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A Box O' Puppies

By Heidi Hahn

Who doesn't like puppies? Probably the creator of "Peanuts", Charles Schultz, said it best, "Happiness is a warm puppy." Well there is no happiness at the MaxFund Wellness Center when critically ill puppies are brought to us in batches, puppies that are in the process of dying of parvo. Unhappiness doesn't come close to describing our feelings while dealing with this epidemic. "Heartbreaking" would be a better word, especially because parvo is so easy to prevent (with a very effective vaccine) and so hard to treat.

A slew of pups were relinquished to the MaxFund shelter, and brought over to the clinic, between late May and early July. The last batch of four very sick 6-week old puppies came in a box. Parvo kills quickly, often in a matter of a few days, sometimes in less than 24 hours. The victims need intensive care continuously over 24 hours so the MaxFund sends them to 24 hour emergency clinics to be treated. Like most other acute viral diseases, some outbreaks are worse than others. This was a very bad one. We feel very gratified that we were able to save the lives of more than half of those puppies; with the strain of parvo we dealt with this year, that was a very good survival rate.

To be honest, even with the generous discounts offered to the MaxFund by the emergency clinics, that six weeks blew our medical services budget. But the MaxFund, being what it is, had to give those puppies a chance. Now all of the recovered pups have been spayed or neutered and ALL HAVE BEEN ADOPTED.

They survived because MaxFund was there for them. MaxFund survives because of people like you. Thank you from them and thank you from us.



The puppies arrived in a box.



Puppies in a clean, warm kennel.



2 healthy puppies-happy and adopted (Macy and Dillard)

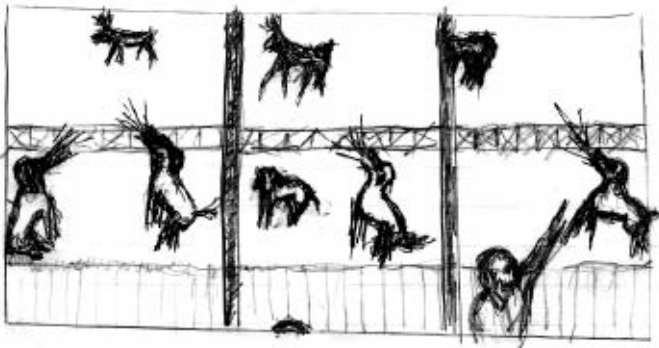
FROM THE WORLD OF GUS

I've been thinkin' – no that's not exactly true. I never sit around meditating over things. But I am sensitive and will brood for a while, sometimes for as long as ten minutes, if I'm not distracted by something new.

Today Dad said to me, "Gus, why do you get in so much trouble?"

I answered, "It's not my fault!" I could see that he either didn't believe me or didn't understand. Dad's pretty good at understanding dog language, but you have to keep things simple for him. I have to admit that it probably is more correct to say that it's not ALL my fault. Because I don't think before jumping into something, everyone calls me "goofy." But that's not all of it. Not by a long shot!

I love my adopted older sister, Gypsy, with all my heart, but being older and smarter, she takes advantage of me. Knowing that I am naïve and gullible, she always leaves me holding the bag. Maybe a two-legged example would help you understand my point. Imagine a loud crash and that nasty tinkly sound of ceramic smashing into a hundred pieces. When Mom rushes into the kitchen all she sees is a bewildered little boy standing over a broken cookie jar. What she doesn't see is the big sister around the corner quietly giggling at her brother's predicament.



In my case I will give you two examples. One happens almost every morning. Gypsy and I want to be allowed out into the backyard. Mom and Dad are sleeping and want to stay sleeping. How does Gypsy handle the situation? She gets all excited, which gets me all excited. Gypsy lets me beat her to the bedroom door and I go crashing in making a big racket. Gypsy hangs back until she can tell whether someone is in big trouble.

Sometimes we are in the backyard in the evening when Mom and Dad like to read and watch TV. If we start barking at something, and keep at it, one of them (whichever one doesn't have a cat in his/her lap, has to get

up and go find what the fuss is all about. Gypsy barks more than I do, but she has this sixth sense that tells her that some annoyed someone is going to be on the scene soon. In a matter of seconds I am out at the fence barking by head off and sweet little Gypsy is nowhere to be seen or heard.

Now I ask you, is that fair?

Volunteer of the Month...

SUZANNE HERRINGTON

Suzanne is a loving volunteer who has been a friend to the MaxFund cats for many years. In fact, she has been volunteering with the cats for longer than the cat building has been around! She stays somewhat under the radar, so many people do not know her. But she comes in regularly to love the cats and help socialize them.

