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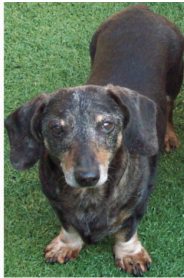


## THE GREATER DERRY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

### WINTER 2011

This issue is dedicated to LINC SPRING- "Mr. Personality", a role model for every canine he met. He is sorely missed by all who had the "pleasure of his company". So, for Linc and all the 2 legged and 4 legged creatures no longer with us—Remember:

I GIVE YOU THIS  
ONE THOUGHT TO KEEP  
I AM WITH YOU STILL... I DO NOT SLEEP  
I AM A THOUSAND WINDS THAT BLOW.....  
I AM THE DIAMOND GLINTS UPON THE SNOW  
I AM THE SUNLIGHT ON THE RIPENED GRAIN  
I AM THE GENTLE AUTUMN RAIN  
WHEN YOU AWAKE IN THE MORNING'S HUSH  
I AM THE SWIFT, UPLIFTING RUSH OF QUIET  
BIRDS IN CIRCLED FLIGHT  
I AM THE SOFT STARS THAT SHINE AT NIGHT  
DO NOT THINK OF ME AS GONE....  
I AM WITH YOU STILL...  
IN EACH NEW DAWN\*



\*please check out our Rainbow Bridge Memorial site at [www.Derryhumaneociety.com](http://www.Derryhumaneociety.com)

### BIRTHDAY BENEFIT FOR ANIMALS

This five year old boy chose to use his birthday celebration as an event to benefit needy GDHS, Inc. animals. Jager Raco, son of members Carole and Rob recently celebrated his fifth birthday by asking each of his guests to bring food, litter, toys, beds and dishes for animals instead of gifts for himself. Jager's actions at such a young age show a true spirit of charity and goodness. Jager made others aware of the needs of local cats and dogs.



### Websites to Check Out:

Pet-Abuse.com (a search-able database of criminal animal abusers) 1-888-523-PETS

[www.Allaboutbirds.org](http://www.Allaboutbirds.org) 866-989-bird

### USA PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING SITE:

[Katie@myapartmentmap.com](mailto:Katie@myapartmentmap.com)

[http://www.myapartmentmap.com/pet\\_friendly/](http://www.myapartmentmap.com/pet_friendly/)

### Books to Enjoy:

THE BOOK OF HONU (enjoying and learning about Hawaii's Sea Turtles) by Peter and Ursula Bennett

Elephants On The Edge by G.A. Bradshaw

### Winter Pet Care Tips

Winter is the time when we take out our cold weather wardrobe, and get our home ready for New England and mother nature's forbidding weather. Remember that our pets need the same kinds of protection as we do at this time of year.

- Dogs: Should only be outside for exercise and potty breaks. Remember to thoroughly wipe off your dog's stomach and legs, (especially between the pads of feet) when coming into the house after walks in the rain, sleet, or snow. Salt, antifreeze, and other chemicals could burn your animal's pads or be ingested, especially if the dog or cat licks his/her paws or fur.
- Cats: Cats should be kept inside. If there are stray cats in the area, always bang loudly on the hood of the car (stray or lost cats will crawl under the hood of a car where it is warmer) - a disaster when the car is started. Also, provide food and shelter.
- Short-haired breeds: A coat or sweater is a necessity.
- Grooming: Never shave a dog/cat in winter-leave the coat in a longer, natural style for warmth.
- Car tips: Never leave a dog or cat in a car in cold weather-the auto can act as a refrigerator-animals have frozen to death or been frost-bitten in these circumstances!
- Younger/Older Animals: Puppies, kittens, and older pets do not tolerate cold weather as well as "middle aged pets".
- Antifreeze Dangers: Even in small amounts, antifreeze is a lethal poison for animals-and children. It has a sweet taste to tempt animals. Wipe up all antifreeze spills carefully, or use an animal friendly antifreeze containing propylene glycol as opposed to ethylene glycol.

