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FASHION LEADER BANS FUR

Every year, the fur trade kills over 100 million animals. Rabbits, foxes and minks are targeted and killed for their fur. Thankfully, more and more fashion brands are banning fur from their upcoming lines. Diane von Furstenberg was named by Time in the 100 most influential people, and by Forbes as the most powerful woman in fashion. Her fashion line DVF will now appear on the list of luxury fashion lines that have banned fur. The decision to go fur-free was an easy one for the luxury designer. She had a meeting with The Humane Society of The United States (HSUS) last year regarding going fur-free. “By interesting coincidence, the luxury brand received its new line of faux fur coats the morning of the meeting,” recalls HSUS. Starting in 2019, the DVF line will no longer have fur and will eliminate all exotic skins, mohair and angora. CEO Sandra Campos announced the ban and stated, “time for us to make this change and accept responsibility to ensure that we don’t promote killing animals for the sake of fashion.” The cruelty-free fashion trend has taken off and we couldn’t be happier.

The luxury designer released a statement after announcing the ban, “I am so excited that technology has provided us a way to feel as glamorous with faux fur.” Not only are fashion designers turning away from fur, but so are consumers. More and more people are only wanting to purchase items that are ethically sourced and cruelty-free. The world can be a better place if we all do our part to end animal cruelty.

by Andrea Powell

Other fashion brands banning fur and/or other similar animal products include Coach, Burberry, Versace, Furla, Gucci, DKNY, Donna Karan, Maison Margiela, and Michael Kors. Not all mentioned above have banned animal products completely so do your research. Sites, like the ones below and others, will provide lists of cruelty free products.

- Ethicalelephant.com
- Leapingbunny.org
- Crueltyfreekitty.com

**IF YOU SEE A
STRAY, PROVIDE
SHELTER. IF
YOU SEE
NEGLECT,
CONDEMN IT. IF
YOU SEE ABUSE,
STAND UP AND
DO SOMETHING.**



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IN MEMORIAM



Adrian Ferrucci



Penny Dewey



Kevin HHR



Cooper Adams

“If it should be that I grow weak and pain should keep me from my sleep;
 then you must do what must be done, for this last battle can’t be won.
 You will be sad, I understand; but don’t let grief then stay your hand.
 For this day more than all the rest, your love for me must stand the test.
 We’ve had so many happy years; what is to come can hold no fears.
 You don’t want me to suffer so, the time has come please let me go.
 Take me where my needs they’ll tend, but please stay with me till the end.
 To hold me close and speak to me, until my eyes no longer see.”

~ Final Journey, LLC
 -an in-home pet euthanasia service

Until one has loved an
 animal, a part of one’s
 soul remains unawakened.
 ~Anatole France

FAMILY AND PET EDUCATION RESOURCES

Family Paws® Parent Education (FPPE) is the parent organization of two International licensed programs: Dogs & Storks® and Dogs & Toddlers™ . FPPE provides specialized programs for new and expecting families with dogs. We offer a wide range of support to families, dog professionals and childbirth professionals to support success between babies, toddlers and family dogs. Our goal is to increase safety and reduce stress in homes with young children and family dogs. We seek to decrease the number of dogs surrendered to shelters due to preventable behavioral problems and common conflicts. Family Paws Parent Educators believes creating Dog Aware™ generations is essential in all communities and the human-canine bond. www.familypaws.com

The Liam J. Perk Foundation was established in memory of 2 year old Liam. Our ultimate goal is to bring awareness and education to communities throughout America and beyond. Helping parents and dog owners create safe and healthy environments for their children living with canines. We have partnered with the Cape Coral Community Foundation, a not for profit charitable organization that manages a number of endowed and gifted funds, to establish the Liam J. Perk Foundation. Working under the umbrella of the Cape Coral Community Foundation allows us to dedicate all our time and efforts to accomplishing our mission while having established support staff in place. Our fundraising efforts are used for informational materials for distribution to pediatricians, veterinarians, schools, animal shelters and more. liamjperkfoundation.org/

