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**Your Pets Health Issues** (Alison Betts of A Better Way Pet Care)

With the Holidays fast approaching, it's a good time to take a few minutes to review some steps to keep our pets happy and healthy through nutrition. What you feed your pet daily for meals and snacks will determine the quality of his or her health and can promote a longer life. Dogs and cats are carnivores. Their digestive systems do not operate efficiently on processed foods and grain-rich diets. Keep in mind when choosing or preparing snacks and meals for your pet it is thought that diets of processed foods and grain-rich foods can eventually lead to the problems so many pet owners face: dogs and cats suffering from obesity, arthritis, gastric challenges, diabetes, allergies, itching, poor coats, ear and urinary tract infections, irritable bowel syndrome, poor appetites, diarrhea, constipation, excessive grass eating, and skeletal problems. In addition, the



simple practice of adding probiotics/enzymes and nutritional supplements to a healthful feeding regimen can help prevent or address many of these health issues.

It is not uncommon for veterinarians to see a sharp increase in cases of pancreatitis, gastroenteritis, and bloat in the days following those holidays with traditional large meals, but it can happen at any time. The problem is not usually the fact that the dogs or cats

ate "people food", but rather the way the food has been prepared and the portions that we tend to feed them. Turkey meat and steamed vegetables are as healthful for our dogs and cats as they are for us, whereas the high-fat and high-salt scraps like skin and gravy, ham, or deadly cooked bones, cause innumerable problems. Gastroenteritis and acute pancreatitis are often a result of animals eating cooked high-fat meals from unaccustomed origin, or in excessive quantities.

Consuming cooked bones can result in gastroenteritis, gut obstruction, or even gut perforation. We are definitely not opposed to sharing the bounties of the table, but do be sure you are selecting the most healthful and simplest portions of the meal. Also, stay alert to potential hazards away from the dog bowl. "Counter Surfers" and trash can raiders are constantly lurking in the shadows. If

your dog does sneak past your guard, a good dose of concentrated probiotics and/or a product to counteract gas and bloat is a great first aid treatment, and then watch your dog closely for any signs of distress. Excessive drooling, heavy panting, trying to vomit but cannot, abdominal distention, and

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**Instructions**

Combine flour and cornmeal. In a separate bowl, beat egg with the oil; add broth and parsley, mixing well. Slowly stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, mixing well. Add the chicken livers and mix well. Turn out onto a floured work surface and knead for 3 to 5 minutes. Roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness and cut into desired shapes. Bake at 400°F for 15 minutes or until nicely browned. Cool completely on wire racks.

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**November/December  
2021 Pet Holidays**

**November ~~~~~**

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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.

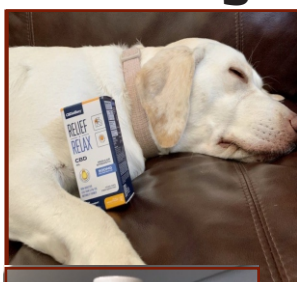
H: Winnie was a miniature Spanish Greyhound entirely too nervous for seniors. as well as (I) - Riki #2. A 18 wk. old Chi-pug more like a teenager on 8 cups of caffeine!!! Needless to say, we had to surrender him or die trying to keep up!

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!

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### The real costs of pet ownership

By Kimberly Maevers, managing partner of Fun Fur U  
My husband and I were able to celebrate a "Life Well Lived" earlier this month when our precious pup, Foxi Brown, turned 16 years old! While Foxi is doing ok physically and mentally she is slowing down with arthritis in her limbs and spine causing her some pain and mobility challenges. As I reflected on the 15+ years I've had with her I started to think about the significant financial investment pet ownership is.



