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# The Editor Barks Out



## Time for Summer Camp

For us summer campers, our wait is finally over. We're already planning and packing and barely able to control our enthusiasm. Soon we'll greet old friends, conversing as we unload our vehicles, and then anxiously seek out new friends. The joys of camp – nothing like it.

Jeanne, busily preparing for the onslaught of dog lovers, “rambles” on with mailing dates for those much beloved purple envelopes and her camp hopes for her newest addition. Because traveling can be such a stressful time for your pets, we've reprinted an article in *Mary's Tips* that highlights some simple precautions. *True Tails* documents two stories of pets disappeared but later reunited with their families. *Divine Tails* provides an amusing, fictitious tale of the eternal fate of dogs, and, of course, our other regular features round out the issue.

Summer campers, drive safely and don't forget your musical instruments! On Thursday evening, June 4, at the Happy Valley dorm, come and join the *Drummers of Dogdom* as we belt out rhythms to please the soul. We'll have a few extra drums, so please stop in – even just to listen. See you soon.

♥ Love those wagging tails ♥

— Valerie Steinman  
Newswire Editor  
CGTID Camper

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# RICHTER'S RAMBLINGS

Jeanne Richter  
CGTID Director



Hi Campers!

Purple Envelopes. I am working on the last minute details for Camp, and I am really looking forward to seeing all of you. Summer Campers: the schedule is already on the web site, and you should receive the Late Breaking News mailing by May 22. Fall Campers: you will receive your "Big Camp Mailing" the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please note – I am leaving for Vermont on May 29<sup>th</sup> so it will be difficult to contact me. If you need to reach me, I will check voice mail twice a day, 1-888-364-3293 (number partially missing in purple mailing).

Zuni. It is going to be a lot of fun for me to see what activities Zuni likes the most. My bet is sheep herding, lure coursing, agility, and anything to do with food. She continues to be a delightful affectionate puppy that is eager to learn. Zorro continues to be her "Manny" and is busy teaching her how to open doors. She and Zeta play tag in the backyard, and it is great to be working in my office and look out the window watching them have fun.



## Water Rescue

*ASPCA Action Winter 2005*

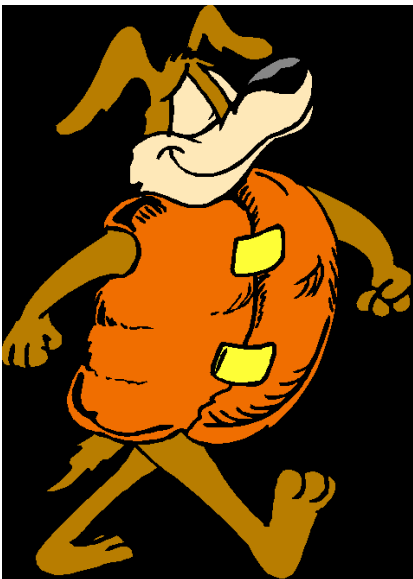
"When my supervisor asked if I would volunteer to go to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, I was ecstatic," says

Richard Raheb, one of 17 ASPCA Humane Law Enforcement agents featured on the award-winning reality TV show *Animal*

*Precinct* on Animal Planet. “What better thing to do to help out the animals?” But not even Agent Raheb’s work on the front lines of animal rescue, saving abused and abandoned animals on the streets of New York City, could fully prepare him for what he’d find once he got there, just days after the storm hit.

“Mind boggling, total destruction,” is how he describes it. “Trees uprooted. Houses crushed to smithereens. Nasty water up to 10 feet deep, like sewer water.... A total war zone.”

Agent Raheb quickly got to work as part of a water rescue team, manned by rescue experts from the ASPCA and other animal welfare groups. Days began at 7 a.m. under the intense southern sun, loading up the airboat with catchpoles, medical supplies, and fresh pet food and water before setting out in the flooded streets to rescue stranded animals.



“Working for the ASPCA absolutely helped me out in the field,” says Raheb. “You have to have knowledge of animals, to read their body language. A lot of these animals were scared and disoriented, and you could end up getting hurt. Fortunately, nobody got hurt.”

