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Critters Lives Are Worth Saving

Windswept Ranch - Animal Education at its BEST!

A Nonprofit organization windsweptranch @ gmail.com by Diana Frieling

I have come to believe that the very best things in life are the surprises it tosses you along the way. I'm not talking about gifts and flowers. I am talking about the surprises that reset and define life.

For me, Windswept Ranch was such a surprise. It was never a thought, a dream, an imagining. It came as a big surprise.



I lived at the beach for years working as a fashion designer in Los Angeles. I took a drive one day, just to get away and ended up in a small town in Ventura County called Oak View. There in the road in front of me was a momma duck with three little ducklings. I stopped and watched them cross, transfixed, and then I drove

straight to a real estate office. Those ducks and my reaction to them was the surprise that moved me from a 25' x 75' lot on the beach to the country. Those ducks were the surprise that moved me to Windswept.

About

Windswept is an exotic animal ranch with reindeer, camels, zebra, buffalo, yak, emu, guanaco and lots of sheep and goats. We do tours by appointment only.

Going from a harried lifestyle to country living was a major change. I found that out when I picked up two horses from the Humane Society. You don't rush trust in animals. It is learned with patience. And the horses taught me patience. And they taught me to slow down and enjoy life. Another surprise.

I realized I wanted more, and more, until I arrived at the place I



am today in the middle of nowhere with 100 animals, about 1/3 from bad circumstances. There are zebra,

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At the “**Santa Clarita Animal Urgent Care and Wellness Center**” and the “**Smith Veterinary Hospital**”, our Passion is to provide the Absolute Best Compassionate Care for your Pets.

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At **Smith Veterinary Hospital**, we are proud to be able to serve the Antelope Valley and our surrounding communities to give your pet the best care that they deserve!

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The **Santa Clarita Animal Urgent Care & Wellness Center** is proud to serve the Canyon Country, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley and its surrounding areas. We are an “**After Hours Hospital**” dedicated to providing the highest level of veterinary medicine along with friendly, compassionate service 7 Days a Week.

In case of a Pet Emergency, look no further than the Santa Clarita Animal Urgent Care & Wellness Center. We understand how stressful emergencies with your pets can be. That is why it is our goal to help you through these difficult times. We will do everything we can to make You and your Pets life better.

We also believe in treating every patient as if they were our own pet and giving them the same loving attention and care. We are staffed with highly trained, professionally skilled and experienced animal lovers who are devoted to giving our patients the absolute best care possible.

We will be Publishing a Monthly Proactive Pet Care article here and “This Months Focus” is on “Outdoor Ground Temperatures and your Pets Paws”

We all too often see Pets out on Walks during High Temperatures with Ground Temperatures exceeding Pets Comfort and Safety Levels causing Paw burning and blistering.

Something to think about before taking a Pet out on a Walk or letting them out to Pottie Unsupervised:

There is a simple test in which you can do to check whether the pavement is too hot for your pet's paws by doing a “5-7-second test”. Simply touch the pavement with the back of your hand for 5-7 seconds or if the ground is too hot for you to walk on Barefoot then it's likely too hot for your pet and can cause harm to their Paw Pads.

If your Pet does encounter a burn injury, consult your Veterinary Hospital as soon as possible for advice on Proper Treatment to avoid Infections and help them Heal faster.

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Why Everyone Should Know About TNR

by Shelly Quinn

In case you hadn't heard, it's "kitten season!" What might initially sound delightfully adorable is actually a huge crisis every shelter and rescue is scrambling to deal with right now. It's during this time that a massive influx of kittens are born outside. For Southern California, kitten season is pretty much all year round but especially difficult to manage from Spring to Late Summer or Early Autumn.

If you've recently spotted a pregnant queen or found a litter and tried to find someone to take them in, you already know that everyone - shelters, rescues, foster volunteers - is currently beyond maximum capacity. Sadly, there is just nowhere for many of these easily savable kittens to go. So, now that we know about the problem, what can we do?

