



The Shepherd's Tale

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NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

BY DANA FARBMAN

(Urbana, IL) March 14, 2005 -- The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center wants to educate pet owners and veterinarians across the Nation during National Poison Prevention Week (March 20-26) on the five most potentially dangerous plants to cats, dogs and other companion animals. According to data compiled by the Center from January 2001 to December 2004, the most commonly reported plants with the potential to produce life-threatening problems in pets were Lily, Azalea, Oleander, Sago Palm and Castor Bean. "We typically recommend that pets not be allowed to eat plants in general," says Dr. Safdar Khan, Veteri-

nary Toxicologist for the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. "However, it is especially critical that these plants be kept out of the reach of animals, as they have the potential to cause serious, even fatal systemic effects when ingested." Lilies rank number one in dangerous plant call volume, with over 45% of the top five deadliest plant calls involving lilies. Both Liliium and Hemerocallis species are very popular flowering plants that can be found in gardens and floral bouquets across the country at various times of the year. However, they are considered to be highly toxic to cats, and "while the poisonous component in

lilies has not yet been identified," states Dr. Khan, "it is clear that with even ingestions of very small amounts of the plant, severe kidney damage could result." An owner in eastern Pennsylvania unfortunately lost her cat to kidney failure in April 2004 from ingesting only a small portion of an Easter Lily plant.

Azaleas (Rhododendron spp.) are indigenous to the wooded and mountainous regions of the Eastern and Western United States, and are also commonly used in landscaping as an ornamental plant. Azaleas contain substances
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HOW DOES YOUR STATE MEASURE UP?

ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS

ALABAMA

Cruelty to animals
(a) A person commits the crime of cruelty to animals if, except as other-

wise authorized by law, he intentionally or recklessly:

- (1) Subjects any animal to cruel mistreatment; or
- (2) Subjects any animal in his custody to cruel neglect; or

(3) Kills or injures without good cause any animal belonging to another.

(b) **Cruelty to animals is a Class B misdemeanor.**

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known as grayanotoxins, which Dr. Khan says can produce vomiting, drooling, diarrhea, weakness and central nervous system depression in dogs, cats and other animals. Severe azalea poisoning could ultimately lead to coma and death from collapse of the cardiovascular system. While Oleander is a native plant of the Mediterranean and Asia, like Azalea it is frequently used as an ornamental plant in the U.S. "All parts of the Oleander plant (*Nerium oleander*) are considered to be toxic," says Dr. Khan, "as they contain cardiac glycosides that have the potential to cause serious effects including gastrointestinal tract irritation, abnormal cardiac function, a significant drop in body temperature (hypothermia) and even death." In late summer 2003, a border collie in central Colorado developed serious cardiac effects after ingesting a few Azalea leaves, while a cat in southern California began vomiting and became very depressed from nibbling on an Oleander plant. Both pets fortunately recovered after treatment at local veterinary hospitals.

Sago Palm (*Cycas revoluta*) and other *Cycas* species can also be potentially deadly to pets. These popular ornamental plants, native to subtropical climates such as the Southern United States, contain toxic compounds that Dr. Khan states "can potentially produce vomiting, diarrhea, depression, seizures and liver failure." All parts of the plant are poisonous, but the seeds or "nuts" appear to contain the largest amount of toxins. As with the other plants on this list, very little plant material can produce a poisoning; the ingestion of just one or two seeds can result in very serious effects. An American Pit Bull Terrier in northern Florida

became very ill and subsequently died from liver failure in March 2002 after chewing on the leaves and base of a Sago Palm in his owner's yard.

As with Sago Palm, the beans or seeds of the Castor Bean plant (*Ricinus communis*) are the most toxic portion, as they contain the highest concentration of poisonous component and according to Dr. Khan, are particularly dangerous if chewed or crushed. However, the leaves, stem and other parts are toxic as well. Castor Bean plants are indigenous to the tropical regions of Africa and the West Indies, but have become a part of the natural foliage of the southern portions of the U.S. and are used as an ornamental plant in many American gardens. In the Castor Bean plant, the poisonous principle is ricin, a highly toxic protein that can produce severe abdominal pain, drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst, weakness and loss of appetite. In severe cases, dehydration, muscle twitching, tremors, seizures, coma and death can be seen. In August 2002, a Labrador Retriever in southern Arizona developed serious gastrointestinal irritation including bloody diarrhea and vomiting after ingesting several castor bean seeds; her condition required intensive care at a local emergency clinic.

