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Letter From The Editor

Happy October, Nunn Better! Clients!

Since this is the month where a lot of us will greet trick-or-treaters at the door, here are a few quick tips on making it a safe Halloween for our pets:

-Keep dogs and cats AWAY from chocolate-especially dark, or baking kinds.

-Make sure your pets are safely away from the front door (behind a gate) and properly fitted with ID tags, in case they were to get loose out the front door, while you are handing out candy.

-If your pet dresses up for Halloween, make sure it's a pet-safe costume, otherwise, let them stay in their "birthday suit!" Visit the ASPCA Web site for more tips.

Kim Homer, Editor
Nunn Better! News

And the winner is…..

Emily Miller submitted an answer to our *Name That Animal* contest first (and correct) on September 4th, at 9:53pm. She said: "They are known as Albino Pygmy Marmosets and I would name them Chewbacca and Froso." Thanks Emily! You have won a free 1/2 hour Nunn Better! pet sit. It was a lot of fun reading the responses; some of them were very official, including genus, species, and fancy Latin names! Thank you for participating, and please continue to read the newsletter for upcoming animal trivia competitions.

There is simply Nunn Better!

Seneca Nunn, owner
Nunn Better! Pet Care

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

TURTLE TIME

Seneca is always finding animals to rescue— or, someone is bringing them to her, as we all know she is Tucson's very own Dr. Dolittle. Check out the turtle event in the Upcoming Events section of the newsletter below, listed in honor of this little guy that one of Seneca's friends found and gave to her.

OUR MISSION

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: HEART TO HARD DRIVE

Heart to Hard Drive is based in the beautiful Sonoran Desert of Tucson, Arizona. Our company's first project was a website design for a *NYT* bestselling author in 2001, but the business quickly evolved, and in 2003 we began providing administrative computer-related services to our clients. At first working primarily with artists and small businesses, we've expanded the scope of our clientele to include individuals interested in becoming more comfortable using their personal computers.

Audrey Sharpe, owner of Heart to Hard Drive, graduated Cum Laude from the University of Arizona with a B.A. in Classics, and over the years has provided instruction in technology and the arts to students from pre-school age through adult. Audrey's philosophy, "Never stop learning," is a philosophy she puts into practice through her own continuing education. In addition to her work with Heart to Hard Drive, Audrey is an active member of several professional organizations, including Business Network International and Romance Writers of America.

Heart to Hard Drive specializes in bridging the gap between the human heart and the computer hard drive. Whether you are looking for training to improve your skills, assistance with the creation and design of documents and files, or administrative services for recurring computer-related tasks, Heart to Hard Drive can help lighten your heart and your work load.

Tell us that you heard about us from Nunn Better! and receive 25% off your first one-hour lesson!

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Heart to HARD DRIVE

FOOD FOR PEOPLE’S PETS

By Colleen McHugh

The Food For People’s Pets program helps pets keep their loving homes when their families have fallen on hard times. Fed Up! is a program of the Hermitage Cat Shelter that aims to distribute cat or dog food to families in economic crisis. We place collection bins at various retail outlets in the community (Basha’s and Safeway to name two), for people to place donated bags or cans of pet food. Volunteers pick up the food and bring it to the Hermitage shelter where it is logged and then distributed to community entities that provide food relief to families/ pets in need. This program helps animals keep their homes; it helps prevent shelter overcrowding; and, it helps feed families, as little pieces of their budget are freed up so they can purchase groceries that they need for themselves.

TALES ABOUT TAILS

Recommended by Nunn Better client Paula G: “I wanted to tell you about a book I just finished reading: "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. It is a story told by an old philosophical dog who longs to be human, recalling his life with the family he has lived with, and all of the ups and downs associated with it. It was funny, inspirational, sad - every emotion you can imagine. It was a very quick read and made me laugh and cry throughout. I highly recommend it for people to read.” Thanks, Paula!

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TUCSON MUSICAL CANINE FREESTYLE CLUB

October 9, 2010, call for time: Tucson Musical Canine Freestyle Club

Watch the dogs and their partners perform in a benefit for Handi-Dogs at Fort Lowell park.

