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**What To Do If You Find A
Baby Kitten Or Litter** Shelly Quinn
(December is National Cat Lovers Month)

More importantly, what not to do . . .

Kitten Season has been especially brutal the past couple of years. It's likely you, or someone you know, has come across a baby kitten or litter recently. It's important to know what to do to best serve the kitten or litter, in this instance, because far too often kittens are stolen from their mothers and brought to overpopulated shelters - where there are no bottle feeders - and their future quickly becomes very grim.



Ms. Peabody being examined by Dr. Zuker and staff at Boulevard Veterinary Hospital in Lancaster. She was injured at birth and found cold, malnourished and pushed from the nest by her mother. She weighed less than 6 ounces at about 5 weeks old.

Feline mothers who are nursing must produce a massive amount of milk in order to feed a whole litter. A nursing mother can consume three times as much as an adult cat, sometimes more, per day. Even community cats who are tended to by a feeder may need to supplement their diet. In order to do this, a mother cat must leave her kittens to hunt. So please keep in mind that the absence of the mother does not necessarily mean the kittens have been abandoned. If the mother is feral, she could be close by waiting for you to leave.

If you find a kitten or litter (of nursing age) that appear clean and well-fed, please monitor them before you act. Baby kittens are fragile and difficult to care for by anyone other than their mothers.

If you are unsure as to whether or not you should intervene, please contact a

HERE'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . .
As we head into the Holiday Season
by the BETTS Family

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 highly processed foods or grain-rich diets.

Keep in mind when choosing or preparing snacks and meals for your pet it is thought that diets consisting of processed foods, grain-rich foods, and high carbohydrate 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

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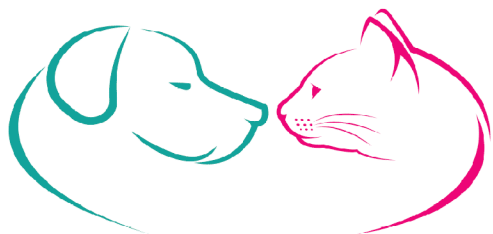


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We are as a 501 © 3 Mutual Benefit Corporation. We worked very hard to establish our non-profit status so we can serve the animal loving community at the best possible levels. All Creatures Network, Inc. will be working with local animal clinics and 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 feathered & furry friends.

This will be our 8th issue, and we are averaging 10-20 calls each week asking where to get copies. Print media has taken a negative hit in the last 25 years or so. I've been in the print media for 45+ years.

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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 turkey skin, gravy, ham, or deadily 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 arching of the back all are indicators that it is time to go to the vet - quickly!

On the subject of pro-biotics 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 pro-biotic 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 pro-biotics 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 pro-biotics 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 pro-biotics 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 are 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.

Authored by Alison, Morgan, and Deborah Betts

The Betts are owner/operators of A Better Way Pet Care - a family-owned business, serving the AV for almost 20 years. They are dedicated to improving nutrition and health for dogs, cats, and horses, with a focus on nutritional supplements; raw, bagged, and canned foods; and a large selection of care products. Combined, Deborah, Morgan, and Alison have over 75 years of experience in the animal science, veterinary, and medical fields.

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rescue or shelter for their advice and also be prepared to foster.

If it is determined by following all best practices for evaluating the situation (approximate age, health, safety conditions, etc.) that it is the right decision for you pull the kitten or litter into a foster situation, "The Kitten Lady," Hannah Shaw has many YouTube videos available online for free to help guide you. Some local shelters and rescues can offer you supplies and guidance for fostering as well, but you will need to contact them first to be sure resources are available.

When bringing a kitten or litter into your home, quarantine, quarantine, quarantine. Baby kittens, especially those in need of immediate rescue, can be carrying fleas, ticks, intestinal parasites, and diseases. Any new animal that comes into a home should be quarantined to a room where there is no contact with resident animals, even if they are vaccinated, and you should be especially

hygienic to prevent the transfer of any germs or parasites.

If the kitten is of nursing age (newborn to about 5 weeks old), you will need to learn how to properly bottle feed them. Certain things, like never feeding a baby kitten cradled back like a human baby, are extremely important to know. Aspiration is a life and death concern and every precaution to avoid it should be taken. The mini size Miracle Nipple®, designed by a wildlife rescuer, is a favorite among bottle feeders when nursing baby kittens and you will want to feed them a feline specific formula called Kitten Milk Replacer, also referred to as KMR. Cow milk or goat milk or any other type of diet at this age will not give them all the nutrition they need.

