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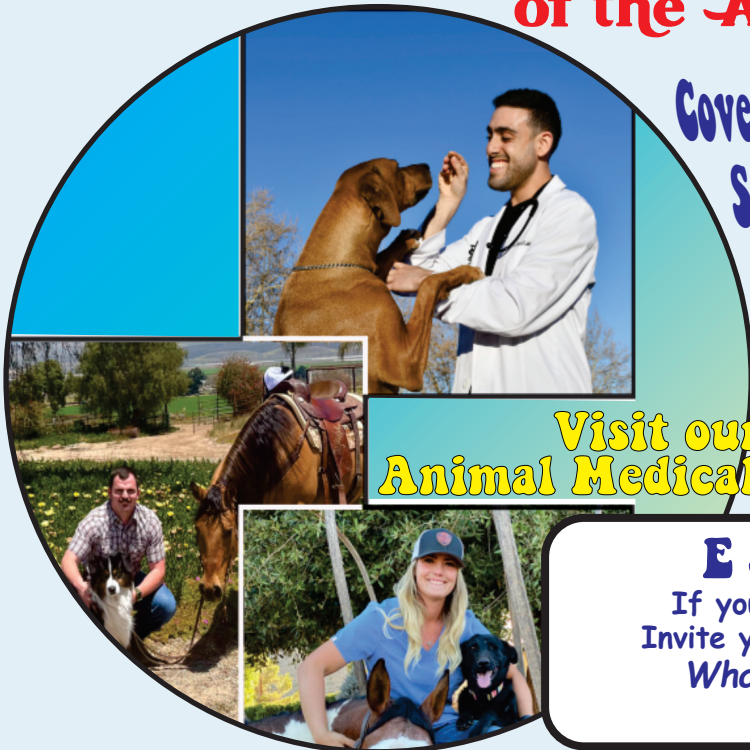
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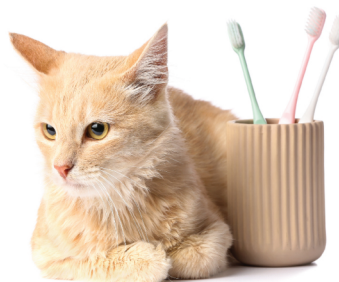
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BE A FRIEND - PLAY!

Dogs, of course, love to play. Set aside time each day for play sessions. Apart from the obvious benefit of having fun together, play also provides an outlet for your dog's energy.

GO ON WALKS

Take your dog on frequent walks. He will enjoy exploring the neighborhood and will benefit from the exercise. Make sure that you have a good strong leash and that you maintain control of the dog at all times.

TALK TO YOUR DOG

Your dog won't understand your words, but he will enjoy the sound of your voice. Talking to your dog will make him feel involved. You can also use different voice levels to praise or correct your dog's behavior.

GIVE TREATS

Your dog will always appreciate a treat, and treats can be used as a supplement to his regular diet, as well as an excellent training aid.

SWITCH OUT TOYS

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“What does my dog/cat mean to me?”

Prizes will be gift certificates to our advertisers and will be announced in next issue

1. Is this a scholarship?

No. This is an contest with a set of rules and cash prizes.

2. When will the 2024 contest dates be announced?

The dates are usually announced in the current issue of Claws Magazine for the following issue.

3. What are the contest rules and requirements for my entry?

The rules and requirements for each contest may vary from year to year and the theme will be announced. The theme for the March/April issue is “What does my dog/cat mean to me?” Each entry must be no longer than 250 words and must have your name, birth date, phone number and address on the top of every page.

4. When can I send in my entry?

Entries are accepted only between the

contest opening and closing dates. Your entries must be postmarked by 5pm on the 20th of April 2024.

5. Where do I send my entry?

Your typed entry must be on white paper double spaced in Times Roman or Book Antiqua font submitted to:

**All Creatures Media ESSAY
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6. If you have a question about the contest, email it to us . . .

