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Welcome to the 16th edition of Lucky Dog Magazine. It has truly been a pleasure serving our Las Vegas dog lovers over the last three years and we look forward to many more fabulous issues to come. We strive to keep you entertained and enlightened with our content and know you'll want to keep coming back for more.

We know it's a tough time in our economy right now and it is because of our loyal advertisers that we are able to continue publishing such a great magazine. So, please call upon them the next time you are in need of a cool treat or service for your Lucky Dog or Cats!

Speaking of Lucky Dogs, check out our fun photos and story on the fun loving duo, Zowie Bowie and their three very Lucky Dogs, Ernie, Presley and Dolly. What a great looking family and so much fun!

Summer has hit once again and we all know it can be unbearable at times. Luckily, we only have to endure a few months of it being scorching hot out, but that just means we have to take extra care of our four-legged loved ones. Sadly, I recently received news of a couple who lost their beloved rescue when he slipped into the family car unnoticed while it was parked in the garage not knowing he wasn't going for a ride that day. Instead, he perished from the heat and again that was while the car was parked inside the garage! Our hearts go out to the family for their loss. It should serve as a lesson and a reminder for all of us to never leave our pets in the heat. As with most tragedies, we learn it can happen to the best of us and we can only try our best to prevent things like that from happening.

So, please remember to keep your pets out of the heat!

We wish you and your four-legged family a very fun-filled summer with adventures and lots of cooling off time!

Enjoy this issue and feel free to send story ideas and photos our way. We'd love to hear from you. 

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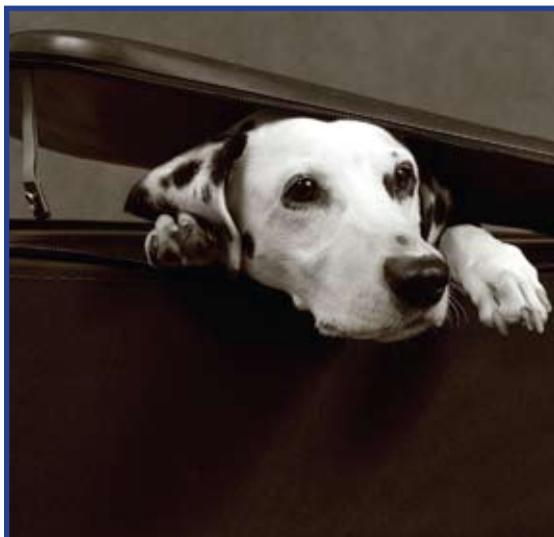
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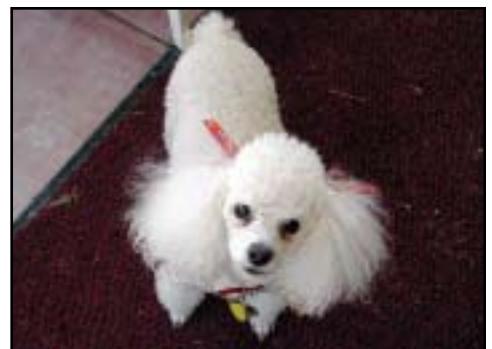
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Dog Day in the Park at The Village of Centennial Springs

The Village of Centennial Springs will host the inaugural Dog Day in the Park event on Saturday, September 20 from 9 am to noon at Squires Park in The Village of Centennial Springs.

The event will feature a variety of activities for valley residents and their four-legged friends, including a cover photo shoot competition for the November/December issue of Lucky Dog Magazine*, pet adoption, pet micro-chipping, pet photography and performances by Metro's K-9 Unit. Other competitions, including silliest pet trick, pet-owner look-a-like, and largest and smallest dog, are also scheduled.

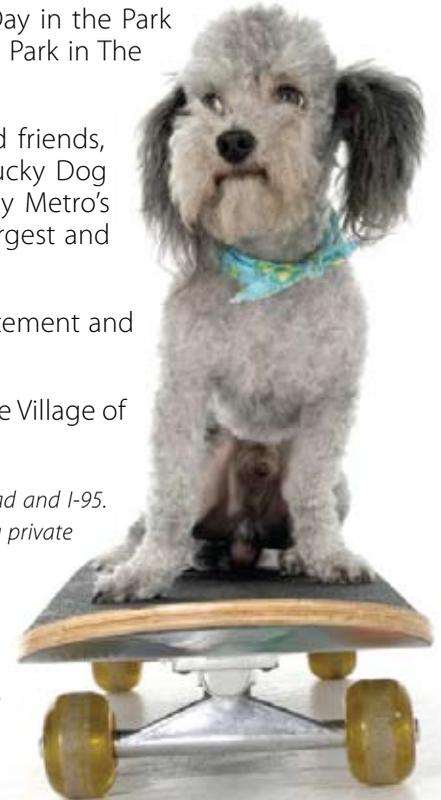
Interactive youth games, musical entertainment and face painters will add to the excitement and energy of this event.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, September 20 for Dog Day in the Park at The Village of Centennial Springs.

