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## SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER — JUNE 2007

FROM THE PRESIDENT

***FROM THE  
SHRF PRESIDENT***

RESCUE CONTACT  
INFORMATION

### NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2007

FROM THE EDITORS

In April SHRF held it's annual Board of Directors meeting and election. The new Officers for 2007-2008 are:

SHRF VOLUNTEER of  
the QUARTER!

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RESCUE EVENTS and  
FUNDRAISERS

Any Board member can be reached at any time at 727-391-8934 or by emailing board@siberrescue.com.

OUR RESCUE VETS

The SHRF Board is here to assist our wonderful volunteers and adopters and continue to find more homes for all of our Florida furballs. Please feel free to contact them at any time for help.

THE DOGHOUSE

Several teams within SHRF have been reinforced with exceptional volunteers who are determined to build this Rescue even stronger. If you would like to be a part of any of these great teams we can still use help in these areas:

HAPPY ENDINGS

- Foster Team
- Past Adopters Contact Team
- Home Inspection Team
- Answering Machine/Email Response Team
- Events and Fundraising Team
- Transport Team
- Volunteer Coordination Team
- Animal Control Liaison Team

NOTICE For the record, it is hereby noted that the current income tax documents regarding SHRF, Inc have been filed for 2006 and are available for public viewing upon request.

There is so much to do and we truly appreciate our volunteers and anything you can do to help. The 2007-2008 SHRF Board looks forward to a GREAT year!  
Thank you all....

**Peggy W**

**"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies."  
Gene Hill**

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**From the Editors  
Bob & Lorraine**

I've written about my 16 year old senior Husky girl, Nikki, previously but even at her advanced age she has taught me something that I never realized before, even though it was as obvious as the sun coming up in the morning.

She can't get around as well as she used to and she needs help to stand if the floor is slippery, like tile. She cannot keep up with my five other, younger, girls when we're out walking either. I don't use a leash on her anymore because she is not a run off or wander off problem, not to mention she gets tangled in the leashes on the other girls. She is free to roam away from us if she desires but guess what, she doesn't. She will follow us down the street relentlessly until we stop and she can catch up. When we do stop to let her catch up she hops up to us and starts jumping up and down on her front legs wanting to play, reminiscent of those low rider cars one sees in LA.

The realization came to me recently that she still considers herself to be, and therefore still is, part of the pack. Regardless of her new found freedoms she needs to be, and wants to be, with all of us.

As my wife and I were discussing this need of Nikki's it dawned on me (that's why I used the sun simile in the first paragraph) that the other girls exhibit a similar trait. They always want to be around my wife and me. That's when the sun really came up and made me want to slap myself on the forehead like in those V8 commercials. Lorraine and I don't just have a pack of six female Siberian Huskies, we are as much a part of the pack as any of the dogs. All the indicators of symbiosis are there if you just look. **WE ARE A PACK OF EIGHT!**

When we go away, even for a short while (I'm talking for even a few hours

here) we begin to miss and worry about the girls. At home, wherever Lorraine and I plop down, soon there is the clicking of dog nails on the tile and the room fills up with dogs. When we go to bed usually three (sometimes four) of the girls jump into bed with us. They will often trade positions during the night but all six of them sleep somewhere in our bedroom every night. It's like one big cave that the eight of us share.

There's always the usual parade when Lorraine and I need to go out. They charge the door to the garage hoping that we will let them come with us. When we go to the dog park, even though they wander off to do their social butterflying (a gerund I made up for the act of being a social butterfly), every so often an individual or a pair of them comes running up to us to make sure we're still around. After a good hug and a pat they are off again, only to check up on us ten minutes later.

I don't know if the girls know we are not Huskies, or even dogs, but they treat us like one of them, and we like it.

**Bob**

**"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."**

**- - - Edward Hoagland "Dogs and the Tug of Life"**

## Temple Terrace Animal & Bird Hospital

by Carol R.

