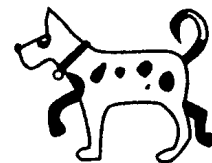


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Heidi with Smoky and Roxie.

Pampered Pet's Sixth Anniversary!

It's a big celebration! *The Pawsitively Pampered Pet* is celebrating its sixth anniversary on March 1, 2003. I have been pet sitting for seven years but *PPP* came into existence only after I knew this is what I wanted to do for my "career."

Just as *The Pawsitively Pampered Pet* has grown, so too has *The Pampered Pet Gazette*. This 7th issue of *The Pampered Pet Gazette* is full of pet-related stories, important information and of course, lots of photos of our furry friends.

I want to take this space to thank everyone ever involved with *The Pawsitively Pampered Pet's* success (family, friends, clients and many veterinarians). Whenever I sign up a new client, I always ask how they heard about me. I have heard some unbelievable ways my clients have gotten the word out about *PPP*. One client passed out my cards to all of the people in the waiting room of her dentist; another client emailed an internet bulletin board member asking for pet sitter referrals; others wear *PPP*

t-shirts and sweatshirts. I also have many veterinarian offices that trust me enough to refer *PPP* to their clients on a daily basis.

Other avenues people have found me are through articles I was surprised were written about me, getting my cards from places I have yet to visit, and simply by stopping me on the street saying they had heard of *PPP* "somewhere" and recognized my t-shirt logo or saw this newsletter.

It is the utmost compliment to have clients and vets refer me with such high regard! All of the sleepless nights worrying about a sick pet, and tears from exhaustion in the early years, have definitely paid off. All of you have been essential in my success.

Thank you! Thank you!

—Heidi Kistler

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Frequently Asked Questions

Almost everyday I get questions regarding how *The Pawsitively Pampered Pet* runs so efficiently. I know that if one person is asking a particular question, then someone else may have similar concerns. The following are actual questions I have received from pet owners. I hope you find it helpful with any questions you may have.

Q. What should I do if I call the office and the designated Phone Box (#2) is full?

A. I do my best to get messages on a timely basis, return calls, and delete old ones. Occasionally, during the holidays or if I'm out of town, calls pile up waiting for my attention. If you are greeted with a "full mailbox" message, please call back and leave a message in Box #3 or #4. All message boxes are checked daily.

* Please listen to Box #2's greeting whenever you call for updated business information or possibly my whereabouts if I am out of town.

** Please leave your phone numbers, even though I already have them. This saves me tons of time if I am not at home and must call you back.

Q. How much time should I give The Pawsitively Pampered Pet for my reservations?

A. For non-holiday reservations, please give at least 7 days notice. Wednesdays are usually the cut-off for that coming weekend. I do my best for last-minute reservations but please keep in mind I am occasionally booked. For holiday reservations, as much notice as possible is appreciated. I always try to take late reservation calls but sometimes cannot do the job because the calendar is full. I

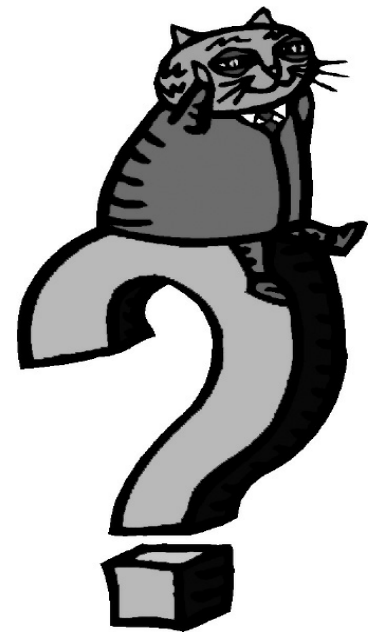
try to explain that I do not run PPP like the airlines where I take as many reservations as possible then tell the client "oops, sorry, can't take care of your reservation because of overbooking." We cannot shortchange the visits for the pets already reserved by taking on too many visits per day. Your pets are my utmost concern and overbooking only cheats you and the pet. Emergency situations will be accommodated on an individual basis.

Q. What is the cancellation policy?

A. On a non-holiday reservation, the policy is 5-day notification of cancellation to help ensure the spot is filled. If I am given less than 5 days, 50% of the total bill is due immediately (this information is outlined on the **CLIENT CONTRACT** everyone signs upon our first meeting). During the holidays, I always send out a letter in September explaining what the policy is for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

Q. What if I cancel at the last minute and a pet sitter comes for the visit (this is usually for weekly clients but also vacationers).

A. Should you need to cancel a visit due to leaving late or arriving home early, be aware that if we do not receive your message in time and the sitter arrives for the scheduled visit, you will be charged for the visit. Office hours are 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m.–3 p.m. on Friday and closed over the weekend, so cancellations of evening visits will need to be called in before



