



PET LINE



THE GREATER DERRY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

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Dogs, Fences, and Dog Walks

Many well-meaning dog owners install physical and/or electric fences (sometimes called “invisible fences”) to contain their dogs in their yards. While a fence is often an excellent solution to keep a dog safe, allow the dog to roam freely within their property boundaries, and prevent conflicts with other dogs and/or people in the neighborhood, there are many factors to consider in choosing a containment system for your dog.

One of the primary factors is that with some exceptions, no fence will be a complete substitute for dog walking and exercise opportunities. Most dogs need regular walks and/or outings to provide them with physical and mental stimulation, opportunities for natural sensory exploration, and obedience reinforcement outside of their immediate home environment. Dog walks can provide a “normalizing” effect on dogs that can counteract territorial behavior that can arise if a dog is exclusively confined to a fenced-in area at the home.

Additionally, there is some evidence that electric fences can sometimes increase aggressive behavior in dogs. The theory is that the negative reinforcement of the shock makes the dog more fearful leading to an automatic aggressive response to things outside the perimeter.

Most of us have observed dogs behaving erratically behind any type of fence—charging back and forth, barking, defending “their territory”. Blogs on the web (see websites listed below) suggest mixed results with these containment systems. Some people have found them successful, with no apparent deleterious effects on their dogs.

Like many things with our canine friends, behavioral consequences and repercussions of any obedience or containment/confinement technique need to be evaluated carefully, based on the breed, personality, and disposition of the dog, both BEFORE and AFTER your purchase. Consult with your vet or behaviorist for additional guidance, and/or visit these websites for more information: www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&A=1453&S=1&SourceID=47, www.derryhumanesociety.com/ (603) 434-1512

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SUMMER HAZARDS FOR PETS

Want to know about what to watch out for with your pets this summer? Visit Cesarsway.com/askthetvet, and learn about overheating, “barbecue horrors”, sunburn, “activity-overdose”, “fish-hook foul-ups”, “over-cooked paws” (from hot pavement – if you walk on hot pavement barefoot, what do your “paws” look like?), firework mishaps and fears, and “water woes”. ALWAYS REMEMBER: NO Animals should be left in cars – even for a “few moments”. Leave them home and keep them safe!

Trade and Ownership of Exotic Pets in the US

THE ELEPHANT IN THE LIVING ROOM is a compelling documentary that examines a widespread-but hidden-problem of exotic pet ownership in the US. Making pets of wild animals such as lions, tigers, elephants, bears and venomous snakes is dangerous-and in many cases leads to outright cruelty and/or abandonment of these animals. While examining both sides of the exotic pet question, film director Michael Webber discovered that it is a MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY. A big industry like that is not going down without a fight. Another surprising discovery was the lack of laws in many states regarding ownership or availability of exotic or wild animals. Many of these majestic animals are endangered in the wild, but in the US are over-bred by dealers and trainers. Please watch this film! GO TO: THEELEPHANTINTHELIVINGROOM.COM

FLEAS ARE MORE THAN A NUISANCE!

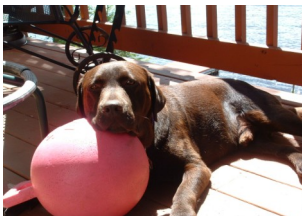
THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLISHED A REPORT ABOUT TWO FAMILY MEMBERS, AND THEIR DOG IN LAKE COUNTY, OREGON. ALL WERE DIAGNOSED WITH BUBONIC PLAGUE-A RESULT OF FLEA BITES. BUBONIC PLAGUE IS CAUSED BY A BACTERIA, YERSINIA PESTIS, THAT IS CARRIED FROM HOST TO HOST IN THE GUT OF INFECTED FLEAS.