Dr. Khan states that awareness is key in preventing accidental plant poisonings. He also advises that "if a pet owner suspects that their animal may have consumed one of these or any other potentially toxic plant, it is important that they act quickly and contact their local veterinarian or call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435) immediately for help."

The East Texas woman accused of animal cruelty at her pet rescue in Smith County took the stand in her own defense today.

Julia McMurrey, owner of "Paws Around The Planet Animal Rescue" said she gave the dogs food daily, checked their water and gave them medical treatment when needed. When asked specifically about the dog "Tiki" who was tick infested and very thin, McMurrey claimed she gave her necessary and successful treatment. "It worked, the ticks were dying," she said.

Dave Garcia with the SPCA said the treatment allegedly offered to "Tiki" was not working, and that his staff fixed her tick infestation in just a matter of days. Something McMurrey could have easily done as well.

Garcia also said his heart went out to "Tiki" because she was one of the worst cases he had ever seen. "In 23 years I never adopted any animal when I was involved in a rescue, but I felt I needed to give safe haven to her for the rest of her life," said Garcia.

McMurrey's fate is now in the hands of a jury. She could face up to a year in jail if found guilty.

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DOG KICKED TO DEATH MARGARET BAKER

OCEAN SPRINGS - Police expect to obtain a warrant this week to arrest a man accused of kicking his dog to death outside a U.S. 90 motel.

"There are charges pending," Ocean Springs Police Capt. Michael Ducote said Tuesday.

An employee at Sundown Motel reported seeing the 45-year-old man repeatedly kicking the small dog shortly before 10 p.m. Friday and then dumping the remains in a grassy area nearby.

Investigating officers found the dog's body near a privacy fence on the east side of the nearby Master Grill.

Police took pictures of the dead animal but could not identify the breed Tuesday.

According to the report, the man has denied harming the animal. Police arrested him on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court.

Police said the man is expected to face animal cruelty charges, a misdemeanor crime in the state. The Sun Herald will identify the suspect once he's charged.

DOG QUOTES

One reason the dog has so many friends: He wags his tail instead of his tongue.
--Unknown

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man
--Mark Twain

Some days you're the dog, and some days you're the hydrant.
--Unknown

Heaven goes by favour. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.
--Mark Twain

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KORNER KITCHEN LITTLE SALMON SNACKERS



Recipes

- 3-4 ounce can of salmon
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp. fresh parsley
- 1 Tbsp. kelp powder
- 1 tsp. shredded dulse (edible seaweed)
- 1 2/3 cups unbleached flour

Drain off excess liquid from salmon. (Serve liquid in a side bowl for a special treat). Combine all ingredients. Add flour as salmon is extremely moist. Roll mixture into a dough

and roll out as thin as possible. Now for the fun! Pinch off 1/4" pieces of the dough and form into itsy, bitsy balls.

Bake in a 375oF oven for about 30 minutes, turn oven off and let snackers remain to continue drying out.

Yield: 48 1/4 " little salmon snackers.

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PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



PATRIOT

Congratulations to Kathleen Duffy, as the winner of the Photo Contest. The above photo is a digitally produced watercolor rendition of the photo submitted. A portrait will be sent to Kathleen in about 13 X 19 size, suitable for framing.

MIRANDA RIGHTS?? A LITTLE HUMOR

We all know what the Miranda Rights are. Just to bring a smile to your face this day, here are the Miranda Rights as given by a K-9 Police Officer. 1. You have the right to remain completely motionless, - or you may decide to run from me. 2. Should you decide to run, I shall direct my K-9 to chase you down to the ends of the earth. 3. You have the right to have your Lawyer run with you. Should he refuse, a recent Law School Graduate will be appointed to run along with you. 4. If, while running, you suddenly decide to stop, - be advised that my K-9 may not understand your intentions, - and continue the pursuit in full stride. 5. You may stop running at any time.....at your own risk. 6. Do you fully understand these rights? 7. GOOD LUCK....GET SET.....ON YOUR MARK.....GO!!!!!!