Please see the following websites with more information about cold weather animal care: [www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/cold-weather-tips](http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/cold-weather-tips); [www.petfinder.com/pet-care/winter-pet-safety-tips](http://www.petfinder.com/pet-care/winter-pet-safety-tips); [www.vetinfo.com/pet-care-winter-climates](http://www.vetinfo.com/pet-care-winter-climates)

### Circuses: No Fun for Animals

Cultures worldwide used to embrace traveling circuses as wholesome, harmless entertainment for adults and children alike. This trend is changing, however, as the realities of animal suffering have been exposed by activist groups, and even circus insiders sympathetic to the plight of animals in their care.

The best way to help animals from the plight of the circus is NOT TO ATTEND ANY CIRCUS THAT USES ANIMALS, to encourage and teach others about what is natural and fair to other species, re-orient ourselves to human forms of entertainment (which are plentiful), and ENCOURAGE LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON THE ISSUE.

To find out more about animals in the circus and the progressive activities of animal organizations, check out these websites: [www.stopcircussuffering.com](http://www.stopcircussuffering.com); [www.adiusa.org](http://www.adiusa.org); [www.ad-international.org](http://www.ad-international.org); [www.peta.org](http://www.peta.org)

## FERAL CATS: THEIR PLIGHT AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

Feral cats have lived outdoors-sometimes for generations. These cats are wary of human contact (with good reason). Regardless of their "wild dispositions", feral cats still need human kindness and assistance..ie food,shelter,etc. You can help feral cats by first educating yourself and then others to the plight of these cats and then supplying answers to alleviate their suffering (DO NOT BE PART OF THE PROBLEM-BE PART OF THE SOLUTION). Visit these websites for more information:

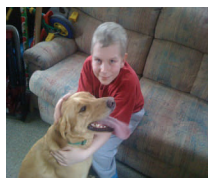
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## CALIFORNIA TAKES ACTION TO PROTECT PETS IN VEHICLES

The California Dept. of Motor Vehicles is the first in the nation to add text in to the state's Driver Manual WARNING motorists against leaving animals in hot vehicles. Other states are now considering the same (would have to say hot or cold cars).

## Success: Recent Adoptees!

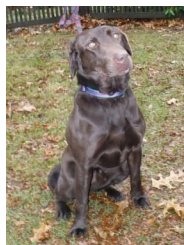
Newton: This warm-hearted golden retriever has found his forever home after being given up by a family who found him hard to train. With help from volunteer Rob Raco and Jeff at Anitech Training, Newton's great potential has shined through.



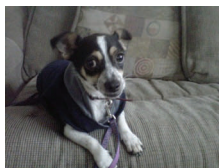
Brady: Brady and his brother Bosco, who was individually adopted in 2009, are pictured here. Brady and Bosco have been wonderfully reunited as littermates, now in the same home. Brady is affectionate and loving, and enjoys romping with Bosco in the woods, and relaxing in the sun.



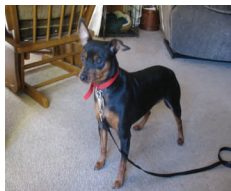
Scotch, an abused chocolate Lab, is now in Vermont. He lives with a Pastor, his wife and 4 children-along with an entire congregation and small town to welcome and enjoy his gentle nature. Michelle Grunland, GDHS, Inc Foster mom, helped Scotch to learn to play and interact with humans and other animals-he is blossoming daily in his new home.



Carley, petite, shy Chihuahua/Terrier cross needed lots of TLC-Tracy and Chris Solano (and their 2 adopted dogs) spent lots of time nurturing and training Carley-they insisted that she needed a "special forever family";sure enough, Carley is living in Massachusetts with a loving, patient and happy family (Life is good).



