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Hi Everyone,

We are more than half way through summer and trying to deal with an overabundance of rain in this area. Mason has written an article in this newsletter that gives tips about traveling with pets and dealing with the heat. He has provided some excellent information about pets on planes, driving tips, and hotel/motel visits.

I read an excellent book recently. Dawn Baumann Brunke's first book, *Animal Voices: Telepathic Communication in the Web of Life*, (Bear & Company) was excellent, and I was eager to read her new one. *Awakening to Animal Voices* says it is a teen guide to telepathic communication with all life. I guess I'm just an old teenager, but I found the book quite refreshing and easy to read. There were stories, myths, and how-to information. The book had a deep spiritual side, and it also dealt with animal death. All of the subjects in *Awakening to Animal Voices* were handled skillfully, making this a book to be in your library no matter how old you are.

I had an interesting experience recently. I was walking into the barn to feed the horses and I saw a small snake. It was about as big around, and a bit longer than a pencil. I said, "Good morning," he ignored me, and we both went on about our business.

The following week I decided to do some gardening. I had gotten rid of our above-ground pool, but I had some old pool covers that weren't doing anything. I wanted to cut the old covers up and put them on some areas that were full of weeds and then put stones over them to make an attractive appearance. I pulled one cover up and folded it into place, and then asked my son to bring the other one outside of the kitchen door so I could cut it up. I

asked him a few hours later if the cover was there and he answered that he had brought the cover and the snake. I had already seen the snake so I wasn't impressed.

The next day I went out to cut the cover. It was tangled, so I flipped it over and out came a SNAKE! It was black with yellow markings and looked to be about 18 inches long. We have copperheads in this area, but I know what they look like and this was different. I was so surprised that I dropped the cover back to its original place. The snake dove back to his hideaway and then came part way out, raised up, and looked at me. He took such a long look that I figured he could point me out to his family and friends. I thought, "I communicate with animals. I'll talk to him." I asked him to leave. He looked me in the eye and told me that if I wanted to be away from him I could leave. Then he disappeared among the folds in the cover. I guess he was "hissed off."

I went into the house quickly to think about the encounter. By the time I went the 15 feet to the door my mind had the snake to be about three or four feet long. I laughed at myself and thought about the situation. I don't run screaming from snakes, but I am nervous around any animal that moves quickly and changes directions just as quickly. I didn't want to worry when I mow the grass or park my car, so I felt it would be better if he left and I stayed. The problem was convincing him.

I called a veterinarian friend who lives near-by in a wooded state park and told her about my guest. She offered him a home and showed up the next day with a pillowcase big enough to transport the giant I had described. She and Jean moved the pool cover while I stood at a respectable distance and pointed to the spot where I had seen him last. After moving the cover around a few times, out came a very small snake. The veterinarian moved quickly and had him by the neck (or back, or tail, or something). We explained that he was safe in the pillowcase and was going to a new, wonderful home. He was not thrilled with the idea, but I have checked in with him since he left and he has shown me images of rocks and great hiding places.

I still think we got the wrong snake and his big brother is around here somewhere. I tell all the creatures when I am going to mow the grass and ask them to go to a safe place until I'm done. It's the best I can do.

Update: My computer has been in the shop for a week, but it is repaired now so I can finish the newsletter. Yesterday the stones I wanted were to be delivered and the person working on the project moved the cover I had in place for the stones. Out came a snake that was much bigger than the one that moved to the state forest! I was delighted to know that my imagination was not playing tricks on me, but I still have to be careful when I mow.

Traveling With Pets

By Mason Hulis

Many of us are planning vacations this summer and we are faced with the questions on what to do with our animal friends. One option is for our animals to stay at home and have a neighbor, friend, relative or pet sitting service go by your house several times a day to feed, water, and take care of our pet(s). There are also boarding kennels, but it has been my experience they may cause more stress for the animal than if the animal was staying at home.

Of course, we can also take Fido and Fluffy with us on our trips, but that will require additional planning and research. I have put together some useful information to help us when traveling with our pets.