Living with Kids and Dogs. My goal is to help families live happily and safely with their dogs and have fun doing it. Getting a dog is such an exciting adventure for a family the training part should

be fun for everyone parents, kids and the dog! The methods used in our programs are ALL 100% positive, fun, simple and effective. Hey, if it's not fun no one's going to do it! To make a great family dog – you have to make your dog a real member of your family. It's nothing to do with being a boss, it's actually more like being an awesome parent. Families need to give a new dog patience, protection and help learning how to be successful in their life with you which is exactly what you're doing right now with your kids. I'm constantly educating myself to make our techniques better and your life easier. www.thefamilydog.com

All About Dogs in Northern Virginia named one of the best training facilities in the D.C. area by Washingtonian magazine, All About Dogs caters to families and looks for ways to help parents successfully integrate a dog into their busy lives. Colleen gives presentations around the country, educating people about how to live safely with kids and dogs. She previously served as an instructor at the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Academy where she taught police officers how to interact with the many dogs they encounter on the job. An active member of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC), Colleen regularly attends dog-training seminars and has earned the Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA) and Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (CDBC) titles. Colleen is also proud to be a Family Paws Parent Education presenter offering Dogs & Storks and the Dog and Baby Connection workshops to families in Northern Virginia. www.livingwithkidsanddogs.com

“WE SEEK TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF DOGS SURRENDERED TO SHELTERS DUE TO PREVENTABLE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS AND COMMON CONFLICTS.”



SPECIES-SPECIFIC TUNES COULD BE MUSIC TO YOUR KITTY'S EARS

There is the two-beat rhythm of suckling—perhaps the first sound a kitten hears. And there are purr-like thrums. And bird songs. Violin notes rise like cat voices, one octave or more above human speech. Below, cellos play: calm, soothing, slightly sad. This is *Music for Cats*, created by cellist David Teie of the University of Maryland at College Park, with Charles Snowdon, an animal behaviorist at the University of Wisconsin. Performed by a 10-person ensemble on violin, cello, harp, bass, piano, percussion, bass clarinet and bassoon, the music is “composed for cats, verified by science, for the first time ever,” according to the liner notes on the Kickstarterfunded album. A second album, with improved “suckling instruments” and 13 “purr instruments” computer-modified acoustic recordings is scheduled to be released this year. The suckling instruments grew from sounds that included a spray bottle shooting water onto cloth, a cane scraping against canvas and a percussionist scratching his beard. Teie’s favorite purr instrument combines recordings of drumsticks tapping on a toy football with mouthgenerated wind sounds and the cluck of a human tongue. “Altogether it took five people and four different software programs about two weeks to come up with the 2-second finished sound of that,” Teie says. Felines are indifferent to the cellos and the other lower-pitched instruments on both albums, but they are there for a reason: human caregivers. The music was written to be shared between the species, deepening the connection between you and your cat.

“Music fundamentally is communication,” says Teie, who has played cello with the National Symphony Orchestra and the San Francisco Symphony. “We love our pets. This is another way to communicate. You

put on something for the other.” Perhaps you’ve tried using music to calm a nervous kitty or energize a bored one. If so, you’re not alone: Many pet owners leave a radio on for animals at home, or play classical tunes while driving their pets to the vet. Scientists have attempted to measure the effects of music on a variety of species. The results of those tests have been mixed, which makes sense, says Teie, because until now, the music people played for animals has been designed to appeal to the human ear the pitch attuned to what we can hear, the rhythms chosen to speak to our emotions. And the composers didn’t consider the feelings the music might inspire in other species, including fear and anger. “Some of what we find appealing is irritating to animals,” he explains. “Animals tend to express threats in the lower registry.” Teie began his work in the early 2000s by thinking about what elements make music appealing to people. At the time, he was preparing a series of talks on how performers could modify their playing to enhance humans’ appreciation of musical structures. He theorized that the pulse and melodies of music come from what the fetus hears in the womb a mother’s heartbeat and voice in the frequency range and rhythms of human speech. Eager to test these ideas, Teie contacted Snowdon, an expert on human and primate communication and cognition who has studied how music creates shared emotional experiences. The two began to build music for other species, with Teie composing the music and Snowdon testing its effects. To produce calming effects, Teie used harmonies, pure tones and regular rhythms and avoided dissonance and irregular beats. Soon the two researchers focused on cats, hoping to tap into the huge market for pet products and raise money

“BY FAILING TO SEE YOUR DOG USING CALMING SIGNALS ON YOU, AND PERHAPS EVEN PUNISH THE DOG FOR USING THEM, YOU RISK CAUSING SERIOUS HARM TO YOUR DOG.”