Questions about the theme “What does my dog/cat mean to me?” must be emailed to: **clawsmag@roadrunner.com** with “ESSAY ENTRY” in the subject line and your name, address and birth date in the body of the email before your question.

Questions You Can Answer In Your Essay . . .

- a) How old were when you got your first pet?
- b) What was your first pet?
- c) Was your pet a rescue or from a pet store?
- d) Who named your first pet and what was their favorite toy?
- e) What’s the difference between a rescue and a pet store pet?
- f) Did your pet ever have babies, if so, tell about the experience.
- g) Did you have a pet that died, share the experience.

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In Defense of Feral Cats . . .

I understand the objections to community cats but most of the problems occur because a colony has not been controlled. For more than 10,000 years, cats have lived among humans sharing the environment with birds and wildlife. One of the common misconceptions about community cats is that removing (killing) them is the only way to control colonies.

* If cats are removed from their outdoor home, it creates a territorial opening – or vacuum – that will not remain empty.

* According to one scientific journal article, "...the presence of feral cats in a place indicates an ecological niche for approximately that number of cats." (Zaunbrecher) Each time cats are removed, the population will rebound to

fill that niche.

* Removing cats from an area may cause a temporary decrease in the cat population, but more cats WILL take their place – and it won't take long.

* This phenomenon is known in conservation studies as the Vacuum Effect. The Vacuum Effect has been observed in many species, not just cats.

* Catching and removing (or killing) cats is therefore futile. It is an expensive, deadly cycle which yields no long-term benefits.

* Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the only way to stabilize cat populations. It is the humane, effective approach to community cats and is sound public policy.

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In 2020, we opened the Santa Clarita Animal Urgent Care to help meet these needs as an AFTER HOURS Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Hospital.

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Our Staff: As a collective, our Veterinarian team has over 75 years of experience in all areas of Veterinary Primary and Emergency Care, Endoscopy, Surgery and additionally Orthopedic Surgery with Rehabilitation Therapy. Having a collective of Veterinarians offers our Patients the very best in care with a collaborative knowledge that extends far beyond the basic necessities of Veterinary Health Care.

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March & April Pet Holidays and Veterinary Awareness Days

March Awareness Months

Poison Prevention Awareness Month

March Awareness Weeks

March 6-12 | Professional Pet Sitters Week

March 20-26 | National Poison Prevention Week

March Holidays and Awareness Days

March 1 | National Pig Day

March 3 | If Pets Had Thumbs Day

March 13 | K-9 Veterans Day

March 14 | UK Dog Theft Awareness Day

March 23 | National Puppy Day

March 23 | Cuddly Kitten Day

March 28 | Respect Your Cat Day

March 30 | Take a Walk in the Park Day

April Awareness Months

National Heartworm Awareness Month

National Pet First Aid Awareness Month

Prevent Lyme Disease in Dogs Month

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month

Canine Fitness Month

National Adopt a Greyhound Month

April Awareness Weeks

April 3-9 | International Pooper Scooper Week

April 10-16 | Animal Care and Control Appreciation

Week (second full week in April)

April 10-16 | National Dog Bite Prevention Week (second full week in April)

April 17-23 | Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week (third week in April)

April 17-23 | National Pet ID Week (third week in April)

April 24-30 | Veterinary Receptionist Week

April 24-30 | National Scoop the Poop Week

April Holidays and Awareness Days

April 2 | National Ferret Day

April 3 | Every Day is Tag Day (first Saturday in April)