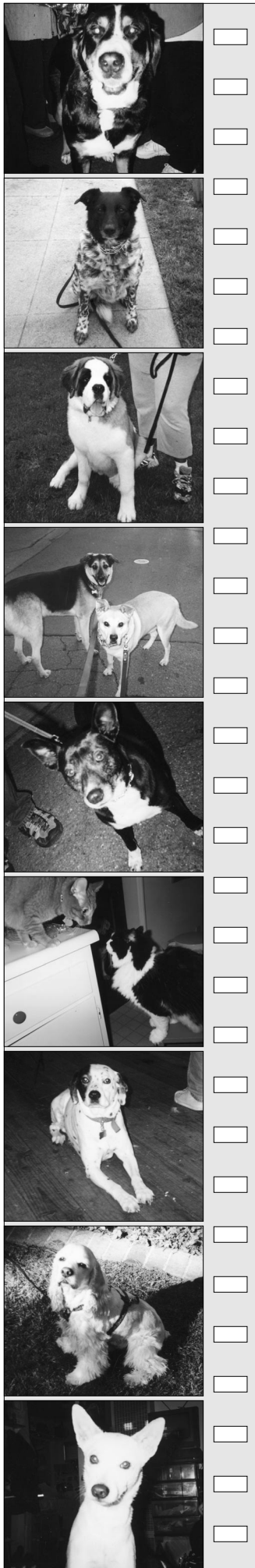
the above times. I pick up messages for emergencies only over the weekend.

Q. Can you call me on a daily basis while I am away on vacation?

A. I make it a policy that we do not call everyday mostly because if we miss a day (which is likely), I do not want you to worry that something is wrong. Please rest assured that the minute anything is found amiss at your home or with your pet, I will call you IMMEDIATELY. This is why it is imperative you leave contact information EVERY TIME you go away.

Q. What happens if my pet becomes ill?

A. I will contact your veterinarian immediately and make a vet visit if necessary. If it's something severe, I will call you on your vacation (unless you state otherwise). We will do extra visits if deemed necessary. This is why it's important to have PPP's information in your pet's file at your vet. You can also write up a specific consent form detailing what you would like us to do or not do in certain situations.



Frequently Asked Questions (continued from page 2)

Q. Can I have a friend or neighbor visit my pet while I am gone and PPP is doing regular visits?

A. In most cases I do not like to have people other than PPP visiting the house or pet while we're in charge. In seven years I cannot count the many times friends stop by and think they are "helping" us by feeding or medicating the pet. If we do not know about the friend's visit, we can overfeed and/or overdose the pet. Trust me, it has happened...every pet sitter has one of these stories.

Q. What if I am delayed because of a late plane or an event like September 11th?

A. If your plane will delay you a day, please call me from the airport. If another event like September 11th happens, I will know you're away and probably not coming home until planes fly again, etc. In severe emergencies, i.e. earthquake, fire and the like, your pets will be taken care of to the best of my abilities.

Q. What if something happens to my home, i.e. electric outages, water leaks, etc.?

A. We will take care of the problem to the best of our ability. *This is why it is imperative you leave contact information EVERY TIME you go away.*

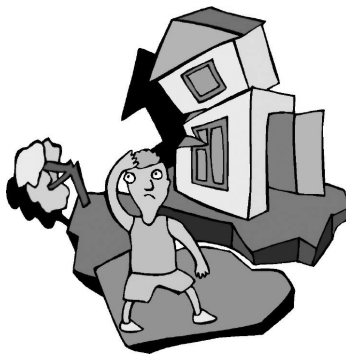
Q. What if my alarm goes off?

A. Almost every instance of an alarm going off has been because of wind, power outage or the numbers on the key pad were either rubbed off or sticking. It is important that we have the alarm com-

pany's phone number and the **CORRECT PASSWORD.**

Q. Will you buy more pet food, litter, etc. if I run out?

A. As stated in the **CLIENT CONTRACT**, we will get necessary items costing a fee of \$25 in addition to items purchased. Please have all necessary items before leaving.



Q. What if something happens and you cannot get into my house?

A. Every pet sitter has had the moment of "Oh, no, the key doesn't work." This can be due to people changing their locks and not telling us or the door is old and faulty. Do not worry...we WILL get in! I have only had to use a locksmith two or three times. If the situation is not our fault, then you will be responsible for the locksmith fees and our time.

Q. What if my pets get out because of a fire or an earthquake, etc.?

A. It is absolutely necessary to have ALL of your pets tagged properly. Before becoming a pet sitter, I was in both the big Bay Area earthquake and Oakland Hills fire and can tell you that HUNDREDS of pets at pet emergency cen-

ters were not claimed because of insufficient or non-existent tags. Also, please include PPP's phone number **(510) 339-6178** so we can help with the retrieval of your pet if you are unable to do so.

Q. Can I email you with reservations?

A. I prefer phone messages since I do not check my email on a daily basis.

Q. Do you live at 2625 Alcatraz, PMB 340, Berkeley, CA 94705?

A. No, I live in Montclair. The above address is my **mailing** address. Please **DO NOT** include P.O. Box in the front of the address...I will never see it.

Q. Do you work on the holidays?

A. Yes. We're open 365 days a year.

Q. Are you still taking new clients?

A. Yes, when there is space available. Thank you in advance for all referrals.

In case of emergency cut out the "card" below, fill in your information and keep it in your wallet.

IDEA TAKEN FROM
PRECIOUS PETS GAZETTE 1999

**ATTENTION
Emergency Personnel**

**MY PETS 
ARE HOME
  **ALONE!****

Please contact Heidi Kistler of
**THE PAWSITIVELY
PAMPERED PET
(510) 339-6178**

OR _____

AT: _____



The Rewards of Adopting An Older Pet

Many times, people have misconceptions about adopting an older pet. They may think the dog or cat was relinquished because of misbehaving, personality issues, health problems, etc. Usually this is not the case. Commonly, pets are given up to different rescue groups

because of changes to their family situation, i.e. new baby, moving away or an owner becomes incapacitated.