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for Teie's research. Because cats are born at a much earlier stage of brain development than human babies, the first sounds kittens can hear and remember, as their ears begin to function outside the womb, are suckling and purring while they nurse. Teie used these elements as the basis for his first two songs: "Cozmo's Air" and "Rusty's Ballad." It worked. When the songs played, cats oriented their bodies toward the music, approached the speakers and rubbed up against them, sniffing and purring. (In contrast, cats didn't react much to the human music—Fauré's "Élégie" and Bach's "Air on the G String"—used as controls.) The effect was not universal, though: Of the 47 cats tested, youngsters and seniors responded more than middle-aged kitties to Teie's compositions. Want to try the music on your own cats? Play a sample snippet available at musicforcats.com, and watch.

It's probably best to observe when your cats are awake, fed and not distracted by, say, kids or dogs. Do they seek out the source of the music? Does their mood change? Do they exhibit unusual behavior? Many pet owners who've tried the music say their kitties are more affectionate, more confident or seem calmer when they listen. Anecdotes shared with Teie and Snowdon suggest that cats who have been abused or neglected or were once feral are particularly affected by the music. The two researchers hope the music can be used to reduce separation anxiety and stress for pets left home alone and for newly adopted animals. "The cats most in need of comfort are the most comforted by the music," says Teie. "The more stressed the cat is, the more the music seems to be working."

Written by: Karen E. Lange

CAN DOGS WITH CHRONIC ANXIETY BENEFIT FROM OMEGA-3 FATTY ACID SUPPLEMENTATION?

Researchers have found evidence suggesting that omega-3 fatty acids may ease symptoms of anxiety in dogs, according to the Vancouver Sun. Could these fatty acids be the answer for dogs who suffer from chronic anxiety? Like humans, it's normal for dogs to feel somewhat anxious in new or stressful situations. Problems arise when the anxiety is chronic. A dog that is chronically anxious typically displays symptoms such as incessant barking and compulsive behavior such as chasing its tail and pacing. It likely startles easily, is hypersensitive to sounds and may even become aggressive. New challenges and unfamiliar situations seem to dishearten the animal. Trying to train the dog out of its behavior doesn't work, as the problem is neurological. Though veterinarians sometimes use Prozac and other drugs to treat canine anxiety, these medications often cause unpleasant side effects. The dog may lose its appetite and suffer agitation and urinary retention (ischuria). Seizures in dogs who already have seizure disorders seem to worsen when they're on Prozac. Veterinarians and researchers in animal health are always looking for more gentle and natural ways to treat anxiety in

dogs, and they think they may have found it in omega-3 fatty acids. In one study, the fatty acid in the form of fish oil was added to the food of a group of Labradors with symptoms of anxiety. After 12 weeks, the symptoms of 87% of these dogs had decreased, even though they didn't disappear entirely. Omega-3 fatty acids are already used to treat older dogs who've suffered long-term stress and show signs of deterioration in their cognitive skills. They are also used to help dogs with heart, skin and kidney conditions, allergies, arthritis, and certain cancers, according to PetMD. The three types of omega-3 fatty acids are EPA, DHA and ALA, says WebMD. The first two are found in fish oil, and the third is found in plants. Omega-3 fatty acids, especially DHA and EPA, show promise in easing worrisome symptoms of anxiety in dogs. One sweet way to calm an anxious dog is wrapping it up in this vet-approved [Thundershirt](#).

Source: The Animal Rescue Site

!Consult your vet before using supplements!

WAYS TO PREVENT ARTHRITIS IN OUR POOCH PALS

Believe it or not but just like humans, dogs can inherit arthritis, a joint disease that is very painful. Two types of arthritis can be found in dogs, degenerative, which is caused by cartilage destruction due to hip dysplasia and injuries, and inflammatory, which comes from an infection or auto-immune disorder. Check out five ways you can prevent your canine companion from being diagnosed with this debilitating disease!