There are many aspects involved with running a successful rescue organization. We rely on dedicated volunteers, consistent donations and a little luck. Another aspect necessary is professional veterinary care. This month we would like to share some information about a very special veterinarian practice in the Tampa Bay area. They are the Temple Terrace Animal & Bird Hospital. The rescue has been using this group for the past few years after a volunteer asked them if they would be willing to work with us. Not only did they offer us a discount for veterinarian services, boarding and medications but they always have a qualified veterinarian and technician available to discuss our current needs and our options for treatment.

Recently we have had some challenging cases come to the rescue, such as high heartworm positive Huskies, orthopedic cases and an undisclosed seizure case. Each of these cases have been treated professionally, successfully

and at a discount. The staff always fit us into their busy schedules and show genuine concern for our Huskies.

This practice is open seven days a week making it very convenient for most schedules. They also have three full service offices and one that is for cats only. Offices are located in Temple Terrace, New Tampa, West and South Tampa. Doggie Day Care, Boarding, Grooming and Salon Baths just begin the list of the wide range of services provided. Wellness and preventative care, advanced diagnostics and urgent care services are what make them unique in the community.

This is a group of people who love animals and love to treat animals. They are givers in our community and deserve to be recognized. If you are looking for a quality veterinarian practice or know someone who is, please call the Temple Terrace Animal & Bird Hospital today. If you mention that you were referred by Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, you will receive \$10 off of your office visit. You can contact them at 813-988-1189 or [www.templeterraceanimal.com](http://www.templeterraceanimal.com).

## The Thank You Kiss

*From Lynne D's Volunteer Voice*

He had just saved her from a fire in her house - rescuing her by carrying her out of the house and into her front yard! He then continued to fight the fire.

When he finally was done putting out the fire, he sat down to catch his breath and rest.

A photographer from the Charlotte, North Carolina newspaper noticed her in the distance looking at the fireman.

He then saw her walking straight toward the fireman and wondered what she was going to do!!

As he raised his camera, she came up to the tired fireman who had just saved her life and the lives of her babies and she kissed him, just as the photographer snapped this photograph.



## What do dogs dream about?

*Excerpted from Popular Science Magazine, June 2007*

*First Paragraph Reworded to apply to Huskies*

When you see your Husky's paws going a mile a minute while sleeping there's now evidence that he's reliving his game of catch or his pursuit of some small animal that morning.

"Scientists have found that, as with humans, what goes on in animals' brains while they're sleeping is influenced by what they did that day.

In his lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, neuroscientist Matthew Wilson and his colleagues implanted electrodes in rats' brains to record just what goes on in there while the critters are catching some shut-eye. Wilson observed the ro-



dents' brain activity first as they ran through a maze and then when they were sleeping afterward.

The activity in the sleeping rats' hippocampus – the area most responsible for forming autobiographical memories – matched patterns detected while they had been in the maze. At the same time, the visual cortex replayed corresponding sequences too, suggesting that the sleeping rats were not only remembering how they scurried through the maze but also what they had seen – ***all in the order that it had actually occurred.***" (Emphasis mine)

**SHRF RESCUE VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!!!!....**

**TAKE A BOW:  
the Volunteer for  
the 2nd Quarter of  
the Year 2007 is:**

**Carol R**

Carol R became affiliated with SHRF as a volunteer early in the rescue, and has since become a '5 star rated' foster. This is a rating given, not only for foster longevity, but also for talent. Carol's goal is always to provide the very best obedience and behavioral training to every SHRF dog she takes under her wing; so that he/she will be a welcome addition to any adoptive home and remain there forever. BTW, her track record to date, for the 9 dogs she's fostered for SHRF, is 100%. That ain't shabby!

