

Letter From The Editor

There is simply Nunn Better!

Happy September Nunn Better! Clients:

I guess it's time to introduce the little man (woman) inside the Wizard of Oz, so to speak. Seneca, your fearless leader—well, your chief pet sitter—has asked me to create the newsletters for your enjoyment and education, so that she can devote her time to caring for Tucson's pet population. Translation: she and her awesome team of professional pet sitters are out there nuzzling furry noses and interacting with your adopted family members while I am stuck behind the desk. Don't cry for me! I get to hear about the cutest pets in the Southwest! I'm in love with pets I've never even met! (Bob-I love to hear about your orange feathers; and don't even get me started on Bruce and Magnum!)



Seneca Nunn, owner
Nunn Better! Pet Care LLC

The reason any of this may be important to you is because the email connected to newsletter (news@nunnbetterpetcare.com) issues comes to me. If needing Web site help or pet sitting reservations it is vital to continue using the current email: **info@nunnbetterpetcare.com**. This will ensure that your communication with Seneca and her office staff receive administrative types of emails in a timely manner.

However, I would very much like to hear about topics, issues, or species you would like researched or expounded on, and will do my best to produce results. Since I'm a little dog-centric, receiving a nudge or tidbit of information about other types of pets is always warmly welcomed. (I will try to "think green," and scaly... and feathery... and slithery...).

Kim Homer, Editor

Nunn Better! News

Important Links & Phone Numbers

Pima Animal Care Center
520-243-5900

Humane Society of Southern AZ
520-327-6088

ASPCA Animal Poison Control
(Web site link only)

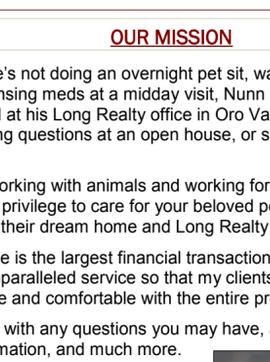
Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson
(animal emergency)

4909 N. La Canada Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85704
520-795-9955

Nunn Better! Pet Care
520-744-1126

NAME THAT ANIMAL!

In the interest of learning about new and wonderful animals that share the planet with us, see if you know (or can find out) what these cute little guys are. The first person to email the correct answer (the actual name or breed, not just species), will receive a free 1/2 hour pet sit (\$22 value), courtesy of Nunn Better! of course. Just out of curiosity— what would you name them? Send submissions to news@nunnbetterpetcare.com.



SEPTEMBER SPECIAL

This month's special is the sturdy Nunn Better! large, zippered, nylon tote bag. It is rubberized on the inside and comes in many popular colors. This bag is perfect as a beach bag, grocery bag, or to carry pet items. Regular \$17.95

SALE \$15.95



OUR MISSION

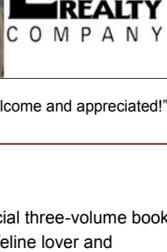
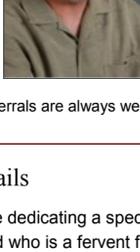


When he's not doing an overnight pet sit, walking your dog in the morning, or dispensing meds at a midday visit, Nunn Better! pet sitter Greg Hill can be found at his Long Realty office in Oro Valley. Greg serves clients by answering questions at an open house, or showing houses to prospective buyers.

"I love working with animals and working for Nunn Better! Pet Care gives me the opportunity and privilege to care for your beloved pets while you are away... I also like helping people find their dream home and Long Realty is #1 in Tucson.

Buying or selling a home is the largest financial transaction most people ever make. My mission is to provide unparalleled service so that my clients, both buyers and sellers, are thrilled with the outcome and comfortable with the entire process."

Please call or email me with any questions you may have, and visit my website for current listings, mortgage information, and much more.



Greg Hill

"Your referrals are always welcome and appreciated!"



Tales About Tails

This month we are dedicating a special three-volume book series to our friend who is a fervent feline lover and recently lost a beloved cat. We would like to recommend the series of books by Peter Gethers about his cat, Norton. This trio of books includes "The Cat Who Went To Paris," "A Cat Abroad," and "The Cat Who'll Live Forever."

This epic starts out with Gethers, a self-proclaimed "cat hater," receiving a kitten as a gift. Soon he is walking the streets of New York with Norton, his new kitten, and eventually flying to Europe on the Concorde with him. Norton and his owner brush elbows with celebrity while hob-nobbing in Parisian cafes and have many other adventures together.