Daisy, a Miniature Pinscher-full of energy, had been kept outdoors and abused by the other large family dog. Paula Dunlavey worked to housebreak this frightened little canine; get her used to being indoors. She walked her miles and miles each day (a bonding and training technique). Daisy is in Chester, NH being spoiled, still walking daily, and enjoying her new life.



## Taffy and Tootsie

Taffy and Tootsie were generously fostered from three weeks old by our volunteer Deb Kodesh. At six months of age, they were adopted by a cat-savvy family, and will be enjoying life in their new Derry home.



Macy, a Sato, was adopted from one of GDHS foster homes back in November of 2004. Once terrified of people and spending most of her time hiding, she gradually came out of her shell with lots of TLC and obedience training. She is now a happy, smart, and well-adjusted dog who loves to greet new people, go hiking, and meet her playground buddies every day. Her new owner reports that he couldn't have asked for a better companion!



## Few of Our Volunteers

GDHS, Inc. is dependent on volunteers—without them we could not exist. We are thankful for their many sacrifices, including time, money, energy, ideas....the list goes on and on. We are hoping their stories will inspire others to help animals.

Clayton Grandstaff is a Junior at Pinkerton Academy. He fosters cats, participates in educational presentations in local schools, and in GDHS library programs. He is a popular visitor at the nursing home events with animals, adoption days, and fundraisers. You might remember seeing him as the large, friendly candy-throwing dalmation in Derry's Santa parade. We are proud he chose GDHS, Inc.!

Rob and Carole Raco both have full-time jobs, family, and a home to car for. However, they make time for pet therapy at local nursing homes. Rob is also a trainer with our Dog Obedience Program, and is writing the new volunteer handbook for the Society. Carole is involved in our education programs and initiated a Christmas tree donation program at local businesses—she is taking a leading role in publicity and recruiting new volunteers. Also, she is heading up and expanding our pet therapy program.

Jutta Kramer brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our organization. She coordinates all phone calls and e-mail inquiries. This is a 7 day per week job. She oversees adoption and education events, screens applicants waiting to adopt GDHS, Inc. animals—all done professionally. (wish we could clone her!)

Ralph Zussman and his wife have adopted two GDHS dogs. He now interviews potential foster home parents, talks to people who think they want to volunteer, partakes in education and adoption days, and is planning on participating in our Pet Therapy Program. Additionally, he is redesigning the volunteer and adoption application forms, and working with our web wizards Tara and Paul to put them online for easy access.

## The Cruelty Behind Premarin, and the Alternatives You Have

Premarin Provera, a drug commonly prescribed to alleviate menopausal symptoms is made from the urine of pregnant mares. The horses are confined in tiny stalls; are continually catheterized, and are given inadequate water in order to produce concentrated urine, the high priced commodity for the drug companies. There are numerous plant-based estrogen replacement drugs that are more effective than Premarin, but doctors do not go that route unless the patient demands a natural product.

Ask your doctor to prescribe ESTRACE, ESTRIOL, OGEN OR ESTRADERM—you will be making the cruelty free and healthier choice. You will also be sending an important message to the medical community and the pharmaceutical companies, and helping animals by insisting on healthy, natural solutions that do no harm to man or beast.

For more information visit: [www.horsefund.org](http://www.horsefund.org), [www.equinevoices.org/premain.php](http://www.equinevoices.org/premain.php), [www.premarin.org/synth.html](http://www.premarin.org/synth.html)

The Greater Derry Humane Society, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We wish to thank all the wonderful volunteers, whose time and efforts make our programs possible.

## ALL ABOUT YOUR PET'S FOOD

Brace yourself folks – the facts are frightening. Despite highly touted claims of being balanced and nutritious, most commercial pet food products are anything BUT...many ingredients are harmful, composed of the dregs from slaughterhouses and rendering businesses.

Deciphering pet food labels is not easy; the truth about ingredients in pet food is shocking. The pet food industry is a multi-billion dollar business. Legally, euthanized cats, dogs, diseased cattle and horses, road-kill, zoo animals, and meat “not fit for human consumption” are acceptable as protein in your pet's food.

