

The Scoop

Did You Know . . .

- RDOG meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Our upcoming meetings are February 4th, March 4th, and April 1st.
- We will have a speaker from the Placer SPCA at our February 4th meeting.
- Meetings are at the Christian Life Center at the corner of Fern and Clinton in Roseville.

Great Events Planned for 2003

The Roseville Dog Owners' Group has several great events scheduled for the upcoming year. Check out these fun events on the horizon for 2003:

Golden Gate Dog Show, Feb. 1-2

The Golden Gate Kennel Club hosts this annual dog show, and RDOG will lead a group to the Cow Palace in Daly City. The day is to be determined, so check the RDOG web site or call (916) 774-2854 for more information.

Dave Moore Nature Area Outing, Feb. 23

The group will go to the Dave Moore Nature Area, located on scenic Highway 49 near the town of Coloma. There is a loop trail about a mile long from the parking lot to the South Fork American River and back again, walking through several habi-

tat types.

This is a nice leisurely, scenic walk with the dogs on a low-impact trail. Much of the trail is handicapped accessible. The outing will be followed with dinner afterwards in Auburn. Meet at the Marco Dog Park at 1:00 PM on Sunday, February 23.



Canine Good Citizen Clinic and Test, April 6 and 27

Last October's Canine Good Citizen clinic and test was such a success so

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Vote For the Spay and Neuter Stamps

By Pamela Dallas

We have an opportunity to publicly show the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) how much we value and appreciate the Neuter/Spay stamps! (That is over and above buying the stamps and USPS Neuter/Spay commemorative merchandise of course!)

Each year since 1948, Linn's Stamp News, the nation's largest philatelic

publication, has run a stamp popularity poll with the results published in the print publication in late March, as well as featured on the magazine's website. Categories include overall favorite stamp, best design, worst design, most necessary stamp and least necessary.

You can vote on the Linn's web site at www.linns.com

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Brick Dedication Ceremony Set for Spring

We're pleased to announce that the memorial bricks have arrived and look terrific. We have worked out a logistical issue with the brick ordering process which will allow us to place new brick orders in a timely and efficient manner.

A memorial brick is a wonderful way to remember that special dog in your life, and support ongoing improvements at the Marco Dog Park. The bricks are placed at the foot of the announcement board, near the entrance to the park.

RDOG is planning a brick dedication ceremony for this spring, on a date to be an-

nounced. There is still time to place a new brick order in time for our spring dedication.

The easiest way to place your brick order is on our web site, www.rosevilledog.org, and use your major credit card. The link to the memorial bricks is under "About RDOG". You can also print an order form and mail it in with a check. You are free to order at any time, however orders by March 15, 2003, are guaranteed to arrive in time for the spring dedication ceremony.

Happy Birthday

February

- Rami Hanson, Feb. 1
- Miner Schneider, Feb. 1
- Keaton Stevens, Feb. 1
- Cassie Wagner, Feb. 1
- Bogie Wilson, Feb. 1
- Wylie Dougan, Feb. 2
- Dudley Hale, Feb. 2
- Benji Olayos, Feb. 11
- Ginger Prager, Feb. 12
- Spike Teitzel, Feb. 14
- Harley Spence, Feb. 15
- Indy Silvius, Feb. 27



March

- Buddy Bannister, Mar. 1
- Yoda Shell, Mar. 1
- Callie Wagner, Mar. 1
- Cassie Criss, Mar. 6
- Graycee Cain, Mar. 8
- Sterling Cassin, Mar. 8
- Abbey Champ, Mar. 14
- Talon Diehl, Mar. 22
- Dakota Dawson, Mar. 24
- Otter Pup Harman, Mar. 30

When Company's Coming

Rodale Press

Having get-togethers at your house can be stressful, if you don't consider how to care for Fido in the midst of the visitors. If your pet gets nervous around big crowds, you might want to set aside a quiet, private space just for him in your home. You also have to consider relatives with particular allergies, and those that just aren't "animal people." Here's how to encourage calm, sensible, and enjoyable interactions between your pets and your visitors. Don't forget it's also important to know when the best interaction is no interaction at all.

Forget "Love Me, Love My Pet"

As much as your pets might be members of the family, where visitors are concerned, it's smart to consider them more as "preferences" - like "smoking" or "nonsmoking," or country music versus jazz. Some people simply do not like cats, dogs, or little things that resemble rats (even though they're hamsters, for heaven's sake). It has nothing to do with the person's feelings for you, so don't take it personally if someone doesn't want anything to do with your beloved friend.

Fluffy Shouldn't Fight Your Battles

Never use your pet to get back at another person. Say you still resent Aunt Margaret for calling you fat as a child, and you know that she hates having cats jump in her lap. Don't get even when she visits by letting Fluffy hop up to say hello.

