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## Message from the President by Elizabeth Canty

Welcome, Spring! Sometimes when Spring is in the air, it brings out some unwelcome behavior, especially in cats. Two of the most frequent reasons that callers to our voice mail want to give up their cats are fighting and litter box issues. In the case of litter box issues, the first step is a visit to the vet to rule out a urinary tract infection. Both of these behaviors can be corrected with a little effort, and by putting yourself into the role of the cat. Cats are very sensitive animals, and many do not respond well to change. In the case of fighting, it can be triggered by food aggression, toy aggression, and adding a new pet to the household. To avoid aggression, make sure there is enough food and toys to go around. Feed animals separately if necessary. Allow pets to adjust to each other by keeping the newcomer in a separate room for a few days to a week. If the cat is aggressive toward a family member, use positive reinforcement (treats, petting) to correct the behavior. Litter box problems can be triggered by small things such as moving the furniture. This will disrupt the cat's routine, and they may decide to urinate on the furniture in return. Perhaps the cat used to lay on top of the sofa to look out the window, and now it can't do that. Adding a cat perch or alternate viewing place will help. In one recent instance, a new baby was brought home. The baby's room used to be where the litter box was kept, and now it was moved all the way to the basement. In addition, the cat was no longer allowed to come upstairs to the second floor, even to sleep with her humans, as she had previously done. The cat did not receive the attention that it did before. From the cat's perspective, it had lost its position in the family. Often, litter box issues can be corrected by keeping the cat in a small room such as laundry room or bathroom, or by putting it in a crate for a period of about 2 weeks. This is not cruel. It will help the cat to re-bond with the litter box and correct the behavior. Clean the soiled areas in the house with white vinegar and remove throw rugs that seem to be a favorite of cats. Some cats are affected by unaltered cats or other animals roaming the neighborhood in the spring. Your veterinarian can prescribe medications such as chlomocalm to help on a temporary basis. For more information, call our voice mail, and I will return your call.

## Words from Wowzer!

What humans need to understand is that we pets don't speak English or any other human language. We are not logical creatures either, but the humans that love us and care for us can learn how to understand us and help us to be the best companions possible. This can take some patience and some research and some effort.

According to John C. Wright, PhD, author of *Ain't Misbehavin'*, "our role is not to dominate but to lead and enable the pets in our household to fulfill their needs." By really understanding what the pet's basic needs are their people can help their dog or cat or other pet be a wonderful part of the family.

Pet owners should know that they know their pet better than any outside pet expert can. And with the right information from a knowledgeable person such as Dr. Wright you can become a great team for improving the daily lives of both your family and your pets.

Remember you can't talk pets out of their bad habits, bulling them into shape is WRONG



## Treasured Memories and Honorariums

### IN MEMORY OF :

	for	Grace Le Donne
		Mutzy
Tim & Terri Crockett		Tiger & Whiskers
Joseph & Carol Ferraro		Jim Roback
Nancy Harrigan		Puddles & Sabrina
Anette Jernberg		Jeane Huppert & Jerome Baron
Karen		Raymond M. Kaszuba
Lavin		Felix
Jan Mavrice		Barney & Frish
Melodie Pavlis		Sugar
Betty Schoon		Molly
Susan Zweig		All the cats I've loved

### IN HONOR OF:

Tim & Terri Crockett	for	Astro
Joseph Fabian		Avery & Roger Fabian
Lois Haskins		Ace @ GAC
Nancy Harrigan		all my best friends (cats & dogs)
Betty Schoon		Mattie (adopted 9-21-05)
Charles & Julie Secniar		Gladys & Gracie
Elsie Stevens		Lily (Boots)
Krystyn Szymoniak		Trudy
HELP WITH EXPENSES:		
Lavinia Brown		
LorrainePeklonsky		

**Wowzer continued** So, why not buy a copy of Dr. Wright's book for some good insights on how to deal with these sometimes naughty dogs or cats. Remember as you come to understand your pets better, your pet's problem behavior won't crop up.

Your dog needs to be able to protect himself from threats. If he fears he is being threatened, his natural response may include biting or growling at a family member. This is a good indication that someone is doing something wrong to the dog. "Like our own needs, every dog's needs fall into three categories — biological, psychological, and social." If a child jumps on an old dog's back for a ride, it hurts her spine. The evening dog walk has a strong social component and it also fulfills a biological need and a psychological need.

"The needs of our feline friends today are generally the same as those for dogs, but without the vigorous exercise." Each pet has its own preferences. One cat might sleep in her kitty bed while another has to sleep between your sheets with his head on a your pillow. Some cats like to sleep in a box by the heat register in the winter.

While humans have "sighted" brains and rely heavily on what they see, this isn't true for cats and dogs. Humans tend to downplay the data from other senses, but dogs and cats have an uncanny ability to use all their senses to create an amazingly "whole" picture from the sum of all its parts. There is just so much to learn about your pets!