One of my favorite memories of Carol, which is just one example of her devotion to the rescue mission, took place in the summer of 2004. As we all know, West Central Florida was being bombarded by one hurricane after another that year, and an Osceola county shelter dog, named Buddy, heartworms and all, had to be saved asap, since Hurri-

cane Frances was bearing down on the area. Without hesitation, Carol drove the hectic, busy roads for 2 hours over and 2 hours back in order to pick him up and bring him 'home'. Long story short, Buddy, now named Boromir, (aka Mr B), has been living happily in Tarpon Springs with another SHRF boy, Chaser (aka Nakua), ever since

Carol's communication skills also have been a tremendous asset to our rescue. Such skills have helped her organize and control several medical fundraising drives for special needs dogs; not to mention her ability to enlist friends and volunteers to rally around the rescue on various occasions when we needed assistance or visibility. She also has created and nurtured relationships with SHRF rescue vets in her area over the years; and of course, has been instrumental in providing assistance to the adoption application team when it comes to matching furball to potential adopter.

Recently Carol agreed to be part of SHRF's Furball/foster team, helping with training of new recruits, as well as assisting new fosters

with issues/questions concerning their foster dogs. She and the other team members are already talking often by email....discussing everyday foster subjects, as well as finding solutions for problems and concerns, if such arise. No doubt, this new team is going to be an asset in helping SHRF dogs grow and thrive in their foster home environment, as well as become an invaluable aid to the fosters themselves. Carol will also become involved with SHRF's Furfactor team starting this year; contacting past adopters for updates on their SHRF adoptee furballs. Carol has expertise in this area of rescue already, as she frequently communicates with the adopters of her SHRF fosters .

Congratulations, Carol! You have been an inspiration to all of us, and, more importantly, a hero to the furballs you've loved and who have loved and respected you in return.

**Thank you Carol and CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**~Ginger K**



**Klondike II**



**Hannah**



**Maya**



**Star**



**Candi**



**Liddle**



**Willow**



**Zarra**



**Togan**

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Have your Husky's hair woven into yarn at FUREVER CREATIONS:  
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## SHRF, INC. EVENTS AND FUND RAISERS

July 14 SHRF Yard Sale 4828 Foxrun Lakeland, FL 8AM-3PM  
September 22 Dog Days with the DEVIL RAYS, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg 5-7PM

Don't forget to come out to one of our several PetSmart and PetCo booths set up every month.

If you'd like to attend any of these events, just email us at [events@siberrescue.com](mailto:events@siberrescue.com) or call 727-391-8934

### **CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR EVENTS UPDATES!**

SHRF volunteer April M has recently offered her professional services to help raise much needed funds for the Rescue. She is a financial planner for Ameriprise Financial Services and will donate \$25 to SHRF for anyone who holds an initial consultation with her. There is no obligation to sign up with April's services, but if you do, an additional \$75 will be donated to the Rescue in your name.

**Please see April's advertisement below and call her today to benefit SHRF's future and yours!  
Thank you April for your support!!!**



### **The script behind your financial future.**

As a proud sponsor of Siberian Husky Rescue of Florida, I realize that while improvisation can be great for the stage, it's not necessarily the best route to take with your financial future.

As an Ameriprise financial advisor, I offer a comprehensive approach to financial planning. My first step? Getting to know you-what your goals are, what your dreams are, and what you value most in life. Once we talk about where you want to go, we can then map out a path to help you get there, with a financial plan specifically tailored to meet your individual needs. Whether you are planning for your retirement, starting a small business, or sending your child to college, I can provide the solutions to help you get to what's ahead in life.

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## LUCKY ADOPTERS

### Comments from some people lucky enough to have adopted one of our SHRF dogs.



I originally had two SHRF Huskies, Sweetie and Mischa but let my girlfriend have them when we broke up. I was working two jobs and could not devote the proper time to them. My ex-girlfriend started a family and also had to give the dogs up. The dogs wound up with Sweetie being adopted but Mischa had no takers. I was lucky enough to get Mischa back and since then he has gained weight, been to the groomer, the vet, dog parks, the beach, a ball game, running the trail with me and sleeps right next to me every night. I promised him we will never be separated again.