The following is Max and Cecilia's story and websites you can visit if you are interested in this unique opportunity.

Max and Me by Cecilia M.

My due date had arrived... December 6, 2002. I had prepared the nursery with a dog bed, treats, red leash and collar, new dinner bowl. I'd called and interviewed lots of pet walkers, and eventually hired PPP. I'd warned my four cats—Chia, Nadia, Sawyer and Bromley—of our new arrival, although I know they had no concept of this thing.

I'd been hoping for a dog for so many years, I'd almost given up. After all, as numerous rescue groups had politely told me, I was considered an unfit pet parent because I work during the day. That is until I met Pat with the NORCAL Golden Retriever

rescue group. After their home visit and I'm sure references provided by my cats, I got the go-ahead. Wow, was I excited.

So on that Friday night off I went to the foster home. I had asked my friend Kim to go with me, since this was my first dog and I didn't know quite what to ask. She was to be my voice of reason and we had agreed to be skeptical. I was a little nervous because the foster mom had told me the worst...11+ years old, severely neglected, underweight, ear infection, staph infection, arthritis, possibly going deaf. What was I getting myself into?

And then I met Max and I was in love. I sat down on the floor to meet him and he limped over, leaned up next to me and gave me a big sloppy kiss. Yes, he's a handsome boy...almost white golden retriever, big brown eyes, and the most gentle soul you'll ever meet. Was there even a question that he was coming home with me?

Could I ever have asked for a better dog than Max? He's old and wise, and is teaching this middle-aged cat lady the ways of dogs. I'm learning about dog parks and dog walks, pooper scoopers and dog treats. He helped me give him a bath, which he needs every week for his staph infection. Together we figured out that he knew how to chase a tennis ball. And all kinds



Max and Santa exchanging kisses.



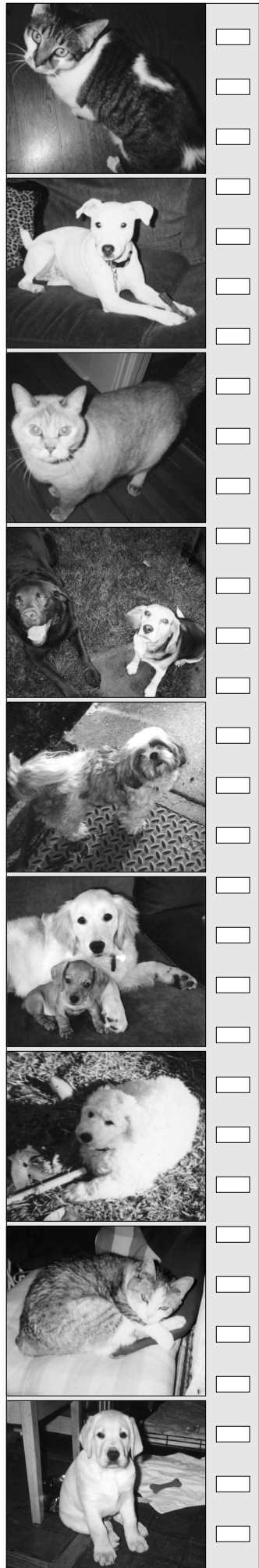
Max relaxing on his pillow at home.

of bones...yum! He shows the proper affection and respect for my cats, who are just now beginning to cuddle and play with him, but they still steal his food.

I am still learning about some of his other health problems... damaged knee ligaments, possible tumor, and the dreaded tapeworms. Much of his health can be improved with good nutrition, some chiropractic, homeopathic and acupuncture care, but age is still age. I know we won't have many years together, but what a memorable and wonderful time it will be.

Welcome home, Max!

For more information call the NORCAL hotline at: (510) 262-0597 or visit them online at: www.golden-rescue.org. Other websites about older pet adoptions can be located at: www.seniordogrescue.org, www.srdogs.com



GOT DOG?
 Get your "Got Dog?" bumper sticker and help Smiley Dog Rescue. Send a donation of \$2 for each bumper sticker to Smiley Dog Rescue, P.O. Box 2728, Oakland, CA 94602 along with a SASE. Of course any money generated goes to helping homeless, abandoned dogs. Check them out at www.smileydogrescue.org



When I originally took on the job of walking Mr. Barley Peters, I had no idea what I was getting myself into.

Pawsitively Pampered Pet's Very First Client

On the sixth anniversary of *The Pawsitively Pampered Pet*, I want to acknowledge a very special friend.

When I originally took on the job of walking Mr. Barley Peters, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. He was my very first client when I started my pet sitting business, *The Pawsitively Pampered Pet*, six years ago. I thought, "A Golden Retriever... easy peasy!"

Well, Barley had other plans. His human mom, Babbie, just had her first baby and Barley knew his attention proportion had diminished. He knew he deserved more than that screaming bundle of joy. I was to walk him every weekday until the baby was older and Babbie could take over.

My first few months with Barley were quite an adventure. He was very savvy and knew when it was time to turn back to go home. So, what would he do? He would throw himself to the

ground "Berkeley sit-in style" and protest with all his weight—he was NOT going anywhere—not until he was ready anyway!