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DOG TIPS

SEND US YOUR TIPS!

The easiest way to find ticks is to run a comb through a dog's hair. This can be difficult on dogs with very thick coats. In that case, run your hands against the coat, lifting the hair as you go. This way you can feel the ticks more easily.

Praising a dog when it acts correctly is more effective than yelling No! when it misbehaves. If a dog jumps up, ask it to sit and then praise it for sitting.

If your new dog is a puppy, he will teethe between the ages of three and six months, and will need to chew on something to help the teeth come in. A really hard rubber ball (one that's too big for the pup to swallow or choke on) or a tough rubber bone is ideal.

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DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY BOB BARKER GIFT

Degenerative myelopathy of dogs is a slowly progressive, noninflammatory degeneration of the axons and myelin in the white matter of the spinal cord. It is most common in German Shepherd Dogs and German Shepherd crosses but is occasionally recognized in other large breeds of dogs.

The cause is unknown, although genetic factors are presumed. Pathologic findings consist of noninflammatory degeneration of myelinated axons in the white matter of the spinal cord, most severe in the thoracic segments.

Affected dogs are usually 5 yr old and develop an insidious onset of nonpainful hindlimb ataxia and paraparesis.

Hindlimb reflexes are usually normal or exaggerated, but in ~10% of cases, patellar reflexes are depressed, reflecting involvement of lumbar dorsal nerve roots.

"a slowly progressive, noninflammatory degeneration"

Early cases may be confused with orthopedic disorders; however, proprioceptive deficits are an early feature of degenerative myelopathy and are not seen with orthopedic disease. Diagnosis is based on clinical features and exclusion of other causes of spinal cord disease.

Myelography and CSF analysis are essential to rule out compressive and inflammatory diseases, respectively.

Treatment with aminocaproic acid (500 mg, PO, t.i.d.) in conjunction with B vitamins, vitamin E, and exercise has been recommended, but benefits have not been documented by published clinical trials. The disease typically progresses, usually warranting euthanasia within 6-12 mo.

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This can be a very cruel disease, and watching our loved one live in this manner, is hard to do.

There have been several GSD's in this group, go to the Bridge due to Degenerative Myelopathy.

Bob Barker, host of game show "The Price Is Right," will ask Northwestern law students to "come on down" and take a class about animal rights. Barker recently donated \$1 million to the law school as a part of his push for animal rights awareness.

The endowment, Bob Barker Endowment Fund for the Study of Animal Rights Law, provides top universities with funding to offer studies about animal rights, said Henri Bollinger, Barker's publicist. The endowment program began with Barker's first donation to Harvard University more than three years ago. Barker then chose Columbia University, Duke University and University of California at Los Angeles as other endowment recipients, Bollinger said.

The Law School must use Barker's donation for courses about animal rights -- as specified by the endowment agreement -- but each university can decide how to best implement the donation, said Dean David Van Zandt. When university officials accepted the donation, they agreed to Barker's requests to offer an animal rights course at least once a year, provided there is student demand, Van Zandt said.

APRIL DAYS TO REMEMBER

April 1 April Fool's Day (also known as All Fool's Day) This is a day for playing practical jokes on friends and loved ones. The ancient Romans would spend the entire day doing things backwards, dancing in the streets, and generally carrying on in the most foolish and congenial manner.

April 9 Yom ha-Shoah ("Yom HaShoah u-G'vurah, Day of Destruction and Strength") This is the Holocaust Memorial Day, a relatively recent addition to the Jewish calendar. It is a day to deepen our understanding and connection to the tragedy. Throughout Israel, all places of entertainment are closed, except those featuring special

programs on the Holocaust. In the evening, a siren is sounded throughout the country, a time for reflection. Some people light memorial candles, some recite memorial prayers and poems. Often names of victims are read aloud.