**Hudson** (formerly Hennessey) is very loving and wants all the attention he can get. He now weighs 50 lbs up from 39 lbs when we first got him. He loves his belly rubbed and sometimes wants to sit on your lap. He is great with the kids and loves to give kisses. His favorite thing to do is wrestle with his large Husky brother. He loves to show-off his speed and agility to his Husky brother. They get along great and go on walks together every day .



**Pocahontas** has been a wonderful addition to our family. Our other husky, who is 6 years old, and she get along fabulously. We couldn't have asked for a smoother transition. They love to roughhouse and sing to my family. My husband loves to "howl" with them. Our girls take them to the doggie parks often and now they expect car rides to the park every day. Poca is so sweet and gentle that everyone falls in love with her. She has been a challenge with walking well on a leash but that's getting better every day. She'd make a great sled puller because she has an infinite amount of strength and energy for a 6 year old. We're so thrilled, we can't imagine life without her.

## Clever canine ducks death row

KANSAS CITY, MO (USA)

Apr 18, 2007

Let's have a pop quiz ...

If you were a dog about to be euthanized, what would you do?

- a) Pee on the floor.
- b) Claw, bite, maul someone.
- c) Yell, "Freeeeedommm!"  
(hey, it worked for Mel Gibson)
- d) Shake the executioner's hand.

If you answered **a**, **b** or **c**, then have a nice afterlife, pal. The correct answer is **d**. Or at least that's what worked for a stray dog in Kansas City.

The unidentified Labrador mutt (later named "Lucky") was scheduled to be euthanized at the Kansas City, MO Animal Shelter. But at the moment she faced her executioner, Lucky did a very unusual thing, says canine caretaker Andrea Galeski. "She shook the guy's hand as he was going to put her to sleep."

Kansas City Animal Control euthanizes an average of 19 dogs per day, and Lucky was about to be just another statistic, but the dog's pitiable gesture of goodwill was all it took to get a reprieve from the man with the needle. "He put her back in the cage," says Ms. Galeski.



**A dog owns nothing, yet is seldom dissatisfied.  
Irish Proverb**

# SPECIAL HUSKY EVENTS

by Lynne D

**PAST EVENTS:** For those of you who were able to attend the fun-filled Yappy Hour at Happy Paws and Tails in conjunction with Mojito's Bar and Grill in Riverview, thank you so much for coming out to support SHRF.

On Wednesday, April 25th from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Happy Paws featured SHRF at its Yappy Hour. Everyone was invited. A Custom Journal necklace (a hand-made silver locket) was donated for a silent auction to benefit SHRF at YAPPY HOUR. Our very own, brand-new volunteer Lisa W., won this very unique locket. Mojito's and Happy Paws took donations on behalf of SHRF, and they matched whatever donations were made. According to the photos (submitted by Jo Ann K.), it looks like everyone had a blast!



Our very own Prez, Peggy W., takes the stand!



Let's do our best to patronize Happy Paws and Tails and Mojito's. They did an outstanding job of supporting SHRF at this event!

## Dog Myths

Forget what you *think* you know about canine health & behavior.  
*by Marry Sorensen*

### **A cold, wet nose indicates good health.**

The state of a dog's snout is no sure sign of health. Normal canine body temperature ranges from 101 to 103 degrees; however, veterinarians agree a dog may still have a cold, wet nose while running a temperature of 105 degrees. Never disregard other possible signs of illness simply because a dog's nose says otherwise.

Conversely, a dry nose is no need for panic. An afternoon romp in the middle of summer may leave your pooch slightly dehydrated. Be sure plenty of cool, fresh water is available to your dog at all times. Consult a veterinarian if the condition persists more than a day or two or if other symptoms are present.

## Eli Lilly And Company Introduces Reconcile(TM) For Separation Anxiety In Dogs

April 26, 2007

Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) announced today it has received approval from the FDA to market Reconcile(TM) (fluoxetine hydrochloride), the first selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) class of antidepressants approved by the FDA for treatment of canine separation anxiety in conjunction with behavior modification training. Reconcile(TM) is the first Lilly product approved by the FDA for dogs and is now available to U.S. veterinarians.

