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The Advantages of Adopting a Dog or Cat

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There are many advantages to adopting a dog or cat. Adopting a pet can be a great way to reduce our every day stresses and anxieties. In addition, there are many other reasons why adopting a dog or cat can be important in your life.

For instance, pets can help us to relax and help us to focus on the good things in our lives. This can be very helpful when we are overwhelmed by the stresses and anxieties of our lives. Playing with our pets can help reduce our fears and anxieties in any situation. Pets can get our minds off of our problems. A person could do an activity with their pet or other animals that will give them a fresh perspective on things. Spending time with animals will get your mind off of the problem and give you the energy to do other things. Most importantly, playing with animals will give you the self-confidence that you can cope and that you can get through a stressful day.

Spending time with a pet can reduce loneliness and can be a great source of companionship. A pet can help us to feel better. Also many people talk to their pets and this can help us to get their problems out in the open. Animals can be of good company to all of us and can prevent the fear of being alone during our troubles.

Taking care of dog or cat can be a great way to increase our happiness and self-confidence. There are many animals out there who could benefit from your time and talents. Doing something that will help your pet or other animals can give you a source of pride and accomplishment.

Pets are 100 percent faithful and will be by your side through the good and bad times. Everybody deals with anxieties, stresses and other life problems, and it is during those times when you need someone by your side to talk too. People in our lives come and go, but your pet will never leave you regardless how bad your problems may be.

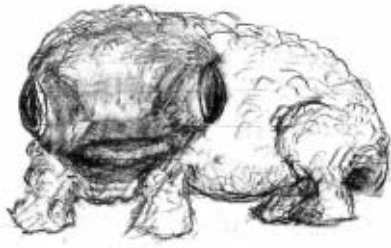


There are also many different breeds of dogs and cats we can choose from which can accommodate our life styles. If you want a certain type of pet that will suite your lifestyle, all you have to do is talk to a pet expert or a veterinarian. These people will work with you to determine what type of dog to get that will fit in with your household.

By adopting a pet, you will be saving a life; a life of an animal that could very well become your best friend. A pet will love you unconditionally during his or her lifetime. Don't let a few obstacles prevent you from gaining a faithful companion in your life. Adopting a pet can be beneficial to your health and be one of the best things that you can do in your life.

BIOGRAPHY:

Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear Using Psychology, Christianity and Non Resistant Methods" - an easy to read book that presents a general overview of techniques that are effective in managing persistent fears and anxieties. For additional information go to: <http://www.managingfear.com/>



FROM THE WORLD OF GUS

Sometimes a change of pace is a good thing. Normally every moment that I'm awake I'm up and running, literally. Today was an exception.

It is summer here in South Carolina. Mid-afternoon is nap time. But we happened to have a beautiful sunny morning. Dad was working in his big garden. It seems like a lot of work to me, but when he can work in his garden he laughs a lot more. And that makes me happy too. I can't see the connection between green beans and happiness, but, as you know, I'm not much of a philosopher.

Anyway, this morning Dad decided to let Johnny (my very much older sister) and I run free around the house while he was gardening. Gypsy had to stay in the fenced back yard because she runs away. Johnny wasn't much fun. She just found a cool place in the shade and went to sleep. I stayed close to the back yard; I never want to be far from Gypsy.

It was a kind of warm, lazy, peaceful time. For once I didn't feel like racing around. I just lay there on my chest, looking around but not moving, not even wagging my tail. After a while I saw some little gray thing scurrying along. He would quickly move a few feet, then stop and look around, as if he was afraid that someone was following him. He stayed pretty flat to the ground. He must have had some but I never saw his feet or his legs. After one more furtive scurry, and a long look around, he slipped down a hole that was so small that I hadn't noticed it. I thought he was too fat to fit but he slipped through like jello.

Gypsy told me later that the funny little creature was a mole (Johnny just lay there and smiled at my ignorance). Well I didn't know. The amazing thing is that I didn't jump

up and try to dig him up. I can make a big messy hole in minutes, but this time I didn't. I just watched to see if my mole would come back.

He didn't, but a neighbor of his came by a few minutes later. One of my favorite things around the house and garden are the many toads. I love the lumpy bumpy brown things with heads bigger than their bodies, smiley mouths and big popped-out eyes. Well, Mr. Toad came hopping down that bare-ground path made by Dad putting in some irrigation pipes. Without a care in the world he went about ten feet past the mole hole and crawled into a much larger hole. Then he turned around to look all around with his funny face sticking out, and then retired to his den.