April 4 | World Stray Animal Day

April 4 | World Rat Day

April 6 | National Siamese Cat Day

April 8 | National Dog Fighting Awareness Day

April 10 | National Hug Your Dog Day

April 11 | National Pet Day

April 11 | Celebrate Shelter Pets Day

April 11 | Dog Therapy Appreciation Day

April 19 | Pet Owners Day

April 19 | National Cat Lady Day

April 21 | Bulldogs are Beautiful Day

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- 1) Search for Professional Pet Sitters at the National Assn. for Professional Pet Sitters (www.petsitters.org) and Pet Sitters International (www.petsit.com) websites;
- 2) Ask for referrals from your Veterinarian, Groomer, Trainer, family and friends;
- 3) Discuss your pet care needs in detail with your prospective pet sitter, be honest about your pets' behavior, health and special needs;
- 4) Get a written quote and agree to a price (and terms) BEFORE you leave on your trip;
- 5) Ask for proof (and copies) of Business License, Insurance and Bond! Also find out WHO will be coming to your home to provide the pet-care service. Check references;
- 6) Schedule the Meet and Greet with the Pet Care provider (the person who will

- actually be performing the pet-care visits);
- 7) Make sure the pet-sitter has a PLAN B in the unlikely event they are unable to perform their duties and on the schedule, you've agreed to...know what their course of action is for Plan B and WHO will be in your home if it's not the person you hired;
- 8) Leave well written, last-minute notes in a visible location and a clean work-space;
- 9) Ensure your pet-sitter is prepared to text or email you daily or per-visit updates with photos of how your pets are doing in your absence;
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Aussie Rescue of Southern Calif Inc. aussierescuesocal.com/

Basset Hound Rescue of S. Calif bassethoundrescue.org

California Miniature Schnauzer Rescue (CMSR) schnauzers.us

CA Animal Rescue & Education Sanctuary (C.A.R.E.S) www.facebook.com/groups/1517407391890058/

Community Effort Animal Rescue (C.E.A.R.) (Former: AV Dog & Cat Rescue) www.communityeffortanimalrescue.com

Dachshund Rescue & Placement www.doxiekeeper.net/

Doggy Smiles Rescue www.calcitypd.org/Animal-Control.html

Forgotten Angels Cat Rescue, Inc www.forgottenangelsrescue.org/

Frank and Lucy Project frankgandolfo62@gmail.com

French Bulldog Village Rescue www.frenchbulldogvillage.org/

GreySave Greyhound Adoptions www.greysave.org/

Halfway to Home www.halfwaytohome.net/

High Desert Angels for Animals www.highdesertangelsforanimals.com

The Homestretch Greyhound Rescue Adoption houndsavers.org/

Lange Foundation www.langefoundation.org

L.A. County Animal Care & Control: www.Lancasteranimalcare.lacounty.gov/

Kit's Pawprints Dog Rescue PawprintsDogRescue@gmail.com

Ruff Patches www.ruffpatches.org/

SecondHand Animals www.facebook.com/groups/LPSecondHandAnimals/

Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue www.sclrr.org/

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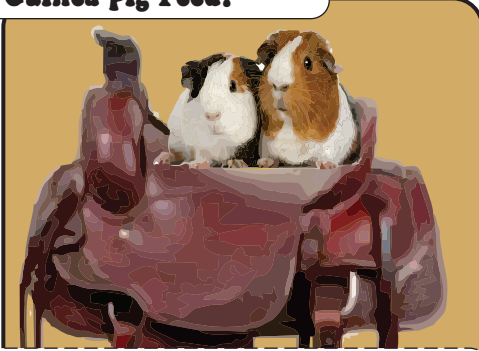
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In Defense of Feral Cats . . .

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Through TNR, community cats are humanely trapped, altered, vaccinated, ear tipped for identification, and returned to their outdoor homes where they not only continue to lead full, healthy lives, but they provide a natural solution to rodent and pest control. According to a recent Harris Interactive poll, 84 percent of Americans prefer that their communities use tax dollars to adopt sterilization as its cat control policy instead of bringing cats found outdoors into shelters to be killed. And that is true even when they are unaware of the Vacuum Effect. People simply believe, correctly, that cats have intrinsic value to their lives and do not want them to suffer and be killed.