Adoption and fostering are excellent ways to help but, only if you're ready for the commitment and there are just so many you can take in yourself before it becomes inhumane and out of control. So let's start at the source. Trap. Neuter. Return. or TNR is the process of humanely trapping feral, stray and community cats in order to sterilize (spay or neuter) them to help curb overpopulation. Once they have been vetted and their recovery briefly monitored, they are released back into their original environment.

So, how does it work? Well, there are many organizations, large to small, throughout the country who regularly

perform TNR in all types of neighborhoods and communities. A quick Google search can help you locate a group in your area. Some will charge a fee to come and trap around your home for you or let you rent traps but most will be happy to train you on how to properly trap and lend you equipment.

The training is very useful and not at all difficult or too time-consuming. A reputable and experienced rescue like Forgotten Angels Cat Rescue based in Palmdale will make sure you have all the information, supplies and support you need

to begin a successful TNR project. They can also help connect you with free (that's right, no cost to you) spay/neuter clinics in the Antelope Valley.

Kittens and some adult cats can be adopted out after they have been properly socialized and vetted. It's a great idea to be prepared to foster, if you can, or enlist the help of a friend or family member who may be able to help any friendly felines you may come across.

TNR not only helps get the most vulnerable the aid they need but is also beneficial in disease prevention and assuaging aggressive behaviors. Your newly neutered neighbors will be happier and healthier for it.

If you are unable to get involved with doing TNR, please consider donating to a charity that does. Even a small act of donating a couple dollars toward TNR



PUBLISHER'S NOTES:

Greetings,

We are now approved as a 501 © 3 Mutual Benefit Corporation. We worked very hard to establish our non-profit so we can serve the animal loving community at the best possible levels. All Creatures Network, Inc. will be working with local animal clinics and pet shops. One goal is to build a museum for animals who lives were sacrificed in service.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our writers for their support and diligence in providing articles to fill these pages with information necessary for the welfare and care of our furry friends.

This is our fifth issue and we are finally getting calls asking where to get copies. While that is a normal expectation, print media has taken a negative hit in the last 25 years or so.

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The Animal Education at Windswept Ranch, 11354 115th St. W. Rosamond, CA 93560, is looking for volunteers. Volunteers MUST be 16 years old (13 with an adult or parent). For details, contact: windsweptranch@gmail.com, or leave a message on Windswept Ranch's Facebook or Instagram pages or call (661)972.1901

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RainbowBridge *

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.

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KIDZ STUFF Contests

We have 2 contests on this page for our younger animal lovers and their families.

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For our kids aged 3 through 12, we have the coloring contest. Ask an adult to help cut out the picture on the right and color it with either crayons or colored pencils. Don't use colored ink because it can bleed through whatever is under the picture.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PET

Tell us, in 250 words or less (must be your own and not written by someone else), about your favorite pet. It can be a current pet, one that is no longer alive, or if you do not have a pet, what is your idea of the perfect pet. If you have a picture, send it.

We must be able to read your entry, so either hand-write on white paper with lines or type double spaced. After you finish, write your name, and phone number on a postcard with your birth date and send in a #10 envelope to:

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Winners will be notified and their work shown in the next issue. Actual prizes will be announced in that issue.

How Can You Prevent Dog Bites?

