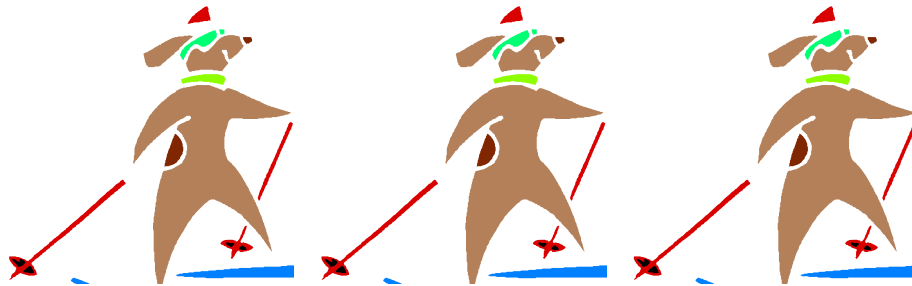




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The Editor Barks Out



Groundhog Day Heralds An Early Spring

Punxsutawney Phil declared spring to be on its way, yet the snow continues to fall – melt then fall again. Not that I’m complaining – I love the snow. I taught Mojo how to skijor this winter: one of the few activities he really seems to enjoy.

But for those of you not so fond of winter, reading the newest issue of the *Camp Gone to the Dogs Newswire* will help pass the time. In their columns, both Jeanne and Mary advise of

potential hazards to your dogs. *True Tails* presents a different view of dog kisses; *Divine Tails* shares a story of a remarkable friendship; and *Bow Wow* cautions drivers about the way they travel with their dogs. The thought of spring must be the culprit for these articles of safety.

Please kick back and enjoy, and expect your next issue of the *Camp Gone to the Dogs Newswire* around June 1.

♥ Wagging tails make happy dogs ♥

— Valerie Steinman
Newswire Editor
CGTID Camper

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RICHTER'S RAMBLINGS

Jeanne Richter
CGTID Director



Hi Campers!

I am surrounded by purple envelopes for the June Camp Mailing. Summer Campers, your purple envelopes will arrive the week of March 1st. I am working on the Camp Schedule, and there are a number of exciting new class offerings, lectures, and

crafts. They are described in the Camp mailing.

It has been a long, cold, and snowy winter in New Jersey. I finally can see grass in my backyard, and I am looking forward to warmer weather.



Top 10 Pet Toxins By Maria Goodavage

Jeanne's note: The article below documents the Top 10 Pet Toxins and includes Animal Poison Control Center™'s 24-hour hotline telephone number. Hopefully you will never need to call the hotline.

Pets get into the darndest things — some of them highly poisonous. Last year the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) fielded more than 167,000 phone calls about pets getting exposed to possibly toxic substances. One-fourth of the calls involved accidental ingestion of human medication. (Why is it that you can't get some pets to take a pill they need, but

they'll snarf up whatever human meds are lying around?)

Since an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, we bring the APCC's Top 10 list of pet toxins from 2010:

HUMAN MEDICATIONS are once again at the top of the list of pet toxins for 2010. Almost 25 percent of our calls concerned human medications accidentally



ingested by pets. The most common culprits include over-the-counter medication (ibuprofen, acetaminophen), antidepressants and ADHD medication.

INSECTICIDES make up about 20 percent of the calls to the APCC. They are commonly used on our pets for flea control and around our houses to control crawling and flying bugs. The most serious poisonings occurred when products not labeled for use in cats were applied to them. Always follow label direction.

RODENTICIDES. Baits used to kill mice and rats are mostly grain based. Not only does this attract rodents, but it attracts dogs and cats. There are several different types of rodenticides that can cause seizures, internal bleeding or kidney failure. Always make sure these items are placed in areas that pets cannot access.

PEOPLE FOOD. Xylitol, grapes, raisins, onions, and garlic are commonly ingested by our pets. Grapes and raisins can cause



kidney failure in dogs, while onions and garlic can cause anemia if enough is ingested. Xylitol, a sugar alcohol used to sweeten sugar-free gums and mints, can cause low blood sugar and liver failure in dogs.