The Village of Centennial Springs is a 41-acre mixed-use, urban-style village located near North Durango Road and I-95. The village features a combination of residential, retail, restaurant and office development organized around a private landscaped boulevard, creating a "main-street" environment reminiscent of neighborhoods of yesteryear.

For more information on The Village of Centennial Springs or the upcoming Dog Day in the Park event, visit www.centennialsprings.com.

**Only adopted or rescued dogs will be accepted and considered for the Lucky Dog Magazine cover contest. Entrants will be asked to sign a waiver and release form.*



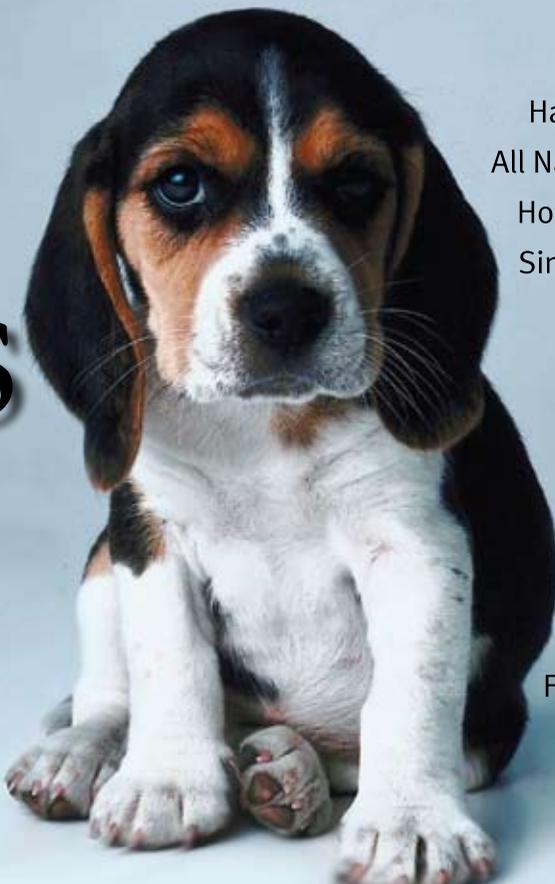
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Zowie Bowie's A Class Act--Onstage And Off

By Heather Turk

Photos by Debbie Trevizo

Chris Phillips and Marley Taylor are probably best known as Red Rock Casino's award-winning nightclub act Zowie Bowie, but to the four-legged members of the Vegas community, they are simply known as an animal's best friend.

The rare glamorous duo who's as beautiful on the inside as they are on the outside, Phillips and Taylor probably spend as much time on their music as they do trying to make a difference in their community, whether it be with Opportunity Village, the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon or the Lied Animal Shelter. The loving couple also brings their passion to change others' lives home with them, having rescued not one, not two, but three

lucky dogs: Ernie, a three-year-old lhasa apso; Dolly, a two-year-old bichon; and Presley, a one-year-old bichon.

"We got Ernie from an abused home," Taylor told *Lucky Dog*. "A friend had rescued him and he was on his way to the shelter. Luckily, he never made it that far. Dolly we rescued from a Tempe, Arizona shelter, and Presley we got from a groomer, he was headed to the shelter, too. Anytime we can save a life, we will."

Taylor's a woman of her word. Not only did she and Phillips adopt the trio of pups, but they've also rescued two cats, Morris and "Elegant Kitten." The duo probably would have even more four-legged family members running around if it wasn't for a little issue called space.

"I think if I brought home one more pet Chris would make me get my own apartment," Taylor said with a laugh. "We were recently a part of [The Animal Foundation's] Best in Show, and there were 65 dogs there who needed homes. It drove me crazy. But luckily, every single doggie was adopted, so I didn't have to worry about it."

"It would help if we had the right environment," Phillips stated. "First, we have wall-to-wall white carpet (laughs). Seriously, though, one of our friends has this facility, and if we had something like that I'm sure we'd have 10 or 12 dogs. We love dogs and it's so hard to go to a shelter because you just want to adopt them all. But I'm sure in a year we'll have four or five dogs. I remember when we had two I told Marley, 'That's enough! Then we got three...'"

Though Phillips admitted he wasn't much of a dog person until he met Taylor ("I had them," he said, "but she was the one who insisted we take Ernie in."), he's quickly become a fan of man's best friend-Ernie in particular.

"What it boils down to is Ernie has feelings," Phillips replied when asked about their special bond. "He gets easily upset when he gets left out of something and you'll see this sad look on his face. I've always been one to take pity on the less fortunate, and it always seems like he needs the most care. In that way, he's sort of like me; we're both pathetic (laughs)."

Even though Taylor agreed that Ernie "wears his heart on his sleeve," he's come a long way since the couple first rescued him. Though Phillips said they weren't sure exactly how Ernie was abused, it was clear that the owners didn't want him and that he was neglected in some way.

"They kept him outside and I think they kicked him around and didn't feed him properly," Phillips said. "It took him about four or five weeks just to come near us."