Each year, 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs in this country. Most of them are children. There are a number of things that you can do to avoid dog bites, ranging from properly training and socializing your pet to educating your children on how, or if, they should approach a dog. The AVMA has many resources, including brochures, videos, and podcasts. Learn more at: [www .avma.org/dogbiteprevention](http://www.avma.org/dogbiteprevention)

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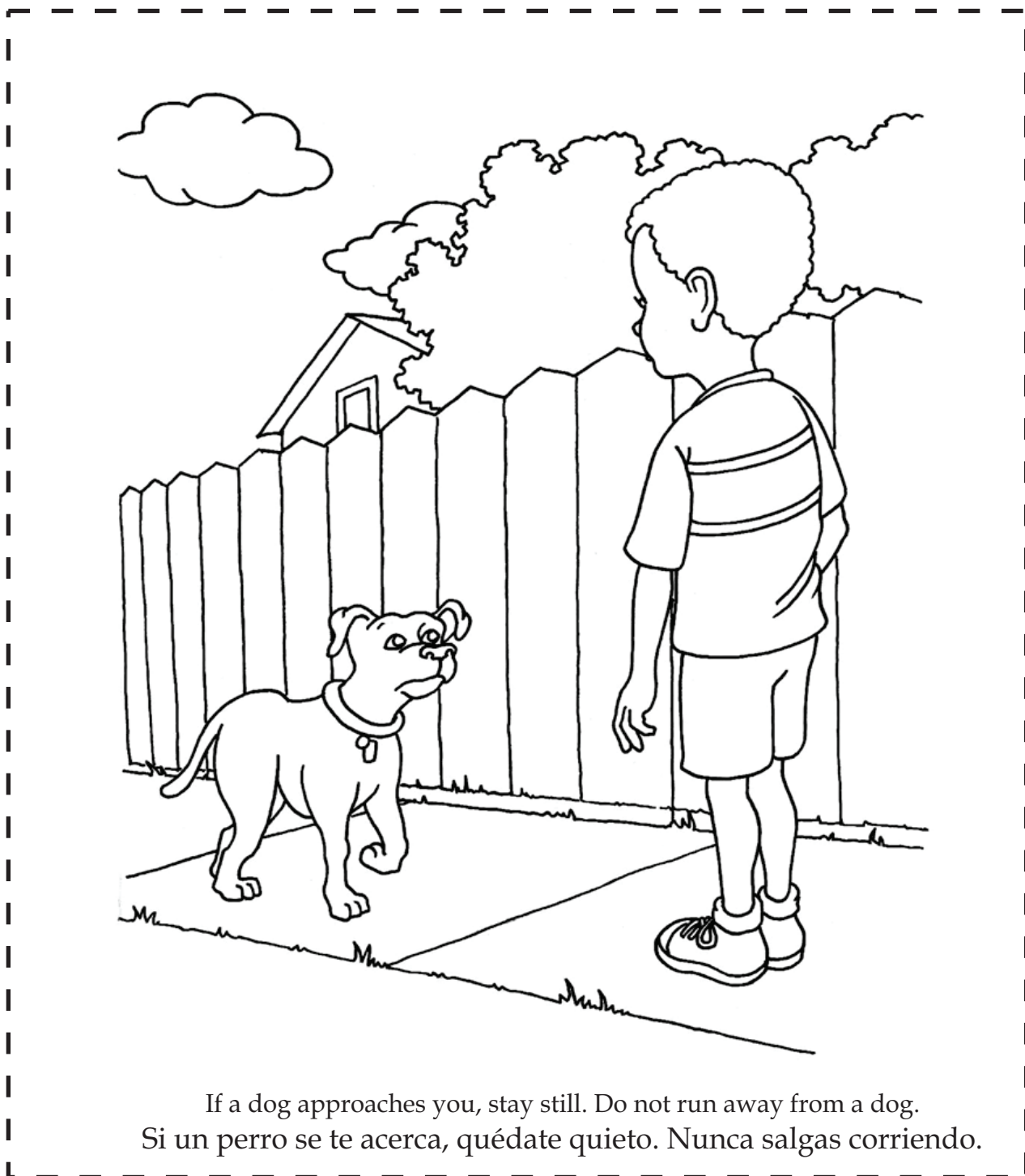
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Do you have an idea for an article or other contest you'd like to see on your KIDZ STUFF page? Our email address is [clawsmag @ roadrunner. com](mailto:clawsmag@roadrunner.com), KIDZ STUFF in the subject line will get your letter to the right editor. Write soon and remember,

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Windswept Ranch - Animal Education at its BEST!