He recalls one man in his thirties with two “...gorgeous, healthy Akita dogs. This guy was not going to leave his house until he knew those dogs were 100 percent safe. He stood by them like they were his wife. Once the man was reassured his animals would be safe with us, he let the police evacuate him to a safe haven.” Sure enough, the devoted pet parent showed up the next day to retrieve his dogs from Lamar-Dixon, one of the sprawling temporary shelters where rescued animals were brought, fed, watered, and petted in the days and weeks following the disaster.

“It’s like the feeling I get when I take an animal out of an abuser’s hand, and I know that animal is going to be safe,” says Raheb of his disaster rescue efforts. “The proof of the pudding is people

stayed behind so their animals wouldn't suffer."

"These animals were all a lot of these people had, and they would risk their own lives for them,"

Raheb continues. "It was a great experience to know I did my part to help the animals out. And realistically, if I'm helping the animals out, I'm helping the people out."



## Child Abuse Fundraiser



Camper Victoria Vidal-Ribas and her Army of Darkness (Labs Courage, FM, Epic) are participating in a May Day fundraiser for The Gatehouse, Child Abuse Investigation and Support Service, on Saturday, May 30, in Toronto, Ontario. She and other members of her club will be demonstrating their dogs' carting talents at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. After each demo, they will be giving rides.

All proceeds from their efforts will go to support child and adult victims of child abuse. For more information, including all of the activities, go to <http://www.thegatehouse.org/mayday/program> – Victoria's group is shown under "SPECIAL APPEARANCES & DEMONSTRATIONS."



Have a safe trip to Camp, and I'll see you soon.

Regards,  
Jeanne

# MARY'S TIPS

Mary Thompson  
CGTD Instructor/Staff



## 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 excellent advice for traveling with your pet.  
(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.

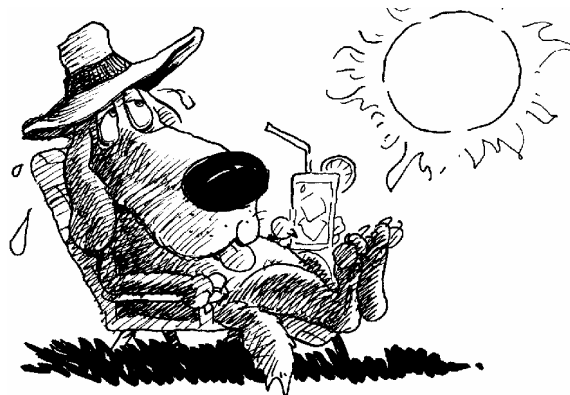
-- When traveling to places your pet is not familiar with, it is particularly important to have a collar with an ID tag that includes both your permanent and vacation address and phone numbers. Bring a photo of your pet in the event you need to put up "Lost Pet" posters. Many veterinarians and animal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

Other information is available at [www.teachers.com](http://www.teachers.com).



## TRUE TAILS

### Dog Overboard Found Four Months Later

*Yahoo! News Mon Apr 6, 2009*

Sydney (AFP) – A pet dog that fell overboard in rough seas off Australia has been reunited with

its owners after surviving alone on an island for four months, reports said.

Sophie Tucker, apparently named after a late U.S. entertainer, fell overboard as Jan Griffith and her family sailed through choppy waters off the northeast Queensland coast in November. The dog was believed to have drowned and Griffith said the family was devastated.

But out of sight of the family, Sophie Tucker was swimming doggedly and finally made it to St. Bees Island, five nautical miles away, and began the sort of life popularized by the TV reality show “Survivor.”

She was returned to her family last week when Griffith contacted rangers, who had captured a dog that had been living off feral goats on the largely uninhabited island, in the faint hope it might be their long-lost pet. When the Griffiths met the rangers’ boat bringing the dog to the mainland, they found that it was indeed Sophie Tucker on board.

“We called the dog and she started whimpering and banging the crate and they let her out and she just about flattened us,” Griffith told the national AAP news agency. “She wriggled around like a mad thing.”