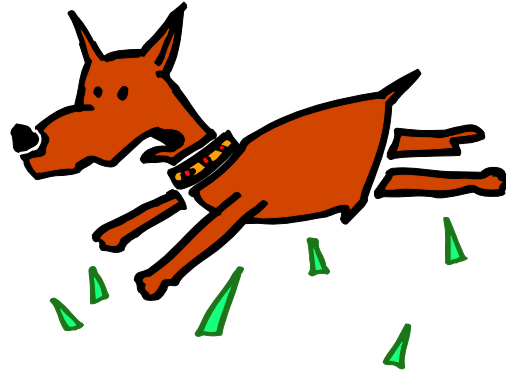
VETERINARY MEDICATIONS. Many medications made for our pets are flavored for ease of giving. Unfortunately, that means that animals may ingest the entire bottle of medication if they find it tasty. Common chewable medications include arthritis and incontinence medications. Contact your veterinarian if your pet ingests more than his proper dose of medication.

CHOCOLATE contains methylxanthines, which act as stimulants to our pets. The darker the chocolate, the more methylxanthines it contains. Methylxanthines can cause agitation, vomiting, diarrhea, high heart rate, muscle tremors, seizures, and death.

HOUSEHOLD TOXINS. Cleaning supplies, such as bleach, acids, alkalis, and other detergents, can cause corrosive injury to the mouth and stomach. Other household items such as batteries and liquid potpourri can cause similar problems. Always keep these toxins behind securely locked doors.

PLANTS. Both house plants and outdoor plants can be ingested by our pets. Lilies can cause life-threatening kidney failure in cats, while sago palms can cause liver failure in dogs and cats. Keep house plants and bouquets away from your pets.

HERBICIDES. Many have a salty taste, and our pets will commonly ingest them. Always follow label directions and keep pets off treated areas until they are dry.



OUTDOOR TOXINS. Antifreeze, fertilizers, and ice melts are all substances that animals can find outdoors. Keep these items in securely locked sheds or on high shelves where pets cannot get to them.

If you have any reason to suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please contact your veterinarian or the Animal Poison Control Center™'s 24-hour hotline at (888) 426-4435.



I am looking forward to Camp. I just received an email from Toni Bailey reminding me there are only 101 days (at time of writing) until Camp. I better get back to work!

Regards,
Jeanne 😊



MARY'S TIPS

Mary Thompson
CGTID Instructor/Staff



Here Come the Bugs

Well the outside temps are above 40, snow is melting, and the birds are thick around the feeders. I've even bought some bird books to help identify ones I don't usually see. But all this warm weather is reminding me that spring will soon be here, along with all the tiny insects I don't like, such as TICKS!!!! Now is the time to purchase your flea/tick preparations, so you have them ready to use if spring arrives a few weeks earlier than you first thought.

Richard's Organics has a pleasant minty scent and so far, does a good job repelling fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. You can find it at Care A Lot Pets (run the words all together for Google) or

Amazon.com. Just using pure Lavender Oil does not work well on my dogs, yet it does work well on a number of dogs around town. Garlic and Brewer's Yeast is an old time remedy, BUT please remember that too much garlic may actually make your animal anemic. If you use this, use the correct amount for your dog's size – not more than is needed.

If you are looking for a REALLY good vitamin/mineral supplement, check out Nature's Pharmacy. Most of their products are in powder form, so they are absorbed easily and quickly by the animal. And yes, it is spelled “farm,” not “pharm.”



Feed Hay [or Straw] Really Works

Don't forget to have a bale or two of feed hay ready for the really muddy areas! I finally had someone come and check out my

yard this fall to see WHY my dogs were eating grass AND dirt in certain areas. The grass has turned yellow (and not from

urine). The dogs were after the grubs that were turning the lawn yellow. I could let them continue, but I don't like the dirt in their stomachs. And I'm

wondering if ALL of it will work its way out. So I get to do some landscaping this spring, cutting out the bad spots, reseeding them, and flaking hay over them.