I did not want to complain to Barley's owner. I didn't want her to think I couldn't handle it. I have leaned a lot since then! To save my sanity, I thought up many inventive ways to distract him—treats, running, whatever it took. However, being the smart cookie he was, he eventually caught on. That was when I approached Barley's mom about training.

Even Barley's trainer, one of the best in the country, had trouble taming this golden's stubbornness. I won't even go into detail about the *flattened dead squirrel* Barley refused to relinquish after one of our walks.

Well, after six years, two more human baby additions, and a mellowing of age in both of us, Barley and I had a bond that could never be broken!

Unfortunately, in May 2002, Barley was diagnosed with a huge tumor wrapped around his kidney. He had emergency surgery and it had been touch-and-go for some weary weeks afterward.

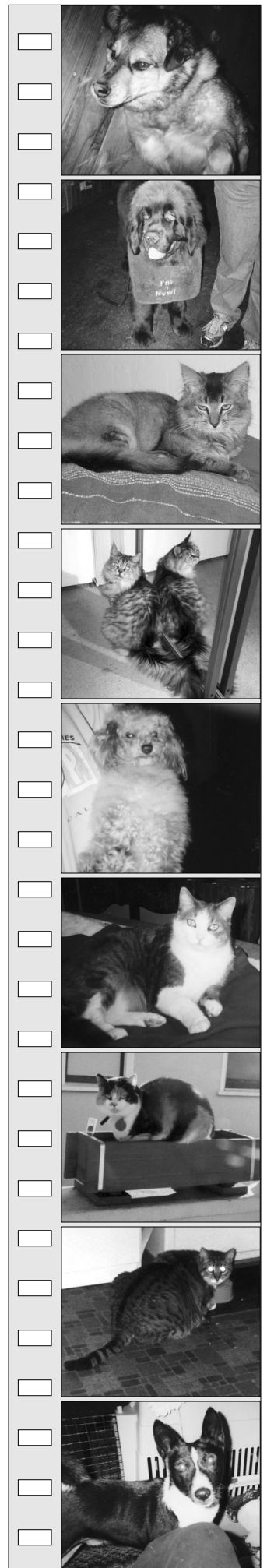
The day before he went into surgery, it was very hot. He just lay down and put his head on my lap. We talked a bit and both reflected on how much we had learned from each other... Always give big kisses with the anticipation of many in return. Always give trust and it too will be returned. And always give love and it will be returned a hundred-fold.

I miss my Barley buddy terribly but know he is romping around Rainbow Bridge waiting for his family.

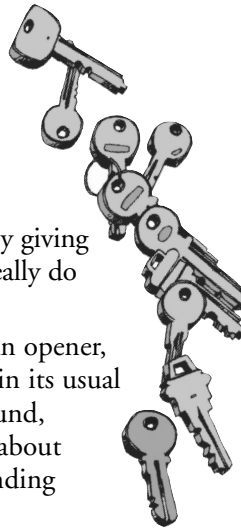
With much love,

—Heidi

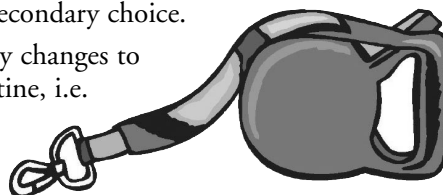
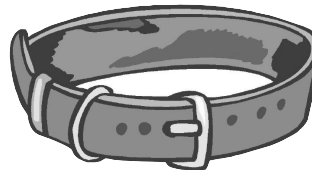
The touching story, Rainbow Bridge, on page 9 is dedicated to Barley and the many other furry loved ones I have met through pet sitting.



Getting The Most Out Of Your Pet Sitting Experience



- Please be kind to your pet sitter by giving us as much notice as possible. I really do want to care for your pets!
- Leave food, medicine, leashes, can opener, and anything else we may need, in its usual location. If you move things around, kindly leave us an updated note about its whereabouts so we're not spending unnecessary time looking for it.
- Leave extra litter, pet food, etc. in case your trip is unexpectedly extended.
- Provide cleaning supplies, paper towels, regular cotton pet towels, and the like in case of soiling accidents, rain, etc.
- Clean out your refrigerator of any foods that may spoil while you're away. In addition, throw out any trash that may cause odors.
- Scoop litter box and/or pick up the back yard before leaving. We are happy to scoop the litter and tidy the yard, but we wish for a clean, sanitary environment both for ourselves and for the hygiene of your pets. Please leave clean food and water dishes for the same reasons.
- Make sure to have collars that fit and current tags on your pets. This is most important when out of town. Remember, you can include *PPP's* phone number as a secondary choice.
- If there are any changes to your pet's routine, i.e. medications, feedings, veterinarian, be sure to let us know by both phone and note.
- If you have new keys made don't forget about us. This sounds like a no-brainer, but it has happened!
- Inform me about any household changes, i.e. new alarm code, password, house cleaner day, etc.
- Leave an exterior light on for the first visit.
- Leave updated emergency contact numbers...every time!
- Leave current payment for services booked.



PARTIALLY TAKEN FROM
PRECIOUS PET SITTING SERVICE

PPP's 2003 PRICE INCREASES

As many of you know, I am a member of a highly respectable pet sitting group here in the East Bay, **East Bay Pet Sitters Association (EBPSA)**. We are all professional pet sitters who have been voted into membership. In order to be a member of this choice group, a business license, bonding and insurance are required. We meet on a monthly basis and discuss all topics of pet sitting from what to do in a pet emergency to different city meetings regarding pet laws. We usually have monthly guest speakers, like Dr. Richter from the Montclair Veterinarian Hospital who discussed various pet-related health issues.

