear me!!!!"



Contributor: E-mail from a friend

"DIVINE" TAILS

A New Chapter?

Author Unknown

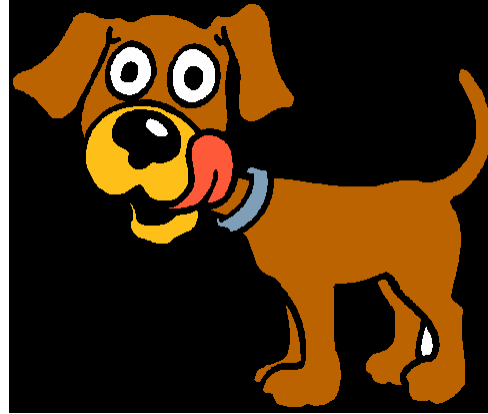
A newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to "Where do pets come from?"

Adam and Eve said, "Lord, when we were in the Garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you anymore. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us."

And God said, "I'll create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do in spite of yourselves."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve. And he wagged his tail.

Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom, and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."



And God said, "I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you. His name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them.

And they were comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks. They believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved – but perhaps too well."

And God said, "I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. The companion will

remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.”

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.

And Cat would not obey them.



When Adam and Eve gazed into Cat’s eyes, they were reminded that they were not supreme beings. And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved.

And God was pleased.

And Dog was happy.

And Cat didn’t care one way or the other.

Contributor: E-mail from a friend



BOW WOW

Healthy Dog Store

Bonnie Peregoy

<http://www.healthydogstore.com/>

I now have up on my website two PDF files that I think would be of interest to campers. They are too long to be included (printed) in the newswire, but I thought you may want to post the link in the newswire, so campers can access them directly:

<http://www.healthydogstore.com/>
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The Grooming Dog Behavior lecture has links to YouTube with video examples, and it is about using positive reinforcement with difficult grooming dogs. It has lots of useful information for anyone who owns a dog but would be particularly useful to the professional groomer who grooms your dog.

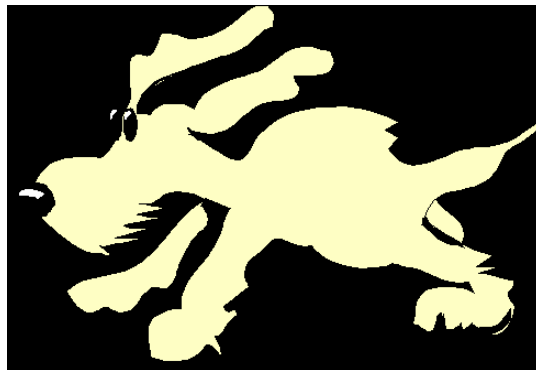


The Staff Management lecture is also about using Positive Reinforcement and would be interesting for anyone who supervises others, or even anyone who has to work with co-workers.

Contributor: Bonnie Peregoy
CGTTD Instructor/Staff



New Additions



No new additions reported.

The Rainbow Bridge

Because of its many colors, the bridge connecting Heaven and Earth has come to be known as the Rainbow Bridge.

Just this side of the Bridge, there is a land of meadows, hills and lush green valleys. When a Beloved pet dies, this wonderful place serves as their home. There is always an abundance of food and water and warm sunshine. Old and frail animals are young again, and those who have been maimed are made whole. They make new friends and play all day.

There is one thing missing from these carefree surroundings though, the

companionship of their loving masters. Time passes and soon another day comes when one of them is distracted by a familiar scent. With nose twitching, ears at attention and eyes staring in delight, this one runs from the group....

You have been seen.

As you embrace, your face is kissed again and again and again, and once more you look into the eyes of your loyal companion. You cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.



The following campers' dogs have crossed the Rainbow Bridge:

Duncan, Kelly Armstrong's beloved Golden Retriever

Laney, David Wood's beloved Golden Retriever

Gandolph, Virginia Chapin-Sheff's beloved Coton de tular

Phantom, Victoria Vidal-Ribas' beloved Labrador Retriever

Harry, Jenny Parke's beloved Mastiff

Schatzi, Pam Rowley's beloved Boxer

UNTIL TAILS UP
(AS OF MAY 31, 2008)



CAMP

TIME TO WAIT

SUMMER

JUNE 1-7, 2008

1 DAY

FALL

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

3 MONTHS



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