Salty Feet

Even though it will soon be much easier walking my dogs on the street, I will still need to be careful of all the salt/sand mixture. My road MIGHT be swept by June, but usually not. I usually hope for a few hours of

pouring rain to help wash the mixture off the road and the shoulders where we walk. Until then, I will continue to wash their feet as soon as we get home. Teaching "Stand" and "Wait" has its benefits!



Looking forward to June camp and new lectures!
Remember, keep all training short and fun!

Mary T.



TRUE TAILS



Dog Kisses Can Lead to Disease
The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee

They give you joy. They give you loyalty. They give you sloppy kisses. But they can also give you something else: zoonoses.

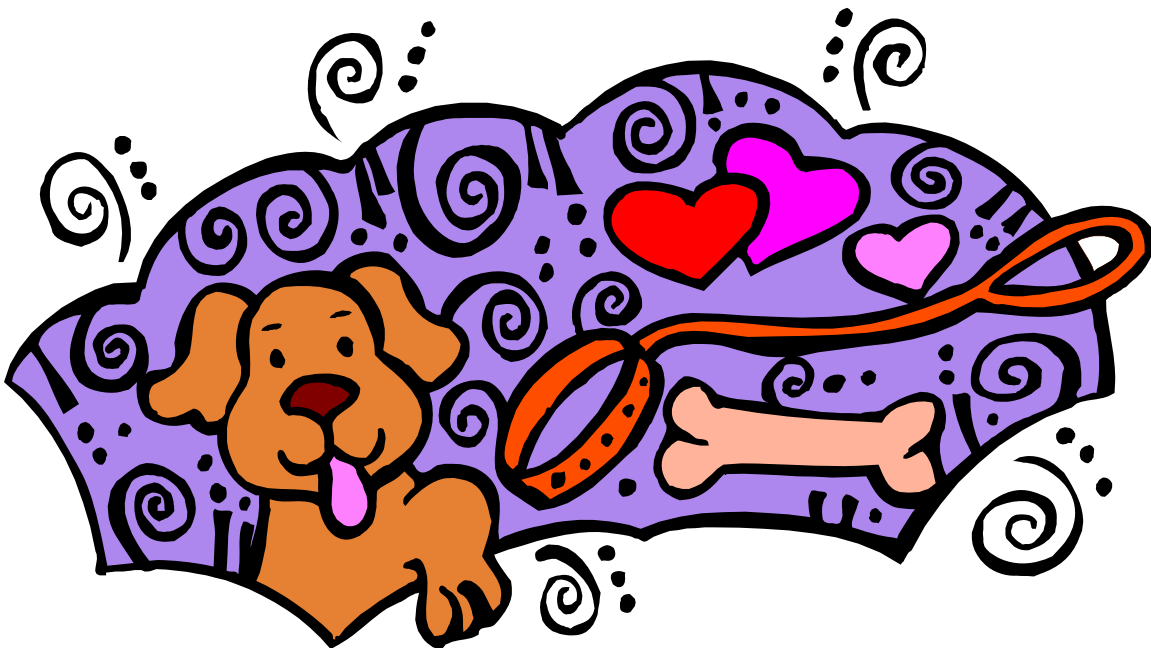
A University of California-Davis veterinary professor has penned an article for a scientific journal showing that people who allow their pets to lick them, give them “kisses,” or sleep with them are at risk for a variety of diseases known as zoonoses. The conditions can range from the mundane to the life threatening.

Bruno Chomel and his co-author, Ben Sun, emphasize that pets provide many health benefits, including stress relief, and they stop short of recommending that people abstain from smooching their pooches. But in reviewing reports from several countries, they argue that such interactions carry some risk, particularly

among infants and people whose immune systems have been weakened by disease, chemotherapy, or other medicines.