As Norton ages, he teaches his owner important lessons about life, and in the end about death and grief, which must come along with it. These books are filled with heartwarming— and heartbreaking— stories, but in the end make us grateful for allowing animals into our lives. You can read more about these three Peter Gethers' books by going to his [Web site](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

CataVinos

3063 N. Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ

Sunday, September, 12 2010

4:00 to 6:00 PM

Wine tasting fundraiser for **Casa de los Gatos**

Please RSVP to 520-881-0900

HOPE Animal Shelter

Saturday, September 18, 2010

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Communication and Compassion

Join Judy Ferrig for a 2 hour workshop on animal communication. Judy will help you develop the skills you already possess to help you better understand what your pet is trying to communicate.

Fee: \$30 for a 2 hour workshop. All proceeds will be going to the care of the animals at HOPE.

EL TOUR DE TUCSON: Ride for the Animals

Outdoor Ride: **November 20, 2010**

Choose to ride 1/4 mile, 4, 35, 67, 80, or 109 miles! The Humane Society of Southern Arizona is a beneficiary for this event.

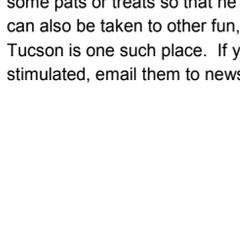


Indoor Ride: **November 13, 2010**

This event takes place on stationary bikes. All contributions you raise will benefit the HSSA animals in their care. [Click here](#) for information on the indoor and outdoor rides.

Any upcoming events you think we should know about? Email the information to us the month prior to the event and we'll try to include it in our newsletter.

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Man with dog on bike, courtesy Wikimedia. <http://commons.wikimedia.org>

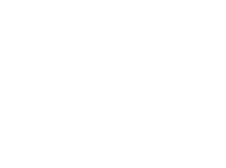
The Canines Are Restless

by Kim Homer

As the temperatures blaze on in the hot Arizona summer, many of us are wondering what to do to amuse our bored canine companions until the weather cools down again. Some dogs can tolerate early morning and late evening walks right now, but as we discussed in last month's newsletter, it is dangerous to exercise our pets in the heat of the day.

Some of the dog experts at Dogster.com recommend attention keepers such as food dispensing toys ([Premier](#), [Kong](#), [Orbee](#)), "intelli-toys" (toys that make your dogs think, such as [Nina Ottosson](#) or [Aikiou](#)), food hunts, play dates, and socialization outings.

Listed above are some of the best and toughest dog toys out there. You won't believe how I know this to be true... Meet Talon, all ten pounds of him: he is the reason I have trialed hundreds of dollars worth of sturdy dog toys over the last six years. Talon can rip a tennis ball to shreds in just under 30 minutes — he's been timed. Latex toys don't even stand a chance; they bore him and he can ruin a solid \$10.00 investment in under 15 minutes! The brands listed above are not explicitly endorsed by your pet sitters, just one really vigilant dog mom.



Talon on the banks of the Colorado River with an indestructible blue racquetball.

Premier brand dog toys are hit in this household, especially the purple treat toy called the Waggle. It is extremely interesting to watch each different dog attack the Waggle in different ways to try and get the kibble to come out. Talon will pick it up and then drop it out of his mouth, allowing the toy to hit the ground and intermittently spit a kibble out of its purple ends. Talon's brother grasps the toy by both front paws and sucks on one end, trying desperately to make the kibble move down his throat. (I didn't say that it was always an intelligent dog that would have a go with these toys). And ironically, it is Talon's brother who mastered the large Aikiou toy; Talon had no patience for the toy — what does that say about his intelligence?

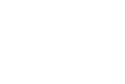
In addition to trying to trick these canine minds into being amused by toys made by humans, we love to play a game with them called "Find The Kibble." While all dogs are locked in the bedroom (only momentarily), a whole fistful of dog kibble or treats is thrown and hidden all over the rest of the house. The hellhounds are released and we yell, "Find the kibble! Find the kibble!" With no decorum whatsoever, the dogs race across the floors, furniture, and stairs, to greedily get the most food. A great time is had by all and we do give the little senior citizens, those in the Golden Whiskers Club, a fair chance: we stealthily walk by them and hand them some "free" kibble!

Taking your pet on a socialization outing is also a great way to keep them calmer in any situation. The Dogster experts gave the example of taking the dog to the vet—but this time not for an appointment. Once in the waiting room, praise the dog and give him some pats or treats so that he knows good things come of a trip to the doctor too. They can also be taken to other fun, pet-friendly places such as bookstores—Bookman's in Tucson is one such place. If you have any great ideas to keep the pooches happy and stimulated, email them to news@nunnbetterpetcare.com. Talon thanks you in advance!

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To Make A Reservation:

To Make A Payment:



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