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PUPPY'S RULE OF TWELVE from ASPCA

A puppy is most willing to try new things before she reaches the age of five (5) months. The Puppy's Rule of Twelve is a handy guideline for puppy owners to ensure that a puppy is exposed to a variety of things during this critical time-period. It is very important to ensure all experiences are positive - so be ready to reward your puppy with lots of super, yummy treats and praise. If your puppy is scared or frightened of something slow down, decrease distance or intensity and reassure her.

By the time your puppy is five (5) months old, your puppy should have:

EXPERIENCED TWELVE (12) different surfaces - Wood, woodchips, grass, asphalt/cement, tile, wet grass, rocks, gravel, dirt, mud, puddles, grates, uneven surfaces, metal, on a table, on a chair, etc.

PLAYED with twelve (12) different objects - Fuzzy toys, hard toys, big & small balls, funny sounding toys, wooden items, paper/cardboard items, milk jugs, metal items, etc.

EXPERIENCED TWELVE (12) different locations - Front yard, other people's homes, lake, pond, river, boat, elevator, stairs, car, moving car, veterinarian (just to say "hi" & get lots of treats - no vaccinations), kennel, grooming salon (just to say "hi" & to get lots of treats - no grooming), etc.

MET & PLAYED with twelve (12) different people (outside of the family) - Include children, adult men, adult women, elderly adults, people in wheelchairs, people on crutches, people with hats, people with sunglasses, etc.

EXPOSED to twelve (12) different noises - Garage door opening, doorbell, sirens, children playing, babies crying, loud/big trucks, motorcycles, laundry machines, skateboards, shopping carts rolling, motorboats, clapping, loud singing, vacuums, lawnmowers, pan dropping, etc.

It is very important to observe your puppy's body language during this exercise to ensure she is not frightened or uncomfortable. Reduce the distance to the object or the level of the noise until she is comfortable and reward her with lots of super, yummy treats and praise. See Canine Body Language tip sheet for more information on body language.

EXPOSED to twelve (12) fast moving objects (don't allow to chase) - Skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, cars, trucks, boats, people/children running, cats, wild critters, scooters, vacuums, horses running, etc.

EXPERIENCED twelve (12) different challenges - Climbing stairs, climbing off/in/around a box, going through a tunnel, climb over obstacles, going in & out of doorways, walking on a wobbly table, play hide-n-seek, jump over something, getting a bath, etc.

HANDLED by owner & family members twelve (12) times a week - Hold under arm, hold to chest, hold on floor near owner, hold in-between owner's legs, hold head, look in ears, hold paws, hold and take temperature (with veterinarian's assistance), hold like a baby, hold & trim toenails (with veterinarian's assistance), hold in lap, look in mouth, etc.

EATEN from twelve (12) different containers - Wobbly bowl, metal, cardboard, paper, coffee cup, pie plate, plastic, frying pan, KONG, dog-safe puzzle toy, spoon fed, etc.

EATEN in twelve (12) different locations - Back yard, front yard, crate, kitchen, basement, bedroom, laundry room, friend's house, car, school, bathtub, up high (supervised), under an object, etc.

PLAYED with as many puppies and safe adult dogs as possible.

LEFT ALONE safely, away from family and other animals twelve (12) times a week for a period of 5 to 45 minutes.

Start with a short time period and gradually increase the amount time your puppy is alone. See Crate Training tip sheet for more information.

EXPERIENCED a leash and collar twelve (12) different times in twelve (12) different locations.



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We have been publishing Claws Magazine since August 2021. I've been in marketing and publishing for the better part of 45 years. As much as I love this business, I love animals more!

I have fostered and/or rescued 50 dogs in my 74 years and I don't know what I would be without a precious dog as a companion. Lucky for me, my precious wife of 42 years feels the same.

All Creatures is a labor of LOVE and I will continue proclaiming my love for dogs until they plant me! If you have a passion for fur babies, please make a donation to help continue this endeavor. We are looking for **500 animal lovers to donate \$100 or more** each so we can fulfill our promise to you.

