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Dewey and his siblings are approx 3 months old, and were rescued from a drug raid a month ago. They have been in foster care and are now ready for new homes.....yours perhaps? Stop in and meet these cuties - life may have started ruff... but you can help turn that around!



WHAT TIME IS IT?  
ITS CALENDAR TIME!



The votes are in - and the calendar is almost done! We have 12 wonderful rescues who will be gracing the pages of the PWP 2011 Rescue Calendar, which will be available at the shelter, or online. Buy one for yourself - or give one as a gift! Thanks to everyone who voted online - we had our best voting year ever!

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## Rules For Cats to Live By\*

\* do not share this list with humans

If you are like me... I have always assumed that there was a secret list that existed somewhere - telling our pets (cats especially) what to do... and when to do it. The sole purpose being to keep their families on their toes, shaking their heads, and smiling of course. Perhaps a secret code, or an unwritten law? I propose that it is both - and much more. Here is what I have deciphered so far...

**BATHROOMS:** Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything. Just sit and stare.

**DOORS:** Do not allow any closed doors in any room. To get door open, stand on hind legs and hammer with forepaws. Once door is opened, it is not necessary to use it. After you have ordered an "outside" door opened, stand halfway in and out and think about several things. This is particularly important during very cold weather, rain, snow, or mosquito season.

**CHAIRS AND RUGS:** If you have to throw up, get to a chair or bed quickly. If you cannot manage in time, get to an Oriental rug. If there is no Oriental rug, any quality carpeting is good. When throwing up on the carpet, make sure you back up so it is as long as a human's bare foot.

**HAMPERING (many forms):** If one of your humans is engaged in some activity and the other is idle, stay with the busy one. This is called "helping," otherwise known as "hampering." Following are the rules for "hampering":

- 1) For book readers, get in close under the chin, between eyes and book, unless you can lie across the book itself.
- 2) For paperwork, lie on the paper in the most appropriate manner so as to obscure as much of the work as possible. Or pretend to doze, but occasionally reach out and slap the pencil or pen.
- 3) For people paying bills or working on income taxes or Christmas cards, keep in mind the aim: to hamper! First, sit on the paper being worked on. When dislodged, watch sadly from the side of the table. When activity proceeds nicely, roll around on the papers, scattering them to the best of your ability. When being removed for the second time, make all four legs flail around wildly in order to push pens, pencils, and erasers off the table.
- 4) When a human is holding the newspaper in front of him/her, be sure to jump on the back of the paper. Humans love surprises.
- 5) When a human is working at the computer, jump up on the desk, walk across the keyboard, bat at the mouse pointer on the screen and then lay in the human's lap across arms if possible to hamper typing in progress.

**WALKING:** As often as possible, dart quickly and as close as possible in front of the human, especially on stairs, when they have something in their arms, in the dark, and when they first get up in the morning. This will help their coordination skills.

**BEDTIME:** Always sleep on the human at night so he/she doesn't move around too much.

**LITTER BOX:** When using the litter box, be sure to kick as much litter out of the box as possible. Humans love the feel of kitty litter between their toes.

**HIDING:** Every now and then, hide in a place where the humans cannot find you. Do not come out for three to four hours under any circumstances. This will cause the humans to panic (which they love) thinking that you have run away or are lost. Once you do come out, the humans will cover you with love and kisses and you will probably get a treat.

**ONE LAST THOUGHT:** Whenever possible, get close to a human, especially their face, then turn around, and present your butt to them. Humans love this, so do it often. And don't forget guests.

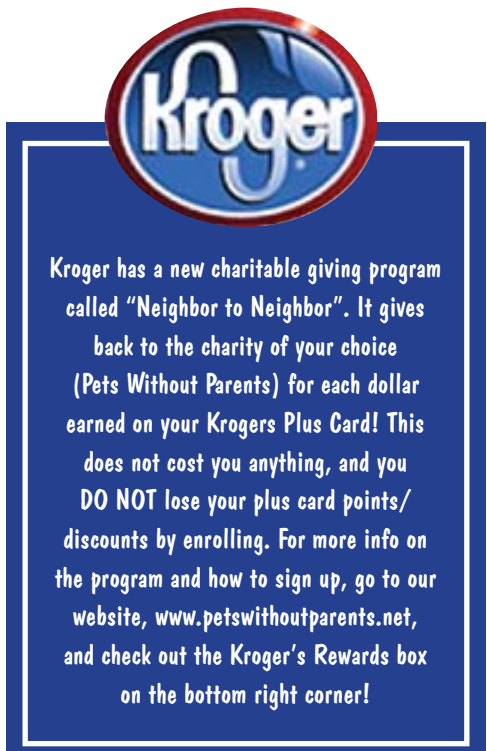
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- Sunday, October 24th - 3rd Annual Howl-O-Ween Party at Mutts & Co. 12-4pm, 7549 Sawmill Rd (Kroger Marketplace Shopping Center). Join us for an outdoor event - featuring food, silent auction, raffles, adoptables, costume contest, pet portraits & caricatures, and more! All proceeds to benefit participating rescue groups!
- Friday, November 5th - Low-Cost Pet Wellness Clinic with the Rascal Unit @ the Prairie Twp Senior Center (W. Broad) 10am - 2pm - This event is open to the public. Seniors bringing their pets for service, will get a bag of pet food and treats to take home!