"Lilly research shows that 10.7 million, or up to 17 percent of U.S. dogs (1) suffer from separation anxiety," said Steve Connell, D.V.M., manager of technical, academic and consumer services for companion animal health at Lilly. "We're thrilled that our first product for dogs can help restore the human-pet bond, which can be compromised when dogs suffer from separation anxiety."

Reconcile(TM) is a once-daily, chewable, flavored tablet that may be prescribed by a veterinarian in weight-specific doses for use in conjunction with behavior modification training to treat canine separation anxiety. The drug is proven safe for dogs and puppies 6 months or older.

In field studies of approximately 600 dogs, 73 percent of dogs receiving Reconcile(TM) showed improvement in separation anxiety-related behavior within eight weeks when compared with dogs receiving behavior modification training alone. Within one week of starting Reconcile(TM) treatment and behavior modification training, 42 percent of dogs showed improvement. During trials, the most common adverse reactions to Recon-

cile(TM) were calm or lethargy, reduced appetite, vomiting, shaking, diarrhea, restlessness, excessive vocalization, aggression and -- in infrequent cases -- seizures.

Reconcile(TM) allows dogs to be more receptive to your training to help with anxiety

Canine separation anxiety is a prevalent and often misunderstood behavior problem, according to Connell. It amounts to undesirable behavior that occurs when the dog is left alone even for short periods of time. The resulting anxiety may cause the dog to engage in inappropriate behavior, such as destruction, excess vocalization and inappropriate elimination. Anorexia and depression also may be observed in some cases. "Your family veterinarian may recommend certain tests before diagnosing separation anxiety," Connell added. "Such tests are used to rule out other potential physiological causes of inappropriate behavior."

For dogs affected by separation anxiety, Reconcile(TM) reduces inappropriate behaviors, minimizes the pet's distress and increases receptivity to a simple training plan called the BOND(TM) modification training plan.

The BOND(TM) behavior modification program is an easy-to-implement, at-home training plan developed by Lilly and a team of veterinary behaviorists as well as veterinarians. The simple plan allows dog owners to take an active role in the treatment of their pet's separation anxiety to help restore the human-pet bond. Dog owners whose veterinarians have prescribed Reconcile(TM) receive educational materials to enable them to follow an easy four-step training plan to reinforce positive pet behavior which helps to reduce or eliminate inappropriate responses to anxiety. Components include a take-

home DVD, printed materials and in-home reminders so the whole family can reinforce behavior modification training for the dog.

Debra F. Horwitz, D.V.M., and a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, was among the veterinary behaviorists involved in developing the BOND(TM) program. "Learning and memory are important in the formation and maintenance of anxieties," said Horwitz. "Decreasing anxiety can help pets learn and, through training, they can learn new responses to stimuli that have triggered separation anxiety in the past. The development of the BOND(TM) behavior modification plan is an important complement to Reconcile(TM) in the treatment of separation anxiety."

For more information about Reconcile(TM) and the BOND(TM) behavior modification program, which are available only through veterinarians, visit <http://www.reconcile.com>. Important safety information and the product label also can be found at <http://www.reconcile.com>.

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## FDA Approves New Drug For Heart Failure In Dogs

May 19, 2007

The Food and Drug Administration announced today the approval of Vetmedin (pimobendan), a new drug for the management of the signs of mild, moderate, or severe (modified New York Heart Association Class II, III, or IV) congestive heart failure in dogs due to atrioventricular valvular insufficiency or dilated cardiomyopathy. Vetmedin, a new molecular entity, is the first drug approved to treat congestive heart failure in dogs, in over ten years. Vetmedin is indicated for use with concurrent therapy for congestive heart failure (e.g., furosemide, etc.) as appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

Congestive heart failure is one of the more common heart problems seen in dogs, especially older, smaller breeds. It is a complex and serious condition defined as the heart's inability to function normally, leading to excessive retention of water and salt causing fluid build-up in the lungs. Signs of congestive heart failure include fatigue and weakness, decreased ability to exercise, shortness of breath (fluid build up in the chest), increased respiratory rate, coughing, weak or irregular pulses, rapid or irregular heart beats and distended abdomen (fluid build up in the abdomen).