Today, though, Ernie's one of the Zowie Bowie clan, greeting Taylor and Phillips at the door-tail waggin'



whenever they come home and sleeping next to his owners (along with Dolly and Presley) at night. He even listens as Taylor and Phillips rehearse for their show with Dolly and Presley nearby.

"They're probably all tired of Zowie Bowie at this point," Taylor said with a laugh. "We sing to them a lot. We'll try out a song on them-they're sort of our little audience. If they don't leave the room while we're singing, we're in good shape."

If you think Taylor's joking, think again. Taylor said that both she and Phillips credit part of their success with their dogs.

"They really bring an energy to the house," she said. "They're so happy and they keep us active-that really carries on to other parts of our lives."

"They're an extension of who we are," Phillips added. "They reflect our sort of renegade spirit. They don't have a care in the world, and that really reflects in our show. We sort of carry our dogs' spirits with us."

Given how much Ernie, Dolly and Presley (who was named after Elvis, in case you were wondering) "He's our Vegas-y dog," Taylor said. "And he lives up to his name; he's definitely the king of the household.") have affected Taylor and Phillips' lives, it's no wonder they feel the need to pass on the happiness the trio of pups have given them.

"That's been our goal ever since we got into entertainment," Taylor said. "If we can't do something great, then what's the point? Our whole purpose is to give back to others."

They recently got that chance when one of their cats started limping around the house in the middle of the night. Figuring better safe than sorry, Taylor and Phillips rushed the animal to the 24-hour emergency pet hospital nearby. That's when they met Oscar.

"We figured it would be an easy visit; after all, it was 2:30 in the morning," Taylor stated. "But then this family burst in with this golden retriever-Oscar-who had been attacked by a pit bull. It was really upsetting; the dog was really hurt. Apparently it took six people to pull the pit bull off of him, and the family didn't have the money or the means to get him the stitches he needed. Chris and I stepped in and took care of everything.

Looking back, I'm glad we brought in our cat (who, it turns out, was just suffering from a bruised ankle) because we got to save Oscar's life. And it's nice when you can experience giving back [to someone] on a one-on-one basis. When you work at a shelter, you don't always see or feel how you've made a difference. But with Oscar, we saw him through to the very end. We even called his family to check up on him and make sure he was taken care of."



From helping 65 abandoned pups find a place to call home in one night to saving an injured dog's life in the middle of the night, thanks to Taylor and Phillips, there are plenty of lucky dogs in Las Vegas. And while it can be easily argued that Ernie, Dolly and Presley might just be the luckiest of them all, if you were to ask Taylor and Phillips, they'd say that they were the lucky ones.

"Sure the dogs get a lot of love-we'll take them to Beau Bijon to get groomed and bathed and then to Three Dog Bakery for treats-but really, they give us so much love that we're just as lucky as they are," Taylor said. 

Zowie Bowie performs every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa's Rocks Lounge. Visit zowiebowie.com or redrocklasvegas.com for more information.

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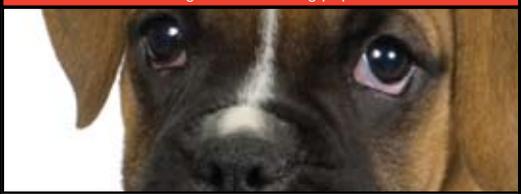


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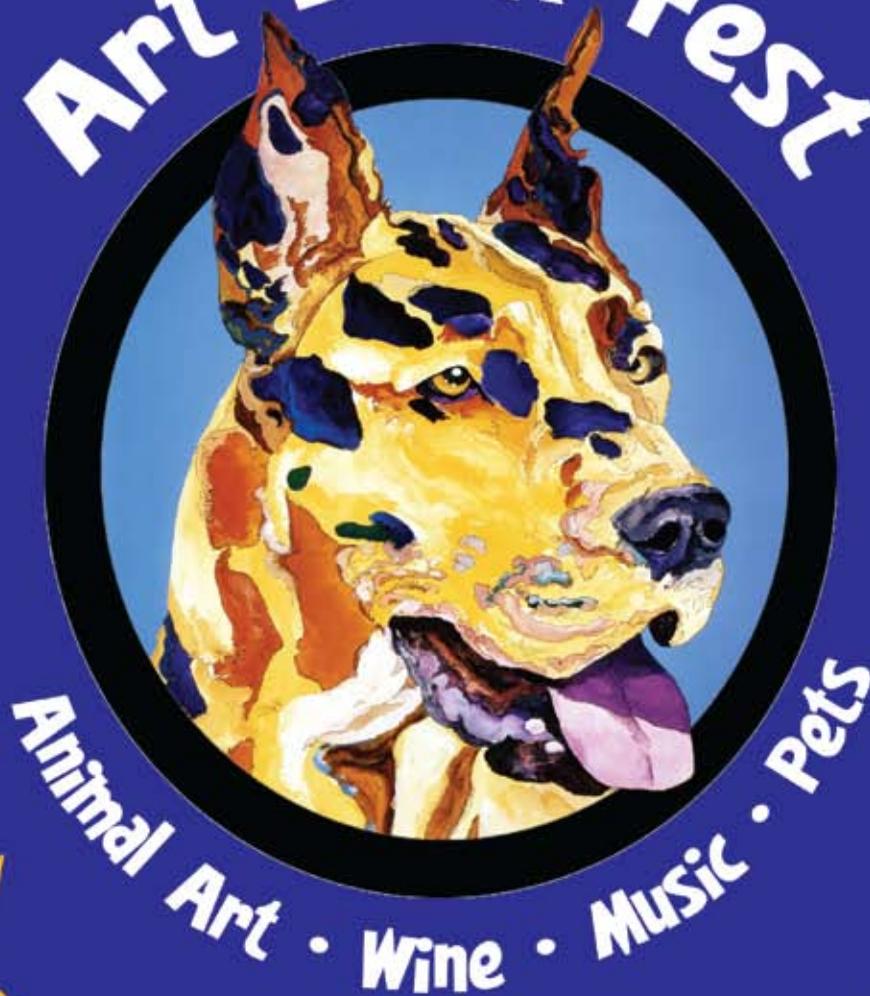
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“Hilton focuses on providing a hassle-free and inspired experience for the world’s travelers – and for many travelers, being able to include a four-legged friend is critical to achieving a relaxed and productive stay,” said Jeff Diskin, senior vice president – brand management, Hilton Hotels & Resorts. “Our Pet Friendly program was designed with all of our guests in mind – those with or without pets – so that