Maybe I'm all grown up and will spend the rest of my life in quiet contemplation. No more crashing around at twenty miles per hour. *You think? Nah!*

Volunteers of the Month...

NICOLE BABYAK

Nicole is a wonderful, long-time volunteer at MaxFund. She primarily volunteers with the cats but she also visits with and loves the clinic dogs, such as Gemini. Nicole is one of the patient and amazing volunteers who works with the cats in MaxFund's feral room. Most of these cats do not want to be petted, and it takes a lot of patience and understanding to gain their trust. Nicole is one of the few people who has taken the time to gain their trust and love. Not only is she helping these cats receive love and attention, by getting to know them, she can also let staff know when one is socialized enough to be moved to another adoption room. Nicole also hangs out with the FIV cats and the kittens.

Nicole sometimes helps to write bios for the cats, especially the new cats in the feral room. She also assists with adoption follow-up calls, which is very important to help adopters with any issues they may be having with their new cats. Finally, Nicole fosters mommas and kittens. Many feral kittens have become socialized and had a chance for love and a home thanks to Nicole's willingness and patience to work with them despite their hisses, growls and swats.

Nicole is not only great with the cats, she is also friendly with other volunteers, staff and adopters. She always has a smile and is a treasure. *Thank you, Nicole, for all that you do!*



A CAT'S UNIVERSE

by Snoopy & Gizmo

Hello Everyone!

I am so excited that it is finally my turn to report. This is just too funny not to share and I doubt that Snoopy would tell the story.

As you know, we now share the house with an oversized Besenji, in other words a dog. Well, he likes to play and wants us to be his play buddies. Usually he gets all the way down on the floor so he can try to look small and hopefully not be so intimidating (doesn't really work with us). Anyway, a few weeks ago we were all down stairs and Snoopy was sitting on the floor next to his Dad and Loki just walked over to him, sat down and then whopped him on the head with his paw. Snoopy just sat there and looked at him like "what was that for?" At first everyone was totally amazed, and Loki got scolded. But then they all just burst out laughing. They laughed so much that Mom started crying; well it looked that way because she had to wipe her eyes. However, I must admit that I thought it was funny too but I was too polite to show it.

Now since I have told you about Snoopy I guess I might as well tell my story because if I don't, he will. Several nights later I was sitting on the floor next to my Dad in the "L" corner of the couch, trapped if you will. Loki must have decided it was my turn for a head whap because he came up beside our Dad and smacked me on the head. Everyone had a good laugh but this time I did not think it was so funny. No one is sure what possessed Loki, but then he is a dog so who knows. I guess the moral of the story is don't sit on the floor if Loki is around.

Everything is quiet around here so it must be nap time. Talk to you later, my Cat Tree awaits.

Your Cat reporter - Gizmo

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- Cooperate with other animal facilities/shelters in the accomplishment of the above goals.

Contributions for this newsletter are welcome. Please check the back page of newsletter for each month's deadline. We especially enjoy letters and photos from animals adopted from our shelter.

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Byron is affectionate and sweet tempered. Gets along with other friendly dogs. Enjoys playtime.



BUDDY

Buddy is housetrained. He likes long walks, car rides, playing in the yard and hangin' with humans.



STUBBS

Stubbs is a happy go lucky guy. Loves all friendly people. Needs to be an only dog.



HAWK

Hawk is a male Alaskan Husky. He is friendly and good tempered. Affectionate and he enjoys attention.



KING TUX

King Tux is rather regal looking with his kaleidoscope eye. He's a wonderful boy!



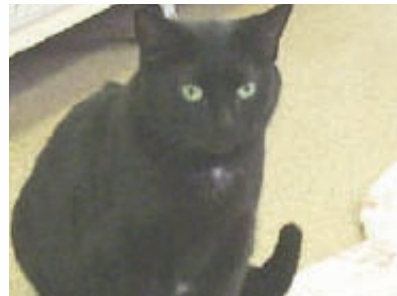
SONYA

Sonya is a mellow older kitty. She is very patient and not pushy.



BILLIE

Billie is friendly and good-natured. He has a personality that will win you over.



RIZZO

Rizzo is a petite, lovely girl with a lot of love to give. Happiest when being petted or brushed.



RON

Ron is incredibly friendly and loving. He's a handsome orange tabby.