Vetmedin helps alleviate signs of heart failure by increasing contractility (the force of heart muscle contraction) and by dilating blood vessels (decreasing resistance to blood flow).

Congestive heart failure is classified by a veterinarian according to clinical signs (Class II through Class IV). Class II is mild (fatigue, shortness of breath, coughing, etc. apparent when ordinary exercise is exceeded); Class

III, moderate (comfortable at rest, but exercise capacity is minimal), and Class IV, severe (no capacity for exercise and disabling clinical signs are present even at rest).

The effectiveness and safety of Vetmedin were evaluated in a 56-day, multi-site, active controlled field study with pivotal success determined at Day 29. Three hundred fifty-five (355) dogs with modified New York Heart Association Class II, III, or IV congestive heart failure in dogs due to atrioventricular valvular insufficiency or dilated cardiomyopathy were randomly assigned to either the Vetmedin treatment group or the active control Enacard (enalapril maleate) treatment group. Treatment success at Day 29 in the Vetmedin group (80.7%) was determined to be non-inferior to the treatment success in the Enacard group (76.1%).

Adverse reactions associated with Vetmedin (and Enacard) were potentially related to congestive heart failure, the therapy of congestive heart failure, or both and included poor appetite, lethargy, diarrhea, worsening signs of heart failure, heart failure death, azotemia (increase in the blood urea nitrogen), and mild increases in serum liver enzymes.

Pimobendan is not for use in cats and is only for use in dogs with clinical evidence of heart failure due to atrioventricular valvular insufficiency or dilated cardiomyopathy. Pimobendan acts to alleviate the clinical signs of congestive heart failure, rather than to reverse the underlying cardiac pathology, and it does not replace the need for other appropriate concurrent heart failure therapy (diuretics, antiarrhythmic drugs, etc.).

Vetmedin is manufactured by MEDA Manufacturing GmbH, Cologne, Germany for Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. of St. Joseph, Missouri.



### THE HUSKY GOURMET

**HOMEMADE DOG BISCUITS:** With all of the recent scares concerning what we feed our furballs, I have included a homemade recipe for dog biscuits. In this day and age, homemade is always the best and the safest way to go when feeding your Sibe. Try out this recipe; it's especially fun when you use a bone-shaped cookie cutter.

My furballs love these:

1½ cups whole wheat flour 2/3 cup quick oats  
2/3 cup all-purpose flour 1/3 cup yellow cornmeal  
1- ½ tsp. sugar 2 T. beef bouillon granules  
1 cup powdered milk ½ cup grated carrots (optional)  
½ cup Crisco® 1 large egg  
¾ cup hot water

Empty all of the dry ingredients into a bowl. Stir all ingredients together. Cut in ½ cup Crisco®. Mix in 1 large, lightly beaten egg + ¾ cup hot water. Knead the Dough for 5 minutes. Wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate for one-half hour. On A lightly floured surface, roll the dough ½-inch thick and cut into dog bone shapes. Place on a microwave-safe plate, and microwave at 50% power for 5 minutes. Turn biscuits over and microwave at 50% power for 2 more minutes. Repeat with remaining dough. Place biscuits on wire racks to cool and harden a few hours before storing in an airtight container.

### THE Bones and Raw Food (BARF) DIET:

Many of our volunteers are proponents of feeding their furballs the BARF diet. The ones who have been doing so for a while, swear by it. Their dogs are much healthier, happier, and have beautiful, shiny coats and pearly white teeth, compared to when they were fed a diet of mainly dry kibble. Feeding your dog this type of diet requires a lot of discipline on your part. A certain amount of pre-planning goes into feeding such a diet, and you must be careful to include the necessary nutrients and vitamins, along with the raw food. Of the utmost importance, is the proper handling of any raw food in your kitchen and home environment.