Recently, we did a *poll of what different sitters in the area charge for different services. In doing so, I came to realize I am not quite up to speed with my pricing. Effective April 1, 2003, I will be increasing dog/cat vacation visits and midday dog walks by \$1 and house sitting by \$3 per night. WEEKLY clients who have *PPP* visit one hour per day or two times per day, your fee will remain as is. Following is a list of the updated prices for care:

CAT VISIT—\$16

DOG VISIT—\$19

MIDDAY WALKS—\$17**

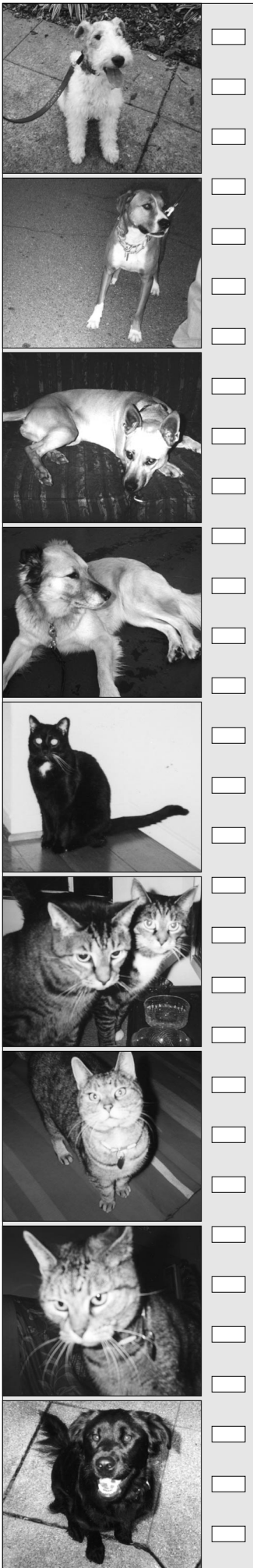
HOUSE SITTING—\$48

This rate increase will greatly help with the gas hikes and the general Bay Area cost of living. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at: **(510) 339-6178**.

Please know you will always receive the very best care from *The Pawsitively Pampered Pet*. Thank you for your understanding.

* As a result of our poll, we found that some professional sitters charge \$50-60 per night for house sitting, \$18-20 for midday dog walks and \$15-25 for vacation drop-in visits.

** Last increase was late 1999.





Heidi hugging her favorite Disney dog, Pluto.



Heidi and friend being goofy at Disneyland.

Disneyland Kennel Helps Your Dreams Come True

Now all of your dreams can come true at Disneyland! While visiting the park this past summer, I noticed a woman in front of Disneyland walking a dog. I thought to myself, "Oh, look at that cute dog! Wait a minute, I'm at Disneyland!?"

I spoke with a Disneyland employee and found out that they provide a Day Kennel for guests who wish to bring their pets with them to the park. The cost is \$10 per pet, per day. No overnight accommodations are available. Reservations are unnecessary.

I actually went to the kennel where the pets are kept (they wouldn't let me walk around, just stand in the entrance) but it looked very clean and well kept.

For further information contact:

DISNEYLAND RESORT
PHONE: (714) 781-7290

INDULGENT NEW PET PRODUCTS

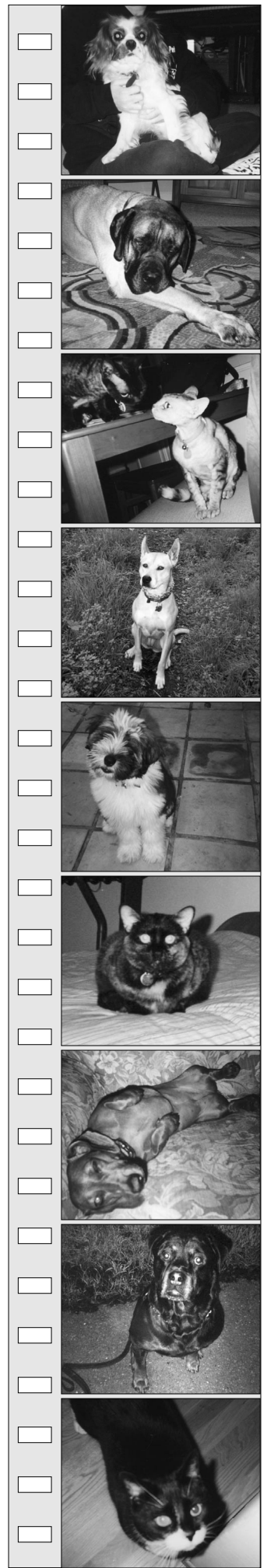
If you enjoy hiking and camping with your canine companion, you will love this "pup-tent." **Uhlr's Gear's Pup Tents** feature waterproof rain flaps to keep dogs dry and mosquito-proof mesh on the sides to protect them from bites.

To pitch one of these tents, you toss it on the ground and watch it spring up. To store, it folds back into a flat disk, much as automobile sunshades. (970) 870-0124.