FOSTER OF THE MONTH

LINDA SLAIGHT

MaxFund is lucky to have Linda as a foster mom--with her huge heart and loving kindness. She has been fostering dogs for about 10 years and in that time, she has fostered an array of dogs, including hospice and abused dogs. While Linda loves each of the dogs she fosters, some stand out in particular.

Linda fostered Jake because he was a very sick dog with Cushing's disease and skin and ear infections. In the time she had him, she got his skin infections cleared up, and he went from being very sick to a happy, laid-back dog who thought he should be king of the house (rightfully so). He was always following her around the house and wagging his tail. He loved all dogs and people, and he became a great companion for her other dog, Molly, who had been abused and neglected for a long time. Jake helped Molly learn social skills and in return, Molly licked his face. Molly was terrified of people and although she lived with Linda for years, she never warmed up to people. But in time, she became happy, loving and sweet. Unfortunately, both Jake and Molly passed away earlier this year and although it was heart breaking for Linda, she remembers all of the good times and how empty her life would have been without them.

Linda also had Muffin, a hospice dog who was very old and had a lot of medical problems. She was blind and arthritic but very sweet. She lived for nine months after Linda got her, which was a lot longer than anyone expected. This just shows how big a difference a loving home can make to an animal who is older or sick.

WHY DOES SHE FOSTER?

According to Linda, there is no greater gift that God can give her than to take an abused dog or a sick one and give them lots of love, affection and a walk every day, toys, a safe place to live and other dogs to play with. They give her so much more than she ever gives them. There's nothing like the feeling when they snuggle on the bed with you or climb in the chair with you. Just the fact of giving a dog a home for a time is priceless. It makes her feel

good knowing that she made a dog's life better and happier for a time. In fact, she encourages anyone reading this article to consider fostering a sick or abused animal. The love and happiness they give you is wonderful, and they are so grateful to have a home with lots of love and caring.

Thank you, Linda, for all of the love and care you have given these special dogs in need. You are a blessing to the dogs and MaxFund.

You, too, can experience the joys of fostering. MaxFund is always in desperate need of foster homes, especially cat foster homes. Please contact the shelter today to find out how you can foster.





MAXFUND'S MAILBAG

Dear MaxFund,

I adopted Willow on March 18, 2012. She is a wonderful little girl that has brought such happiness to my home. She is the sweetest dog I have ever known. She loves to snuggle right under my chin near my neck and face. She is so sweet and follows me everywhere I go.

House training has been a little challenging but she is catching on. She's a very smart dog. She likes other dogs and also people.

Thank you for allowing me to adopt her. I don't know what I'd do without her.

Sincerely,
Pat Borchardt



Dear MaxFund,

Just a short note to thank you for all you do in helping our feline friends and thank you for your kind help in adopting our precious Levon. Hillary came to us through friends and our "family" is now complete.

MaxFund stands out as a wonderful animal rescue facility and you two gals stand out with your compassion and encouragement and kind loving care.

Warmly,
Barb Liedloff
Sue Davidson



Hillary

In memory of a cat I recently had to put to sleep.

Your life may have started out bad with owners who didn't want you, but when you came into my life it changed.

Yes, it was a battle to hold you and show you love at first but those 10 years we had, I wouldn't give them away for anything in the world because in the end when you left this world you knew and found out there were people who really want you.

May you now know all the joy and peace and love you felt when you left this world, for I will always hold a spot in my heart for you.

Lynn K. Tokach

Hello MaxFund,

Just an update on Calvin – he is doing great! One of his favorite things is to find a sunny spot and lounge. He has two dog buddies here that he likes to play with. Calvin is a sweet, sweet dog. Thanks for rescuing him.

Love,
Jen & Ken VanSchoyck



Calvin



Tray

Too old, too worn, too broken, no way.
Way past his time, he can't run and play.
Then they shake their heads slowly and
go on their way.

A little old man, arthritic and sore,
It seems I am not wanted anymore.
I once had a home, I once had a bed,
A place that was warm, and where I was fed.
Now my muzzle is grey, and my eyes slowly fail.

Who wants a dog so old and so frail?
My family decided I didn't belong,
I got in their way, my attitude wrong.
Whatever excuse they made in their head,
Can't justify how they left me for dead.