Chomel said the risk is not huge, but that people should know it exists, mainly from bacteria that live in the mouths of felines and canines.

In the article, to be published in next month’s edition of the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, Chomel and Sun note that among the bacterial, parasitic, and viral conditions pets may transmit are plague, cat-scratch disease, and staphylococcus infections.



Editor’s Note: You can’t teach this old dog new tricks.



CREATIVE TAILS

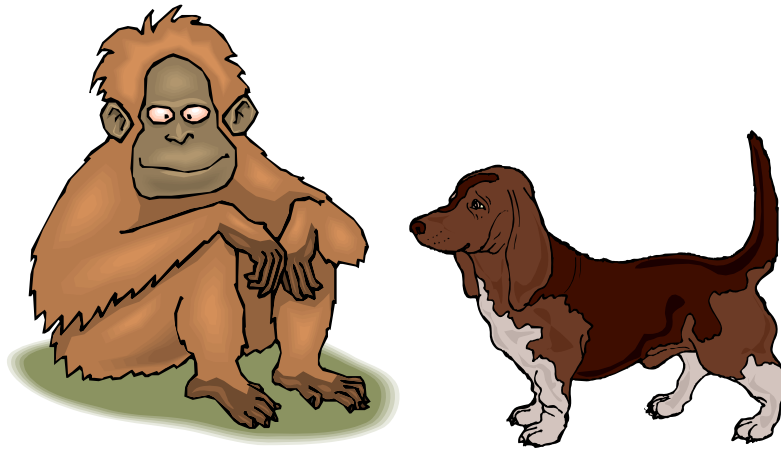
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By Roseann Burrets-Baars,
Fall Camper

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grief in your wake
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sweet immortal energy
left lingering
bathe the souls that ache



DIVINE TAILS



True Friends

Suryia, the orangutan, and Roscoe, the Bluetick Coonhound, met in a sanctuary for endangered animals in South Carolina two years ago.

According to Dr. Bhagavan Antle, founder of The Institute of Greatly Endangered and Rare Species (TIGERS) in Myrtle Beach, Roscoe followed him and Suryia through the park's gate one day. Roscoe was an underfed stray, but Suryia quickly took him under his wing.

"As soon as he saw Roscoe, Suryia ran over to him and they

started playing," Antle said. "It was unusual because dogs are usually scared of primates; but they took to each other straight away."

After a few unsuccessful phone calls to find an owner, Antle said they decided to let Roscoe stay.

Now the pair has a ball frolicking around the park. The unlikely pair loves to swim, play, and ride elephants together. Antle said, "Suryia will take Roscoe for walks around the enclosure and even feeds him some of his monkey biscuits."



BOW WOW



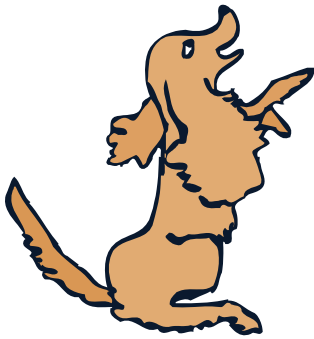
Canine Companions Can Be Dangerous Driving Distractions AAA World, November/December 2010

Millions of Americans consider dogs to be wonderful companions, so it probably comes as no surprise that these people oftentimes bring their favorite furry friends along on road trips, day trips and even routine errands. But in a vehicle, this practice can mean added distractions for the driver. A recent survey conducted by Kurgo, maker of pet travel products, and AAA asked dog owners how often they drive with their dogs as well as their habits behind the wheel. The survey found that drivers not only love to travel with Fido, but they also often engage in risky behaviors when man's best friend is along for the ride.