Last year Suzanne had a busy time at work and couldn't come in often. When that happens to many volunteers, they get out of the habit, leave and never come back. Thankfully, Suzanne made it a priority to come back to the cats. Since that time, she has focused particularly on cats in cages, since their only opportunity to stretch their legs comes when volunteers let them out and play with them.

Suzanne always seem to have a smile on her face and is always friendly to people as well as cats! She is a great asset and we are thrilled to have her. *Thank you, Suzanne, for your years of dedication and for all that you do!*





A CAT'S UNIVERSE

by Snoopy & Gizmo

Camping!!

Well, we are doing real camping (almost real - we are in an RV not in a tent). We are also not in a campground; Mom and Dad call this dry camping. No hookups for anything! However, there is a generator so they can have their special coffee (and people say pets are spoiled). We are in the middle of a forest with lots of birds and other animals. The hummingbirds here are funny because they dive on anything red or yellow, even if it is not a feeder, including the flowers on the inside. This looks like a fun place to explore but Mom says I could get lost so I must stay inside. I guess the best way to look at it is that they love me enough to say no - I wish yes - but no.

There is a lot of family here including the lady who rescued me from an animal shelter in Texas when I was just a kitten. You have heard about family history; well since I came from a shelter I essentially have no history. However, I found out that when I was younger I chased a pit bull under a coffee table and he had a bad history of hurting cats. Our meeting was accidental but hey, I was a tuff cat. I am much mellower now but I still boss Loki the dog. The down side of all this family bonding is that I found out I am 2 years older than everyone thought. I went from 11 years old to 13 years old in an instant! It is a good thing I am not a girl cat or I would be having a breakdown of some sort right now. Imagine getting 2 years older in the blink of an eye or in this case it was a statement of, "that's not right, he is 2 years older".

*Oh well, enough for now.
Your Cat Reporter, Snoopy*

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- Develop and implement educational programs pertaining to animal care, with emphasis on the importance of spay/neutering.
- Disseminate information on spay/neuter facilities and conduct

spay/neuter clinics for low-income families.

-Be a spokesperson for the animals on issues of animal welfare.

-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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JEROME

Jerome is a 7 year old Akita mix. He is fine with people and other dogs. Quiet and easygoing.



RAMIE

Ramie is a female Corgi mix. She's a friendly gal who likes to go for walks. Does not care for cats.



SAMBA

Samba is a female terrier mix with movie star looks! Loves walks. Very friendly and loves attention.



LACEY AND PIPER

Lacey and Piper are female lab mixes. They are easygoing and well-mannered. Please adopt together.



ROGUE

Rogue is a sweet Siamese girl hoping for a new home. Affectionate and enjoys petting and attention.



KITKAT

Kitkat is a sweet boy who will be a perfect lap cat and companion for almost any family, even one with a dog and another cat



JESSIE

Jessie loves affection and she is a great cat. She loves to kiss.



SUNNIE

Sweet, gentle boy with a lot of love to give. He's a gentle soul with a big heart.



TIMBER

Timber is a sweet boy. He especially likes neck scratches and being stroked along his back.

FOSTER OF THE MONTH

TIANA NELSON AND BRANDON ZAGAR

Tiana and Brandon are wonderful fosters who mean the world to the dogs they have fostered. They have fostered dogs for a year but before that, they would take dogs out of the shelter for an overnight visit—giving the dogs a chance to get out of the stressful environment and show their true colors in a home. They love all animals and just want to help them in their time of need. Because of that, they have found the most passion in helping the animals that have either been at MaxFund for far too long or those who really don't do well in a shelter environment. That has included dogs with behavior issues (or more accurately, dogs that just aren't understood by some people) and older dogs. They see themselves as the advocate for those dogs. They really want to do everything they can to make them feel at home and to help them get adopted.

Over the past year, they have fostered four dogs. Every one of those dogs holds a special place in their hearts. According to them, the dogs are all such wonderful animals and each time, they wonder how they could be unwanted in any way. They have brought so much to their lives! However, Elliott holds a particularly special place in their hearts. He had been at MaxFund for a year and had sadly been adopted and returned several times. So they decided to foster him. It took four months before he got adopted. But he got returned after only four months. So Brandon and Tiana took Elliott back into foster and decided to adopt him. Every day it's fun for them to see how far Elliott has come—he's happy and loving!