Now I sit in this cage, where day after day,
The younger dogs get adopted away.
When I almost come to the end of my rope,
You saw my face, and I finally had hope.
You saw through the grey, and the legs
bent with age,

And felt I still had life beyond this cage.
You took me home, gave me food and a bed,
And shared your pillow with my poor tired head.
We snuggle and play, and you talk to me low,
You love me so dearly, you want me to know.
I may have lived most of my life with another,
But you outshine them with love
so much stronger.

And I promise to return all the love I can give,
To you, my dear person, as long as I live.
I may be with you for a week, or for years,
We will share many smiles, you will no
doubt shed tears.

And when the time comes that God deems
I must leave,
I know you will cry and your heart, it will grieve.
And when I arrive at the Bridge, all brand new,
My thoughts and my heart will still be with you.
And I will brag to all around who will hear,
Of the person who made my last days so dear.

~Author Leslie Whalen; in memory of her dog, Tray

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EXERCISING WITH YOUR DOG

You've seen those ads on TV promising amazing results from all sorts of contraptions. Well, there's no need to invest in fancy equipment. If you have (or can borrow) a dog, you have everything you need to get in shape now!!! The following exercises can be done anywhere, anytime.

Inner Thighs: Place the dog's favorite toy between thighs. Press tighter than the dog can pull. Do not attempt bare legged - dogs who favor shortcuts to success will just dig the toy out. You could be damaged.

Upper Body Strength: Lift the dog - off the couch, off the bed, out of the flower bed. Repeat, repeat, repeat. As the dog ages, this exercise is reversed - onto the couch, onto the bed, into the car and so on.

Balance and Coordination, Exercise 1: Remove your puppy from unsuitable tight places. If they're too small for him, they're certainly too small for you. Do it anyway!

Balance and Coordination, Exercise 2: Practice not falling when your dog bounds across the full length of the room, sails through the air, and slams both front paws into the back of your knees.

Balance and Coordination, Exercise 3: *(for use with multiple dogs)* Remove all dogs from lap and answer the phone before it stops ringing.

Balance and Coordination, Exercise 4: *(alternate)* For older dogs, attempt to cross a room without tripping over the dog. Get off your couch without crushing any part of a sleeping elderly dog.

Upper Arms: Throw the ball. Throw the squeaky toy. Throw the Frisbee. Repeat until nauseous.

Upper Arms: *(alternate)* Tug the rope. Tug the pull toy. Tug the sock. Repeat until your shoulder is dislocated or the dog gives up (we all know which comes first).

Hand Coordination: Remove foreign object from dog's locked jaw. This exercise is especially popular with puppy owners. *Repeat. Repeat. Repeat.* Remember, this is a timed exercise. Movements must be quick and precise (think concert pianist) to prevent trips to the vet, which only offer the minimal exercise benefit of jaw firming clenches.

Calves: After the dog has worn out the rest of your body, hang a circular toy on your ankle and let the dog tug while you tug back. **WARNING:** This is feasible only for those with strong bones and small dogs. Have you taken your calcium supplement today?

Calves: *(alternate)* Run after dog - pick any reason, there are plenty. Dogs of any size can be used for this exercise. Greyhounds are inadvisable.

Neck Muscles: Attempt to outmaneuver the canine tongue headed for your ear, mouth, or eyeball. This is a lifelong fitness program. A dog is never too old or too feeble to "French Kiss" you when you least expect it.

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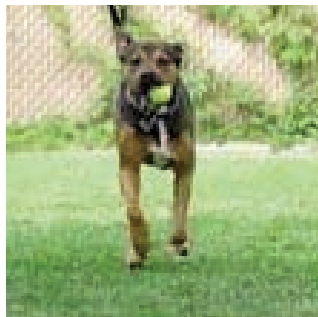
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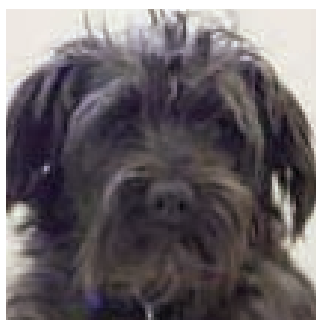
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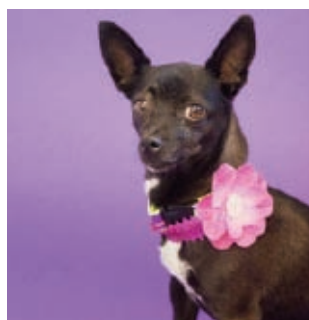
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