ON LINE: There are several web sites; one in particular can be found at [www.bestfrisbeedogs.com](http://www.bestfrisbeedogs.com). Within this web site there are several other sites listed with frequently asked questions, lists of ingredients, success stories, etc. This is a good place to start. Although most vets do not believe in feeding this type of diet to your domestic pet, there are many holistic veterinarians out there who strongly urge their clients to feed this type of food to their dogs. They advocate getting back to the basics, and allowing dogs to eat as they did for many centuries before the advent of commercially prepared dog foods. Please keep in mind that this is a very personal choice, and that this diet doesn't work for all dogs.

### Top Ten Signs Your Dog Is More Intelligent Than You

10. Neighbors complain about loud music and howling coming from your apartment in the middle of the day
9. You find mysterious sculpture of a human (who looks strikingly like you) on a leash in your living room
8. Ice floating in toilet water
7. Neighborhood cats bring dog treats to your doorstep
6. Friends swear they've seen your car at the local meat-processing plant
5. You can never find the leftovers
4. The remote is covered with slobber, and the TV was left on The Nature Channel
3. The dog doesn't lick itself anymore... now it's the cat's job.
2. Mensa mailings addressed to "Rover"
1. Your house keys no longer work

~ Author Unknown ~

## EXCERPTS FROM A DOG'S DIARY

Day number 180

8:00 am - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
9:30 am - Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!  
9:40 am - Oh boy! A walk! My favorite!  
10:30 am - Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!  
11:30 am - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
12:00 noon - Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!  
1:00 pm - Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!  
5:00 PM - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
5:30 PM - Oh boy! MOM! My favorite!

Day number 181

8:00 am - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
9:30 am - Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!  
9:40 am - Oh boy! A walk! My favorite!  
10:30 am - Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!  
11:30 am - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
12:00 noon - Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!  
1:00 pm - Oh boy! The yard! My favorite!  
4:00 pm - Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!  
5:00 PM - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
5:30 PM - Oh boy! DAD! My favorite!

Day number 182

8:00 am - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
9:30 am - Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!  
9:40 am - Oh boy! A walk! My favorite!  
10:30 am - Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!  
11:30 am - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
12:00 noon - Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!  
1:00 pm - ooooooo! bath. bummer.  
4:00 pm - Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!  
5:00 PM - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!  
5:30 PM - Oh boy! MOM! My favorite!

## EXCERPTS FROM A CAT'S DIARY

DAY 752 - My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild satisfaction I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture...Tomorrow I may eat another houseplant.

DAY 761 - Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded, must try this at the top of the stairs. In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I once again induced myself to vomit on their favorite chair...must try this on their bed.

DAY 765 - Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body in attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to try to strike fear into their hearts. They only cooed and condescended about what a good little cat I was... Not working according to plan.

DAY 768 - I am finally aware of how sadistic they are. For no good reason I was chosen for the water torture. This time however it included a burning foamy chemical called "shampoo." What sick minds could invent such a liquid. My only consolation is the piece of thumb still LODGED between my teeth.

DAY 771 - There was some sort of gathering of their accomplices. I was placed in solitary throughout the event, however, I could hear the noise and smell the foul odor of the glass tubes they call "beer." More importantly I overheard that my confinement was due to MY power of "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

DAY 774 - I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit. The bird on the other hand has got to be an informant, and he speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my activities. Due to his current placement in the metal room his safety is assured. But I can wait, it is only a matter of time...

-Author Unknown

**The dog is mentioned in the Bible eighteen times -- the cat not even once.**

**- - - W. E. Farbstein**

# HAPPY ENDINGS.....



Hennesey



Suka



Sweetie



Mischa



Pocahotas



Togan



Jewel



Candi



Sheba



Toby



Cubby

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## THE DOG HOUSE...we need homes!

**PLEASE!**

*Can you find room in your home for one of us?  
We promise to be good furballs and to love you forever and ever!!*

**LIAM**



**SEQUOIA**



**DIAMOND**



**NEO III**



We are alone, absolutely alone on this chance planet: and, amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us.