every stay can be personalized to meet the needs of the individual traveler and their entire family.”

Human guests won’t be the only ones to feel rejuvenated as each pet-friendly room is loaded with specially-designed upscale amenities sure to please the most pampered dog or cat. Designed exclusively for Hilton by famed artist William Wegman (best known for his striking photographs of Weimaraner dogs) the *Hilton Pet Friendly* collection will include a stain-, water- and microbial-resistant pet bed, as well as food and water bowls with placemat, and an exclusive pet amenity kit complete with dog waste clean-up bags and treats. The bed, placemat and amenity kits are produced by Crypton Fabrics and made with its patented performance fabric. For guests who want to recreate their stay at home, the pet beds will be available for purchase on www.HiltonToHome.com, alongside Hilton’s Serenity Collection® mattress and other exclusive, in-room amenities.

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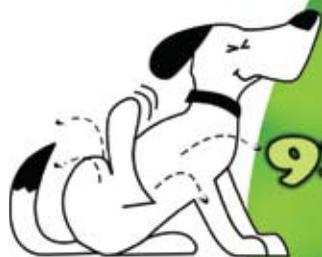
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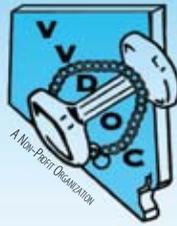
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A RARE BREED OF LOVE: The True Story of Baby and the Mission She Inspired to Help Dogs Everywhere by Jana Kohl

The inspiration for **A RARE BREED OF LOVE: The True Story of Baby and the Mission She Inspired to Help Dogs Everywhere** (Fireside/Simon & Schuster; June 3, 2008; \$25.95/hardcover; 1-4165-6403-9) began years ago, when Jana Kohl started looking for a new puppy online. After a friend's warning that many dogs sold by commercial breeders and pet stores come from inhumane breeding factories known as "puppy mills," Jana decided to do more research.

Sure enough, when Jana visited the breeder she had selected from a seemingly innocent website, she was sickened by the cries of hundreds of dogs barking—all from within two wooden sheds. Small wire cages within one shed housed the puppies for sale, while the breeding dogs—some who had gone cage crazy, spinning endlessly, others who were gravely ill or severely maimed, all with filthy, matted coats—were kept in the other. Heartbroken, Jana left that day determined to stop puppy mills, starting with one small step—she would adopt a rescued dog. Baby, a three-legged puppy mill survivor, was that lucky dog.

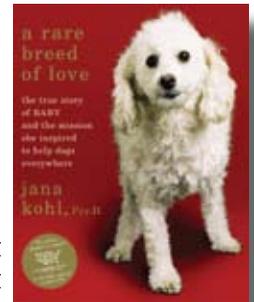
In addition to needing her leg amputated following years of ill treatment, Baby's vocal cords were cut so the mill owners

wouldn't have to hear the dogs' constant cries to be let out of their cages. Yet today this special dog without a voice is the perfect "spokesdog" for animals everywhere.

Together, Baby and her "Ma" have rallied together celebrities, politicians, and animal welfare advocates to help raise awareness about puppy mills and reform animal protection laws. **A RARE BREED OF LOVE** contains over 100 photographs of Baby with supporters from Senator Barack Obama to actress Lindsay Lohan to New York Mets baseball players—as well as original essays from celebrated writers such as Alice Walker and Gloria Steinem (a list of contributors is attached).