- Pets are not permitted on buses and trains. The exceptions are for Seeing Eye dogs accompanying blind persons. Notify the airline, bus, or train company that a seeing eye dog is accompanying you.
- Some airlines allow small animals to fly with their people in the passenger area. Our pets must be in an airline-approved carrier and kept under the seat during the flight. I advise that you confirm with the airline the exact requirements for bringing your pet on the airplane. I have experienced an airline nearly refusing to allow an animal to travel with their person, because the pet carrier was too big to fit under the seat.
- When our pets travel, they should wear two identification tags. One tag should have your name address and telephone number and the second should have the person to contact at the destination, their phone number, and destination address. I handle many missing animal cases and the first thing I will ask you "Was the animal wearing a collar with their identification on it?" I am sad to say that in many cases they were not wearing any id tags and were not micro-chipped or tattooed.
- We should keep our pet on a leash when outside our car or hotel. Our pets can become frightened and bolt away from you out of open doors and windows.

Here are some additional suggestions for our pets that are traveling by air.

- If our pets are too large to travel in the passenger area, they must travel as freight. We must schedule boarding and shipping arrangements for our pets to assure that they are well cared for until we are able to receive them at our destination.
- We should obtain an airline-approved carrier a week or two in advance and familiarize our pet with it by placing them in it for a few minutes each day. We can gradually lengthen the time until our animal seems to be at ease with it.
- We should make sure our pets have been properly fed and given water before and during the flight. We can check with our veterinarian and airline regarding when and what to feed our pets before traveling by air.

- We should check with the airlines to verify what time to get our pet to the air terminal.
- We should mark the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the persons responsible for our pet at origination and destination on the container and on the pet's identification tag. Add "Live Animal" and our pet's **Name** in big letters and information about any special care requirements.
- Airlines will require an up to date health certificate from the Veterinarian

Here are some additional tips for our pets traveling with us by car.

- If our dog or cat is not used to traveling by car, make short trips with them a week or two in advance of the trip to accustom them to motion and to teach them how to behave.
- We should not let our dogs stick their head out the window while we are driving. It can irritate eyes and cause problems.
- If our animals are frightened by car travel it may be best to have them travel in their carrier.
- Accustom our pet to being on a leash and harness. Always use the leash when traveling. Even better is a pet harness (available at most pet stores) that connects to the car's seatbelt; it allows our pet some movement while keeping it safely restrained. Our pets can bolt into traffic or become lost in a strange place if not properly restrained.
- If we are stopping overnight, check in advance to find a motel that will permit our pet to spend the night.
- Be sure that our pet is properly tagged and its rabies tag firmly attached.
- Here is a suggested pet travel kit: pet food, food and water dishes, can opener (if needed), a few treats, a favorite toy, a blanket, comb or brush.
- In addition, we need to be considerate of other humans when we stay at hotels. So here is our human checklist: paper towels, spray room deodorant, a pooper-scooper, and plastic bag to clean up after your pet.
- Do not leave our pet alone in the car with the windows closed or even partially opened. In the summer the interior car, temperatures are extremely hot and our animal can die within minutes.

It is important to remember that when our animals arrive at its new destination, they have the same problems adjusting as we do. They must learn their way around the house, hotel, and neighborhood. Our pets must adjust to strangers, and new animals. They must also adjust to new water and climate, and must learn where they can and cannot go to relieve themselves.

Cats should be kept inside the house or hotel we are visiting. If we let them out, they may try to find their way back home and get lost.

We should make our animal feel at home by using familiar dishes, blanket, toys, and other items. Check with our neighbors to determine any special problems our pet might

encounter, for example, the neighborhood grouch. If we carefully plan our vacation with our pets, we can make a smooth transition and have fun.

Here is some information regarding requirements for traveling with our pets to other states.