Griffith said that when the dog was first spotted on the island, she had been in poor condition. “And then all of a sudden she started to look good and it was when the rangers had found baby goat carcasses, so she’d started eating baby goats,” she said.

Sophie Tucker, a member of the Australian Cattle Dog breed, had been “quick to readjust to the comforts of home, complete with air conditioning,” Griffith said. “She surprised us all. She was a house dog and look what she’s done: she’s swum over five nautical miles, she’s managed to live off the land all on her own,” Griffith said. “We wish she could talk, we truly do.”



## Blown-away Chihuahua Reunited with Owners

*Yahoo! News Tue Apr 28, 2009*

Waterford Township, Mich. – Tinker Bell has been reunited with her owners after a 70-mph gust of wind picked up the six-pound Chihuahua and tossed her out of sight.

Dorothy and Lavern Utley credit a pet psychic for guiding them on Monday to a wooded area nearly a mile from where eight-month-old Tinker Bell had been last seen. The brown long-haired dog was dirty and hungry but otherwise okay.

The Utleys, of Rochester, had set up an outdoor display Saturday

at a flea market in Waterford Township, 25 miles northwest of Detroit. Tinker Bell was standing on their platform trailer when she was swept away.



Dorothy Utley tells *The Detroit News* that her cherished pet “just went wild” upon seeing her.



## CREATIVE TAILS

Alice

By Alice

Dog of Writer Noy Holland

Let the rest play step  
and fetch and shake and  
kiss when bidden. *Chew!*  
Do you?  
I hawk and gobble, gone  
over the bony field.  
I belly flop, I clear the pond  
of ducks and sticks and rubble,  
dive. See? See?  
Leggy me.

*Off the Bed!*  
*In your house!*  
*Out of the kitchen!*  
Really? Oh,  
really? Oh, gimme  
a ride in your ragtop I'll  
let you love my spotty tum.

*Unleashed, Poems By Writers' Dogs*  
New York: Crown Publishers, 1995

# DIVINE TAILS

All Dogs Go to Heaven



Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church and Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church have an ongoing debate [fictitiously I assume] via their church signs. Let the games begin.

Sign at Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church:

**ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN**

Sign at Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

**ONLY HUMANS GO TO HEAVEN  
READ THE BIBLE**

Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church:

**GOD LOVES ALL HIS CREATURES  
DOGS INCLUDED**

Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

**DOGS DON'T HAVE SOULS  
THIS IS NOT OPEN FOR DEBATE**

Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church:

**CATHOLIC DOGS GO TO HEAVEN  
PRESBYTERIAN DOGS CAN TALK TO THEIR PASTOR**

Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

**CONVERTING TO CATHOLICISM DOES NOT  
MAGICALLY GRANT YOUR DOG A SOUL**

Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church:

**FREE DOG SOULS WITH CONVERSION**

Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

**DOGS ARE ANIMALS  
THERE AREN'T ANY ROCKS IN HEAVEN EITHER**

Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church:

**ALL ROCKS GO TO HEAVEN**

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CGTTD Camper



## BOW WOW

Feeding Fido

*AARP Bulletin May 2009*



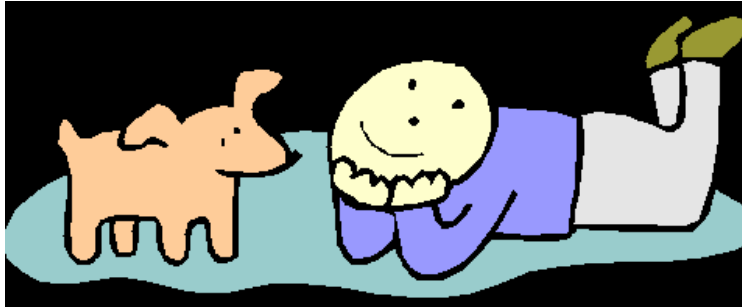
Pricier pet food doesn't mean it's better, says *Consumer Reports* after consulting with eight

experts in dog and cat nutrition. That's good to know, considering a recent survey shows that Americans may be spending less on themselves, but only one in seven pet owners scrimps on critter care. Look for pet food labeled "complete and balanced" (treats are not) and statements that nutritional adequacy was validated by animal-feeding tests based on protocols from the American Association of Feed Control Officials, a regulatory group. – SK