A celebration of the special bond between humans and their animal companions, as well as a call to action for national reform, **A RARE BREED OF LOVE** includes a "what you can do" section so that readers can support the campaign and help bring about laws that will protect dogs everywhere.

This July, Jana and Baby will visit cities on a cross-country road trip to raise awareness about puppy mills, encourage rescue adoptions, and help promote the welfare of all animals.



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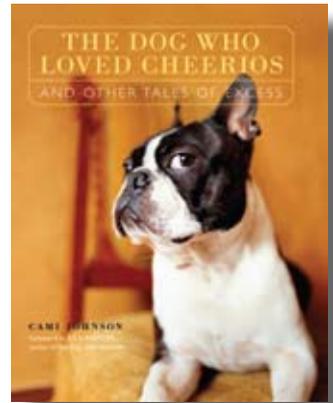
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THE DOG WHO LOVED CHEERIOS AND OTHER TALES OF EXCESS

BY Cami Johnson Foreword by KEN FOSTER

William Wegman meets Rembrandt in these quirky, painterly portraits of dogs that capture the mischievous nature of our favorite companions. In **THE DOG WHO LOVED CHEERIOS and Other Tales of Excess** (Stewart, Tabori & Chang; March 2008; ISBN: 978-1-58479-668-8; US \$16.95 / CAN \$19.95) Cami Johnson takes pictures the old-fashioned way, with medium-format film and no digital manipulation. The result is rich, fully realized images that seem to expose a dog's very essence.



What dog lover will be able to resist the portrait of a carnivorous shepherd contentedly lounging on a velvet-tufted chair or a rabbit-hunting dachshund surrounded by lawn ornament bunnies? And if readers can't detect that naughty canine glint by visual cues alone, Johnson offers charming profiles of her subjects and their various foibles. The stories range from a pair of poodles who compulsively hide (single) socks to an English sheepdog who refuses to walk in the shadow of garbage cans to the mutt who licked the color from a dozen Easter eggs.



From steely-stomached gluttony to a mud-rolling disregard for baths, the quirks of dog-hood are revealed—and embraced!—here with wit and affection.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cami Johnson is a classically trained photographer who has published work in Urban Dog, Town & Country, Boston Magazine, Mother Jones, and elsewhere. Her dog photographs have also been exhibited nationwide. She lives outside Boston with her two dogs, Sunny and Max.

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The Ultimate Pregnancy Guide to Baby-Proofing your Dog

By Victoria Stilwell



I have advised parents-to-be for many years on how to prepare their dogs for the arrival of a new baby. It wasn't until the birth of my daughter Alexandra that I had the opportunity to put my advice into practice and show my animals that this gurgling, whimpering little bundle was a wonderful addition to our family.

As a dog trainer and behavior counselor I thought I had all the answers.

As a mother I discovered that much more needed to be done to help the dogs feel comfortable around my daughter and in turn help me with the overwhelming responsibility of being a new mom. So here is the ultimate pregnancy guide to baby-proofing your dog, for pregnant pet owners everywhere.

To get a better sense of how your dog will cope with the new arrival it is important to understand how your dog perceives the world around him. Dogs are extremely sensitive to environmental change both physically and mentally. People walking in and out of a room, strangers coming to the front door, raised voices during an argument, will naturally illicit an emotional and physical response. How your dog deals with this varies greatly. It is impossible for humans to understand exactly how sensory output can affect dog behavior, but years of scientific and observational study have presented us with a clearer picture. You can avoid potential behavior problems by using this knowledge to help your dog become more comfortable when your baby arrives.

A dog's sense of smell is immeasurably superior to ours. A human nose has approximately 5 million scent receptors, while a dog's has an average of 220 million. A dog is able to detect human perspiration at up to a million times lower concentration than humans. Your baby is going to smell fascinating to your dog, so introduce her now to baby smells. Allow her to explore the sweet smelling baby products that you will be using and when your baby is born, have a friend or family member bring home a blanket that your baby has been wrapped in. Allow the dog to smell the blanket and praise her as she is sniffing it. Give her a delicious treat and allow her to smell again. Repeat this a number of times until the baby comes home.

If the cry of a newborn makes a new mom anxious, it will have the same affect on the animals around you so it is important that you work now to desensitize your dog to baby sounds. All my mothers-to-be receive a fifteen-minute tape of a crying baby, which they play three to four times a day for a week at a low setting so that the dog can hardly hear it. Good things such as play, petting and treats happen while the tape is playing. If the dog seems comfortable and shows no adverse reactions the volume is increased until it is really loud. If the dog becomes stressed at any time, the volume must be decreased to the previous comfort level for a couple of days until the dog is relaxed. This process is repeated until the dog is comfortable with louder levels. The tape won't play the unique cry of your baby, but over a period of weeks your dog will become accustomed to the sound even before your baby is born.

The special sensory hairs that grow around your dog's muzzle, under his jaw and above his eyes are called vibrissae and they help him gather information from his environment through touch. You can use this to your advantage. Purchase a life sized baby doll and allow your dog to touch the doll's feet with his nose. Praise and treat. Walk around with the doll in your arms wrapped in a blanket. Get used to sitting with your doll in one arm as if you are feeding it while stroking the dog with the other hand. Your dog will begin to associate that the close presence of your baby means good things happen to him.