Baby kittens need to be stimulated to urinate and defecate. You must learn how to do this effectively as it is crucially important to their survival. Without help, baby kittens cannot relieve themselves of waste and will perish.

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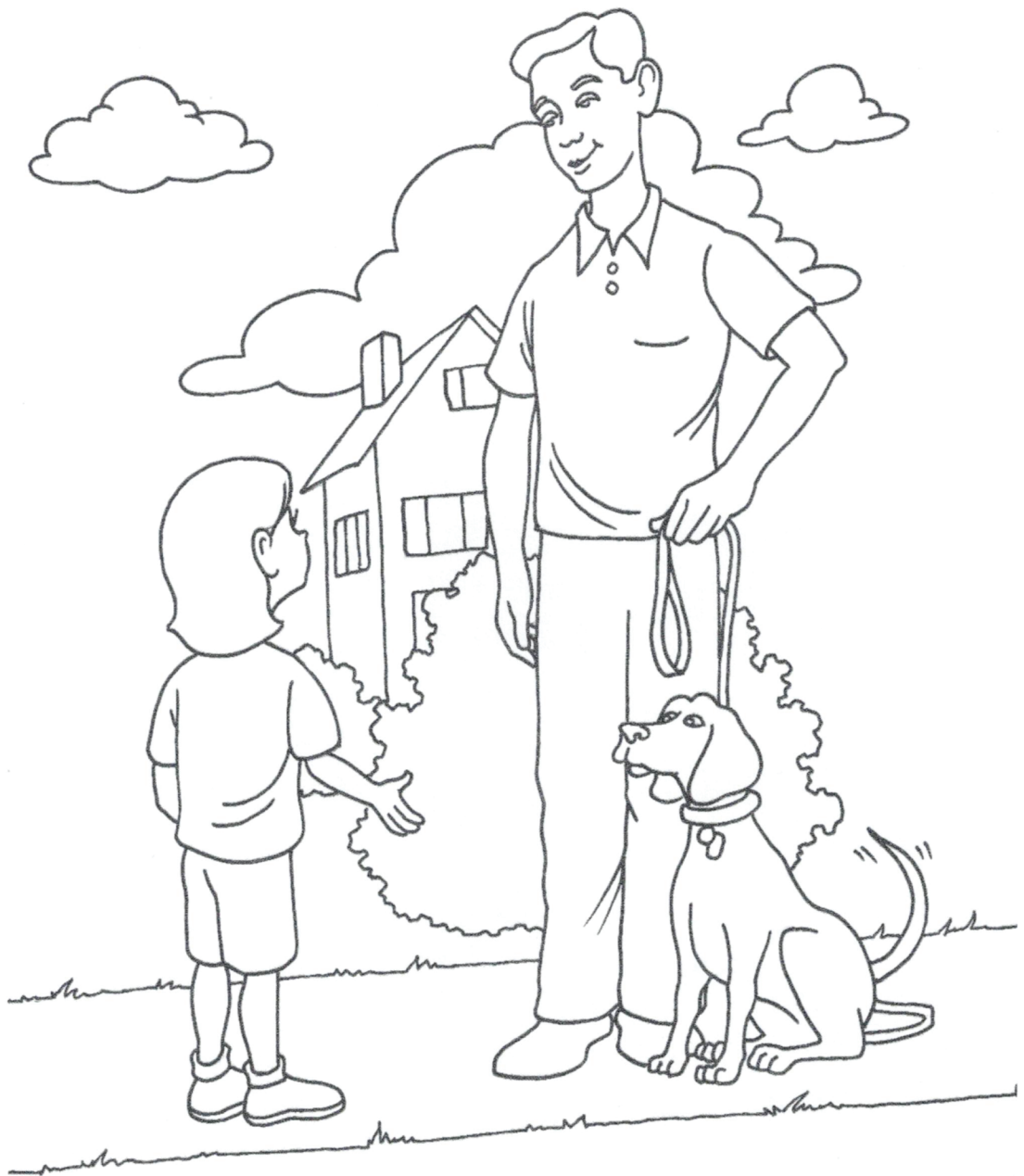
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Keep away fleas and ticks.

Ticks act as vectors in the spread of several microbial diseases. Coats or furs of animals (both pet and wild animals) are the home of fleas and ticks. They get their nutrients from the host body and, as a result, make them sick.

You can keep these fleas and tick away from the body of your dog through regular grooming. The groomer can also identify the flea's egg and remove it. Few products are also available in the market aids in getting rid of these blood-sucking parasites.