With the holiday season upon us, I thought I might encourage some deep thought for those of you thinking about adding a first or additional pet to your home or gifting a pet to someone you think needs one. Please consider the costs of pet ownership starting with a high-quality, well-balanced pet food, vaccinations, and a county license. Then, consider the cost for spay or neuter. Add in a pet insurance premium or set that same amount of money aside each month in a savings

account for pet care. And remember, the older the pet gets, the more expensive the insurance policy or probability of veterinary costs will be. Factor in treats, toys, bathing / grooming, wellness checks, dental cleanings, pet-sitting or boarding (for when you're away from home), more treats and toys and you've got yourself a formidable investment in pet ownership.

While Foxi Brown is worth every dime we've ever spent on her, she is not a cheap date. At 16 years old, her prescription diet and medications cost us well over \$100 a month. Her twice weekly chiropractic and laser treatments easily run \$250 month. That's \$4200 annually at a minimum!

It breaks my heart to read a post from a pet owner or rescue that is trying to re-home an aged, ill or injured pet simply because the pet owner didn't have the money to pay for pet care. So, please stop and consider the real costs of pet ownership before you adopt or rescue a pet for yourself or someone else this holiday season.

As always, if you have any questions about pet ownership or pet sitting, do not hesitate to contact me at [Kimberly@FunFurU.com](mailto:Kimberly@FunFurU.com)

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## ASK YOUR VET . . .

**Q.** Hi Doc... I have been hearing a lot about “rescue” groups. It seems like every time I turn around - I’m hearing about a rescue group cleaning out another puppy mill or a residence over populated by dozens or even scores of pets many whom were extremely underfed and sickly. My question -How do we know if a rescue group is playing by the rules for the benefit of the animals.

**A.** Over the years we have interacted with many people who are attempting to help animals in need and represent themselves as rescues wanting us to work with them. My decision making process is to ask if they have formally filed with the state of California and IRS for their 501C-3 designation as a non profit organization. This shows me that they are serious and committed to advancing their cause to benefit animal welfare. Next I explore in an informal interview fashion their goals and objectives (broad or narrow scope) one, three and five years out, their internal organizational structure, experience in doing what needs to be done, what species of animal(s) are thy focused on assisting through their efforts; and the list goes on. My goal here is to find out if I’m going to be comfortable with aligning myself and my resources (time, effort, knowledge, skills and abilities) with the rescue organization I am evaluating.

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**Your Pets Health Issues** (Alison Betts of A Better Way Pet Care)

Cont'd from page 1 arching of the back all are indicators that it is time to go to the vet - quickly! On the subject of probiotics and enzymes, questions come up quite a bit, so hopefully this explanation will help sort out some of the confusion. Animal-derived digestive enzymes, such as those used in pancreatic enzyme replacement therapies (which should only be used at the recommendation and under the supervision of a veterinarian) are extracted from the pancreas of other mammals, most commonly porcine/pigs, and directly replace enzymes the dog should be producing but for one reason or another is not. Most probiotic and digestive enzyme products are plant- and fungal-derived, and thus are not

recognized by the dog's body as enzymes, so they will not compete with or influence the production of the body's own enzymes. These supplemental enzymes and probiotics simply aid in digestion of foodstuffs and molecules for which the dog does not have the evolutionary ability to make its own enzymes, and they also aid in digestion of foods which have been altered due to processing, such as the cooking process most commercial dog foods undergo to keep them stable in the bag for months or years. In wild situations dogs would obtain these probiotics and enzymes from the digestive tracts of their prey, buried fermented meat and bone, animal dung, and any fresh fruits or

plants they consume. As many of the methods dogs prefer to use to get their probiotics and enzymes are not available or frowned upon in civilized society, it is our job as their caretakers to provide them supplementally with what nature intended for optimal biological function.

Good nutrition, whether you have two legs or four, is essential. The parallels between increasingly processed diets and disease is alarming in humans as well as in our companion animals. Fresh wholesome ingredients are key in both circumstances! A little time spent focusing on our pets' diets can save a lot of time, frustration, and expense.

Please join me as we welcome Alison Betts aboard as our newest Contributing Writer...