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Now you can have a favorite photo of your dog or cat set in a quality timepiece manufactured to the specifics of Eudora, a member of the renowned Swatch Group of Switzerland. When you can't be with your pet, at least his picture will be with you. Fun gift for yourself or a pet loving friend. Check them out at www.faceson-time.com or call (866) 777-FACE

DOG FANCY
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PET OF THE MONTH: CHUCK OF THE VINEYARD

Every cat knows the human myth about how cats have only nine lives. That may very well be true but some of us cats have nine incredibly exciting and fulfilling lives.

My name is Chuck and I was rescued from the Boston Humane Society in 1989 by my mom, Phyllis Beaty on the morning after her talented kitty Charlie Bob was run down by one of those noisy, smelly, unmerciful, traveling boxes. She picked me out from among my four brothers as I was the only one wearing my tuxedo.

When she brought me home to meet my new brother Ziggy, I was shocked to find out he was a 7-year-old Yorkshire Terrier/Lhasa Apso DOG! We got along fine and I quickly learned that he was the athletic type—fun to watch but much too obsessed with the bouncing ball. I lived my first seven years as a spoiled indoor cat who ate nothing but Fancy Feast.

We finally moved from that cold place to Haight Ashbury and on the first day I jumped out the window and got myself lost in the back yards. There was a wanted poster and a reward spied by the neighbors eating out of garbage bins behind



Chuck surveying his Sonoma County kingdom.

the restaurants. Mom lured and trapped me, brought me home, and I purred steadily for several weeks. By then my dear brother Ziggy had passed away from liver disease and my new roommates were spoiled female cats. But mom soon brought home a wonderful new Cocker Spaniel dog named Maggie who became my very best dog friend.

Another move brought us across the bay to the wonderful Oakland Hills where we had a garden and all the outdoors I could want. Except it wouldn't stop raining. After that we moved into a really groovy styled-out house in Berkeley where I had pet door access to both the guest house and main house and plenty of places to sleep indoors and out. Heidi took great care of us when we lived in Berkeley and my mom started producing this newsletter in exchange for pet sitting.

After that we moved to Richmond where I had another giant back yard and an awesome garden for wandering, and I made good use of that skill. One day I wandered right into a neighbor's basement and got locked in by the landlord who left on vacation for a month. Another wanted poster went up with a reward and mom cried and called for me every day.

I could hear her because I was only two houses away.

When I finally ran out of mice I started screaming really loud until the lady upstairs asked the neighbor to help break me out of the basement. I ran straight home and right inside my house, mom and dad arrived soon after that and we were all so happy.

I had lost over half my body weight and ate 1/4 pound of smoked turkey without urping once. For months I wasn't too particular about what I ate, noodles, potatoes, whatever was available. But now I'm a dedicated *Flint River Ranch* fan, preferring it over that mushed up salmon stuff from the can. I even like the dog food and munch the peanut butter biscuits when no one is looking.

As you can see from these photos, I live the free country farm cat life now. My only real concern is the new puppy and kitten that take up so much room in the bed. I can't really complain too much, since we animals have it pretty good out here in sunny Sebastopol—lots of room to roam and no cars!

Peace to all you pretty kitties out there and I hope you live as happily during your nine lives as I have during my eight. (Or is it six?)

—Chuck Beaty

Flint River Ranch

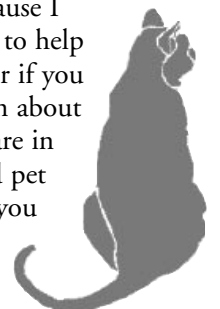
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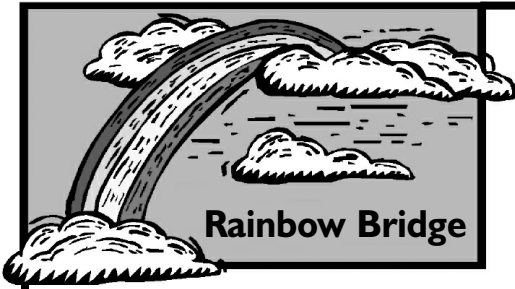
**Your one-stop shop
for your pets.**

Thank you to everyone who has introduced *Flint River Ranch* pet foods (recommended by *Whole Dog Journal*) to their pets. I have had amazing testimonials from many of you. For instance, there are the 5 cats who picked out the *FRR* kibble when it was mixed with their regular dry food (leaving a bowl full of Friskies). Or the dog who went on a hunger strike because he only wanted *FRR*. Lastly, there's the one kitty who has given up her canned tuna because she loves the cat/kitten kibble so much.

Then there are the pets who have had amazing physical results...many overweight pets have lost the recommended amount of pounds when fed the light formula, many pets have been cured of their dandruff problems, and some pets who were never interested in food have now gained weight. Please call me if you have any questions about which food is best for your pet or visit www.ikibble.com for in-depth ingredient information about each food. And remember...all products are mailed directly to your home. Each product is at its optimum freshness when it comes straight from the factory to you.

P.S. If you run short on product, give me a call because I carry smaller bags to help in emergencies. Or if you would like to learn about what ingredients are in other major brand pet foods, I can send you some interesting but disturbing literature.





Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here,

that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There's plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special, someone who was left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly, he breaks from the group, flying over the green grass, faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into those trusting eyes, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.

—Author Unknown

VOICES FOR PETS SPEAKS UP!

Many of you call to ask me about certain legal questions regarding pets. Sometimes I know the answer, sometimes I don't. Recently, I encountered two people with separate cases regarding neglect at a vet or boarding facility toward their pets. These cases may or may not reach the courts.