PLEASE HELP!



All Creatures Network Inc,
A CALIFORNIA PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

The name and contact in the State of California of this corporation's CEO & President is: John Henderson, Ph. 661-341-4252, Email: clawsmag @ roadrunner.com

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

1. To publish a pet lovers journal and resource guide;
2. Establish a Military, Civil Service Animal Memorial;
3. To provide financial assistance in the form of grants to families and individuals unable to pay for veterinary services for their pets, and
4. To Establish Antelope Valley Animal Care Coalition.

 **All Creatures Network Inc.** **Mission Statement**
The mission of All Creatures Network is to eliminate pet overpopulation, ensure good care and protect pet companions, and provide referral and financial support for economically-challenged pet guardians.

All Creatures Directed PetCare Services  **TO VISIT WEB**



Our focus for 2024 is to raise funds to help low income families with pet care which can include medical, food, shelter as well as transportation to local clinics. Sometime pet parents need to get away or need care while recovering from illness or accidents so we may even be able to find boarding in the short term for those cases.

All circumstances are different and each occurrence will be handled on an individual basis. Applications will be available and credit checks preformed to determine the amount of help needed.

Rarely will we be able to provide 100% care so a portion will come from the pet parents or other source.

There are several resources that provide the same services and each will have their own priorities and may or may not be able to help.

We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate this part of All Creatures Network. Please call if you are called to participate.

Welcome to All Creatures Network, Inc. (contd from page 14)

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

Are you a retired military service or law enforcement person? Have you been a K9 Handler? Please volunteer to help build this memorial!

Project Paws Alive

Our interest in this - Project Paws Alive; a nationwide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (info@ppak9.org) - is to support their efforts. Visit their web at - https://www.ppak9.org. They rely solely on donations and sponsors to provide lifesaving K9 equipment such as bullet & stab-proof vests, first aid kits, vehicle heat alarms, cooling vests, and pet oxygen mask kits to Law Enforcement, Fire, Search & Rescue, EMS, and Military nationwide.

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Ten Tips for Keeping your Children SAFE when you have pets . . .

Ten Tips for Keeping Your Children Safe When You Have Pets To experienced dog owners or parents, close interaction with children and pets may seem like no big deal – but if dogs decide to retaliate or play in a too aggressive way, they are all too often punished for something they didn't know was wrong. In certain situations, these dogs are sent to animal shelters, marked as too aggressive, or euthanized for behaviors and actions that could be avoided if adult humans would simply show some concern and respect for the animals and children in their care.

If you have children and pets in your home, take a moment and make sure that you are taking the proper precautions to keep everyone in the home safe. We all get busy or distracted, but with a few precautions, a little distraction won't lead to disaster.

Here are 10 tips to keep kids and pets safe:

- 1.) When the dog is around, don't put the baby on the floor. If a baby is on the floor, it can oftentimes look like a toy to your dog. A baby is too small and fragile to roll out from under a heavier dog, and it can create a dangerous situation.
- 2.) Never leave baby and pet alone together unsupervised Similar to leaving them together on the floor, there can be unforeseen circumstances that could put the baby or the dog in danger.
- 3.) Don't let the baby out of your sight This is a pretty basic rule for babies and parents, it is especially important with pets around as babies and pets should not be left alone unsupervised.
- 4.) Don't let children approach unaware or

sleeping dogs

The dog may or may not see this as an attack of some kind, and they could retaliate against your pup.

- 5.) Never let baby hit, throw toys at, or sit on your dog Similar to a child approaching an unaware dog, this may annoy or irritate your dog and make them feel defensive.
- 6.) Don't let them approach unknown dogs, don't let your dog approach unknown kids There are unknown dangers, such as aggressive dogs or kids who don't know the rules to not anger a dog.
- 7.) Teach babies not to take things out of a pet's mouth Putting your hand in the mouth of any animal is rarely a good idea, as they are more likely to feel threatened or uncomfortable



This is bad parenting and bad pet ownership. This is how kids get bit and family dogs get put to sleep. Teach your children to respect animals and not treat them like a jungle gym.

and snap at them.