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## Cats and Horses Need Rescuing Too by Karina Razo

**Cats at the Studios, Inc.** is a nonprofit rescue organization comprised entirely of volunteers. We are dedicated to nurturing, neutering and spaying, and finding forever homes for abandoned cats and kittens.

Shelters are flooded with unwanted pets that are often euthanized, and many of our cats are rescued on their last days at the shelter. Sometimes people will find stray or injured cats and contact us to help. Every cat that comes into our care is welcomed with open arms. Our kitties are all fostered in private homes by volunteers. They eat premium quality food, get excellent veterinary care,

and of course receive lots of love!

Unweaned kittens are bottle-fed around the clock and remain in their foster homes until they are old enough to find their forever homes. Our volunteers are located throughout the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas including the Antelope Valley. In an effort to curb the increasing number of newborn kittens found on the streets, all of our cats are neutered/spayed, they are also vaccinated, dewormed and receive any necessary veterinary care before being placed in forever homes,

As volunteers we dedicate a lot of time and

very often our own money while our cats await adoption. Because of our committed team of animal-loving volunteers, Cats at the Studios is able to apply all of its limited financial resources directly towards the care of rescued cats and kittens.

Nevertheless, because of the ongoing expense of vaccinations, neutering and spaying, and additional medical care, we are in always need of donations.

**Wild at Heart Horse Rescue** is a non-profit horse rescue and transition center located in Lancaster, CA that has been committed to serving the equine community since 2017.

They are a rescue specializing in rehabilitating, re-training and rehoming owner surrendered horses and transitioning these horses through specialized care and training for a new job and a new home.

Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc., understands that all it takes to help an at-risk horse is to be there, to be there to catch them when they need you most. Provide them with all the support we can via feed, care and training and give them all the love in our hearts. And in the end, find their forever homes through an adoption process. For more info ~ Feel free to call/text Karina 661-713-0786

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Slippery Elm (bark) is a safe herb. It is very soothing to the mucus membranes of the mouth as well as the entire gastrointestinal (GI) system (the stomach and intestines). It is a nutritive herb with emollient and slightly astringent qualities (drawing action-causing contraction of the tissues).

It possesses abundant mucilage, a thickened "gummy" paste/gel that will soothe irritation, disperse inflammation, draw out impurities, heal rapidly, and greatly strengthen the tissue's ability to perform its normal healthy function. Its action is so gentle that it can be retained by delicate stomachs when other substances are

rejected.



This life sustaining food herb can be used for IBD, colic, vomiting, ulcers and diarrhea. It contains vitamins and minerals and has a pleasant mild taste.

Recipe for how to make Slippery Elm Syrup:

Put 1/2 cup of cool purified water into a glass or stainless steel saucepan. Add one slightly rounded teaspoon of

slippery elm powder (or you can open and empty the contents of 5 capsules into the pan). Whisk with a fork until the powder blends with the water. Note: Always blend it in the cold

water first. If you add the powder to warm or hot water, it will be lumpy.

Bring the ingredients to a simmer over a low flame, stir constantly. Simmer about two minutes or until it slightly thickens to a syrupy consistency.

Cool the mixture then refrigerate in a glass jar with a tight fitting lid. With proper storage the syrup will remain fresh for 7 or 8 days.

Suggested Herbal Doses for Animals:

Dogs: Depending on the size of the dog give 1 to 3 teaspoon(s) slippery elm syrup before each meal (2 to 3 times daily).

Cats/ferrets: 1 teaspoon slippery elm syrup given before each meal.

Birds: The suggested dose for birds would be to 'lightly salt' the powdered herb over their

food.

Horses: The suggested dose is 2 to 4 tablespoons of the powder, three times daily for 5 days. The powder is mixed with 3/4 cup of yogurt and/or 2 tablespoons of honey. Note: It can also be made into a tea by mixing the herb with 1 liter of water and bringing it to a boil. Allow to cool and mix the tea with the grain twice a day.

