



ANIMAL CHANNEL NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays!

Greetings.

It seems like a lifetime has passed since our last Animal Channel Newsletter. September 11 is the first event that comes to my mind. I was heading home in my car when I heard the news on the radio and raced into the house to turn on the TV. My son and I watched in horror as did millions of others in the world. I am afraid that my spiritual growth has not advanced as far I would hope in this lifetime's journey. I wanted to get even, and do it immediately.

I had been scheduled to fly to Kansas City on the 16th to speak at a convention, but it was canceled. There was a workshop near home the following weekend, which was held. As always, I meditated the evening before the workshop. When I asked for direction, I was instructed by Porcia to ask the group to pray that the conflict be settled by words instead of weapons. I did as I was told, and was grateful to know that the animals on both sides of the veil are working with us. I'm also glad to know that I'm not in charge.

I received several calls from people around the country who had animals that were unusually nervous and upset the week before the attack. Jean's horse and one of mine had requested Rescue Remedy the week prior to September 11th, but wouldn't tell us why. They told us afterwards that there was a shift in the energy that they were having trouble handling.

Changing the subject, I have talked to two different clients who have made a difference in the animal world. One worked hard to change the law about transporting horses from the sales to the slaughterhouses. The conditions were unspeakable, and she managed to have large fines imposed on anyone mistreating the animals on their last ride. Ideally, there would be no last ride as such, but one step at a time. I cannot remember the name of the person who told me about this and hope she will call again and remind me. I will make amends in the next newsletter.

Heather Devlin of Lancaster, PA wrote to me about what she was able to accomplish. Heather found that unwanted wild animals that were removed from a house or property were often drowned as a form of euthanasia. She went to Harrisburg to a quarterly public hearing for the Game Commission and presented the subject of policing guidelines of euthanasia along with copies of the Cornell University Report on Humane Euthanasia. No one seemed interested. Four years later the State Game Commission approved and adopted changes in the Wildlife Pest Control Law and the entire change is about animal handling and cruelty issues.

The law is scant, but there are guidelines now and it's a start. You go, girl!

I have given much thought to the following: After keeping my prices the same for ten years or so I find that I have to raise them. The cost of living continues to go up and I am finding it necessary to make some adjustments to keep up with it.

I will be adding \$5 to the fee for a fifteen-minute consultation as of January 1, 2002. I hope you understand.

Peace and love to all of you throughout the holidays and New Year,
Anita

Survey Results:

The totals are in!!! We have 717 people sign up for our online newsletter and 22 non-online newsletter recipients. Are you curious as to how many people have the same pets as you? Well here is the percentages biased off our sign up survey.

(Note many people have opened their homes to more than one pet).

Bird Owners 6.7%
Cat Owners 30.7%
Dog Owners 36.8%
Horse Owners 17.8%
Ferret Owners 0.4%
Other Pets 7.6%



VETERINARY CARE

The following numbers are provided if you wish to get information on holistic and chiropractic veterinarians near you.

International Veterinary Chiropractic Association
(309) 658-2920

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association
(410) 569-0795 phone
(410) 569-2346 fax



PHONE MESSAGE

If you call between 10:30 am and 5pm, eastern, Monday-Friday and get our voice mail, please leave a message. Jean is on a call helping another client and will call you back as soon as possible.



FRIENDS NOT FORGOTTEN

Hali Swarthout
Chip La Ruffa
Belinda Wedgbury

Augusta Field
Mr Brown Noel
Mojo Morton

Gretchen Smith
Mac Rubino
Junior Pfeil/Laird

Graybird Adkins
Charlie Mufford
Shiloh Womble
Muffin Pennypacker
Felix De Nofa
Peanut Bright
Spikey Hagan
Buddy Paone
Ned Haddad
Niggs Van Pelt
Bandit Zupko
Socks Dollar
Meggie Cochrane
Carter Chan
Bandit Fluri
Dakota Colandrea
Chester McTyler
Sam Musicant
Shell Carol
Willow Pritchett

Willy Adkins
Bob Morgan
Striker Barndt
Maya Rand
Carmy Prigozen
Chinchee Sherburne
Bazil Tahl
Brany Cox
Basil Jester
Rosebud Bost
Snuffy Harris
Tom Cat Muncy
Tom Duncan
Sweetie Hill
Sweet Tart Wagner
Harley Andrews
Rusty Demuzzio
Tick Steely
Chopper Faulkner
Cricket Faulkner

Charlie Paterson
Bear Lumb
Raven Groce
Wee Watson
Sunny Cat
Tweety Bird
Rosa Fried
Spotsy Lusardi-Whitlow
Hanna Harrington
Phoebe Harrington
Saja Kamdar
Rosie Daniels
Miky Hawkins
Allison Chimienti
Aunt Bea Weeks
Ebony Von Shadow
Levandowski
Zeke Gettle

If we have inadvertently omitted the name of one of your animal friends, please accept our apologies. Give us a call or write us a note so we may include your friend in the next newsletter.