Even fiber sources are often composed of left-overs from the food chain (e.g. beet pulp, peanut hulls, sawdust sweepings from floors of rendering plants). As to the labels, meat by-products implies protein, but this term can legally include livers infested with worms, or diseased by cirrhosis. Also legal are the lungs of pneumonia-ravaged animals. Even animals with “stick marks” (the area of the body where animals have been injected with antibiotics, hormones, or euthanizing drugs) can be used as “meat by-products”.

It gets worse. It is a common practice for thousands of cats and dogs to be delivered to rendering plants and thrown into vats – along with pet collars, ID tags, and plastic bags – to become part of an ingredient known as “meat meal”. This term, when listed as a pet food ingredient, means that the food contains the flesh of euthanized dogs and cats.

Other unsavory protein sources allowed in your pets' food include: HYDROLYZED HAIR (from horses, cattle, pigs), SPRAY-dried animal blood, DEHYDRATED FOOD WASTE, any and all animal and vegetable produce (includes garbage from hospitals restaurants, grocery stores), DEHYDRATED GARBAGE (composed of artificially dried animal and vegetable waste from butcher shops or manufacturing plants that process veggies and fruit), DRIED POULTRY/CHICKEN WASTE (not to contain more than 30% combined wood, wood shavings, litter, dust, sand, and rocks), PROCESSED EXCRETIA, and DRIED SWINE WASTE.

Also, be aware of TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN GRAIN. Contamination of grain in pet foods can be deadly. Mycotoxins produced by fungi in moldy grains can be found in rye, barley, corn, oats, wheat, peanut, Brazil nuts, pecans, and walnuts.

Another problem area in pet foods: ADDITIVES. BHA-BHT preservatives (used to keep fats from becoming rancid and maintain their shelf life) can cause birth defects, damage to the liver and kidneys. One such example is the additive known as ethoxyquin, originally developed as a stabilizer for rubber (Monsanto Company), but later used as a pesticide. The Animal Protection Institute stated in 1996 that ethoxyquin has been associated with immune deficiency syndrome, leukemia, blindness, skin, stomach, spleen, and liver cancer in companion animals.

China is the largest supplier of a variety of vitamins, minerals, and amino acids that are used in pet foods. SODIUM PENTOBARBITOL (used in euthanizing animals) has ended up in pet foods, since euthanized animals are being used as food sources. Bald and Golden Eagles, as well as dogs, cats, and a variety of zoo animals and other wildlife have died after consuming parts of animals euthanized with pentobarbital.

Learn more! Books to read: Super Nutrition in Dogs and Cats by N. Anderson, D.V.M., Food Pets Die for: Protect Your Pet by Ann Martin. Dr Pitcairn: Natural Health For Dogs and Cats; Renee Sherrill: Simple Cooking For Dogs 101

Some of the foods we currently recommend are: HALO, PURELY FOR PETS, THE HONEST KITCHEN, MULLIGAN STEW PET FOODS, NATURA PET PRODUCTS, EVO, KIARMA, CALIFORNIA NATURAL, HEALTHWISE, NEWMAN'S OWN ORGANIC, WELLNESS, ORYEN, PETCUREAN, GO!Naturalsummit, PETGUARD, SOLID GOLD, HUND'NFLOCKEN, HOLISTIC BLEND, TIMBER WOLF ORGANICS, OLD MOTHER HUBBARD DOG COOKIES, MOTHER NATURE BISCUITS.

ALL DOGS NEED A COMBINATIO OF PROTEIN, FIBER, AND FATS. YOGURT, COTTAGE CHEESE, QUINOA, PARSELY, CELERY, GREEN OR YELLOW BEANS, PEAS, CARROTS, AND BROCCOLI ALL HAVE CALCIUM. CALCIUM IS A NECESSITY IN EVERY DOG'S DIET. OLIVE OIL OR SAFFLOWER OIL ARE GOOD IN FOOD ON A DAILY BASIS.