5. Don't overwork Fido at the dog park! If you're finding your pooch pal lounging during the week and then using all their energy at the dog park on the weekends, this may not be good for their muscles. A sedentary lifestyle followed by intense activity leaves them more prone to injury. It's a good idea to get them to let out all their energy more than a few times a week so can help to build up their muscle strength. Or you can also have them take it easy on the few days they get to go to the park.

4. Create a exercise plan with a certified canine rehabilitation therapist

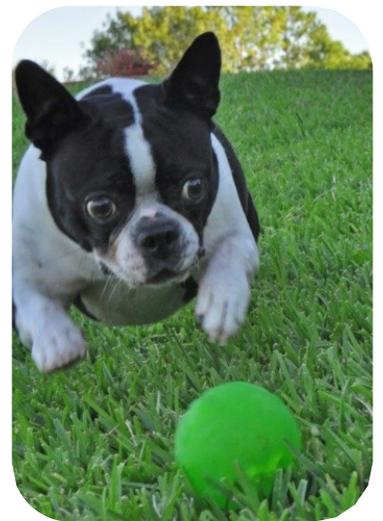
Just like how we see personal trainers at the gym, it may be good to get your pooch pal one too! Certified canine rehabilitation therapists have the knowledge to create a exercise program and treatment plan that can help nip arthritis in the bud before it gets your four-legged friend. Some preventative exercises include chiropractic adjustments, mobility and range of motion stretches, and hydrotherapy to keep your canine strong and agile.

3. Don't forget to give them their vitamins. Research has shown that Omega-3 acids decreases joint inflammation. If your dog is not a big fan of taking vitamins, Omega-3 acids can also be found in fish such as sardines, salmon, and mackerel. But before you head to your local grocery store, you should touch base with your local veterinarian about what types of supplements would be good for your dog or if you should consider feeding them canned fish once or twice a week.

2. Teach your dog how to use ramps. This may sound silly, but a simple leap on the couch or into the car may cause sudden injuries to long-term wear and tear on Fido's muscles and joints. The impact that their leaps can make landing on hard surfaces is even harder on their skeletal frames. Teaching them how to use a ramp at an early age will be useful when they are older and less mobile.

1. Make sure to give your canine a balanced diet. If you've noticed your dog gaining a few pounds, it's not a bad idea for them to shed some of that off. Extra weight on their frame can cause unnecessary stress on their joints resulting in a number of arthritic problems. The ASPCA says especially in bigger dogs it's important to watch what food your dog eats while their bones are still growing. Studies have shown that dogs with a healthier physique live an average of two years longer and are least likely to see issues with arthritis. Written by Allison Espiritu

Source: The Animal Rescue Site



FYI:

There are approximately 77.5 million owned dogs in the United States. Studies show that there are more emergency room visits from dog bites than from skateboarding, inline skating, horseback riding, baby walker and all-terrain vehicles combined. Children are the most frequent. A dog's

bite is a final form of communication. Lip licks and yawns are some of the first forms of communication victims of a dog bite.

Source: Liam Perk Foundation

Learn canine communication to prevent bites on the next page!

7 TIPS ON CANINE BODY LANGUAGE

Dogs communicate with one another and with us using their own elegant, non-verbal language. These focus on seven important aspects of a dog's body: eyes, ears, mouth, tail, sweat and overall body posture/movement.

Eyes: When looking at dog's eyes, pay attention to the white part of the eye, and consider the focus and intensity of the dog's gaze. When a dog is feeling tense, his eyes may appear rounder than normal, or they may show a lot of white around the outside (known as a "whale eye".) Dilated pupils can also be a sign of fear or arousal; these can make the eyes look "glassy," indicating that a dog is feeling threatened, stressed or frightened. A relaxed dog will often squint, so that his eyes become almond-shaped with no white showing at all.

Mouth: A relaxed dog will likely have his mouth open and may be panting, with no facial or mouth tension. The corners of his mouth may be turned upward slightly. A fearful or tense dog will generally keep his mouth closed, and may pull his lips back at the corners (known as a "long lip".) He may also be panting rapidly. A panting dog who suddenly closes his mouth in response to something in the environment may also be indicating increased stress. Drooling when no food is present can also be a sign of extreme fear or stress. A dog displaying a physical warning may wrinkle the top of his muzzle, often next pulling his lips up vertically to display his front teeth. Some dogs display a "submissive grin" or "smile". This is also a gesture where a dog shows his front teeth, but a smiling dog is doing just that. He usually shows a lowered head, wagging tail, flattened ears, a soft body posture and soft, squinty eyes along with those teeth. Teeth don't always mean aggression, it is important to consider the whole body and the context to understand what a dog is saying. Yawning

and lip licking may be an early sign of stress, particularly when accompanied by a tight mouth and a whining sound.