Prevention of dental disease

Regular teeth brushing prevent the formation of dental plaque, and their mouth does not smell bad. Brushing inhibits the growth of bacteria on the teeth, and thus

the teeth remain healthy for long.

A dirty mouth may lead to loss of teeth. Along with this, it also affects the internal organs of your pets. Due to the development of dental issues, your dog feels problems in eating.

Low chances of getting joint issues

Large nails are the most under-noticed issue of dogs because most of us do not know the possible outcome of long nails. Larger nails may lead to arthritis or even bone deformities in pooches. Due to long nails, dogs fold their legs in unusual ways to avoid pain.

This unusual folding creates joint abnormalities. Dog grooming (trimming of nails) reduces the risk of these bone and joint problems.

Reduce the risk of ear infection

Regular ear cleaning reduces the risk of ear infections that is the leading cause of deafness. The dust and gunk accumulated in the ear also carry infectious agents. If these disease-causing agents are not removed for long, it creates severe ear problems that you can not treat easily.

Removal of ear hair is also necessary for healthy hearing. The unwanted hair growth in the ear hinders the airflow and creates a moist environment inside the ear. The moist ear is most likely to catch yeast infections which is very painful for pets.

Prevent matted hair

If your dog has slightly long hair, they are more likely to develop matts. Matts are the tangling of fur around itself, and it becomes knotted, so the air does not reach the skin. As a result of loss of airflow, the skin becomes moist and may develop sores.

Due to matted formation, the dogs remain irritated and uncomfortable. The only way to avoid matt formation is proper and regular brushing and trimming.

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.

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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.

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For more information, John Henderson
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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).

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

"No animal should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation." **Fran Leibowitz**

"Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!" **Anne Tyler**

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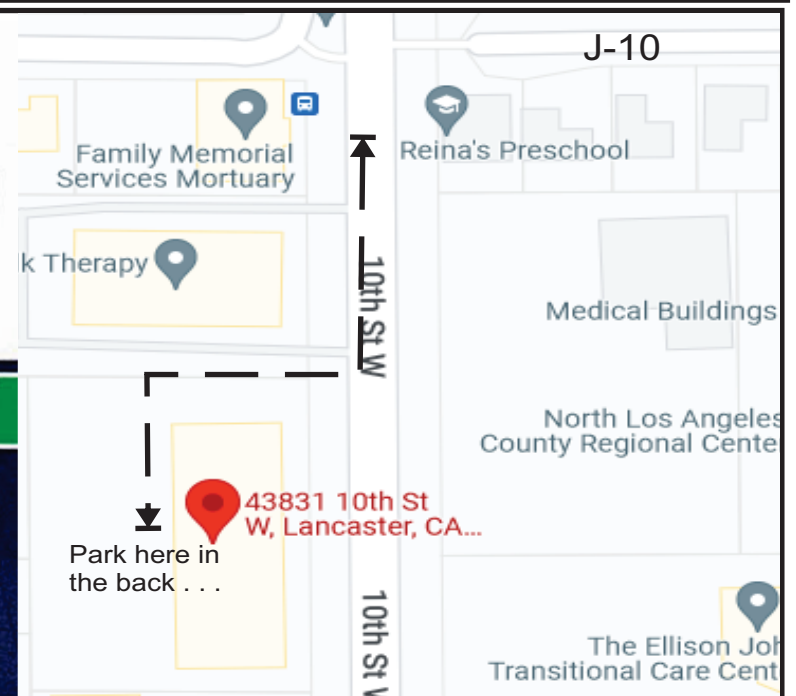
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November 14–20 |
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November 1 | National Cook for Your Pets Day
November 3 | One Health Day
November 7 | National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day
November 8 | International Day of Radiology
November 11 | Veterans Day
November 15 | National Philanthropy Day

November 17 | National Take a Hike Day

November 23 | Wolfenoot ***

November 24 | Thanksgiving

November 24 | National Dog Show

(always broadcast in the US on Thanksgiving)

November 29 | Giving Tuesday

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Awareness Months

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Awareness Weeks

December 18–December 26 | Hanukkah
December 26–January 1 | Kwanzaa

Holidays and Awareness Days

December 2 | National Mutt Day
December 4 | World Wildlife Conservation Day
December 9 | International Day of Veterinary Medicine
December 13 | National Day of the Horse
December 25 | Christmas Day
December 27 | Visit the Zoo Day
December 31 | New Year's Eve

What is Wolfenoot? ~ ~ ~ Jax Goss of Hamilton, New Zealand ~ ~ ~ www.wolfenoot.com

A 7-year-old's vivid imagination and kind heart have created a new holiday called Wolfenoot, and the thousands of people around the world who'll celebrate it Nov. 23 will donate to dog- and wolf-related charities, including one in Indiana.