April 22 Earth Day This day is dedicated to Gaia. Earth Day was first observed on April 22, 1970 to help make people aware of the need for cleaner air, water and the conservation of the Earth's resources. Spend some time outside to feed your soul.

Monthly GSD Feature

Submit your GSD's picture and a short story for our Monthly GSD Feature.

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See your GSD featured!

LIVING WITH RESCUE DOGS

BY ROSE HUTCHINSON

This all started back in 1999 when I met my guy Brian. He had a pound puppy named Samantha that was 11 years old at the time. We were friends with a couple that had a rescue puppy named Koko, whom they let run wild.

Well she got into trouble chasing people on bikes, so we took her in. She was 11 months old then in 2000. Koko and Sam became the best of friends. In June of 2001 I joined the the GSD-List. Right away there was a 9 year old GSD girl needing a new home, so we took her in. Her name was Gretchen.

The 3 girls all got along famously. Gretchen was a stately, dignified old lady, too bad none of her manners were copied by tom-boy Koko.

Samantha passed away at home in October 2001—we miss that old girl still. She was 13. In November 2001 we found TJ in South Carolina, so we drove to North Carolina to get him. He was 10. After he got here and settled in, we found out he had heartworms, so those got treated. That was April 2002.

In June 2002 we took in Duke from a co-worker, he was 5. All the dogs got along together and we were VERY lucky—we could have ended up with a dog aggressive dog.

Fast forward to March 2003, when we found Hansel to take in, he was 7. Both Duke and Hansel are K-9 Academy washouts, but they are our best friends and protectors, such good boys. We brought Duke and TJ down to meet Hansel before we brought him home with us.

June 28, 2003, we took in 12 year old Princess who was dumped in a shelter in New York.

July 2003, our TJ's liver and kidneys were shutting down. We let him go to the bridge. Oh how

I still miss my special old man, he was 12.

6 doggers now, and they all got along well, but trying to find a great kibble for them all took time and patience and testing new foods.

In January 2004, we had to let our special Gretchen go to the bridge as her heart was giving out. She was 12. The over 2 years we had her with us was NOT long enough, and I miss my heart dog terribly. There will never be another Gretchen.

In February 2004, a person called me about re-homing her guy Cadence. After I met him, I couldn't refuse, so he came with me too.

In May 2004, we had to let Princess go to the bridge, her spine, hips, and elbows gave out. She was 13. For a year we spoiled her awful, but it was worth it. She is sadly missed too, my Miss Crabby Butt. Now we were down to just 4 dogs, and the house seemed empty. August 2004 we found Brandi to take in. 7 week old puppies are such stinkers.

A week later, we took in Miss Gretchen from a rescue—she was 2. Miss Gretchen, or Miss Thing as we call her, has learned how to play with toys and other dogs. Puppies are good for something other than getting into trouble I guess.

In November 2004, we found Hope to take in, she was flown from Georgia to Mass., where my friend picked her up. She babysat her until the following weekend when we could go get her. Hope was 5 months old. Don't get me wrong, I LOVE puppies, but what one of mine doesn't think of to get into, the other does, geez. Life is never dull and boring here, and all 4 girls play together all the time, it's a riot to watch them. The guys just stay out of the way. So, the list of dogs in order are, Koko, Duke,

Hansel, Cadence, Brandi Brat, Miss Gretchen, and Ashley's Hope. I have photo albums on yahoo... <http://photos.yahoo.com/RHutch23456789>.....New Puppy album is Brandi, and New Dod Pics are the newest pics of the fur crew. My website is....<http://rosiesvtcabin.homestead.com/Home.html>
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GSD'S WHO WENT TO BRIDGE IN MARCH, 2005



Owner Jackie Athey

This will be an ongoing feature for the newsletter, to honor those dogs who left us in the previous month.

BORIC ACID

Ants : This past year have been on a rampage here in FI, the insect capitol of the world. This home-made treatment has worked very well on both carpenter ants and pharaoh ants.