But My Owner Thought That Was So Cute

Never knowingly place pets in situations in which they are likely to annoy human visitors. Pets don't need enemies any more than you do, and they'll get confused when a behavior that always charms you, such as touching noses, draws a startled yelp from a new human acquaintance.

How Long Should You Keep Your Pet Cloistered?

When you're expecting visitors for only an hour or an evening, go out of your way to accommodate those with allergies or those who don't appreciate pets as much as you do. Place the cat in the laundry room for the duration, for example, or allow the dog only a brief introduction before a neighborhood child whisks him out to the backyard for an afternoon of play.

If your friend is planning an overnight visit or a stay of a couple weeks, you can't be as easygoing, or the entire household will be miserable. Either board your animal with a fun-loving friend or reputable kennel, ask a non-pet-owning relative to put the human visitor up, or offer to split the cost of a hotel room.

Everybody Comfy?

Be firm about your feeling that you must try to make both your pet and your guest happy. Don't let anyone minimize your feelings for your pet with remarks such as

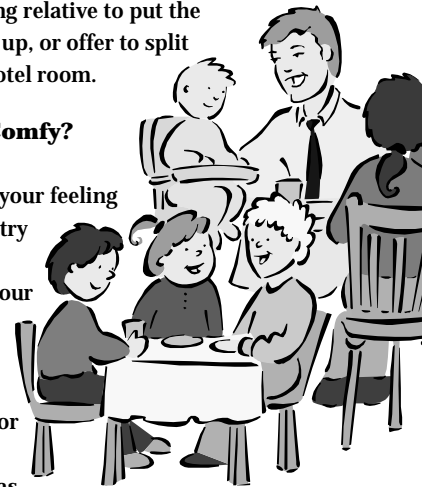
"Couldn't you get rid of all your cats while we're here for the holidays?" Simply reply, "You are a dear friend (or relative), and I simply couldn't bear it if your feelings about my animal got in the way of our having a wonderful visit. It would just be a waste of all the time and effort we've put into planning this."

This Is a Safe House

Demand that your pet be treated with respect in your home. It's completely within bounds for you to insist that visitors refrain from squeezing, teasing, or thumping your

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pet -- no matter whether the visitor is your three-year-old neighbor or an overzealous family member. Simply say "That really bothers Marmaduke, so he'll be going to his space over here now."

When the Guest Is a Youngster

When a child under the age of 12 comes to your home, take the lead in acquainting her with the resident pets. Introduce them and spell out any restrictions to the child, within the parent's hearing: "This is where my newts live, and I'm the only one allowed to touch the glass."

You may give fanciful explanations for why a pet requires certain treatment, but for

the under-eight crowd, keep it to a few words: "Binky is shy. We can't chase him."

The Pet Pajama Party

Warn overnight guests of any animal idiosyncrasies and how to deal with them: "The cat will come sleep

on your bed if you don't keep the guest room door shut." "The hamster loves to run on his wheel at night. I've put him in the kitchen so he won't disturb you, but if you hear a noise, that's probably it." Or "Billy usually sleeps in here, so the dog might scratch on the door in the morning. Just say 'Go away, Bowser.'"

Do You Think We Should Get Out the Good China?

Take pains not to repulse dinner or overnight guests by letting your Pets eat off the dishes after a meal. If you're not worried about your company's sensitivity, consider

that roundworms can be passed from the pet's mouth to humans via the dishwasher (although you can easily determine whether your Pet has roundworms with a trip to the vet).

Forewarned About Four Paws

When you invite someone to your home, make certain that person knows that your pet will be on the premises. Even people you've known for a long time may not remember that you have a dog or cat. So be explicit: "We're glad to have the family here for the holidays, but you should know that we have three poodles and two cats that are definitely indoor animals."

It Can't Hurt to Ask

Ask point-blank, ahead of time, "Are you a cat (dog) lover?" and "Do you have any allergies to animals?" That way, you'll know what you're dealing with and can choose to relocate your holiday festivities if the negative reaction is significant.

Dress Accordingly

Remind potential guests that your pets, and your furniture, are riddled with dog or cat hair, if that is the case. If they don't have the same problem at home, caution them to avoid wearing dark colors or wool.

Your Dog and Scaredy-Cats

Most adults won't come right out and say that they're scared of dogs, so be on the lookout for signs that a visitor is wary, jumpy, or nervous around your animal. Be careful to keep your dog away from the tension before he picks up on it and gets defensive, protective or confused.

You Know He's Innocent, Avoid the Trial

A guest who is afraid of dogs is more likely to imagine that your dog acted aggressively or even bit or lunged at her. Put your dog outside (assuming you have a fenced yard)

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or in a private dog area in your house, and you won't have to defend her against imaginary infractions or argue with a friend.