- If our destination is across state lines, nearly every state has laws on the entry of animals, with the exception of tropical fish. For information, call or write to the State Veterinarian, State Department of Animal Husbandry, or other appropriate authority.
- Interstate health certificates must accompany dogs and horses entering nearly all states. About half have the same requirements for other pets. In some cases, this certificate must be in the hands of the state regulatory agency in advance of the entry.
- All but four states require an up-to-date rabies inoculation for dogs and many require it for cats. The rabies tag must be securely attached to the pet's collar. Hawaii requires that cats and dogs be quarantined for 120 days.
- Some pets must have an entry permit issued by the destination state's regulatory agency. Receipt of the interstate health certificate may be required before the permit can be issued. Some states limit the time during which the entry permit is valid.
- A few states have border inspections of all animals being transported; others have random inspection by highway patrol officers. State agriculture representatives are usually present at airports to inspect pets arriving by air.

Local Laws

Local communities have pet control and licensing ordinances. In some cases, the number of dogs and cats per residence is limited. Large animals, such as ponies and horses, may be prohibited. Be sure to check with the city clerk or town hall for specific information.

Here are some links to Internet sites that can help us when planning our vacation with our pets:

<http://www.avma.org/careforanimals/animatedjourneys/livingwithpets/traveling.asp>

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

<http://seniors-site.com/travel/pets.html>

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Cinnamon Ward
Muffin Stroup
Snowflake Manno

Ginger Wunschel
Sam Jenkins
Maggie Murray
Bertha Shea

Maggie Shea TK McCarthy
Sierra Cranshaw.
Molly Kolczynski
Sydney Preston
Jimbo and Roxie Ryzinski
Beast, Tiger Lilly and Freddy Smith
Katie Cusma
Chester Barnes
Tiller Barnes
Sidney Meade
Misha Rivard

Shitake Sklar
Tuppence Brown
Ruby Brown
Toby Morris
Trevor Boyd
Shamus Boyd
Khan Mahler-Ramsey
Rocco Greathouse
Zippy Taggart
Chrissy Hinshaw

Welcome Back

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Ginger Betz now Gracie Ginger Betz
Buck now Tugger Crego
Molly now Molly Gaertner
Maggie now Maggie Shea

Valentine now Valentine Shea
Goldy now Roulette Wolbers
Trader now Kota Gabel
Buffy now Pippi Easton
Isha now Tao Rivard

Correction: In the last newsletter I listed Shadow Lee Jurasus as Moonlight Shadow. Please change your welcome to Midnite Shadow. Thank you.

Letters from our Readers

The Animal Rescue Site is having trouble getting enough people to click on it daily to meet their quota of getting free food donated every day to abused and neglected animals. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on "feed an animal in need" free. This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate food to abandoned/neglected animals in exchange for advertising. Here's the web site! Pass it along to people you know.

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

PLEASE TELL 10 FRIENDS TO TELL 10 TODAY!

Warning do not feed your dog raisins or grapes.

We recently received this information in an email and thought we should pass the information on to our readers:

FORBIDDEN FRUIT: GRAPES AND RAISINS CAN BE TOXIC TO DOGS

Based on recent data, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) continues to caution canine caretakers that raisins and grapes may be toxic to some dogs. From April 2003 to April 2004, the Center managed 140 related cases, each involving one or more dogs who ingested varying amounts of raisins or grapes.

One case involved a two-year-old Australian shepherd/Saint Bernard mix. Earlier this year, the dog ate approximately a cup of raisins. "She vomited later that same day," recalls the owner. "I took her in to be evaluated by our local veterinarian, who felt that she was simply experiencing stomach upset, as the clinic was not aware of the potential for toxicity with raisin ingestion."

But a few days later, when the dog didn't improve, the veterinarian ran blood tests and found that she had developed acute renal failure. Despite efforts to save the dog, she passed away. "I want to share this unfortunate loss, so that other dog owners can be educated and avoid having their dogs go through what she did," the owner says.

Much is yet to be discovered about the toxic principle in grapes and raisins. It is also not clear if only some canines are susceptible, or if chronic, long-term ingestion can lead to the same effects.