## Calling All Pet Lovers

*AARP Bulletin April 2008*



Pet-sitting companies are among the businesses reaching out to enlist older adults in their ranks. Working in the industry “not only provides them with an enjoyable and relatively easy income source, but also daily exercise” and companionship, says Paul Mann, CEO of Berkeley, Calif.-based Fetch! Pet Care.

In addition to Fetch!, a national network of pet-sitters, other companies recruiting retiree animal caregivers include Home Sitting Seniors, in San Diego, and Care.com. Pay can range from \$5 to \$50 an hour. – Keosha Johnson



## Creature Comfort

*AARP Bulletin April, 2008*

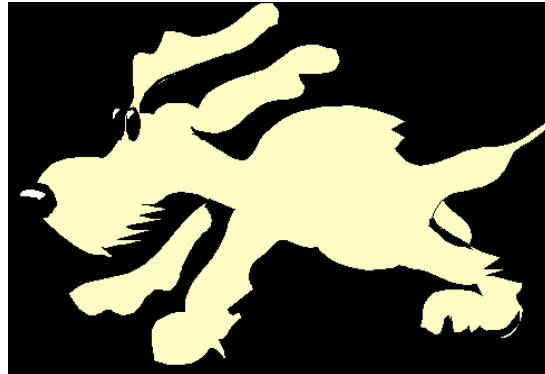
If you crave a cuddle with Fluffy or Fido, consider checking out the Pets for the Elderly Foundation. This Ohio-based nonprofit pays up to \$50 of the adoption costs – fees, medical exams, spaying or neutering – when people 60 or older adopt a cat or dog from one of 58 animal shelters in 31 states.

Research shows that pets may contribute to the health and well-being of their owners. For details and participating shelters, go to

[www.petsfortheelderly.org](http://www.petsfortheelderly.org) or call toll free 1-866-849-3598. – JRH



# NEW ADDITIONS



With summer camp right around the corner and the fall camps following closely behind, here is a recap of the new additions that appeared in this year's Volume 6 issues – a little refresher for when you meet these new dogs:

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>
Sue Davis	Emmie	Chihuahua
Barbara Rushman	Ryan	Brittany Spaniel
Barb Hooper	Luke	Mixed Breed
Jeanne Richter	Zuni	Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Valerie Steinman	Mojo Beau	Belgian Sheepdog
Madelyn Carlin	Dylan	Miniature Schnauzer
Anne Cotton	Chase	Flat-Coated Retriever
Maribeth Hook	Kobi	Australian Shepherd

# 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:

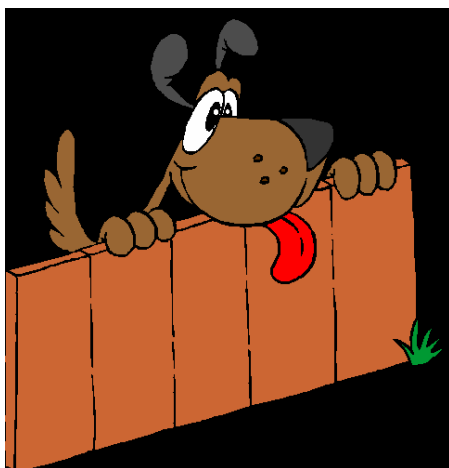
**Cammi**, Sabine Platten's beloved Labrador Retriever

**Sunchi**, Barbara Rushman's beloved mixed breed

**Murphy**, Lisa Emery's beloved Shih Tzu

# UNTIL TAILS UP

(As of May 24, 2009)



## CAMP

## TIME TO WAIT

### *Summer*

May 31-June 6, 2009

1 Week

### *Fall*

September 6-12, 2009

3+ Months

September 13-19, 2009



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