Ears: Dogs have a wide variety of ear types. Although it may be easier for us to see ear position in dogs with erect ears, even floppy-eared dogs like Basset hounds can move the base of their ears forward and back to show different emotions, just look at the direction of the base of the ear. When a dog is relaxed, his ears may be slightly back or out to the sides. As a dog becomes more aroused, the ears will move forward, pointing toward a subject of interest. When their ears are most forward their foreheads often wrinkle.

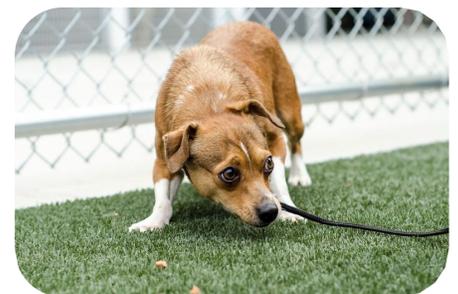
Tail: When observing a dog's tail, there are two things to consider: the position of the base of the tail, and how the tail is moving. A relaxed dog holds his tail in a neutral position, extending out from the spine, or maybe below spine level. As the dog becomes more excited or aroused, his tail usually rises above spine level. The tail movement may be a loose wag from side to side or a sweeping circular motion. As the dog becomes more excited or aroused, his tail usually rises above spine level. He may also move his tail side to side in short, rapid movements as he becomes more excited. A fearful dog will tuck his tail between his rear legs. The tail may also be held rigid against the belly, or wag stiffly.

Hair: Much like your own "goose bumps," the hair can raise along a dog's back when he is upset or aroused. This is also known as piloerection or "raised hackles" and can occur across the shoulders, down the spine, and above the tail. Hackles don't always mean aggression is imminent, but they are an indicator that the dog is excited or upset about something. A frightened or stressed dog may also shed more than usual.

Sweat: Dogs pant to cool themselves,

but panting can also be a sign of stress, particularly rapid panting accompanied by a tight mouth with stress wrinkles around it. Dogs also have the ability to sweat through their paws. You may notice a dog leaving wet footprints on the floor if he is particularly upset.

Overall Body Posture and Movement: When initiating play, dogs often start with a play bow, and generally follow up with exaggerated facial and body movements. A playful dog's body movement will be loose and wiggly, with lots of movement and brief pauses during play. A dog who seems stiff, moves slowly, or who keeps moving away may not be interested in social interaction with this playful dog. Looking away, sniffing, scratching, lying down, or other avoidance behaviors may also indicate that the play session is over. A fearful dog may lean away, lean back, tremble, crouch, lower his body or head, or roll onto his side or back. Often, his eyes will often be fully open with large pupils, his forehead will be wrinkled, and his tail will be lowered or tucked. An extremely fearful dog may freeze completely or frantically try to escape, and he may urinate or defecate when approached. A dog displaying aggressive body language will look large, standing with his head raised above his shoulders. His body will be tense, with weight either centered or over all four feet or leaning slightly forward onto the front legs. A dog displaying aggressive behavior may also have a wrinkled muzzle, a short lip and a hard eye.



Source: ASPCAPro

“YOUR GREATEST CONTRIBUTION MAY NOT BE SOMETHING YOU DO BUT SOMEONE YOU RAISE”

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

Blake of Portland, CT saw an ASPCA commercial that brought him to tears. He told his mom he wanted to “*save the world and help all the dogs.*” With two dogs of his own, he asked to donate all his own dogs’ toys and food to the animals who have none. After his mother, Leah, explained that might not work for their dogs, he agreed to ask for donations in lieu of birthday gifts. Family, friends, and even folks in town who heard about his wish donated a truck bed full of dog, cat food, litter, blankets, and toys. Members of the recipient Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. came to the Blake’s home on his 6th birthday. He was given a Certificate of Appreciation, a t-shirt, bracelets for his classmates and lots of hugs and high fives!