Ingredients:

1 Tablespoon of Boric Acid, 1 tsp of Sugar, 4 oz water, Cotton Balls. Mix Boric Acid and Sugar in a bowl. This can be poured over a cotton wad in a small dish or bottle cap. Keep this from drying out for continued effectiveness. Place Cotton balls in path of Ants.

Kill Silverfish Quickly:

Mix a small amount of boric acid, 20% or so with an inert ingredient like "whiting" fold into small packets and place them in dresser drawers, under your sink, or closets to kill silverfish quickly with absolutely no mess.

A Safe Surface Insecticide may be formulated by dissolving Boric Acid in plain water to make a 5% to 10% solution of clear liquid. Heating the water first makes it easier to dissolve the white powder. This simple inexpensive, household chemical is deadly to all insects, is safe enough to use around children, and on interior surfaces (test first on a small hidden area to check for possible -- but rare -- discoloration of finishes). Don't expect instant results, give it some time, occasionally additional applications are needed. It lasts about a year, or until the surfaces are washed. Many modern applications of this ancient item are showing up in products, and commercial treatments.

To apply as a powder, you can use and old grated cheese shaker [make sure it has lots of holes] or an inexpensive mustard or condiment squeeze bottle. Some important places to make sure you treat: around all pipe and drain entrances

in floors and walls in and under all cabinets, especially corners and cracks around all baseboards, in corners and on top of cabinets behind and under range, dishwasher, and refrigerator. In new homes, during construction, the powder can be sprayed inside walls, soffits, and in the attic. Also, it is a good idea to apply the powder along the top of basement walls near the ribbon-plate [where floor joists rest on the concrete wall of the basement].

For carpenter ants drill holes in wood surrounding infestation, fill with boric acid.

Fleas:

Simply sprinkle it on the carpet, (same mix as above for silverfish) brush it in so it settles down and in the fiber, let it sit for about a week then vacuum and fleas will be gone, eggs and all!

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"10 AND OVER KLUB" APRIL 2005



Star
Age 10
Scotty Maloney



Sasche
Age 10
Patricia Shaffer

APRIL FOOL'S DAY APRIL 1ST

BY JERRY WILSON

Unlike most of the other nonfoolish holidays, the history of April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fool's Day, is not totally clear. There really wasn't a "first April Fool's Day" that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of this tradition was in 1582, in France. Prior to that year, the new year was celebrated for eight days, beginning on March 25. The celebration culminated on April 1. With the reform of the calendar under Charles IX, the Gregorian Calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved to January 1.

However, communications being what they were in the days when news traveled by foot, many people did not receive the news for several years. Others, the more obstinate crowd, refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. These backward folk were labeled as "fools" by the general populace. They were subject to some ridicule, and were often sent on "fools errands" or were made the butt of other practical jokes.

This harassment evolved, over time, into a tradition of prank-playing on the first day of April. The tradition eventually spread to England and Scotland in the eighteenth century. It was later introduced to the American colonies of both the English and French. April Fool's Day thus developed into an international fun fest, so to speak, with different nationalities specializing in their own brand of humor at the expense of their friends and families.

In Scotland, for example, April Fool's Day is actually celebrated for two days. The second day is devoted to pranks involving the posterior region of the body. It is called Taily Day. The origin of the "kick me" sign can be traced to this observance.

Mexico's counterpart of April Fool's Day is actually observed on December 28. Originally, the day was a sad remembrance of the slaughter of the innocent children by King Herod. It eventually evolved into a lighter commemoration involving pranks and trickery.

Pranks performed on April Fool's Day range from the simple, (such as saying, "Your shoe's untied!"), to the elaborate. Setting a roommate's alarm clock back an hour is a common gag. Whatever the prank, the trickster usually ends it by yelling to his victim, "April Fool!"



Practical jokes are a common practice on April Fool's Day. Sometimes, elaborate practical jokes are played on friends or relatives that last the entire day. The news media even gets involved. For instance, a British short film once shown on April Fool's Day was a fairly detailed documentary about "spaghetti farmers" and how they harvest their crop from the spaghetti trees.