Rainbow Bridge

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 is 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 to them, who had to be 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 quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him 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 the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...



WELCOME BACK!!

Many of you have heard me say that our animal companions can come back to us after they have passed on. This new column is dedicated to our loving friends who have returned to us. Please contact us with any names and/or stories about friends that have returned to you.

Gumbo Walsh (was Gracie)
Hadley Bourque (was Beau)
Kira Mahler (was Snow)
Lucy Boik (was Magnum)
Onyx Barndt (was Striker)
Smokey Ross (was Smokey)
Lucy Rand (was Myah)
Meeko Williams (was Rascal)
Amy Bird (was Tansy)
Foxy Allison (was Foxy)
Ashley Joy (was Tina Muffin Joy)



Laugh Lines:

You Know You Are a Dog Person When

- *Lint wheels are on your shopping list every week.
- *You have baby gates permanently installed at strategic places around the house, but no babies.
- *The trash basket is more or less permanently installed in the kitchen sink, to keep the dog out of it while you're at work.
- *You refer to yourselves as Mommy and Daddy.
- *Your dog sleeps with you.
- *Poop has become a source of conversation for you and your significant other.
- *You can't see out the passenger side of the windshield because there are nose-prints all over the inside.
- *You have 32 different names for your dog. Most make no sense, but she understands.
- *You like people who like your dog. You despise people who don't.
- *You carry dog biscuits in your purse or pocket at all times.
- *You talk about your dog the way other people talk about their kid.
- *You sign and send birthday/anniversary/Christmas cards from your dog.

- *You put an extra blanket on the bed so your dog can be comfortable.
- *You'd rather stay home on Saturday night and cuddle your dog than go to the movies with your sweetie.
- *You go to the pet supply store every Saturday because it's one of the very few places that lets you bring your dog inside, and your dog loves to go with you.
- *You open your purse, and that big bunch of baggies you use for "pick-ups" pops out.
- *You and the dog come down with something like flu on the same day.
- *Your dog sees the vet while you settle for an over-the-counter remedy from the drug store.
- *You lecture people on responsible dog ownership every chance you get.
- *You are the only idiot walking in the pouring rain because your dog needs her walk.
- *You keep an extra water dish in your second-floor bedroom, in case your dog gets thirsty at night (after all, her other dish is way down on the first floor...).

A horseperson's famous last words

My horse is totally bombproof.
 How hard could deworming be?
 Get off-I'll show him who's boss.
 No-a bareback pad will be fine.
 Check out the rowels on my new spurs!
 I saw this in a movie once.
 Mind if I pass?
 He was born broke.
 Let me tighten that cinch just a speck more.
 Don't worry-I've got a way with horses.
 Riding helmets? They're too hot and confining.
 Hey, watch this.
 -Stephanie Osborn
 Aug 2001: Horse and Rider



Uncle Sam's Help with Critter Care by Susan Ajamian

Are you one of the people who regularly reaches into your wallet to help lost, homeless and injured animals? Well, there may be a way for you to ease your financial impact.

Animal psychologist Dr. Tom Nova is President of The American Animal Care Foundation, Inc. founded in 1968. It is a federally-recognized publicly supported non-profit charity under IRS code 501(c)(3). When I talked with him in January he explained that AACF has two programs which can help those of us who are helping the animals. He explained that this extends to any animals under our "care, keep or control". These can be any animals -- including rescued or homeless animals, or wildlife, of any species.

His first program is the Animal Medical Health Assistance Program which issues an IRS Tax deductible Certificate for 100% of the cost of an animal's medical care. This certificate from AACF verifies the donation of medical services by private veterinarians or animal hospitals/clinics. They receive credit for a deductible donation to AACF. This is an alternative to your paying for the cost of the treatment. You must talk with your veterinarian to get their agreement to do this. And you, or a sponsor, must send AACF the medical invoice along with a fee of 10% of the invoice for administrative costs.

The second program Dr. Nova described is to establish your own non-profit animal program as an affiliate of AACF.