IN THE US, IT IS THE RAT FLEA THAT IS THE MOST COMMON CARRIER OF THIS BACTERIA. THE RAT FLEA AFFECTS RATS, MICE, CHIPMUNKS, AND GROUND SQUIRRELS. FLEAS CAN ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANEMIA IN ANIMALS-MOSTLY, VERY YOUNG PUPPIES OR VERY OLD DOGS. SO, LET'S BE PROACTIVE-CHECK FOR FLEAS AND TREAT!

Success Stories!



Meet **Mickey**—he is in his winter snowsuit in Derry (his adoptive owner says is the perfect companion—loves to relax with her and is ALWAYS willing to go for a walk, ride in the car, or meet new family members or friends—canine or feline! She feels “blessed” to have him with her. Mickey was an older, abandoned dog. What a wonderful ending to an adoption effort on the part of GDHS, Inc. volunteers!



This is “**Chip**”. He is a “mama’s boy”, living in Windham. He loves the outdoors, and has incredible “leash manners” (GDHS, Inc. obedience class graduate!). He shares his “forever home” with another rescued lab named Jerry, and loving family members.

CAT FACTS: DID YOU KNOW?

- Cats have 24 whiskers—12 on each side
- A cat has 37 muscles in each ear
- At night, cats can see 6 times better than humans
- 60 million cats have NO HOMES—help us change that!

GDHS Presents: PET THERAPY: Part I: The Basics and the Benefits

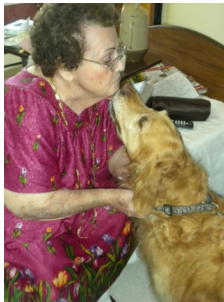
GDHS has been doing "Pet Therapy" with local nursing homes since 1987. Karen Bacon interviewed Jeff Payne (Anitech Dog Training, Hampstead, NH) and Carole Raco, who are in charge of GDHS, Inc. Pet Therapy Programs. Part I below discusses Pet Therapy basics, as explained by Carole.

1) What is the basic principle behind "pet therapy"?

Anyone who has ever had a pet knows of the tremendous love and acceptance pets bring—they do not care how we look or even how we behave - they love us unconditionally. For people who are in difficult life situations, pets can be of special benefit. Petting a dog, for instance, has been shown to lower blood pressure. Animals can often reach people when humans are unable to. Scientific research has shown that interaction with animals can significantly improve humans' physical and emotional health. Put as simply as possible, pets make people feel good and they help healing happen.

2) What animals make good candidates for pet therapy, both from a behavioral perspective, and from the perspective of interest from nursing home residents?

A dog's ability to empathize and to physically interact often helps emotionally-closed people by creating a safe relationship in which they can let their guard down. Sometimes, the presence of a dog can make the resident feel more like they are at home, and better able to relax. Donkeys are sometimes used as well, in programs that are very similar to equine programs. The gentle nature of donkeys, and their smaller stature, makes them less intimidating for children who may be easily scared by a horse. Although cats aren't as easy to include in programs (mainly because more people are allergic to them), some programs work very well in assisted living and nursing homes. Because cats are calmer, older people are often more comfortable with them than with dogs. Cats are also able to get physically closer to a patient (sitting in her lap, for example) than most dogs, and the closeness can provide added comfort and ease feelings of loneliness in older patients. Other small animals are often used as well; rabbits, birds, even fish. The smaller animals are great for older patients, or in group homes and other residential settings.



3) What are a few of the basics of evaluating, training, or preparing an animal for pet therapy?

We require a new volunteer along with their pet to attend an evaluation/temperament/therapy etiquette session, type class given by Jeff Payne of Anitech Dog Training. Although we don't require any special training or certification, we are looking for animals that naturally seek and enjoy human interaction/companionship. Please call or email us if interested in pursuing Pet Therapy with GDHS, Inc. volunteers.

4) Give some examples of how residents who are interested in meeting our animals respond when greeted by GDHS animals.

Often times the residents are waiting patiently for our visits. The immediate smiles spread across their faces as they spot us coming. They reach out, patting the animal, using "baby talk" to express their love. An animal visit can offer some comfort and distraction, as people often talk to the dogs, and share with them their thoughts and feelings and memories.