It is important to review pet foods closely and often. Many times, when good companies are bought by the large conglomerates, the ingredients change – BUYER BEWARE. It is easy to prepare food for your pets.

Recipe for dogs: 2 lbs of ground chicken or turkey; 2 cups of cous-cous or quinoa or rice (soak in boiling water), 4 medium potatoes boiled and mashed, 3 carrots, 2 apples, 1 zucchini, 1 cup of parsley. Put the carrots, apples, zucchini, and parsley through the food processor and mix the remaining ingredients. This can be put in individual containers, and frozen.

Sweet Potato fritters: 2 eggs, ½ cup non-fat milk, 2 tablespoons of whole wheat flour, 2 tablespoons of what germ, 2 cups of raw sweet potatoes (finely grated), 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Beat eggs, add milk, mix in flour and wheat germ. Fold in potatoes and fry over medium heat until cooked thoroughly.

Cat Meals: Salmon Feast (note: use as a treat; fish should not be fed on a daily basis to cats, especially tuna) 1 15 ounce can of salmon, 1 cup cooked brown rice, ¼ cup of chopped parsley, 3 tablespoons of plain yogurt. Drain salmon, mix in brown rice, vegetables and yogurt. Serve at room temperature.

Finicky Feline Diet: 1 cup chopped, cooked chicken, ¼ cup cooked rice, ¼ cup chopped broccoli and carrots cooked until tender, chicken broth. Mix all ingredients in a food processor/blender with enough chicken broth to hold mixture together. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator.

There are many books about feeding wholesome meals to your pets – please call if you cannot find information online or at your library.

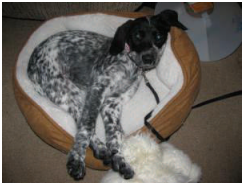
### Factory Farming: The Legal Fall-out

A record breaking \$11 million has been awarded to plaintiffs suffering from horrendous odors from factory farming hog factory in Berlin, Missouri (Smithfield Foods). Annually, the facility processes 200,000 hogs and generates 83 million gallons of waste. The pigs are continually confined indoors on slatted floors-their waste collects in basins beneath them, is flushed to lake-sized cesspools and continually sprayed onto saturated land-it is not only the smell we should worry about-health and polluted water and inhumane conditions for the animals.

### HOW ABOUT TAKING/MAKING THE PLEDGE

Promise yourself that you will no longer support an industry that does not allow a chicken to EVER stand up straight in its cage, or a pig to ever turn around in its crate, or that disposes of male chicks by dropping them into a mulcher. Are you aware that to give milk each and every cow must give birth every year (have you ever seen a cow retirement home)? When they can no longer produce, it is off to slaughter --calves are taken from their mothers at one day old-chained for 6 weeks-without ever having been allowed to romp in a field or eat grass, or feel the warmth and security of a mother beside them-and then ending up in a veal dish. Please, factory farming is inhumane and UNHEALTHY! There are farms where animals are treated well; not pumped with antibiotics. So, how about taking/making the pledge-NO FACTORY FARMING PRODUCTS FOR YOUR FAMILY!

**GDHS Animals for Adoption!**



Gracie, American Water Spaniel Beagle, Baby



Capone, Male Staffordshire Bull terrier, Baby



Ivory, Adult Female Domestic Long Hair



Faith, Young Female Domestic Short Hair

**OUR WISH LIST**

**FOSTER HOMES!**

**VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL PROGRAMS!**

**FRIENDS OF GDHS, INC.**

Brownie Troop #12704 (Kristen Ganley, Leader) and Kate, Dominique, Mackenzie Emily, Emma, Olivia, Megan, Rebecca  
WALMART of Derry  
Brownie Troop10734Decals for our Xmas Tree Project (Tara Lagasse, Deb Kodesh and Andrea Younie, Leaders)  
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Michelle's Menagerie (wildlife Educator)  
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