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camels, reindeer, bison.....And that is when a friend delivered another big surprise: It was selfish of me to have all these amazing critters and not share!

That was the beginning of what is Windswept Ranch today. I have been so blessed to share my animals in so many ways. I have watched a child take her first steps after multiple surgeries with one of my lambs by her side. I have shared a last wish with a Make a Wish child who wanted to help Santa train reindeer. I have seen a busload of hearing impaired children hand feed deer that had never let me near, and watched a blind girl do "Braille" on my reindeer, memorizing everything about him. I have seen miracles and



come to know that each encounter with these amazing beings makes us better.

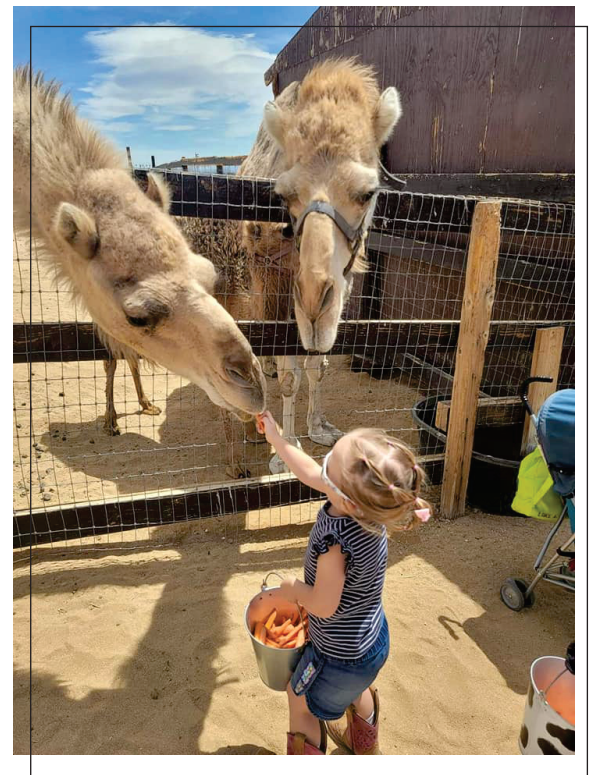
And it should come as no surprise that each Saturday when the ranch opens for tours, I watch as people get close to animals they may have never seen or touched, getting kissed by camels, feeling the texture of zebra stripes, touching a bison..... And, I have seen them touched by these animals.

There are always surprises for visitors, whether volunteering or touring. I still remember the first day two volunteers started helping at the ranch. The yak escaped and we all spent the day rounding up six wild yak. Or the time an alpaca went into labor and needed help. Two visitors jumped in to help make a temporary stall for the momma while I helped with the birth and moved her to her new accommodations. surprises for us everyone involved.

Windswept Ranch

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I can't promise everyone will get to help with a live birth or a yak roundup, but I can promise you will be surprised by the amazing animals here at Windswept Ranch. We are open Saturdays, April - October from 10 - 4.




How to Contact Us
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Photo Contest & Essay Contest



CLAWS Photo Contest will accept your pet photos throughout the year. PLEASE NO IDENTIFIABLE PEOPLE ... Our goal is to build an annual calendar to raise funds for low income families and their pets medical care. Winners pets will be featured and receive special discounts to be determined throughout the year. CLAWS Monthly Essay of 500 words or less can cover any RESCUE pet & family related uplifting occurrences. Photos and Essays are due on the 15th of each month and MUST INCLUDE your name, age (for children) address & phone number. We will call to verify your entry...

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PROSPECTUS: Military & Civil Service Animal Memorial Hereafter referred to as "**McSAM**"



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OUR GOAL:

To create a physical memorial, located in Lancaster, CA, honoring those animals so recognized and to make that physical memorial portable to be available for tour to locations where those animals and their heroic efforts were demonstrated.