Through investigating animal law, I came across an organization called **Voices for Pets**. Find out how you can help a Napa cat named Simon who was unlawfully euthanized by a neighbor or a cat named Sugar who was stabbed by a health care worker. **Voices for Pets** relies on the public's help with



letter writing and outrage at seeing pets neglected and/or abused with the accused getting off unpunished.

For more information, legal inquiries, to make a tax deductible donation, or to request a newsletter contact Leroy Moyer at: **Voices for Pets**, P.O. Box 30836, Walnut Creek, CA 94598, phone: (925) 685-5388 or online at: www.voicesfor-pets.org



Angels Rest Best Friends Animal Sanctuary

Another way to find peace if your furry friend passes away, is to post a memorial notice on the Best Friends Web site. They publish all memorials on the site and send you a copy. Once placed, no name or

memorial is ever removed. They request you send in your funny story and anecdotes, memorial and photo if you'd like.

For more information contact:

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Kanab, UT 84741

EMAIL: info@bestfriends.org

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Guide Dogs
FOR THE BLIND

Leaving A Legacy Is Easy

Originally established in Columbus, Ohio, the national **Leave a Legacy** program endeavors to educate the public about charitable giving through a testamentary vehicle—especially a will or a trust.

In years past, slightly less than 6% of all wills probated made any provision for charity. Funds received by all charities (schools, universities, churches and other deserving causes) through bequests accounted for only 7% of all funds raised. **The Leave A Legacy** program's goal is to double the number of charitable bequests made.

Leaving a legacy has been part of a 56-year tradition at **Guide Dogs for the Blind**. Generous supporters have made testamentary gifts that have allowed their memories to live on by providing training for guide dogs and blind or visually impaired men and women.

Leaving a legacy is not difficult, but it does take a caring effort on your part.

For sample language or more information contact: **The Leave A Legacy Development Department** at: **800-295-4050**.

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CHECK OUT THESE COOL ANIMAL WEB SITES!

DOG BEACHES

www.totalescape.com/active/animals/dogs/beaches/html

EVERYTHING DOG RELATED

www.dogpark.com

SAN JOSE/BAY AREA DOG EVENTS

www.wantrain.com/Events.htm

UNIQUE CAT FURNITURE

www.sittingprettykitty.com

YOUR DOG CAN BE A BLOOD DONOR

www.grinews.org/bloodbanks.htm

DESIGNER BIRD CAGES

www.bircagedesign.com

CAT DENTAL HYGIENE TIPS

www.21cats.org/health/dental.html



YOUR DOG CAN EARN A CANINE GOOD CITIZEN CERTIFICATE

www.akc.org/love/cgc/testprocedures.cf

PARROT ADOPTION, REHABILITATION & RESCUE

www.parrotsfirst.org

POODLES & LABRADORS UNITED

www.labradoodle.com

This is where you can see Poodles and Labrador Retrievers come together in one breed...the Labradoodle! I'm not making this stuff up, I swear!

All sites were active when this Gazette was published.

SOME OF THE ABOVE SITES WERE TAKEN FROM THE ANIMAL NANNY, WINTER 2002

WWW.DOGSONBIKES.COM



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WWW.PENNIESTOPROTECTPOLICEDOGS.ORG



Houdini & Jesse Lane gear up for a ride in the Oakland Hills.

Bulletproof K9 Police Vest modeled with Stacey Hillman.

This unusual web site lets you learn everything you ever wanted to know about what else, DOGS ON BIKES!

You may have seen these two riding through Montclair Village catching a breeze and running errands, both wearing matching leather vests. Houdini has a place to sit over the tank, in front of his dad, Jesse Lane, who is safety-chained to him!

Well, Houdini, the main

biker dude, is a certified *Pawsitively Pampered Pet* client! I met Houdini when he was 4 months old. Even at such a young age, I could tell he was meant to ride! This is a truly creative web site ...you can even email Houdini!

Look for his new CD and upcoming music video. For more information or to email Houdini visit him online at: www.dogsonbikes.com

Help 12-year-old Stacey Hillman of Florida reach her goal of outfitting every police dog in the U.S. with protective bulletproof vests. It's estimated that at least a dozen police dogs die in the line of duty due to lack of a bulletproof vest.

Since March 2000, Stacey has raised over \$160,000 through her non-profit organization, **Pennies To Protect**

Police Dogs. That's enough money to buy over 200 vests.

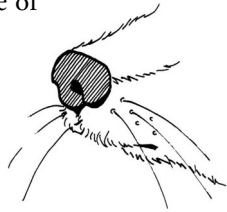
If you are interested in donating call: (321) 228-1300 or visit online at: www.penniestoprotectpolicedogs.org You can also contact: **Vest-A-Dog Inc.** at: (760) 598-3031 or visit online at: www.dogvest.com

DOG FANCY,
DECEMBER 2003, PG. 18

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FOLKLORE "TAIL"

Forty days and forty nights of rain, and Noah's dogs were getting antsy. So the duo began to patrol the huge ark from stem to stern, and on those self-appointed rounds, they spied a leak. Acting quickly, one of the dogs plugged the hole with its nose. Its mate, in turn, ran off to find Noah, who fixed the life-threatening leak.



Thanks to the nosy-ness of the canine sailor, the ark and its precious cargo survived. From that point on all dogs have had wet, cold noses as a tribute to their ancestors' heroism.