April Fool's Day is a "for-fun-only" observance. Nobody is expected to buy gifts or to take their "significant other" out to eat in a fancy restaurant. Nobody gets off work or school. It's simply a fun little holiday, but a holiday on which one must remain forever vigilant, for he may be the next April Fool!

NEW EARS....



Deer Cody - Broomie

ATTENTION!!



Where is he?

OUTSIDE DOGS

Unless you're medically intolerant of the dog (and therefore can't take care of him in a medical emergency, so you shouldn't have the dog anyway), making a dog stay outside is a costly waste.

If he's for protection, what do you think I want to steal - your lawn?

When you leave, do you put your valuables and your kids out in your yard? Just what is the dog protecting out there? Most dogs kept outside cause far more nuisance complaints from barking and escaping than any deterrent to intrusion. Such complaints cause teasing, antagonism, release and poisoning. With your dog a helpless victim, it's no laughing matter.

If I'm a crook and your dog is out, your fence protects ME, not your possessions or your dog. If I just open the gate, 9 out of 10 dogs will run off! I can safely shoot, stab, spear, poison, snare, strangle them, or dart through the fence and you just lost your dog AND everything I steal!

If he's tied up and I keep out of reach, he's useless. He'll bark, but outside dogs bark so much, they're usually ignored. But let a dog hit the other side of a door or window I'm breaking into, and I'm GONE! I can't hurt the dog until he can hurt me, and nothing you own is worth my arm. Deterrence is effective protection.

Protection and aggression are not the same. Protection is defensive, reactive, often passive, and threatens or injures no one. Aggression is active, harmful and offensive, threatens all and benefits none. Yard dogs often develop far more aggression than protectivity because everyone who passes by or enters has already violated the territory that dog has marked dozens of times a day for years. That's not

protection, it's not desirable and it overlooks two facts of life today:

First, property owners have implied social contracts with others in the community. Letter carriers, paper boys, delivery people, law enforcement, emergency medical personnel, meter readers and others are allowed near and at times on your property without your specific permission. And sure that ten-year-old was not supposed to jump your fence after his Frisbee; but neither you nor your dog are allowed to cause him injury if he does. Imagine this: A neighbor looks into your yard or window and sees you, your wife or child laying on the floor in a pool of blood. They call 9-1-1 and your dog prevents paramedics from assisting! Should they shoot your dog or just let you die?

Great choice.

Second, even if the intruder is a criminal, few places allow you or your dog to cause physical injury to prevent property loss. Convicted felons have sued the dog's owner from jail and won more in the suit than they ever could have stolen! Appalling? True.

And don't be foolish enough to believe your homeowner's insurance will cover the loss. Now you see why many feel that an outside dog is a no-brainer.

The more a dog is outdoors, the less behavioral control you have. It's easier to solve four or five indoor problems than one outdoor problem. The reason is valid and simple: The more you control the stimuli that reaches your dog, the more you control the responses. You've got a lot more control over your living room than you do over your entire county! When your dog is bored, but teased by every dog, cat, bird, squirrel, motorcycle, paperboy, airplane, firecracker and backfiring truck in the county, OF COURSE he'll dig, chew, and bark.

BY DENNIS FETCO, PHD

Would you sit still all day everyday? Do you want unnecessary medical and parasite fees, especially as the dog ages?

When a dog is alone indoors, you are still 30% there because your scent and things he associates with you, constantly remind the dog of you and your training. When he's out, your dog is alone whether you're home or not. Do you really expect him to keep YOU in mind while the entire world teases, distracts and stimulates him?

The media is full of stories about the family dog saving everyone's life during a fire. How many people, including children, would be dead today if those dogs were kept outside? SURE - you ALWAYS get up to investigate every time your yard dog barks. And I've got this bridge.

An outdoor dog has an address, not a home. Dogs offer real value as companion animals. Stop behavior problems and start enjoying real protection and companionship. Bring your dogs inside.

Dennis Fetko, PhD.

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NEW PUPPY

Scotty Maloney has a new addition to her family. Meet Rhett.



Rhett
S Maloney



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