### Every Weekend

Treasured Friends can be found almost every weekend, Saturday and Sunday, at Highland PetCo. Located at 10235 Indianapolis Blvd., Highland, Indiana. We are there from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Telephone 219-924-9219.

You can now make donations using a credit card or PayPal on our website—  
[www.treasuredfriendsrescue.org](http://www.treasuredfriendsrescue.org)

### Save a Life

### Adopt a Shelter Pet



### Spay/Neuter

Help us win the war on pet overpopulation by making sure all of your pets are spayed or neutered. We can also assist with trapping, neutering, and returning wild cats to their habitat. Cats can't add, but they sure can multiply!

For information on Neuter Scooter (cats only) please call 866-662-5838.



**Bob Tales, the continuing saga of Bob "the wild man"  
by Deb Halsted, Just Because Farm, Wheatfield, IN**

Hidee ho Neighbor! Been watchin' a lot of 'Home Improvement' reruns lately. Wilson's a real cool dude cuz he know so much stuff, sorta reminds me of me! What about this weather??? If it's not hot enuf to burn the old paws off then it's pouring rain. Guess that's what they mean when they say to stick around if you don't like the current weather; in no time flat the Midwest can go from sun to snow to rain to wind or all three! Oh wow says me with mock enthusiasm...aren't we the lucky ones.

But this topic of weather ties in pretty darn well with my next episode of my life as a stray so here we go!

After that spine-tingling chase scene with that little pansy-pawed Tigger I decided I could hang around this farm for awhile. Good food, lots of shelter - so what if a few of the locals were unfriendly. Nothing here The Wild Man couldn't handle!

The weather went from chilly, rainy spring days into wonderful warm sunny summer days - great for getting the chill out of these old bones. There's something to be said about a good back scratching roll in the warm sand. It's great for getting rid of that heavy winter coat for one thing. Every once in a while I could pull out hunks of the old winter fur and see that really sleek summer coat coming in. Have to say I am one good lookin' dude! So in-between sand rolls, checkin' out the spring flowers (hay, I'm may be a tough guy but you still gotta stop and smell the flowers!), and meeting more of the residents I was a pretty busy guy.

One afternoon as I was catchin' a few rays and checkin' out the cloud shapes in the sky a couple of calico cuties sauntered up to me. One had a lot of white on her face and the other one had a mostly black face. They were both pretty darn good lookin' and I knew they wouldn't be able to resist me. Love was in the air and The Wild Man was ready!

The white-faced one said her name was Boots. Oh duh, I tell her. Didn't take a rocket scientist to figure that one out with her 4 white paws. Geez, talk about common and unimaginative. I took a big kitty roll in the sand to show how uninterested I was. Then the black-faced one slithered up and said her name was Squirte'. Oh man, I couldn't hold back the laugh on that one. Squirte' was just another name for Squirt - another name for RUNT! I was laughing so hard I got a little sand up my nose holes and went into a sneezing fit. Oh pluuu-leeeeezzzzzee. This was going to be easier than I thought. A low-down commoner and a runt. If this was all the natives had to offer I was going to be King in no time. Yeah, but those two calicos had other ideas; they took unfriendly natives to a whole new level.

The next thing I knew I had two very angry, screaming, fang-barring females on me and they were out for blood. Not having much time to plan my attack and realizing that these two weren't going to fight by the rules I thought it best to let them win this one. I needed time to get my strategy together and show them who's really the boss. So I did the honorable kitty thing and high-tailed it up the nearest tree. Those two girls might not play by the rules but bein' spoiled little house cats I knew they would' t have the strength to follow me up the tree. Good thing I'd been keepin' the old claws razor sharp as the nearest tree was an old oak with some pretty tough bark on it. I found a nice wide branch about 15' off the ground and settled down for a little nap. Those two sissies were not going to give up though. They stayed under my branch hissing and spitting all kinds of threats. Come to find out that they considered themselves the farm queens, both having had kittens on the farm. That pansy-pawed Tigger was one of their kids, too. Now I know where he got his bad manners from! And then that prissy missy Boots had the audacity to tell me I was a pompous, arrogant old tom cat who wasn't welcome on this farm. Of course the runt, Squirte', had to get her two cents worth in and howled that no one had any use for me anyway. Everybody on this farm had been to a doctor who made sure there wouldn't be any more kids around. Ouch! Not sure I liked the sound of that. But I didn't let either one of them see my reactions, actually I completely ignored them by curling my paws underneath me and closing my eyes. I figured they'd run back into their house as soon as they got hungry or cold or tired. I was pretty darn confident that there was no way they could support themselves like The Wild Man!!

Boy, did I have a lot to learn.

Well, the wind's come up a bit and it's awful chilly. Probably going to rain - again. Time to head back to more 'Home Improvement', maybe I can catch a couple episodes of M.A.S.H., too! Now who hid the remote? See you next time.....

Please spread the word about how important it is to get all pets spayed and neutered! It will prevent unwanted animals, and prevent health problems such as breast and uterine cancer in females, and prostate cancer in males. It also reduces the urge to wander and fight !