Other methods of preparation for use:

By just adding and mixing the dry powder into soft food to make a gruel or with 3/4 cup of yogurt. This makes it a nutritious food for those pets convalescing with GI issues, as it is easy to assimilate.

Note: It can also be made into a tea by mixing the herb with 1 liter of water and bringing it to a boil. Allow to cool and mix the tea with the food or water twice a day.

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**Keeping Your Pets Safe During the Upcoming Holidays** Dr. Bosma

While the holidays add a lot of things to your daily life; BE AWARE of what might not be good for your pets. Whether it's an ornamental plant whose leaves or needles wind up in their mouths or well-meaning relatives who feed them off the table and/or your candies and treats that upset their stomachs, "the happiest time of the year" can quickly become the most dangerous time for your four-legged friends.

What YOU need to know about common holiday pet hazards, and how to keep your pets, especially dogs and/or cats, out of the Veterinarian's Office and part of celebrating that warm, fuzzy festivities!

For poisonous foods, plants substances (i.e. medicines, lotions, makeup, etc.) that you may have in your home! Not sure if something is

poisonous to your pet? Check the ASPCA website @ [www.aspca.org/petcare](http://www.aspca.org/petcare) search> animal-poison-control if strictly looking for poisons!

As a precaution have the following **Animal Poison Control hotline at 888-426-4435**, which is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year (but note that a consultation fee may be charged) readily available year long in an easily accessible area

**Food**

**Chocolate:** Yes, most of us know that is bad for pets, but ingredients in a lot of holiday favorites can cause gastrointestinal distress or poisoning too: garlic and onions at dinner, grapes and raisins found in holiday cookies are just a few common foods to keep away from the pets.

**Non-chocolate Candy:** can certainly create a problem because of the high sugar content. Breads and Pastries: With safety in mind, make

sure to keep out of a pet's reach!!! Especially during the fermenting stage, as it can initiate gastric distention (bloat); as well as even cause alcohol poisoning [if yeast expands and ferments in your pet's gut]. Even the gentle insult of gastroenteritis can be very discomforting. If you observe/hear signs of intestinal upset ~ DO NOT DELAY in getting your pet to a Veterinary Facility ASAP!!!

**Trash:** To keep your pets totally safe from food, keep them away from where food is being prepared and served – that includes the trash can (Both inside and outside!!), which cats and dogs can get into to dig out fatty scraps and bones. **This should be a rule-of-thumb throughout the year.**

**High Fat Foods:** Even if a food is safe for pets ~ Too much of a good thing can also be dangerous. Cats and dogs who eat too many fatty foods at once can develop a highly painful

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**PROSPECTUS: Military & Civil Service  
Animal Memorial**

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**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).

**ORGANIZATIONAL DIVISIONS:**

| <b>MILITARY</b> | <b>* LAW ENFORCEMENT</b> | <b>* CIVIL SERVICE</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Canine * MC     | Canine * LE              | Canine * CS            |
| Equine * ME     | Equine * LE              | Equine * CS            |
| Aviary * MA     | Aviary * LE              | Aviary * CS            |

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

**OUR GOAL:**

To create a physical memorial, located in the Antelope Valley 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.

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**H**er story begins when she was discovered in a foxhole in New Guinea after being abandoned. The American soldier who found her returned to camp where Cpl. William Wynne bought her for \$6.44. Even though Smoky was never officially a military dog, she lived like one. She shared Cpl. Wynne's food and sleeping quarters and followed him every-where securely in his backpack. Smoky survived 150 air attacks and is credited for warning others of incoming artillery shells.

However, Smoky's most valuable contribution to the troops was her delivery of a telegraph wire through a 70-foot pipe. Her achievement saved many soldiers from having to put themselves in harm's way as well as all the manpower to protect those performing the construction project that would have taken days, the same task she completed in minutes. She was awarded 8 battle stars for her actions.