DOGTOBERFEST

October 9, 2010, 10:00am-2:00pm: at Fort Lowell Park

Celebrate the human and dog bond at this year’s Dogtoberfest, hosted by Handi-Dogs. There will be many

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activities for both people and their furry friends! For more info, visit: www.handi-dogs.org.

DINE FOR PUPS AND FELINES

Pre-opening benefit at Janos' new location: 135 S 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ. Live music, art, & a full course meal with a cocktail and wine pairings, $75. Call 520-623-7700 for reservations: hurry, there is limited spacing.

PIMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS HORSE SHOWS

October 9-10 AND October 16-17:

Go to the Pima County Fair Web site for more information on times and specific horse events.

STRUT YOUR MUTT

October 23, 2010; 10am-1pm

HOPE Animal Shelter, in conjunction with The Forum Independent Living Facility, is hosting a family friendly pet event that is sure to please. For $10.00 you can enter your dog in the Pet Parade and participate in other activities. There will be an owner/dog look alike contest, raffle prizes and much more.

Location: The Forum at Tucson
2500 N. Rosemont Blvd

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November 13, 2010: Indoor Ride

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.

TURTLE TIME!

November 18 & 19:

Turtle and Tortoise Preservation Group Conference on Captive Care and Breeding of Turtles and Tortoises at:

Phoenix Marriot Mesa
200 N. Centennial Way
Mesa, AZ 85201
1-800-835-9873

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:

news@nunnbetterpetcare.com

ALGAE

POWERS IGUANA RESCUE

By Elaine Powers

I always knew there would be iguanas in my life; I just didn't know how many. Since iguanas require a great deal of daily care, I waited until I was settled in my first house in Michigan. I adopted Noel through my company's newsletter; she was a neglected, 2-year old, near death. Noel recovered well and then baby Algae joined us. Having calm, socialized Noel helped me work with Algae, as it took daily interaction for exactly one year before I earned her trust.

I then moved to NJ where I visited a pet store that had eight iguanas of different sizes crammed together in a small enclosure; that day, my iguana rescue efforts began. I couldn't take all of the iguanas, but I rescued the three smallest. I was very happy with my five iguana "children." Next came Azure, who had been badly burned and left at another pet store. Soon, 260 iguanas had passed through my rescue. I eventually registered with Petfinder.com and with the help of a local vet, rehabilitated and placed 250 iguanas with adopters, over 11 years.

Unfortunately, people see iguanas as 'disposable' pets. Since they only cost $10 at your local pet store or souvenir shop (like on the NJ Boardwalk) or are illegally given out as fair prizes, people seem to think it's okay to throw them in the garbage, or outside where they won't survive. Ninety-nine percent of the iguanas bought as pets are dead within the first two years because "igs" are exotic animals from the trees of Central Ameri-

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can tropical rainforests requiring fresh leafy food, large enclosures (since they can grow up to six feet long), and have needs not easily met. You can't just buy a bag of iguana chow. Add to this, the fact that these creatures are wild animals who are eaten by everything, so humans have to slowly earn their trust. You can see the reasons iguanas are not a pet for everyone. Did I mention the biting, scratching and tail whipping? The fortunate, unwanted ones make it to rescues, but too many are dumped outside where they are found in the street, in people's yards, up trees in parks, and various other places. Many are attacked and injured by other animals.

I was fortunate to be able to help many iguanas but so many more need good, knowledgeable homes. They are intelligent animals who like to be part of their humans' lives. There is no reason these prey animals should want to climb up on a person's lap and help them type on the computer, but they do (thank you, Cecil). Each iguana has its own personality, including likes and dislikes, and I feel fortunate to have known so many.

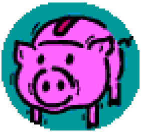
NOEL

I hadn't intended to jump right into rescuing iguanas when I moved to Tucson, but I took one ig being rehabilitated to a local vet and came home with a second, a large male who had been at the vet's office for a year. I suspect this may be the first of the next rescue effort; and, for those people who tell me they can't move with an iguana, I drove cross country from New Jersey to Arizona with fifteen! For more information about Powers Iguana Rescue, email: lizlady@comcast.net

To Make A Reservation:

There is simply Nunn Better!

To Make A Payment:



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