You become the Executive Director of your affiliate organization and can do your own fund-raising and apply for grants. You administer 80% of the funds you raise, the other 20% goes to AACF. If you need to issue an IRS Tax Deductible Certificate AACF will do it on behalf of your affiliate, for a 10% fee. Your organization will have its own bank account, but uses the AACF Federal ID number.

Dr. Nova described many ways AACF affiliates raise money. One woman's son has a big trucking business. He makes a tax-deductible monthly donation to her organization, and she uses it to feed homeless cats. Some airport workers had a yard sale and put the money into their organization's account. They got credit for the tax deduction, and then could spend it to feed the animal's abandoned on the airport's grounds. Another affiliate issues Tax Certificates to a pet food retailer in exchange for dented containers of pet food. These truckloads of food are given to the elderly to help feed their pets. Dr. Nova has many ideas of ways to raise funds to help the animals, and he talks regularly with the IRS to keep abreast of the rules.

It is up to you to decide if these programs suit you. For more information contact AACF, their address is : The American Animal Care Foundation, Inc., Financial Recovery Dept., 1108 Philip Court, North Valley Stream, New York 11580-2434. AACF's website is www.animalcareusa.org. Dr. Nova can be reached via a 24-hour phone/recorder line at 516-285-7680, a 24-hour fax 516-285-7712, or e-mail at "tomnovausa@aol.com".



Mel's Message About Animal Abuse
by Susan Ajamian

In mid-January there was a very disturbing story in The News Journal. On New Year's Day a 4-year-old male orange tabby cat was found on Blackbird Forest Road near Townsend DE with steel traps locked onto each of his forelegs. His torturer had left him there to die. Since the traps were defective there was no doubt this had been done deliberately.

This cat was taken to Bonnie Kruch's wildlife rehabilitation center. Bonnie and the volunteers named this beautiful, friendly, and loving cat "Mel" in honor of Mel Gibson's character in the movie Braveheart.

In early Feb I asked Anita to communicate with Mel. He said his name was Butter, and he lived with two adults and three children in a stone house with a lot of windows. It was in a hilly area, with trees. He did not know his assailant but described him as a heavy-set teenage boy with black hair, a clear complexion, and rosy cheeks, wearing an Elmer-Fudd hunting hat and knit gloves.

Mel said his plight will help to make people more compassionate toward animals, but even more important, it will address local problems with kids. The story in the paper will help this happen. Mel said people are letting their kids get wild when they KNOW there is something wrong with them mentally, and this trend is getting worse and worse. Not only do they know, but they turn their backs. Everyone says it can't happen here, or it can't happen in my home, but it can and it does.

We sent Mel's information to the News Journal reporter, and not surprisingly did not get a reply. But later that week, he wrote an article about the Delaware Attorney General's Task Force on Animal Abuse and Personal Violence. One Task Force recommendation has already been acted on, prosecutors will now advise against suspending fines in animal abuse cases. The Task Force is also trying to get police and animal cruelty investigators to exchange information. They recognize the links between animal cruelty and personal violence. Their goal is to tighten existing animal-cruelty laws and increase the enforcement of existing statutes.

Mel has had four surgeries. His right front leg was amputated, along with three toes from his left leg. He has also lost several teeth due to damage from gnawing on the traps. When we called Feb. 21 to ask for an update Bonnie said Mel was doing well medically. The dentist had saved some of his teeth, and was coming again that day to check on him. Mel was walking and had successfully negotiated a four-foot jump from the playpen to a tabletop.

Help and concern for Mel has poured in, including many offers of adoption, and \$5600 for a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who did this. As of Feb 21 Bonnie was told an arrest was imminent.

To help pay Mel's medical bills, or volunteer, contact Bonnie Kruch c/o Townsend Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, 913 Grears Corner Rd, Townsend, DE 19734, 302-378-4761. For more information about the Attorney General's Task Force on Animal Abuse and Personal Violence e-mail Delaware Attorney General M. Jane Brady at jbrady@state.de.us or call 302-577-8338.



Just Released!

[How to Find a Lost Sheltie - What EVERY owner should know, if your Sheltie\(or any breed\) is lost.](#)

It can easily happen....they slip out when you open the door.... something spooks them and they slip their collar....a neighborhood kid or repairman leaves a gate open.....it happens to even the best owners. Unfortunately, because of their nature, Dogs that are lost often become scared and will even run and hide from those they have known for years. This booklet can be a lifesaver. Find out what types of areas a frightened Dog will seek out, how to get the word out about your lost dog, how to catch the dog once you know where it is, and more. No owner should be without this booklet!

Price: \$2.00/ea.