**Source:** <http://www.scout.com/military/warrior-lodge/story/1566788-8-amazing-war-dogs?s=155>

~ ~ ~ ~ ~  
ALSO Check this out: National Non-Profit 501C-3 Organization that pursues Re-homing Military Dogs / Animals! [www.DogsOnDeployment.com](http://www.DogsOnDeployment.com)

**A Lil' Wag O' Wisdom**

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons." **James Thurber**

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." **Robert A. Heinlein**

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him." **Derek Bruce**



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## Keeping Your Pets Safe

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inflammation of the pancreas (Pancreatitis), which can lead to the release of enzymes into their abdomens) where they should not be! Most pets need to be hospitalized!

Be Bold: Make sure your guests are tucking away potential pet hazards such as: marijuana, minted filtered cigarettes, matches, etc. especially if coats and purses are put into a room where the pet usually stays.

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## BELOVED PET OBITUARY

*Riki: 04 April 2015 ~ 04 Sept 2020*



It is with sincere thanx and gratitude to Dr. Bosma and Staff at North Valley Veterinary Center for your efforts to save Riki's young life during his recent illness. Unfortunately, he lost his battle and the conditions that took his young life were greater than his willingness to overcome them.

The team that worked diligently to save him are too numerous to name here.

Please forgive us for not naming each of you individually, but know this, that your efforts were heartfelt and remembered with profound gratitude and your compassion provided the catalyst to cope with our loss.

Sincerely,  
John & Karen Henderson

*Forever in  
Our Hearts*



*Ruby Jean*

**Tribute to our  
Beloved**

**Ruby Jean:**

God chose our sweet goofy boxer, Ruby Jean, to be a vessel of His unconditional love and devotion. Our hearts are filled

with gratitude but shattered as we release her back to Him. Dr. Bosma and his staff have lovingly cared for our critters over the past 20 years. We are especially grateful to Dr. Bosma, Andrew Bosma, Br. Blake, Dr. Hirshbein, Omar and other members of the care team at North Valley Vet, and Dr. Debra Olson for their amazing care of Ruby Jean and compassionate support of us over the last several months, but especially the last few days. Thank you is woefully inadequate to express our heartfelt thanks.

*Doris and Jerry Blakely*

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"Man is a dog's idea of what God should be."  
Holbrook Jackson

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## Why Spay and Neuter your Pets?

### Your pet's health and longevity

The average lifespan of spayed and neutered cats and dogs is demonstrably longer than the lifespan of those not. A University of Georgia study, based on the medical records of more than 70,000 animal patients, found that the life expectancy of neutered male dogs was 13.8% longer and that of spayed female dogs was 26.3% longer.

The average age of death of intact dogs was 7.9 years versus a significantly older 9.4 years for altered dogs. Another study, conducted by Banfield Pet Hospitals on a database of 2.2 million dogs and

460,000 cats reflected similar findings, concluding that neutered male dogs lived 18% longer and spayed female dogs lived 23% longer. Spayed female cats in the study lived 39% longer and neutered male cats lived 62% longer.

The reduced lifespan of unaltered pets can, in part, be attributed to an increased urge to roam. Such roaming can expose them to fights with other animals, resulting in injuries and infections, trauma from vehicle strikes and other accidental mishaps.

A contributor to the increased longevity of altered pets is their reduced risk of certain types of

cancers. Intact female cats and dogs have a greater chance of developing pyometra (a potentially fatal uterine infection) and uterine, mammary gland and other cancers of the reproductive system. Neutering male pets eliminates their risk of testicular cancer and eliminates the possibility of developing benign prostatic hyperplasia which can affect the ability to defecate.

A handful of studies may appear to challenge the health benefits of widespread spaying/neutering of companion pets by raising concerns that these surgeries may predispose some altered dogs to certain orthopedic conditions and cancers.

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