Derek age 5, Jack age 3 and Ryan age 2 of New Hartford, CT are already on target with the concept of compassion. 2nd year in a row the family operated a Three Brothers Lemonade stand to raise money for B.A.A.C. In addition to lemonade, the Baba family made lots of treats from cookies to lollipops and even received a generous donation of cupcakes from The Cake Gypsy. The boys were excited to offer drive up service so donators wouldn’t even need to get out of their car in the rain. The family raised double from last year. Every dollar donated to BAAC. “*Just three boys who love animals and drinking lemonade! They want to help animals ... one nice, cold, refreshing cup of lemonade at a time!*”



CONNECTICUT DOG LAW STATUTES

Sec. 22-364b. Control of dogs in proximity to guide dogs. The owner or keeper of a dog shall restrain and control such dog on a leash when such dog is not on the property of its owner or keeper and is in proximity to a blind, deaf or mobility impaired person accompanied by his guide dog, provided the guide dog is in the direct custody of such blind, deaf or mobility impaired person, is wearing a harness or an orange-colored leash and collar which makes it readily-identifiable as a guide dog and is licensed in accordance with

Sec. 22-345. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall have committed an infraction. If an owner or keeper of a dog violates the provisions of this section and, as a result of such violation, such dog attacks and injures the guide dog, such owner or keeper shall be liable, as provided in

Sec. 22-357, for any damage done to such guide dog, and such liability shall include liability for any costs incurred by such blind, deaf or mobility-impaired person for the veterinary care, rehabilitation or replacement of the injured guide dog and for reasonable attorney's fees.



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REPORTING CRUELTY

Humane Society of the U.S. (Dog Fighting).....1-877-TIP-HSUS
Reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a dogfighter
Humane Society of the U.S (Puppy Mill).....1-877-645-5847
We Tip Hotline1-800-78-CRIME

For immediate help dial 911 and as always, your local law enforcement, Animal Control Officer or Humane Society. Document all details of possible case, your “journal” of events can be a very powerful tool in proving cruelty, neglect and abuse and can be a great asset in the prosecution of an abuser.

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HOODIES, TANKS, TEES & MORE ON OUR WEBSITE!



DONATIONS NEEDED

We are always in need of donations: cleaning products, pet food, pet toys, blankets, towels, litter, beds, pet toys, and anything else that can improve the lives of pets! Bring your donations to any of our events, or reach out to one of the officers listed above!

MEMBERS WANTED

If you are interested in becoming a member, visit our website for an application, meet us at an event or reach out to one of the officers listed above! We have riding and non-riding memberships. Members work events, attend fundraisers, court hearings, fundraise and spread awareness and education. We have many different areas of interest such as Public Relations, Education, Events and more!

3RD QUARTER DONATIONS - THANK YOU!

Richard Knecht	Teamster Horsemen Motorcycle Association Ch. 10
Barbara Drake	Network for Good
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Dell YourCause LLC	America's Charities
BettyJane Barnabel	Ken Zercie
Network for Good	Maynard & Linda Saucier
Travelers Cybergrants LLC	Janet Heath



3RD QUARTER CASES

We provide funds directly and only to the medical facility treating the victim; never to a rescue or any other organization.

The primary mission of our fundraising activities is to help defray the costs of veterinary care for the most severe cases of animal abuse and neglect of strays or surrendered pets on a case-by-case need. Thanks to our generous supporters and donors we were able to provide funding for the cases below to get immediate medical attention and a second chance at a life they deserve.

'Abby & Alex' - Case of Severe Neglect - Halfway Home Rescue - North Carolina - senior brother/sister Newfoundland mix pair from Guilford County Animal Control in North Carolina. halfwayhomerescue.org

'Mullet' - Case of Cruelty & Neglect - Noah's Ark Rescue - South Carolina (picture below) www.noahs-arks.net

'Hope' - Case of Neglect - Ansonia Animal Control - Ansonia, CT (pictured below) facebook.com/AnsoniaAnimalShelter/

Total 3rd Quarter Medical Donations: \$2,955.00



We encourage you to visit the webpages above to learn more about the life saving work these beautiful organizations accomplish everyday and learn what you can do to lend a hand for the thousands of other pets that they rescue, treat and rehab. Help is always needed and appreciated

B.A.A.C. also helps with the overpopulation of animals by our Spueter program which helps low-income households to spay or neuter their animals by providing the funds.