Wolfenoot – say “wolf-uh-noot” – was born after the New Zealand boy told his mom about the holiday: “The Spirit of the Wolf brings and hides small gifts around

the house for everyone. People who have, have had or are kind to dogs get better gifts than anyone else. You eat roast meat (because wolves eat meat) and cake decorated like a full moon.”

If you're planning to celebrate Wolfenoot, we've developed some recipes to help – rack of lamb, a cake decorated like a full moon and an easy dog treat.

Just weeks after Jax Goss of Hamilton,

New Zealand, mentioned on Facebook that her son had invented the holiday, the official Facebook group - Wolfnoot Central - has nearly 4,900 members from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, various European countries, Norway, Dubai and Japan.

If you're posting publicly about it, use #wolfenoot. If you're a new fan, welcome to the Wolfenati.

Local Shelters and Rescue Groups

The following list of local shelters and rescues has been provided as a public resource only, and covers the cities of the Antelope Valley. To reach their website, type the URL without spaces, then hit enter on your browser...

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)
facebook.com/groups/1517407391890058/

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

Dachshund Rescue & Placement
doxykeeper.net/

Doberman Pinscher SOS
dobiesos.net/

Doggy Smiles Rescue (see pg 3)
calcitypd.org/Animal-Control.html

Forgotten Angels Cat Rescue, Inc
forgottenangelsrescue.org/

French Bulldog Village Rescue
frenchbulldogvillage.org/

GreySave Greyhound Adoptions
greysave.org/

Halfway to Home
halfwaytohome.net/

High Desert Angels for Animals
highdesertangelsforanimals.com

The Homestretch Greyhound Rescue Adoption
homestretchgreys.org/

Lange Foundation
langefoundation.org

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

Ruff Patches
ruffpatches.org/

SecondHand Animals
lpsecondhandanimals.com

Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue sclrr.org/

Sunny Saints
sunnysaints.org/

Westside German Shepherd Rescue of LA
sheprescue.org/

Woof Project
woofproject.org/

We offer a free listing to all shelter and rescue groups. If we missed your endeavor, feel free to email us: John Henderson * clawsmag@roadrunner.com - the 3 or 4 line (Name, Speciality, Contact and website or email) listing and we will include you.

Things You Might Want to Know About Senior Pet Adoption

Housebreaking: A puppy or kitten can require constant attention. A puppy can hold his bladder just one hour for every month they've been alive.

For instance, a 3-month-old puppy will need to empty his bladder every three hours! And yes, that does include the middle of the night! An adult dog's bladder is already fully developed. Shelter dogs are most often already house-trained, and rescue groups make sure their adult dogs for adoption are housebroken before they go to new homes. You also have the advantage of knowing that your dog is physically able to "hold it" for several hours at a stretch.

In most cases, adult dogs are by far easier to housebreak than puppies. You can teach an old dog new tricks!

Many Senior Pets in shelters or with rescue groups are already trained and ready to go! Adults have a much longer attention span than puppies, too, which means they're easier and faster to teach. Adult dogs already have recognizable personality traits, so you'll be able to select one who is great with children. Many rescue groups use foster homes to make sure each dog for adoption is trained to be well-behaved indoors.

Personality: With an adult pet, what you see is what you get. Their personality is already developed, and you'll be able to spot the characteristics you're looking for.

Shelters and rescue groups are able to assess the personality of each pet for adoption, and carefully match you up with the right dog or cat for your lifestyle. **Senior Pet adoption = an instant friend for life:** Ask anybody who has adopted an adult dog or cat, and they'll swear their bond with their rescued pal is as deep as they come. When you open your heart and your home to an older dog or cat who needs help, they really do show their appreciation for the rest of their life! Pets who have been uprooted from their homes or have had difficult beginnings are likely to bond completely and deeply with their new human caretakers who they view as heroes. Pets who find themselves in the shelter or at a rescue group because of a death or other tragedy in their former human family usually go through a mourning period. Once they are adopted, however, they usually want nothing more than to please their new hero---YOU! No matter what circumstances brought them to the shelter or rescue group, most older pets for adoption are exceptionally affectionate and attentive pets and extremely loyal companions. But first you have to adopt one!

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What to do if you find a baby kitten or litter

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Be sure to get the kitten or litter seen by a vet ASAP. A baby kitten's delicate immune system is directly dependent on their mother and they can succumb to illness very quickly, especially under the stress of being removed from their home and mother. Early diagnosis and veterinary recommended treatment is your best course of action and defense.