DOG FANCY,

JANUARY 2003, PG. 12

JACK RUSSELL NAME CHANGE

Beginning in April 2003, Jack Russell Terriers registered with the AKC will be known as *Parson Russell Terriers*. The AKC Board of Directors made the decision in October 2002 at the request of the JRT Association of America, a breed club that formed in 1985 under the name JRT Breeders Association.



The breed is named after Parson (Reverend) John Russell, who bred the dogs in Devonshire, England, during the 19th century to hunt fox above and below the ground.

DOG FANCY,

JANUARY 2003, PG. 18

LOCAL FERAL CAT FOUNDATION

This is a great resource if you know of abandoned cats or kittens. They have weekly adoption days at the Pet Food Express in Montclair. Call Cindy Moody (510) 530-0886 with any questions regarding feral cats, abandoned cats or adoption. Donations gratefully accepted.



"DOG DAYS"

Did you know the phrase "Dog Days" originally referred to the period between July and September when the Dog Star, Dirius, rises early with the sun?

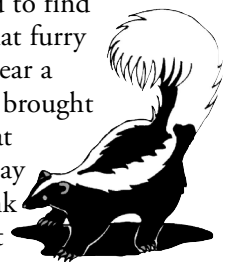
FROM THE USHS

ARE YOU A PARK WATCH DOG?

Watch Dogs are dogs who ask their people to tell O'Dog when something is amiss at their favorite park. O'Dog can then let others know or contact the park staff for a solution. **Park Watch Dogs** let us know when mis-leading dog laws were posted at Redwood, when bag dispensers were not kept filled, when problem dogs, owners, cyclists or park rangers harassed dog people repeatedly. Keep in touch with Oakland's O'Dog as a **Park Watch Dog Team** to keep your park a happy place to play for all. Contact them at: www.odogparks.org

DE-SKUNKING REMEDY

Yes, even pet sitters sometimes get the pleasure of de-skunking a client's pet. My latest trip to the store (midnight on the day after Christmas because my mom's dog decided to find out what that furry thing was near a parked car) brought to mind that you, too, may need a skunk remedy that works (pretty well at least).



- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 1 bottle hydrogen peroxide
- 1 tsp. Dawn liquid soap
- (It MUST be the Dawn brand!)

Mix together, lather up your dog, let sit for 10-15 minutes then rinse. Repeat if needed.

It is always a good idea to check with your vet before washing your pet with the above ingredients.

TRICKIEST POODLE HONORED BY THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

Toy Poodle Chanda-Leah, owned and trained by Sharon Robinson from Canada, has earned the honor of "Dog With the Most Repertoire of Tricks" in the Guinness Book of World Records 2003. The talented canine performer has a repertoire of 469 tricks, including playing the piano and riding a skateboard!



DOG FANCY,

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EXOTIC NEW DOG BREEDS

COLLIE + LHASA APSO

Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport.

SPITZ + CHOW CHOW

Spitz-chow, a dog that throws up a lot.

POINTER + SETTER

Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet.

GREAT PYRENEES + DACHSHUND

Pyredachs, a puzzling breed.

PEKINGESE + LHASA APSO

Peekasso, an abstract dog.

LABRADOR RETRIEVER + CURLY COATED RETRIEVER

Lab Coat Retriever, the choice of research scientists.

NEWFOUNDLAND + BASSET HOUND

Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors.

COLLIE + MALAMUTE

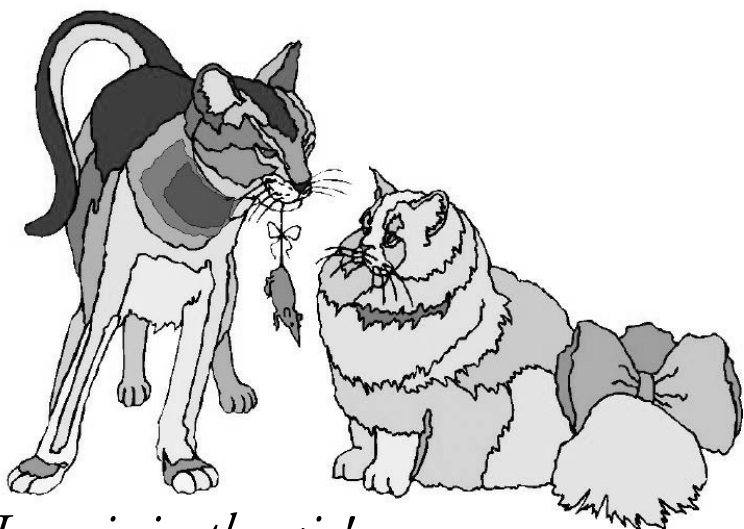
Commute, a dog that travels to work.

BULL TERRIER + SHITZU

Oh, never mind...

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PPP DOG TRAINING

Contact Heidi for basic in-home dog training for your dogs at: **(510) 339-6178**



PAMPERED PET PORTRAIT GALLERY

The photographs bordering pages 2-7 are of all your wonderful pets. Since we have been doing such a booming business we regret that we cannot show photos of our entire "stable." Don't worry, we will feature as many as possible in each newsletter.

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Bailey	Edgar	Latte	Nico	Reuben	Tashi Mouse
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Blu	Ertle	Lulu	Peanut	Sawyer	Tweek
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