They also currently have Fella (age 17) and Buddy (age 13). In a home, they do not act their age. They bounce around and are happy dogs! Although both dogs are up for adoption, Tiana and Brandon expect the dogs will pass with them, because older dogs do not get adopted often. In the meantime, the dogs have become great friends with their existing family members and love to snuggle.

They also fostered Chewy, who got adopted. He had been at MaxFund for some time because he had bad kennel manners, so it was important for adopters to see him in a home. Tiana and

Brandon love to get updates from the adoptive family to see how great Chewy is doing!

WHY DO THEY FOSTER?

Tiana and Brandon are very busy people, but they still make fostering a priority. Why? Because they feel it is important. They realize that having dogs in a home environment where they are more well-adjusted shows who they really are. This allows them to shine and be adopted. This—literally—saves lives! They believe that if everyone fostered just one animal (even if on occasion), it would spread better awareness of the importance of adoption and fostering to their social circles. It would help more animals get adopted and save lives. Some people worry that saying goodbye will be too hard for them, so they don't foster. To Tiana and Brandon, sending them to their forever home, especially knowing you helped them get there is a reward well worth any goodbye pangs.

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.

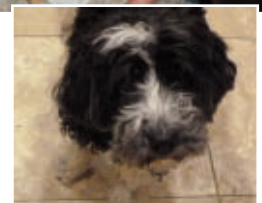


Fella

Fella and Brandon



Elliott and Us



Buddy



MAXFUND'S MAILBAG

Dear MaxFund,

The National Honor Society at Fairview High School is pleased to give you the enclosed award for the excellent work that you do for our community. We are very proud to be able to support your worthy cause. Our Chapter's interest in community philanthropy originates from our national constitution which encourages "a desire to render service". It is our Society's constitutional obligation to support good works. It is also rewarding for our members to participate actively in the betterment of both our school and its surrounding community.

Our hope is to support your cause through our financial contribution. However, it is also important for us to offer volunteer hours that might also help you in your efforts.



Dear Friends at MaxFund,

With all the summertime heat, fires and displaced pets and other needy animals, I feel I know how hard times can be in times such as these.

Please know that many of us read your Newsletter and pray for help for your cause, which is blessed many times over. Hope you get much help and also helps this summer.

Carole Baer
P.S. God bless all of your every day!

A DOG'S PRAYER

*Dedicated to the Humane
Treatment of Animals Everywhere*

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than my loving heart. Do not break my spirit with a stick, for I would lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do. Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you much know by the fierce wagging of my tail when the sound of your footstep falls upon my ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. If you had no home, I would prefer to follow you through ice and snow, rather than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me fresh food, that I may stay well to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life.

And master, when I am very old, if the Great Master sees fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather, hold my trusting body gently. I shall leave you knowing, with the last breath I draw, my fate was always safest in your hands.

~Amen

HOW TO WASH THE CAT

According to the dog...

<http://www.i-pets.com/hdogcat3>.

Thoroughly clean the toilet. Add the required amount of shampoo to the toilet water, and have both lids lifted. Obtain the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.

In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids (you may need to stand on the lid so that he cannot escape).

CAUTION!!!!

Do not get any part of your body too close to the edge, as his paws will be reaching out for any purchase they can find.

Flush the toilet three or four times.

Have someone open the door to the outside and ensure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.

Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids. The now-clean cat will rocket out of the toilet, and run outside where he will dry himself.

Sincerely,
The DOG

PAWNOTE: This is not serious advice from the MaxFund.



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Mark your calendars for
Tuesday, December 4, 2012
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released in June so stay tuned!

HOUSEHOLD DANGERS TO YOUR PETS

by Dr. Kitti Wielandt, DVM; <http://www.i-pets.com/rpet25.html>

Pets, like children, can sometimes put their health in danger from seemingly harmless household items or seemingly innocuous events. Some of these risks are obvious, such as drain opener and other toxic chemicals, while you may find others below more surprising.

Here are the most common dangers I have seen in my practice, including tips for prevention and the key steps to take if treatment is required.

The Danger: BITING ELECTRIC CORDS

- Usually seen in young puppies and kittens

Symptoms:

- Most likely cardiogenic (heart) shock
- Acute difficulty breathing
- Often a blanched, burned area across the lips or tongue

Treatment:

- Rush the animal to your veterinarian or a Veterinary Emergency Clinic immediately, as this is a serious emergency. If possible (via another member of the family or on cell phone), give the Vet or Emergency Clinic an advance notice of what happened and that you are on the way, so they can immediately act upon your arrival.

Prevention:

- NEVER leave a young animal around electric cords. Keep them out of the vicinity, or keep the electric cords completely hidden where your pet cannot access any part of them.