Thirty-one percent of respondents admit to being distracted by their dogs while driving, while 59 percent report have participated in at least one distracting behavior while driving with their dogs. More than half (55 percent) have pet their dogs

while driving, and one in five (21 percent) allowed their dogs to sit in their lap. Other distracting behaviors drivers admitted to performing include giving food and water to their dogs (seven percent) and playing with their dogs (five percent). These behaviors can distract the driver and increase the risk of a crash. In fact, looking away from the road for only two seconds doubles your risk of being in a crash, according to studies by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

An overwhelming 80 percent of respondents stated that they have driven with their pets on a variety of car trips including day trips, local errands, leisure trips, the pet store, dog parks, and to work; however, only 17 percent use any form of pet restraint system when driving with their dogs. Pet restraint systems are designed to aid in limiting distractions and help protect your pet. AAA recommends



owners utilize restraint systems anytime they are driving with their pets – even close to home.

Pet owners who want to take their pets on longer trips can find all of the information they need to make their vacation easier and safer in *Traveling with Your Pet: The AAA PetBook*, featuring pet-friendly AAA Approved property listings and advice on transporting pets. The book also features information on how to enter the annual *AAA PetBook* Photo Contest, sponsored by Best Western. Entry deadline is November 30, and winning pets will appear on a cover of the next edition. To enter a future contest, visit AAA.com/petbook.



AAA members can save on services for their pet by taking advantage of the AAA Show Your Card & Save program. Members save 10 percent on pet supplies at **Target.com** and 10 percent on pet-sitting and dog-walking services at home or on the road with Fetch! Pet Care.

Prescriptions for family pets that can be filled at a traditional pharmacy may also be eligible for a AAA discount. For more information and to obtain a free Prescription Savings Card, visit AAA.com/prescriptions, or call 866/AAA-SAVE (222-7283). Visit AAA.com/discounts for more information and a complete list of Show Your Card & Save retailers and offers.



NEW ADDITIONS



We look forward to meeting these dogs at camp.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Breed</u>
Susan Whitlock	Sassie	Pug
Sally & Larry Silverman	Java	Australian Shepherd
Mary Watson	Rosie	Bearded Collie
P.J. Avary	Ingrid	Poodle



Late-Breaking News

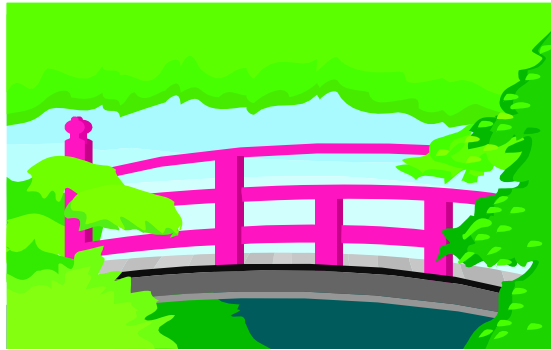
Portraits of two Camp dogs are being exhibited at the 2011 Art Show at the Dog Show, the nation's premier juried fine arts competition devoted exclusively to canine art. A scratchboard portrait of Toni Bailey's "Prosper" by Oklahoma artist Glenda S. Harlan is entered in the "Sculpture & Other Media" category, and an oil portrait of Rosemary George's "Mick" by our own Mitch Gyson is entered in the "Paintings" category.

The art Show is sponsored by the Sunflower Cluster Kennel Clubs and Purina. Entries will be exhibited at the Wichita Convention Center until

April 6 and during the Sunflower Cluster April 9 – 11. The show includes paintings, photographs, bronze sculptures, fiber, and other unique artworks that are available for purchase.

Artists from around the world – Belgium, United Kingdom, Canada, Mexico, United States, and Norway – submitted works in hopes of being picked for this very competitive exhibition. Out of the 569 entries, 200 were selected for the show. The Best in Show winner will be purchased by the sponsors and donated to the AKC Museum of the Dog.

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 Beloved pets die, 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:

Scooter, Lisa Borst's beloved Labrador Retriever

Willy, Marilyn Braunstein's beloved Sharpei

UNTIL TAILS UP

(As of March 1, 2011)



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TIME TO WAIT

Summer

June 5-11, 2011

3 Months

Fall

September 4-10, 2011

September 11-17, 2011

6 Months



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