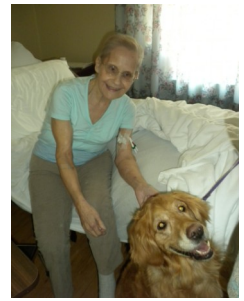
5) Do nurses or nursing assistants ever give feedback about the impact, psychologically, or even physically, of the visits on their residents? If so, what do they say?

The feedback that we are hearing about is how much the residents look forward to our visits, how they seem to "light up" knowing they are going to see their "favorite" visitor. It also seems that the staff is just as anxious to get a few kisses and furry pats from the many pets we have in our program.



6) In your opinion, is pet therapy something which many or most nursing homes should consider in helping the treatment of their patients? Have any other nursing homes besides the one GDHS visits, expressed an interest, that you know of?

I definitely feel that both nursing homes, adult daycares, and hospitals should consider bringing a pet therapy program to their facility. The animals can help people feel less lonely, and less depressed. Visits from animals can provide a welcome change from routine and the residents become more active and responsive during and after a pet visit.



DOG/CAT ALERT

The diagnosis of DIABETES in cats and dogs is rising faster in these animals than in humans. This high rate of diabetes in animals and humans stems in part from OBESITY (excessive thirst, urination and weight loss can be signs of the disease). Eat well, exercise - both yourselves and your animals. Take care of yourself and all pets.

The CATMOBILE is coming to Manchester, NH. This is a low-cost spay/neuter clinic on wheels. Call 978-465-1940, or contact them via: catmobile at mrfs.org (includes spay / neuter, physical exam, rabies shot, microchip/flea treatment) call and get your appointment.

Pet Naturals of Vermont has a product called "CALMING". Does your pet have separation anxiety, nervousness, pacing, fear of thunder and lightning, fireworks? "CALMING" has high-potency natural ingredients that are formulated for optimal results. Henry and Eleanor (2 of our valued volunteers) highly recommend it. "Calming" has also helped with aggression in some dogs. It does not "knock out" the animal - it merely makes them mellow.

ARE YOU READY FOR A MATURE RELATIONSHIP?

If you would like to avoid plucking kittens off the drapes, or walking your puppy at 3:00am, consider a pet with a few years on him/her. There are usually NO surprises with a mature pet - what you see is what you get.

Follow GDHS, Inc. on Facebook and Twitter (link on website). Follow HSUS on Twitter: twitter.com/humanesociety. Humane TV - download the Humane TV application for I-phone, I-pad, and Android to get the latest videos. Sign up for text alerts (Mobile Action Team for texts that allow you to make critical differences for animal rights - from your phone text Mag to 30644

GUINEA PIGS AS PETS

Do you know what "popcorning", "wheeking", "rumbletutting" mean? When Guinea Pigs are excited they kick up their heels and toss their heads like bucking broncos and race around (this is popcorning), combining a purring noise with a very obvious rear wobble shows dominance (rumblestrat), wheeking is a loud squeal signaling pleasure or a request for a treat-yes, guinea pigs express their needs and emotions-if you are going to have a pet, please learn care and enjoyment for/with them. Guinea pigs have a playful streak- bells, mirrors, and hay-stuffed, slitted bags are popular toys. Their habitat, diet, and social life play an IMPORTANT role in their physical and mental well-being. They need to feel comfortable and safe in order for their true personalities to blossom. Learn more: humanesociety.org/allanimals.

TIP: HappyCow.net is a website for travelers looking for good, wholesome (veggie) foods almost anywhere. Try it!

BECAUSE YOU CARE ~ABOUT ALL ANIMALS.....