Some dogs have never seen a baby let alone live with one in the house. How does your dog react around other babies that cry loudly or a child that runs past? Does she get over excited or remain calm? Is her body tensing when a child comes too near or is she eager to greet them? Observing your dog's reactions around other children will give you an indication of what you can expect when your baby arrives.

Most dogs are motivated by food. Using treats as a reward for calm behavior when the baby is crying or when you are holding the baby in your arms provides a positive association, because your dog is getting delicious food when the baby is around. If your dog is not food motivated then rewarding good behavior with his favorite toy or game is just as powerful.

Walking with your dog is a great bonding experience and helps you stay fit throughout your pregnancy. However, it is



important that the dog now learns how to walk with a stroller. If your dog is a leash puller, have another person walk her while you push the stroller. Hire a private trainer or take your dog to a training class so that she can be taught to walk appropriately alongside the stroller. The more you can practice now the easier it will be.

If you have poor control over your dog, now is the time to enroll him in a training class or hire a private in-home trainer to work with you. A dog who responds well to commands and who understands that jumping up on you when you have a baby in your arms is unacceptable, will be much easier to live with when the baby arrives. Obedience training is great for bonding and good communication promotes confidence for both of you.

Have a plan ready a few months before delivery so that your dog has somewhere to go when you go into hospital. And when you finally come home allow a family member to carry your baby into the house while you spend time greeting the dog. After the greeting is over sit down on the sofa with the baby in your arms and introduce your dog to the new family member. Keep your body relaxed throughout the introductions and praise your dog for good behavior.

Baby proofing your dog is all about making that dog feel comfortable and safe with the new changes that your baby will bring to your life. Never forget that as a parent you are responsible for those who don't have the ability to think or reason like you do. You need to protect your baby and your dog. No infant or child should ever be left unsupervised with a dog no matter how well mannered and well trained that dog might be. 

British dog trainer Victoria Stilwell is undoubtedly the supernanny for canines. As the star of Animal Planet's "It's Me or the Dog," she effortlessly displays how positive reinforcement can do a dog wonders. This summer she will be one of the judges on CBS' "Greatest American Dog" which will debut on July 10 (airing through September 11). The second season of "It's Me or the Dog" will debut in the fall (date TBD). The show airs in 20 other countries.

A bona fide star in the U.K., Victoria understands how a dog's behavior reflects family dynamics. Her unique brand of firm-but-fair, positive, reward-based dog-training methods are entertaining to watch – and educational as well. A respected author, she published two books – It's Me or the Dog: How to Have the Perfect Pet and Fat Dog Slim: How to Have a Happy, Healthy Pet.



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An Afternoon with a North Las Vegas Animal Control Officer

Interview by Lisa Plummer

Tami Walton admits that being an Animal Control Officer was never a career goal of hers. However, when the life-long animal lover and horsewoman spotted an ad for a position at the North Las Vegas division, she had a feeling this could be the job for her. Five years later, Walton has realized that helping animals is her true calling in life.

LDM: Why did you think you would be a good fit for this job?

TW: I've had animals all my life. I used to breed dogs, have always had horses and been around livestock. With all my animal handling experience, I thought, 'wow, I could do this job!'

LDM: Was it everything you expected?

TW: I didn't know what to expect. I thought it would be mostly dog catching. I didn't know we dealt with livestock and wild animals, and that we do all the cruelty and bite investigations. If you're sensitive to cruelty and dead animals, then this is not the job for you.

LDM: How do you deal with those kinds of experiences?

TW: You have to be able to shut it out or it'll get to you. I do the job, do the call and move on. I don't dwell on it.

LDM: What is the biggest misconception about Animal Control officers?

TW: That we're just dog catchers, or that we're going to take people's dogs away for no reason. If you're demonstrating such irresponsibility that we have to take (your dog) for its safety, health and well-being, then that's what we'll do, but we don't want to take people's dogs away.

LDM: What exactly does your job entail?

TW: We're one step below police officers. We issue citations, do the cruelty investigations and bite reports. We go into schools and do dog bite

education with kids. That's one of our main priorities, public education.

LDM: What are your most common types of calls?

TW: We get repeat calls on dogs running loose or for barking.

LDM: What's your least favorite kind of call?

TW: Cruelty cases. None of us like those kinds of calls. It's frustrating when you see people who don't care, people who argue with you and refuse to cooperate when their dog is starving to death. Then there are days when it's 120 degrees out and you have to foot-chase a dog, or you'll get a dog that weighs 150 pounds, you have to get it in the truck and it's not friendly. It can be physically demanding.

LDM: What was your most heartbreaking experience?