- 8.) Never let them sleep or lay in the same bed. The baby could be inadvertently smothered by your pup or may be subject to the rowdiness some dogs display and could be injured.
- 9.) Don't neglect your pup when the baby is born If they are both fighting for your attention, it could create an issue and strain on their relationship.
- 10.) Don't run Running from an animal causes them to feel the need to chase, causing them to play too rough. While you should do research before bringing home a pup to a baby, or a baby to a pup, these tips should keep your family healthy and happy.



**For The Safety Of Your Family,
Remember That Dogs
Are Animals, Not Children!**



BE A FRIEND - PLAY!

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Put "old" toys out of sight for a month or two and then bring them out again - your dog will enjoy them just as much as when they were new.

GIVE YOUR TIME

You are the center of your dog's world. You may be tired after a long day at work, but your dog has spent the day anxiously awaiting your return.

Reward that loyalty with your time. Pet him, talk to him, play with him, laugh with him. Let your dog know you value his company.

FIND THE "SPOT"

Scratch your dog's belly often. If you find the "spot," so much the better.

LEAVE THE RADIO ON

Try leaving the radio or television on when you leave your dog alone. The noise will keep him company.

PLAN ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR DOG

Include your dog in family activities. Take him to the park or on outings to the beach, or to special activities such as the "Dog Olympics" or dog parades. Your dog will love being out and about with you.

GIVE A MASSAGE

Dogs love to be petted, and recent studies have shown that structured massages may be beneficial to your dog's health and behavior. They may also be very relaxing for you!

MAKE THAT TAIL WAG

Your dog's tail is a barometer of his emotions. Do what you can to keep it happily wagging.

GO ON TRIPS

Dogs can add another element of fun to a family vacation. Check ahead for lodging that accepts dogs. If flying, ask about travel accommodations

for your dog when you make your reservations.

EASE SEPARATION ANXIETY

Your dog will want to be with you at all times, but for most people that simply isn't possible.

Help your dog get used to being alone. Leave him each day with a minimum of fuss. When you come home, greet him calmly. This will teach him that your leaving is not something to be concerned



about.

GET ANOTHER ONE!

Dogs are pack animals by nature and generally enjoy the company of other dogs. Your dog may benefit greatly from having a companion to play with. Be as conscientious about getting a second dog as you were about getting the first; multiple dog ownership isn't for everyone, and some dogs do better as an "only."

DON'T LET YOUR DOG DOWN

You aren't a dog owner just at Christmas, or on the weekends, or in the afternoon, or when you have spare time. You aren't a dog owner just when the dog is behaving, or when he's a cute fuzzy puppy, or when he's winning awards.

When you bring a dog into your family, that dog is yours for life. If you can't keep that commitment, don't make it. And once you've made it, don't break it. Your dog's life depends on you.



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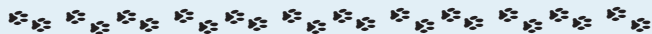
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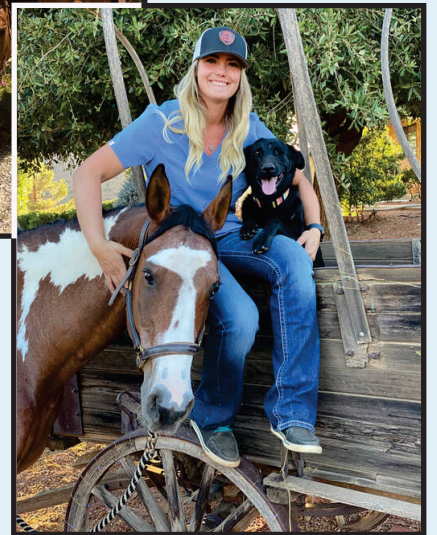


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