Just call or visit VegKit.Org., where you can receive free recipes and information regarding the benefits of a vegetarian diet. Like our pets, farm animals are intelligent, lovable, and sensitive. Yet, the "Factory Farm" meat industry treats them as if they are "things" instead of living beings. To maximize profits, factory farms keep animals in severely confined and crowded conditions. They are often mutilated as "standard operating procedure". Do you want to help these animals? You CAN! Just eat LESS meat - or better yet, transition to a vegetarian diet. Did you know that each person who does so saves up to 2000 animals lives? Kicking the meat habit improves YOUR health (It is a FACT), and reduces global warming. Please request a free "veg" starter kit at www.VegKit.org-or 1-800-Meatout. Also, check out www.meatlessmonday.com and www.hfa.org (see who is doing what)!

Also, please tell the USDA (Department of Agriculture), and DOJ (Department of Justice) to MAKE FARMING FAIR! Just FOUR companies process more than 85% of beef cattle. Two companies sell 50% of corn seed, and one company controls 40% of the milk supply. This is a critical issue for ALL of us. Cheap, factory-farmed food, concentrated environmental pollution, and farmers who find themselves with few or no markets for their products is the result.. Please let the USDA and DOJ know you are concerned because you care about the lack of competition in our food system and the terrible effects of factory farming on animal and human welfare.

Here is an online action center: foodandwaterwatch.org/take-action/. REMEMBER: SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS AND BUY AT FARMERS MARKETS!

Humane Teachers

The Digital Frog, a product of FROG INTERNATIONAL, is a software program that combines full color photography, videos, 3 dimensional animations, and text to teach dissection, anatomy, and ecology. A workbook and assessment materials are also included. You learn to dissect WITHOUT harming frogs. THE DIGITAL FROG and many other alternatives are available through the Science Bank. Contact [animalearn](mailto:animalearn@animalearn.org) at 1-800SAYAAUS or info @Animalearn.org.

NEW DRUG- NEW HOPE

The Us Food and Drug Administration has approved the first new drug for canine congestive heart failure (CHF) in more than 10 years. VETMEDIN has been available in Europe for a number of years and has shown in a larger international study to nearly DOUBLE the life expectancy of dogs diagnosed with CHF. For more information, please go to: fda.gov/cvm/CVM_updates/heartfailureUp.htm

ANIMAL PLANET FEATURE: "MUST LOVE CATS"

Saturdays, 8:00 pm

The popular and helpful "Animal Planet" television series features this fantastic show about cats—offering helpful, interesting, and educational information about our feline friends. Don't miss out!

EAR INFECTIONS

New ear infection medicine for dogs, POSATEXOTIC suspension administered over a period of 7 consecutive days is proving to be effective, quicker and easier for canines and caregivers to use. If your dog has chronic ear infections PLEASE clean the pet's ears frequently (minimum twice weekly). If your dog swims or gets water in his/her ears, please dry the ears (towel or cotton ball will do). All natural cleansers are available, or even a little vinegar and water will do the job. Remember, do not leave the ear wet! Yogurt added to daily meals (yogurt with acidophilus) will help eliminate yeast infection-based ear problems. Be pro-active! Prevent those painful and harmful ear problems.

MOVIE: PROJECT NIM directed by James Marsh and starring NIM CHIMPSKY is a gem of a film. It raises compelling questions about humanity. See it and please e-mail us re: your reaction!

More Success Stories!



"Iggy Biggy" is a newly adopted, adorable Bull Dog who fits right in with his new family. Iggy's owners report that he's "busy all day", from stealing socks in the morning, to attending kids' sporting events in the afternoon, to watching the game on t.v. at night, growling of course, at the opposing team! Iggy's new family thanks GDHS for matching them to "Iggy", and GDHS is very thankful for such a wonderful new home!

"Faith" is doing soooo well! She has fit right in to her multi-cat household (Faith makes 3) She likes to play with the humans in the family; adores looking out the windows and ALL the attention. This is the Lombardi family on Lawrence Rd.-they encouraged and taught their children about respect, care and love of animals--now that both are married they are rescuing (mostly cats) --Faith hit the jackpot with this family!