Proceeds will benefit Central Ohio Sheltie Rescue (Penny Sanderbeck), WV Sheltie Rescue (Jo Ann Jones), and Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue (Ernie & Darla Duffey)

To get your booklet contact either Penny Sanderbeck Uncentavo@aol.com or Darla Duffey DDuffey@aol.com

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue
5204 Beige St.
Jacksonville, FL 32258-2207
904-262-5420



From the Kitchen

If you have a favorite recipe for treats for you pet please share them with us. Here are a few snacks we have come across:

Suet Recipe*****

Ingredients:

1 Part white flour 1 Part Crisco 1 Part Peanut Butter
1 Part of any or the following: raisins, sunflower seeds, cracked corn

Directions:

Along with the peanut butter, Crisco, flour and seeds (or raisins....) add 5 parts cornmeal. Mix all the ingredients together and stuff into suet bags or plastic molds. Refrigerate or freeze.

{Thanks rie/pa}

De-Skunking Formula (non-food!!!)*****

Ingredients:

1 quart (2 bottles) hydrogen peroxide
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup baking soda
1 teaspoon liquid dish detergent (Dawn works well)

Directions:

Mix and scrub animal well and follow with a lukewarm rinse. (DO NOT DOUBLE SOAP!!)

{Thanks rie/pa}

Cat and Dog Mini Cakes*****

Ingredients:

2 cups Whole wheat flour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Soybean flour 1 Cup Skimmed milk or water
1 tb Honey 1 tb Canola or Sunflower oil
1ts Sea salt

Directions:

Mix dry ingredients. Add liquid and honey. Mix and let the dough rest in a warm place for 15 minutes. Add oil and allow to sit another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Take walnut sized portions of dough and flatten into small cakes. Bake in oven at 400 for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

For cats, roll dough into 1/4" inch thickness and bake on a sheet scored into small $\frac{1}{4}$ inch squares or smaller.

{Thanks Pyewacker's treat recipe page}



The ASPCA has a new poison control hotline phone number for pets.

If you have reason to suspect that your pet may have been exposed to something toxic, either internally or externally, this phone number will connect you with an ASPCA veterinarian specially trained to assist pet owners or other vets.

This is the only dedicated animal poison control hotline in the world manned by veterinarians, not telephone operators. The number is staffed 24/7.

(888) 4ANI-HELP or (888) 426-4435



OF GENERAL INTEREST

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. as of January 1, 2002

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 entirely optional. If you decide you don't want the tape after having your consultation recorded, you just don't 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)
- ❖ The Psychic Connection \$15.00

A video of interviews with animal communicators featuring Anita Curtis, Carol Gurney, Lydia Hiby, Beatrice Lydecker, Penelope Smith, and Teresa Wagner.

- ❖ Flower Essences - \$10.00 + \$3.00 shipping.

If you are unable to find flower essences in your area we are able to provide these for you. They can be mixed to suit your needs. You might be interested in a line of flower essences carried by Equilite that are designed especially for either small animals or horses. Call 800 942 LITE for more information.

- ❖ Gift Certificates - variable

We can provide gift certificates for consultations (w/wo tape), workshops, books, flower essences, virtually any service we provide.



PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS

Anita receives many photos from clients of their animal friends and we would like to share them with you. Starting with this newsletter we would like to ask you to send us cute photos of your animal friends. Unfortunately we can't guarantee that your photo will be printed. But if we do use your photo we will send you a \$5.00 Gift coupon good towards a discount off of any of Anita's services or products. Please don't send any original photos to insure that we don't lose your only copy. We can't take that kind of guilt!!!! If you would like the photo returned, please send a self-addressed envelope and we will do our best to return it to you.

Please label the picture with your name, the name of your animal friend or friends in the picture, and any caption you would like printed.



Lectures and workshops 2002:

We are still looking for hosts and hostess for the upcoming year, if you are interested in holding a workshop and/or lecture please contact us and let us know. The Schedule for the 2002 year will be posted in the Spring 2002 Newsletter (or maybe sooner ☺).

Look for upcoming information on a "swim with the Dolphins" trip next year.

Lectures and Workshops Scheduled to date:

April 6-7, 2002	Level 1 & 2	Oxford, PA
April 19-20-21, 2002	Lecture, Level 1 & 2	Framingham, MA
May 4-5, 20002	Level 1 & 2	Bowie, MD
May 31, June 1, 2002	Level 1 & 2	Export, PA (Pittsburgh Area)
June 22-23, 2002	Level 1 & 2	Trevose, PA

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