The Danger: HEAT STROKE

- Generally seen in hot months

Symptoms:

- Panting, rapid heart rate, diarrhea, vomiting, seizures, collapse

Treatment:

- Cool animal down immediately with COOL (not cold!) water.
- Take animal to Vet or Vet Emergency Center as soon as possible

Prevention:

- NEVER leave a dog or cat in a parked car if the outside temperature is above 68 degrees Fahrenheit
- Do not leave pets outside without shelter or water in excessive heat

Dangerous FOODS to Your Pets

- Chocolate: Even small amounts of chocolate can be dangerous. Dark chocolate is more toxic than

milk chocolate. Theobromine is the active ingredient. Clinical signs: excitability, restlessness, tremors, seizures, increased urine output. Diagnosis based on history of ingestion.

Treatment -- if recent ingestion, induce vomiting. If symptoms already evident, call your vet.

- Coffee: Caffeine poisoning. Similar to chocolate ingestion.
- Onions: can cause anemia. Symptoms: pale gums, weakness, lethargy.
- Raisins / grapes: can cause kidney failure. Symptoms: decreased or increased urination, vomiting, abdominal pain, lethargy, weakness.
- Cooked chicken bones and other sharp food products from leftovers can choke dogs and cats, or cause punctures of the stomach or intestines, so discard properly
- Alcohol: symptoms: staggering, inability to stand, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures.
- Anything from the garbage that might be spoiled can cause food poisoning. Symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, weakness, lethargy.
- Large quantities of high-fat food like bacon, pork fat, and suet can cause Pancreatitis.

SYMPTOMS including vomiting, tense and painful abdomen, loss of appetite, and lethargy.

TREATMENT: Potentially fatal -- requires IV fluids and hospitalization.





The honor of your presence is requested at the 24th Annual Puttin' on the Max
This year's Theme: "Tails of the Night"

Saturday, October 13, 2012
The Brown Palace
321 17th Street, Denver, CO

RESERVE EARLY - SEATING IS LIMITED
Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 8, 2012

This year MaxFund's annual optional black-tie event is being held at The Brown Palace on Saturday, October 13th. Along with a fabulous meal, fun entertainment and delightful company, we will also have both a silent and live auction, live music, emcee, Jim Benemann and Cleo Parker Robinson Dance.

We know if you own a business or restaurant, you will want to be part of this exciting evening. Please consider donating merchandise or a gift certificate. Besides helping a good cause and getting a tax write-off, your business will get lots of goodwill advertising. We'll be happy to display any cards or flyers with your donated item.

If you work for a business or restaurant, we would love for you to encourage them to donate. It never hurts to ask! We will also accept private donations. Let's all band together to make this year's event even more interesting and more profitable. We can't do it without your help!

For anyone out there who might be interested in donating to our auctions or volunteering to work the Puttin' on the Max, please contact Shannon Vandzura at Shannon@maxfund.org.

Please mark your calendars. Get a table together or just sign up yourself or bring a friend! Either way, it will be a fun evening. We'll see you there.

Please reserve seating:

- For me \$100
- For me and my spouse or guest \$175
- Table of 10 friends \$900
- Please reserve a corporate table \$1,500
- Sorry, I cannot attend this year, but here is my donation

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You can also register you and your guests and place your menu choices order at www.maxfund.org.

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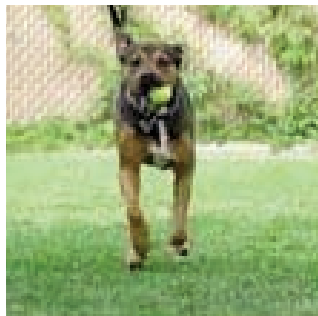
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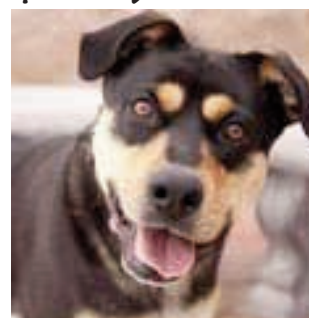
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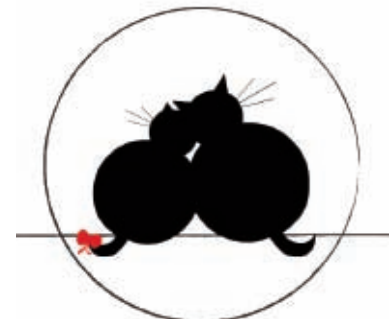
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