TW: Several years back we got a call about a dog with a broken leg. It was lying in the front yard and I thought it was dead when we first got there, but when we walked up to the dog it was alive. The bone was broken and sticking out of the skin. It had been like that for a couple of weeks, and there were maggots all inside the leg. It couldn't walk, couldn't eat. The owner said they ran it over accidentally and couldn't afford to take it to the vet.

LDM: What did you do and how did that make you feel?

TW: We made him load the dog in his truck and followed him to the vet, but the dog ended up dying. It's just so unbelievable to let an animal suffer like that. If you can't afford the medical care, put it to sleep.

LDM: In the time you've been doing this job, the city has grown quite a bit. Have you seen a shift in attitudes about animals?

TW: I have seen an improvement. It seems like slowly but surely we're getting

a more positive response (from people). You still get those people that are screaming at you from the moment they open the front door, but I think that's changing.

LDM: What's the one thing you'd like to see more of in the community?

TW: Responsible pet ownership.

LDM: What are your thoughts about the spay and neuter ordinance recently passed in your jurisdiction?

TW: It's a good thing. It's a step in the right direction. It'll help put in a dent in (pet) overpopulation, but it's not going to happen overnight.

LDM: What's been the feedback so far?

TW: Good feedback, negative feedback, upset people, happy people, the whole range. A lot of responsible pet owners already have their animals (sterilized), so it's not going to affect them either way. Then there are some who think the law doesn't affect them, or those who are trying to get out that last litter of puppies before they have to get their animals fixed.

LDM: What do you like most about your job?

TW: I like the variety, meeting new people and being outside working with animals. I like learning about different animals and breeds, educating people and doing the children's presentations. I like bringing Fluffy home when he got out and the kids come running and they're so happy and so grateful to have him back. There are very rewarding parts to this job.



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Surviving the high prices is a big topic of conversation. People are getting smarter about their money. We know where our money comes from but do we know where it is going? Think about where your money is going.

For example, I see people drinking ice cold lemonade at the dog park they just bought or just made. Do they think about all of effort that goes into making that one beverage? The person who poured it, the store who sold the ingredients. Do they think about the owners of that store and if they are living their dream by finally owning a store.

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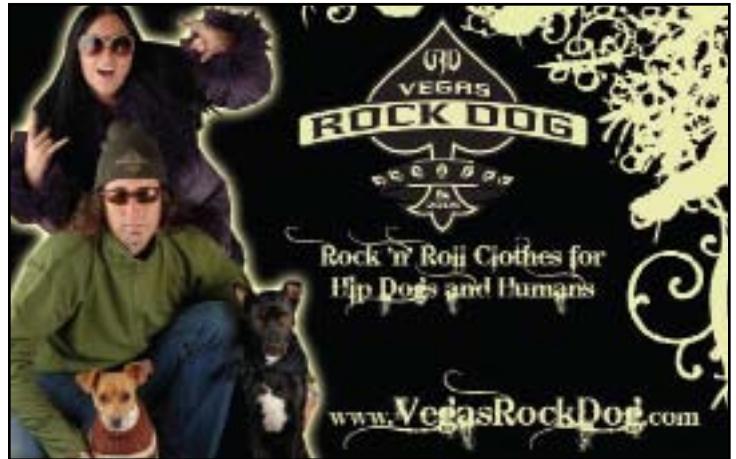
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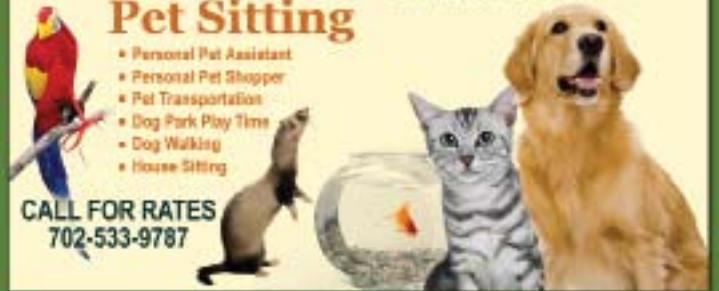


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The members of SNAPPS get to know each other on a much more personal level than one might think. SNAPPS members come together monthly for an informal meeting to talk about upcoming events, what is going on in the pet care industry and to discuss and help each other with business related problems and questions. SNAPPS is much more than just a group of pet care professionals..it is a family. SNAPPS takes great pride in knowing that all the members are in the pet care industry for the well-being of the pets they care for. Since our members get to know each other's business ethics and practices through our meetings, you can feel secure when you are referred from one SNAPPS member to another.

How SNAPPS can Help Local Pet Service Providers:

As a pet service provider, networking is an important part of helping your business grow. By joining SNAPPS you will meet pet service providers in all areas of pet care. By doing so, you will better help your customers in choosing pet services including pet sitters, animal behaviorists, groomers, and much more. The pet service providers you meet will also be able to refer clients to your business and help you in cases of overbooking and emergencies.

SNAPPS members can help you get your business started by explaining to you how to go about getting your business license and insurance as well as idea's on advertising, hiring employees, and expanding your business.

SNAPPS helps even the most seasoned professional expand their business, network with other companies and find reliable back up for emergencies and vacations.