10 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CAT HAPPY INDOORS

It's cold outside. Help your kitty discover the Great Indoors. It's a myth that going outside is a requirement for feline happiness. Playing regularly with a cat and providing their entertaining toys can easily satisfy their stalking instinct, keep them stimulated and provide the exercise they need to stay healthy and happy. It also keeps local wildlife safe! Here are some tips for making the great indoors an interesting, feline-friendly environment that meets all of your cat's needs.

Start'em Young: Kittens who are kept indoors are usually happy to stay there as they grow up.

Good Fences = Happy Kitties: Provide a screened porch for your cat to experience the outdoors safely. Consider building or purchasing a "catio" or similar enclosure to allow your cat to get a taste of the outside without the risks. A regular fence may not prevent other animals from entering your yard, so you should always be present when you allow your cat outside in your yard. Be sure to cat-proof the yard by checking that your fence has no escape routes and by making toxic plants, garden chemicals and other dangerous objects inaccessible.

Walk This Way: If you live in a peaceful neighborhood in which you can walk without encountering loose dogs, consider buying a harness and training your cat to walk on a leash. This training takes time

and patience, for both you and the cat, and it's easiest when your cat is young. Some cats can even be harnessed and tied to a stationary object to enjoy the outdoors while you are gardening nearby (but be sure to never leave your cat alone while they are tethered).

Hang Out: Install a perch indoors near a sunny window; padded perches can be purchased at many pet supply stores, through catalog retailers or at our online store. Another option is an enclosure that sits in a window frame (much like an air conditioning unit) and provides a secure space in which your kitty can hang out. Larger perches can attach to the side of a house or ground-floor apartment patio.

Tree's Company: Buy a ready-made cat tree (often called a "kitty condo"), or make your own. A cat tree can be short, or may stretch from floor to ceiling. It provides great climbing opportunities and, in multi-cat households, creates more play and rest areas by taking advantage of vertical space. If you can, locate the cat tree next to a window so your cat can watch the action outdoors.

Play Time: Play with your cat each day. Try different types of toys that allow your cat to stalk, chase, pounce and kick. When you've tired out your cat, store toys that could harm them (such as toys with

strings attached) out of reach. When you can't be there to supervise, leave out "toys" such as paper bags (with the handles removed) or cardboard boxes. Be sure to switch the toys from time to time so that they seem "new" and more interesting to your cat.

Bring the Outdoors In: Plant cat grass in indoor pots so your feline can graze - beware of toxic plants.

Clean House: Cats can be neat freaks, so clean the litter box regularly.

ID, Please: Even indoor cats should still be outfitted with a collar and visible identification. The occasional open window (make sure your windows have secure screens) or door offers a tempting opportunity for your cat. And your cat may become frightened and make their way outside if strangers come to work on your house or if there is a fire or similar disaster. The collar and visible ID could help someone get your pet back to you.

Chip in for Safety: For extra insurance, consider having your cat microchipped and keep your contact information with the microchip registry up to date. If you do lose your cat, contact your local animal shelter immediately to file a report. Shelter workers can give you tips on getting your pet back home safely.

“IT'S A MYTH THAT GOING OUTSIDE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR FELINE HAPPINESS.”



BIKERS AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY, INC.

Our Mission: Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, Inc. (B.A.A.C.) is an organized group of compassionate enthusiasts who advocate against animal cruelty and neglect, promote responsible pet ownership and help to defray costs of emergency veterinary care for ownerless victims of cruelty and neglect.

B.A.A.C. started in 2007 as a grassroots effort focused on providing supplies to shelter animals and financial assistance for cruelty victims to receive life saving medical treatment. All the animals that we aid are in the care of organizations who rely on donations to sustain their efforts. Medical care can be very expensive and many non-profit groups and some town animal control facilities have limited funding. Our organization helps offset those costs by donating funds directly to the medical facility treating the victim.

To SAY NOTHING, To DO NOTHING, STOPS

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