We are currently preparing the forms and application for the establishment of a 501C3 non-profit service and educational organization.

INFORMATION ABOUT MILITARY & CIVIL SERVICE ANIMALS

The American, Allied forces and civil service workers enlisted many millions of animals to serve and often die alongside their soldiers and rescue workers. These animals were chosen for a variety of their natural instincts and vast numbers were killed, often suffering agonizing deaths from wounds, starvation, thirst, exhaustion, disease and exposure.

For more information, John Henderson
e-mail: up2data @ roadrunner.com

PURPOSE:

To establish a national memorial honoring service horses, dogs and birds that have contributed to the military, law enforcement and civil service sectors of service to humankind.

OUR FOCUS:

To develop a database that will serve to honor the heroic efforts of service animals in all sectors including military, law enforcement and civil service to include horses, dogs and birds as they provided transportation (equine), assistance in search and rescue (canine), and in communication (homing pigeons).

The following databases will include textual and photographic records (when available) that will chronicle the events that surround the efforts of those animals and their stories.

A Lil' Wag O' Wisdom

- * Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant. **Unknown**
- * Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies. **Gene Hill**
- * In dog years, I'm dead. **Unknown**
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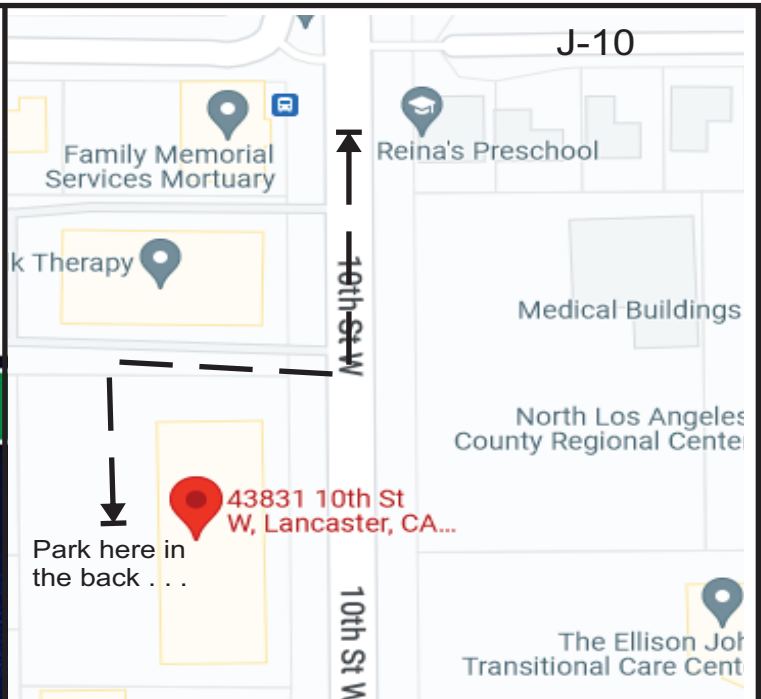


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August 6 | Fresh Breath Day

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August 14 | World Lizard Day

August 15 | National Check the Chip Day

August 16 | Saint Roch's Day (patron saint of dogs)

August 17 | National Black Cat Appreciation Day

August 17 | International Non-Profit Day

August 20 | International Homeless Animals' Day

August 22 | National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day

August 23 | Blind Dog Day

August 26 | National Dog Day

August 28 | Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day

August 30 | National Holistic Pet Day

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Desert Equine Hospital Inc

42636 Sixth St E,
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661 948 1113

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A Passion for Paws Akita Rescue, Inc.
apassionforpaws.org/