SNAPPS members also attend regular seminars on pet care including first aid classes and exotic pet care workshops.

There are different levels of membership, varying in cost from \$70-\$100 a year. This includes advertising on our website and in our brochures, admission to our monthly meetings, space at the SNAPPS booth at local pet events, referrals through our SNAPPS hotline and SO MUCH MORE!

SNAPPS was formed in March 2001 with the goal of bringing pet sitters together to form an alliance and support system for each other. Over the last two years, SNAPPS now has members in all areas of pet care and focuses on education for members and clients.

For more information, please visit www.southernnevadapets.com or call (702) 445-0661. Or you can email SoNevadaPets@aol.com.

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Henderson Animal Shelter
(702) 267-4970
www.cityofhenderson.com

**Lied Animal Shelter/
The Animal Foundation**
(702) 384-3333
www.animalfoundation.com

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Adopt-A-Rescue-Pet
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IN SEARCH OF CINNAMON

Against Fleas, Flies, Ticks and Mosquitos

Solid Gold researches the ingredients that go into its products very carefully. The owner, Sissy Harrington-McGill, recently went to India to study ayurvedic herbs. The biscuit treat, Solid Gold's Cinnabone Biscuit for dogs, was of a special interest.

Sissy has been breeding, showing and raising Great Danes for almost 50 years. Her dogs are fed at 6am and at 6pm. We all go to bed at around 10pm. If she forgets to give them their night-time biscuit, around 2am, a very loud yawn is heard saying, "I'm starving to death. Feed me my biscuits."

Then, they go back to sleep through the night. Their people are well trained!

Of all the five biscuit recipes, Cinnabone Biscuit is the all-time favorite. South East Asia is known for its cinnamon. Nothing is too good for our fur kids.

Cinnamon information first appeared in Chinese writings around 2800 B.C. It was given to people for a variety of ailments. It helped with kidney, liver, and heart problems. It was used to keep meat from spoiling and kept disease from spreading due to its anti-bacterial properties.

In the first century A.D., Pliny, the Elder, thought that cinnamon was so valuable that 350 grams of cinnamon were equal to 15 times the value of silver.

Medieval physicians used it for respiratory problems such as coughing and sore throats. They didn't know how effective it was for bacterial infections. They just knew that it worked.

Cinnamon was thought to have an anti-aging use, since it slows down the deterioration of cells.

Today, cinnamon is used for weight control and Type II diabetes. The Bellville Nutrition Center is under the auspices of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Their 2003 study found that cinnamon lowered glucose, triglyceride, LDL cholesterol as well as improved diabetes problems.

The department also found that it helped with insect problems. As an additional bonus, the department found that even after the experiment was over, all the beneficial effects continued for 20 more days.

A professor of nutrition at the Public School of Nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health was amazed at the long lasting results. Dr. Anderson of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture said, "Cinnamon makes cells more sensitive to insulin."

Cinnamon contains sulphur, the seventh most prevalent substance in the human's and dog's bodies. Dogs love cinnamon. Fleas, ticks, flies and mosquitoes hate sulphur.

In 2004, the island of Taiwan found that if they sprinkled cinnamon around the island, it killed mosquitoes larva more effectively than DEET, a common pesticide. On July 14, 2004 a recommendation was made from the Agriculture and Food Chemistry Dept. in Taiwan to use cinnamon to repel insects. Yet, if the dogs found the cinnamon and ate it, it wouldn't hurt them. Dogs love cinnamon.

From Sissy's notebook about India in the spring of 2008, she tells what she observed.

"The elephants and camels are common beasts of burden in the city of Bombay (now called Mumbai). They poop all over as they walk along. The sacred white cows stop traffic and walk into the street, into shops-pooping all the way. Traffic comes to a dead stop as the cows wander across the streets.

At night, women come out and gather up the poop, mix it with straw, dry it out, and use it for fuel for cooking.

In the early 1800's in the U.S., pioneers also collected Buffalo Chips and Cow Pies for the same reason.

The chips were so valuable that they were shipped to various ports as cargo. At first, they were stored into the bottom of the ship's hold. But they produced methane gas. So, if someone approached the chips with a lighted lantern, it exploded.

So sailors marked on the ship's walls STORE HIGH IN TRANSIT to let the air circulate. Later on, the abbreviation S.H.I.T. was used.

I always thought that expression was used by dog handlers as they left the ring, if they didn't win.

Solid Gold Cinnabone Biscuits are available in 2.5 pound reusable buckets with handles, or 1 pound jars. The other ingredients are barley, lamb, oats, fish, and garlic and sea vegetation.

Our other biscuits are Dragon's Teeth to clean teeth, Dragonett to clean little teeth, Dyna-Bones for the eyes and diabetes and Natur-Bone Biscuit for memory, circulation and weight control.



Solid Gold is the only dog food company that is a member of the Organic Trade Association, the American Nutraceutical Association, the Medicinal Food Association, Nutraceutical Foods Association and the Life Extension Association.



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