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## Happy Tails...

Desmond is doing very well. We have adjusted to each other and he brings me great joy everyday. I had forgotten how wonderful it is to have a creature so happy to see you, regardless of whether you were out of sight five minutes or all day! He is a bundle of energy and enjoys playing with the (formerly) squeaky toys that were a welcome gift from our friend. He has a favorite chair in the living room and enjoys bounding in and out of it. We take walks twice a day to explore the neighborhood and he has made a couple of dog acquaintances on our walks. He is warming up to other people (with a little bit of selective bribery!). We are working on his playing skills with the hope that he will be able to have play dates with other dogs some day. Thank you for rescuing him and bringing him into my life. He is a treasure!



## IZZY SEZ...

Halloween can be a frightening time for us dogs. Each year, veterinarians nationwide see pet injuries that could have been avoided. Here are some ways you can help protect your pets this year:

- \* Walk your dog before trick-or-treaters start their visits. Keep a firm grip on the leash; many dogs are frightened by people in costumes.
- \* Find a secure place in your home to keep your dogs, especially if you're giving out candy to trick-or-treaters. Many dogs get loose when the door opens, and the presence of little (and big) costumed people often scares animals, increasing the chance dogs will run away or get hit by cars.
- \* As always, make sure your dog is wearing an up-to-date I.D. tag.

*Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow; Don't walk behind me, I may not lead; Walk beside me, and just be my friend.*

~ Albert Camus



## Read Any Good Pet Food Labels Lately?

As more and more pet parents like yourself consider feeding their dogs and cats a healthier diet, learning about the ingredients in your pet's food becomes all the more important. While many leading dog food and cat food brands cover the front of their bags with beautiful photography or illustrations of healthy stuff, the ingredient listing on the back is where you can determine whether your pet's food is of the highest quality.

The first ingredient is the most important! There is more of that ingredient than any other. All dog foods and cat foods must list the ingredients of their food in order of weight.

- Real meat, such as chicken, fish or lamb, is a source of high-quality, highly digestible protein. Proteins are essential for growth, maintenance, reproduction, repair and energy.
- Whole grains such as brown rice, barley and oats supply complex carbohydrates to maintain your dog or cat's energy level.
- Veggies and fruit provide essential phytonutrients, antioxidants and enzymes, plus natural vitamins, minerals and fibers that have been shown to promote health and wellness.

The top 10 ingredients usually comprise

80% or more of a dry pet food's entire formula and give you a real insight into the formula's overall quality.

- Some dog food and cat food brands define their ingredients in several different ways so that the ones of lower quality appear further down the ingredient list. For example, a product list could contain chicken, ground corn, corn gluten, ground wheat and corn bran. And, if you were to group all of the corn ingredients as one, they might far out-weigh the amount of chicken in that food, and be the first listed ingredient.
- Be sure to read all of the ingredients at the end of the listing to know if any artificial preservatives and colorings are being used. Those such as BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin, and propylene glycol provide no nutritional value and have been associated with possible toxic side effects.

Choosing the best dog food or best cat food for your beloved pet isn't easy, especially when there are so many brands touting themselves as being healthy. Take a minute to review the dog food or cat food you're using now. With what you've learned about pet food labels, that minute could mean a big difference in the health of your pet.

(source: bluebuffalo.com)



## Jump For Joy - Not For Me!

The key to teaching your dog not to jump on you when she greets you is to tell her that you only greet dogs who keep their front paws on the floor. Although you can't tell her with words, you can tell her with actions. When your dog greets you, her goal is to get your attention and to get you to pet her. Knowing this, you can show your dog what she must do to earn your attention and touch. Try to remember two things each time you greet your dog:

1. Keep your attention and your hands away from your dog unless her front feet are on the floor.
2. Immediately give your dog attention and petting the instant her front feet land on the floor.

For instance, when you enter a door and your dog jumps up on you, ignore her. Don't tell her to get off you and don't push her away. Instead, stand up straight and look over her head. If you move your arms and hands at all, pull them up toward your chest. If she continues jumping all over you, turn away. She'll have to put her front paws on the floor to follow you. The instant her front paws touch the floor, melt into the wonderful loving owner that you are, and say "Good girl" quietly and pet her head. If she jumps up at your touch, just pull your hand away, stand up straight like before, and ignore her until her feet find the floor once again. The moment her feet touch the floor, pet her. Your attention and your touch are the words that you can use to let your dog how she needs to act to get your attention.

Never withhold attention when your dog's feet finally do touch the floor - even if you're irritated at her for jumping a moment earlier. She has to be able to make the connection that front feet on the floor magically result in attention and affection from people. Consistency is the key - with a little patience - you'll be jumping for joy - and she'll have her feet on the ground!

(source: aspca.org)



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## ROCCO'S RANTS...



So, you've tried hairball-control cat food and daily brushing... but you still find hairballs on the living room floor? Here's a trick - after brushing, use a moist cloth to remove any loose fur the comb might have missed. Doing this will help your cat ingest even less fur, and any particles she does consume can easily pass through her digestive system instead of building up.

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