Aussie Rescue of Southern Calif Inc.
aussierescuesocal.com/

A Pet Rescue Kennels, Inc.
petfinder.com/shelters/CA913.html

Basset Hound Rescue of S. Calif
bassethoundrescue.org

California Miniature Schnauzer Rescue (CMSR) schnauzers.us

California City Animal Control
californiacity-ca.gov/CC/index.php/animal-control

CA Animal Rescue & Education Sanctuary (C.A.R.E.S)
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Our Personal Rescues and Fosters

by John & Karen Henderson



A: Snobal - White Spitz & Samoyed mix recovered in 1984 from Ridgecrest, CA (Kern County Animal Shelter)

B: Snobal - left home in 1985 to "SOW WILD OATS!" When she came home, she was followed by a rust, grey and brown timber wolf! and 2 months later, she whelped 11 puppies! Nine lived. We kept Moby, the largest of her brood.

"Rusty" stayed around and wouldn't let anyone near her but me (John), and promptly left when she was done. I had to play "mid wife" because the pups were too big for the birth canal.

When we moved to Palmdale in 1986, our time was spent raising our 4 kids and these 2 precious dogs. Snobal developed a mast in her neck and we turned her over to a vet who lived in Northridge rather than euthanasia. In Jan, 1994, the Northridge area suffered a 6.7 earthquake at 4:30 am. Snobal started to bark, woke the family as she jumped on their bed just before the quake hit. They jumped out of the bed as the ceiling fell in killing Snobal!

We moved to Lancaster, CA to manage a group of homes and as we started cleaning out the gang bangers and drug dealers, someone threw mothballs into our yard and Moby took them for treats, ate them and we found him dead on the front lawn the next morning.

C: We've been a family of rescues since ~ forever! Annie was found in Palmdale by our middle son Kevin and his friend, Saunders. We don't know all the details (they wouldn't tell us). Something about bikers getting her high. Could never verify, but they brought her to us in Aug 1991. They think she was born 1989 but we had her until she died in 2008!

We met Dr. Bosma in 1987 and he and staff took care of her and her dental health from the beginning. We believe her 20 years of health was due to her dental hygiene...

D: Maggie came to us shortly after Annie went home. Dr Bosma brought Maggie over as a foster. We fell in love with her. She seemed to look up at us to say, **(E)** "HEY, You Lookin' at ME???" Her first snow was in 2011 **(F)**. She got sick and died of liver failure in Nov, 2015.

G: Riki #1 came to us in 2016 from Cloud 2 Ground Rescue and we fell in love with him instantly! His personality was so powerful and magnetic that he just quickly adopted us! After research, we found out he was a Jagd Terrier. We had him for 4 years and, in 2020, he found a box of Carmel popcorn, ate the ENTIRE BOX! When we got home from the drs appointment, he was incoherent and drooling. We took him to NVVC ER. Dr bosma thought he was in a diabetic crisis but he eventually died from pancreatitis.

H: Winnie was a miniature Spanish Greyhound entirely too nervous for seniors. as well as **(I)** - Riki #2. A 18 wk old Chi-pug more like a teenager on 8 cups of caffeine!!! Needless to say, we had to surrender him or die trying to keep up!

J: Our latest bundle of energy, is - YEP - another Riki. OK, we have a harness with RIKI and our phone #! He is an energetic and recovering from abuse, but worth the time. HE IS PRECIOUS! As well as a pain in the #@&% . But that's what fostering is all about!

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."
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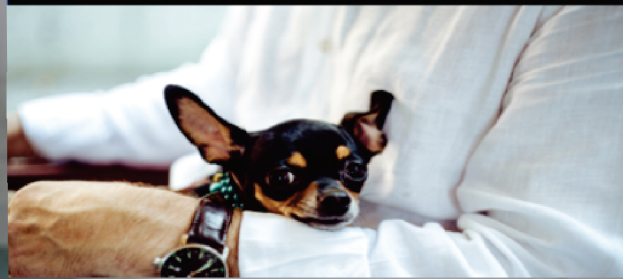


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