Inspiration: "Can-Do" and the spirit of Pets with Disabilities

Many pets with disabilities show extraordinary strength of character, and a positive attitude that is truly inspirational. One such example is a Jack Russell Terrier named "Can-Do" by his loving Colorado family. "Can-Do" was born without front legs—an extremely rare birth defect. Although it was recommended that he be euthanized, his adoptive family wouldn't think of it—and the life force that he has brought to their home is incredible. "Can-Do" races around on specially crafted wheels for front legs, and shows no sign of self-pity. To see his inspirational video, visit <http://www.dogwork.com/kan6/>. Can-Do's story is a testament to how another species can show us the power of love and commitment to making the best of what life brings.

CATNIP OIL REPELS BLOODSUCKING FLIES

CATNIP HAS PROVEN 99% EFFECTIVE IN REPELLING THE BLOOD-SUCKING FLIES THAT ATTACK HORSES AND COWS (ACS Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry). Not only do these flies inflict painful bites, they also transmit multiple diseases—some that can be fatal. Catnip oil is already known to repel house flies, mosquitoes, cockroaches, and other insects.

Pfizer has stopped production of PROMERIS FLEA AND TICK PREVENTION. There have been many adverse reactions in canines to this application, the most common being spontaneously occurring auto-immune skin disease, which typically appears as lesions on the face, nose and ears Please consult your vet about medications--topical or otherwise.

The Chinese government has issued a total ban on animals in the circus. This forces zoos to stop selling animal parts in shops, and zoo restaurants from serving dishes made from rare animals. Zoos can no longer pull the teeth of baby tigers so that tourists can hold them for thrills and photo-taking. Attractions where live chickens, goats, cows and horses will no longer be sold to visitors so that they can watch them be torn apart (while alive) by the big cats. **Thank-you, Chinese government!**

Despite claims to the contrary, Ringling Bros. still uses ropes, bill-hooks, electric shock prods, and chains to force baby elephants to do tricks. Please go to <http://www.Peta.org/issues/animals-in-entertainment>. Go to circuses who do not use any animals in their acts. They are good, fun, and do not brutalize animals.

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KINDNESS IS ALWAYS FIRST CLASS

MONTHLY MEETINGS: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Marion Gerrish Community Center 39 W. Broadway, Derry, NH

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GDHS Animals for Adoption!



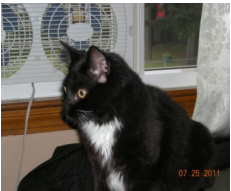
**Spencer—Young Male
Tabby**



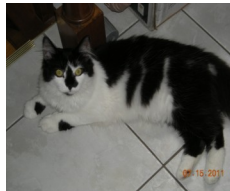
**Sadie—Young Female
Long-Hair**



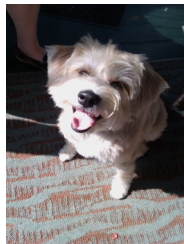
**Ivory—Adult Female
Short-Hair**



**Helios—Young Male
Medium Hair**



**Hera—Young Female
Medium Hair**



**Bella—Young Female
Terrier**



**Kenni—Young Male Border
Collie/Husky Mix**



**Hampton—Adult Male
Tiger Cat**



**Dixie—Young Male
Dachshund Mix**

GDHS Programs

- Education Programs for groups, classrooms, senior centers, community groups.
- Pet Therapy volunteers visiting nursing homes with your pets.
- Obedience Lessons: New Classes Every Six Weeks
- Foster Homes for Animals....We Need You!
- Low-Cost Spay/Neuter (options and information)
- General Animal Information: Call, we'll get an answer for you!
- Adoption Days: Listed on our website every month

OUR WISH LIST

FOSTER HOMES!

VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL PROGRAMS!

CAT LITTER AND DRY CAT FOOD

CAT LOVERS TO ASSIST OUR VOLUNTEERS WITH OUR RESCUE PROGRAM

FRIENDS OF GDHS, INC.

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- The Tractor Store, Derry
- Gail at PawFection—Groomer Extraordinaire, Hudson