Please be mindful that there are a lot of products and



Ms. Peabody at 10 weeks old and thriving after a few weeks of diligent veterinary care and a loving foster mom. Often, this is all it takes to save a kitten's life and get them on the road to adoption.

medications that are marketed for kittens but are still inappropriate or dangerous to kittens under 8 weeks of age. Especially kittens who may be undersized due to malnutrition or sickness. Check labels carefully and ask your veterinarian.

If the kittens are old enough to eat and go to the bathroom on their own, feed them a good quality wet food several times a day. Kittens have small stomachs but require a lot of protein and calories to grow and flourish. Also provide them multiple litter boxes with a non-clumping, unscented kitten safe litter such as newspaper pellets to get their training off to a good start and

help prevent accidents. Kittens explore everything with their mouths, like human babies, and clumping litters are very dangerous for them to ingest.

Of course, you will also want to give them lots of attention and love so they will be well-suited to find good homes. Plenty of kitten safe toys will also add to their enrichment and happiness. Most kittens should be adopted out with a sibling or an age-appropriate friend. Feline companionship is an important part of their lives and it doesn't take anything away from their relationship with humans.

Thank you for helping kittens.




About Senior Pet Adoption

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Senior Pet adoption = truly saving a life: When you adopt a senior dog or cat, you are doing the ultimate good deed. Let's face it: a lot of people think they want a puppy or kitten, but not everyone is lining up to adopt the great seniors! Did you know that every year, approximately 4 million adoptable animals are killed? You can be sure there are a LOT of dogs and cats for adoption out there. With such a huge overpopulation problem, buying a pet from a breeder or pet store sadly contributes to this tragedy. Rescue groups that specialize in Senior Pet adoption work very, very hard to help adult dogs and cats find good homes. Rescues are almost always made up of a group of volunteers. They often keep their pets for adoption in their own homes while they assess their health and personalities. If a pet needs basic training, often the rescuer will provide it. If a pet needs medical treatment, many dedicated dog and cat rescuers pay for it out of their own pocket. These people are incredibly passionate about rescue, and they work tirelessly to make sure every pet finds a home. Nothing is as rewarding to these heroes as a successful adoption!



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Make The Holidays Happy and Healthy

Holiday "Treats" For Sharing:
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| <p>Sweet potato, Celery, Kale, spinach, collard green, mustard greens, Cabbage, Brussel sprouts, Tomatoes (fully ripe), Mushrooms & Green beans and peas (when they're cooked), Cauliflower, Broccoli, Cucumbers & Asparagus Any edible berry Any kind of melon Apples, Oranges, lemons, and limes, Pears, Bananas, Pineapple Carrots, Lettuce All types of squash (pumpkin, zucchini, acorn, butternut) Chicken, turkey, lamb, beef, pork, venison, rabbit Eggs, plain yogurt, low-sodium cottage cheese, cheese (in moderation)</p> <p>"Do Not Feed" Foods: Chocolate - especially baking and dark chocolates (toxic) Onions (toxic) Xylitol (artificial sweetener in gum, candy, cough drops, some peanut butters, some formulas of Benadryl, etc.) (toxic) Raw yams (toxic to dogs and cats; however raw sweet potato is different and is ok) Avocado - plant, skin, pit (toxic); ripe flesh (high fat, may cause gastrointestinal upset or pancreatitis in sufficient quantities)</p> | <p>Alcohol, caffeinated drinks, and stimulant drinks like Red Bull (toxic) Grapes and raisins (toxic) Macadamia nuts (toxic) Baking powder, baking soda, large quantities of nutmeg spice (toxic) Persimmon, peach, or plum seeds (any "stone fruit" pits - these contain cyanide, but the flesh is fine) Bones that splinter, like cooked chicken legs, pork chop bones, or steak bones Raw egg white without the yolk (this disrupts the absorption of B Vitamins) Raw non-High Pressure Pasteurized (HPP) trout, salmon, shad, sturgeon (these could carry a parasite that causes illness) Raw bread or yeast doughs and even large amounts of baked bread (can cause excess gas, stomach swelling, and bloat) Any food high in salt content (excessive salt can lead too "salt poisoning") High sugar foods (irritating/disruptive to the gut and gut microbiome, negative effect on blood sugar and insulin) Fatty foods, cooked fats, high trans-fat content, gristle, seasoned skin and trimmings (gastric upset, pancreatitis) Spicy foods (gastrointestinal upset)</p> |
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