Be a Friend to the Fearful

Never confront a scared adult with your dog, however sweet and lovable the animal is. An adult can get over a dog phobia, but it's a slow process - first seeing pictures of a dog, then holding a collar, then looking at dogs through the Pet store window, and so forth. You cannot overcome a person's phobia easily and you don't want your dog to be

offended or confused by someone yelling "Bad dog" or "Get away" when the animal is just doing his regular sniffing routine.

Put the Squeeze on the Sneezes

To help a much-loved visitor who's allergic to cats, you can diminish, but not eliminate, the cat-caused allergens in the air with a plug-in air filter. It also helps a little if you always restrict the cat to certain areas of the house where guests would never go. This won't make a five-day visit possible, but the person should be able to come over for an evening of cheer!

Please Visit Our Business Members

RDOG receives support from our business members, and we need to show support for them. Please visit them at every opportunity and let them know you appreciate their support of our group.

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Events for 2003. . .

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we've decided to do two more of them in 2003. The clinic on April 6th gives dog owners an opportunity to learn more about the CGC process and practice with a certified trainer. The test will be held on April 27th. Another round of CGC will be held in the September-October timeframe.

The spring round of the Canine Good Citizen program is co-sponsored with POOCH, the Pet Owners Organization of Citrus Heights.

More information about CGC, including the costs, location, and immediate registration with a credit card, will be on the RDOG web site at www.rosevilledog.org no later

than early March.

T-Touch Workshop

Last fall we enjoyed an informative demonstration of the T-Touch process with certified instructor Kelly Alsop. Jane will be back with half-day seminar this spring or summer to go more in-depth with T-Touch. More information including cost, date, and registration will be on our web site shortly.

First Aid Workshop

We have a workshop in the planning stages on first aid techniques for your pet. This will probably be in the summer or early fall. Check back for more information!

Trivia for Dog and Cat Lovers

1. How many of each animal did Moses take on the ark?
2. The Bar Z ranch was a dude ranch. One day a new "dude" asked one of the stable hands how many men were tending the horses in the corral. Having a mischievous sense of humor, he replied, "I saw eighty-two feet and twenty-six heads". He then walked away, leaving the dude scratching his head trying to figure it out. How many men were tending the horses?
3. A man has to take a dog, a cat, and a mouse across a river. He can only take one

- of the animals across at a time. If he takes the mouse, the dog will eat the cat. If he takes the dog, the cat will eat the mouse. How does he get the three animals across the river?
4. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
 5. How many animals do I have if all but 3 are dogs, all but 3 are cats, all but 3 are pigs and all but 3 are cows?

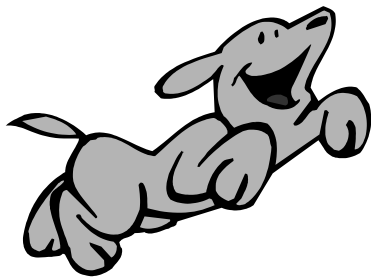
Answers

1. None. Moses didn't take animals on the ark. Noah did. 2. Eleven men (and 15 horses). 11 (men) x 2 (feet per man) = 22, 15 (horses) x 4 (feet per horse) = 60, and 22 (men's feet) + 60 (horse's feet) = 82 feet. Also, 11 (men) + 15 (horses) = 26 (total heads). 3. The man takes the cat across and goes back to get the mouse. The man then takes the mouse across and returns with the cat. The man leaves the cat on the shore and takes the dog across. He leaves the dog with the mouse. The man goes back to get the cat and all of the animals have made it across the river! 4. The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the Dogs. 5. I have four animals, one of each.

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Placer SPCA's Back Page Beauties: Karma and Lilly Would Love to Meet You!

KARMA, Pit & Labrador Mix, Female, 6 Months [#02R2871]

Karma must have been a sweet soul in a previous life, because she's a beauty now!



Her vibrant eyes match the color of her coat. Gentle Karma learned "sit", "down", and "come" quickly. She is a confident little girl with a high level of energy, who will be OK in a home with just the right dogs or other pets. Karma wants lots of human contact, and will stay close to you, giving you lots of affection; and she'll obey your instructions. An attentive and sociable girl, Karma can have a calming influence on you.

LILLY, Labrador Mix, Female, 3 Years [02R2847]

With her luxurious curly coat and her size, Lilly is truly magnificent! She even knows "sit" and "down". Because of her size and high level of activity, Lilly's home can have no one under 13 years old and no other pets. Less dominant dogs may be OK. This young lady is so affectionate that she'll snuggle with you, and she's really hungry for your touch! Do you have a Lilly sized yard?



If you have a space in your heart and home for one of these wonderful pets, call our friends at Placer SPCA at (916) 782-7722 for more information!