"As there are still many unknowns," says the APCC's Dana Farbman, CVT, "we advise not giving grapes or raisins to pets in any amount." The center will continue to monitor this situation, and we will post any updates in ASPCA News Alert as necessary. For more information on how to protect your pet from potentially dangerous substances, please visit APCC online: <http://www.aspca.org/site/>

Just for Laughs



A frog calls a psychic

Recently, the Psychic Hotline and Psychic Friends Network have launched hotlines for frogs. Here is the story of one frog and his discussing with his psychic.

A frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and is told, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you".

The frog says, "This is great! Will I meet her at a party, or what?"

"No," says the psychic. "Next semester in her biology class."

New AKC Breeds

The AKC now recognizes the following 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
Pyradachs - A puzzling breed.
- Pekingese + Lhasa Apso
Peekasso - An abstract dog.
- Irish Water Spaniel + English Setter
Irish Springer - A dog fresh and clean as a whistle.
- Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever
Lab Coat Retriever - The choice of research scientists.
- Newfoundland + Basset Hound
Newfound Asset Hound - A dog for financial advisers.
- Terrier + Bulldog
Terribull - A dog that makes awful mistakes.
- Bloodhound + Labrador Retriever
Blabador - A dog that barks incessantly.
- Malamute + Pointer
Moot Point - Owned by... oh, well, it doesn't matter.
- Collie + Malamute
Commute - A dog that travels to work.
- Deerhound + Terrier
Derriere - A dog that's true to the end.
- Bull Terrier + Shih Tzu
Oh, never mind...

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2004

Date(s)	Time	Lecture Name
Saturday, September 4	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Workshop in DOVER, PA - September 4+5, 2004
Saturday, September 18	9 AM to 4 PM	Workshop in FRAMINGHAM, MA 9/18+19/04
Saturday, October 2	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Workshop in BOWIE, MD - October 2+3, 2004
Saturday, October 16	9 AM to 4 PM.	Workshop in HARRISBURG, PA, October 16+17, 2004
Sunday, March 13	4:30 p.m.	K-9 College Cruise (for people only)

Services Offered

I sometimes forget that not all the readers of my newsletter are clients and that we have added new services as this business evolves. Listed below is a brief description of the services we now offer.

Consultations - \$25.00/15 min.

These consultations are all done over the telephone. I can help many more animals in a shorter amount of time this way. It is also less distracting for the animal to be in his own home environment.

Tape recording - \$5.00/tape

A tape recording of your consultation is optional. If you decide you do not want the tape after having your consultation recorded, you just do not send the extra \$5.00.

Workshops - \$85.00 and up

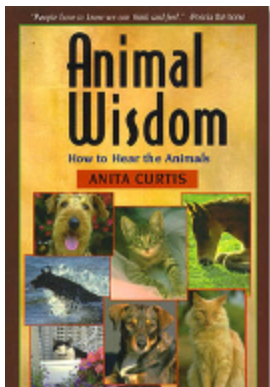
The workshop fees can vary because of travel costs, space rental, and lunches provided.

Lectures - Mileage fee

Sponsors of the lecture may charge admission as a fundraising event. I do require reimbursement for travel expenses.

Books & Video tape- see below + \$2.00 to ship item & PA tax for PA residents.

- Anita's books: '**Animal Wisdom: Communications with Animals**' and '**How to Hear the Animals**' (kit) have been combined into one book: '**Animal Wisdom: How to Hear the Animals**' \$15.95 (Meditation Tape \$2.00) **A Second Chance to Say Goodbye** Marianne Michaels with Anita Curtis This new book, about medium Marianne Michaels, not only tells of her experiences communicating with loves ones on "the other side," but instructs the reader how to develop his or her own psychic abilities. **Book:** \$13.95



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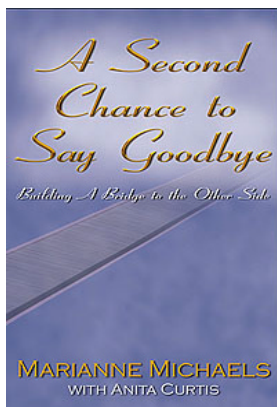
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