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## Cat and Dog Fun Facts

The cat was a symbol of liberty in ancient Rome.

The dog name "Fido" is from Latin and means "fidelity".

Cats are not hunters by nature. Their mothers teach them to hunt.

The oldest cat on record was a female tabby that lived to be 34 years old.

It has been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress and have fewer heart attacks.

Most pet owners (94%) say their pet makes them smile more than once a day.

Cats see so well in the dark because their eyes actually reflect the light. Light goes in their eyes and is reflected back out. Their eyes work as built-in flashlights.

The ancient Egyptians worshipped cats as Gods. Any cat owner can tell you that cats have never gotten over it.

At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day In The Life", an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for his Shetland sheepdog.

An estimated 1 million dogs in the United States have been named the primary beneficiary in their owner's will.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE : 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!** (Author unknown)

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors on cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....

**WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!**

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no text messaging, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....**WE HAD FRIENDS** and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents .

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### Featured Pets: What to do about Molly? By Holly Topp, foster (edited)

Molly was a stray so we don't know about her life before T. F. She's around 7-8 years young, spayed and current on her shots. Molly has been adopted twice and has been returned both times. What do we do with Molly? Can she stay in foster care indefinitely? Is it fair to Molly not to have her own master? Is it fair to other dogs sitting in doggy jail waiting and hoping for a spot in foster care to open up? Molly has been with me for over 6 months now. Molly used to be dog aggressive. I have 6 dogs of my own so Molly had no choice but to adjust. My dogs will allow only so much from her than they push back. So Molly has adjusted very well to pack life. She is food aggressive. I don't think that can be trained out of her so we work around it. All dogs get fed separately so no fighting. The second time she was returned the new owner had just lost his much loved pet and wanted a small dog. I think he was hoping for his old dog in Molly. I don't feel he gave Molly a fair chance. He gave her one night, and she was returned the next day. Molly has been with me ever since. It will take up to three weeks for Molly to bond to new owner, I recommend the new owner give her the cold shoulder at first, take her for daily walks at first. Do not try to coddle her. She must get it through her thick Shih-Tzu head that you're the BOSS. You must make this point by being assertive not physical. Molly is good with cats. Molly is crate trained and seems to like her crate. Molly sticks close to home when outside. Now the part I dread telling you. She can and will bite! Don't take that wrong, she is not a charging unprovoked deranged monster, who bites your leg as you walk by. She has bitten when getting groomed and she's sensitive around her face. Use a muzzle. Problem solved. Molly will give plenty of verbal warnings before the snap. She has snapped at strangers who try to pet her, so don't pet her. She will bite if it involves taking food away from her. She takes treats from my fingers very gently, but if I was to try to take it back from her she would bite me. I give her small treats she can eat right away, that way no guarding behavior. Molly rides very well in the car. She will growl at stranger if they walk too close to the car. Molly has one weird quirk that I've noticed; She picks up and chews on discarded cigarette butts. To get it from her, I offer her a trade for a goodie. She drops the butt to take the treat; I pick up the butt to discard later. Works every time! Molly is a low energy dog; she tends to be a little overweight. So you must harden your heart to those big pleading eyes and say NO! I've had Molly for some time now and with just a little effort on my part I've never been bitten and Molly has adjusted to my household. So if I can do it, you can too 'cause Molly needs a home!!!!!! You can see Molly on our website, or call us for an appointment to meet her in person.

Special thanks to the Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago, Dr. Reed at Westchester Animal Hospital (Porter), Dr. Kim at Animal Medical Center (Sauk Village), and Glenwood Village Pet Hospital for providing low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations. Without their support, we would not be able to help as many animals as we do now!

Thanks to all who supported our Cut-a-thon Fundraiser. Through our mailed in donations and money raised at the event, we collected almost \$2000 to help the animals. Thanks again to Creative Hair Styling Academy, American Certified Massage School, and Chela's Restaurant! Please support these merchants.

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We played with worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever. We were given BB guns for our 10<sup>th</sup> birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them! Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law! This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever! The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL! And YOU are one of them!

CONGRATULATIONS! You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

While you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were. Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!

**Wish List**

- Iams adult cat food
- ProPlan kitten food
- Purina kitten chow
- Purina dog and puppy chow

Volunteers are urgently needed to help at PetCo on the weekends. Help is needed on Friday afternoons at 4 PM to set up cages, and Sunday afternoon at 4 PM to take them down.

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**Become a Member :**

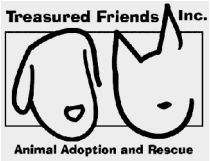
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**Come To Our Monthly Meetings:**

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7:00 PM At Jean Shepherd Community Center (Dowling Park)  
3031 Mahoney Drive  
Hammond, Indiana

**Upcoming Events:**

- Monthly Meetings—
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- Friday, May 11
- Friday, June 8



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