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Voting ends September 15th, 2010 at 10:00PM. The twelve pets with the most votes will be a Pet of the Month in the 2011 Pets Without Parents Rescue Pet Calendar!

**VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TODAY, AND HELP OUR SHELTER ALL YEAR!**

## A Hero Rises From the Ashes

A survivor of the 9-11 tragedy tells his story  
(Guide Dog News, Fall 2001)

What better time to tell this story... than in our September Issue. Our country is still in mourning over the events that happened that day. Our hearts have been torn by the knowledge that innocent people, caring people, are now gone. We like to believe that all people are good, that civilization is strong, and that the world is a safe place to live. In the midst of such tragedy, it's inspirational stories like the following that help outweigh the bad.

Michael Hingson was on the 78th floor of the World Trade Center in New York on that fateful Tuesday morning when the building was struck by a plane under the control of a terrorist fanatic.

His yellow Lab guide, "Roselle," was sleeping peacefully under his desk, and the two had been going about their daily routines. Michael is the district sales manager for the computer company Quantum ATL and had been hosting a meeting of field representatives. "I heard a loud noise like a bump and then a lot of shaking. It was worse than any earthquake I've ever experienced," he said. Michael grew up in Palmdale, Calif., and had experienced the Northridge earthquake that struck the state in '94, among others. He now lives with his wife Karen in Westfield, NJ. "The building started swaying, and the air was filled with smoke, fire, paper and the smell of kerosene," he said. The plane had struck 15 floors above him. He knew something serious had happened, and his first thought was to call his wife and then make sure everyone in the office was evacuated safely. His wife would not hear from him again until he emerged from the building hours later.

"We knew the emergency exit procedures and people did a very good job of following them," he said. "Roselle" led him through the disheveled office and to the stairwell to begin the long decent, sometimes guiding, sometimes following behind him when things were tight. Although they didn't feel anything, Michael estimated that the second plane had struck the other tower when they were somewhere around the 50th floor. "By the time we reached the bottom, it had become very hard to breathe," he said. "We were both very hot and tired. 15 minutes after the pair made it safely out of the building, the first tower began to fall. Roselle picked up the pace, and Hingson ran alongside her. "I'm the team leader," Hingson said, "but her job is to tell me when to walk and when not to walk. My responsibility is to trust her. On that day, when she ran, I ran." Even with toxic ash filling the air, Roselle came to a sudden stop at the top of a stairwell to make sure her owner had his footing. She never stopped working, and she performed flawlessly.

Roselle received the animal equivalent of the Victorian Cross from the British government for her devotion to her duty. In all her furry, black nosed glory, Roselle is a real hero to service animals everywhere. Other than both of them feeling stiff and sore, they were otherwise fine. "Roselle" had been sleeping for a lot of the time, but would get up occasionally and play with Michael's retired yellow Lab guide, "Linnie." Michael said, "For me the saddest part was talking to the firemen as they were coming up the stairs - that's what I'll always remember most."

It was a day of tragedy for our entire country. Lives were lost, and heroes were made. Roselle is just one of thousands of service dogs helping folks everyday - leading them across town, or to safety. Right here in Ohio there are several programs supporting the work of service dogs. W.A.G.S.4Kids is one dedicated to training and placing mobility service & skilled companion pups in the homes of children with disabilities. Lets all take a moment this month to thank the heroes, and remember these we lost.

(source: photo & story from Fall 2001 Guide Dogs for the Blind website)



**Beat the Back to School Blues - With Fun Things to Do!**

- **Sunday, September 12th - 28th Annual Clintonville Home Tour - 1 - 6pm**  
Proceeds from the event benefit the Clintonville Community Fund, a community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to investing in organizations and projects that make Clintonville an even better place to live. Pets Without Parents is one of the groups that will benefit from this event - please check out our website for more information!
- **Sunday, OCTOBER 3rd - W.O.O.F. Fido Fest, 1PM-6pm** Many adoptables at the event @ Old Worthington on the Village Green. Benefitting Worthington Organized Off-Leash Friends! Enjoy a pooch parade, contests, food, dog blessings, dog stuff and rescue groups!

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## BOOK REPORT



**Pack of Two, The Intricate Bond Between People and Dogs** by *Caroline Knapp*

I love to read books, but I am not one to babble on and on about them. I hardly consider myself qualified to write a review, but this book is worth the try. It is perfect for people who care for, and love, their dogs - yet struggle when their non-dog loving friends say, "Yeah, she's cute, but she's JUST A DOG." Caroline Knapp communicates the joys of "dog cohabitation" (as opposed to "dog ownership") in a way that even non-dog people can appreciate. This book will touch those readers who have a dog, and will help make sense of it all, for those who don't... finally answering the question, "how can people get so darn attached to an animal?"

Ms. Knapp also avoids the silly dog-as-human-in-little-fur-coat scenario that many folks have used to convey that difficult-to-describe feeling of finding yourself in a mutual loving relationship with a dog. I was amazed, and a bit jealous, of Caroline's ability to convey both complicated concepts and strong emotions, all while adding humor. Those of us who find ourselves in stimulating conversations with our best friends, will certainly enjoy, and understand. We are the same people who cancel dinner plans and party invitations because an evening home on the couch with Izzy and the movie channel sounds like a great time too. So, for what its worth, this book really touched me, and brought to the page so many feelings I have had over the years.

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## ROCCO'S RANTS...



*Is your cat acting a little jealous? New baby, new pet... new friend? The reason - he no longer feels like head of the household, and your main squeeze. Help him feel more secure by giving him climbing access to high places, like a cat tree. Cats feel more secure when they have a towering vantage point to inspect new situations. This will allow him a comfortable distance from the situation, and feel like the "top cat" once again! They will love it, and you!*

# PAWS & THINK

## Happy Tails...

Ernie was part of the litter found under a trailer in the beginning of January 2010. We adopted him as an 8 week old puppy in mid March and have enjoyed every minute with him since. He is a very smart dog who LOVES food. Every morning at 6 o'clock Ernie wakes up and cries because he is hungry. He runs downstairs and waits by the food wiggling until we feed him. It is the same thing an hour before dinner everyday. Other than eating, Ernie also loves chewing on bones, chasing squirrels and annoying his sister Olive who we also adopted from Pets Without Parents. Ernie has been an amazing addition to the family and we look forward to countless future adventures with him in addition to an enormous food bill.



## What's Up With That Bird?

I love to have bird feeders all around the house - its like a big screen for my dogs and cat. Have you ever awakened at dawn to a chorus of birdsong and wondered what all the fuss is about? Sally Roth, author of The Backyard Bird Lover's Ultimate How-To Guide, outlines 3 kinds of birdcalls you can learn to distinguish.



The more you listen to your birds, the more you will understand them. The most common and recognizable of the calls is for dominance. A bird will repeat this song to claim his territory throughout nesting season. The robin's is a lilting tune that sounds something like "cheerily, cheer up, cheer up, cheerily, cheer up."

The second call a bird will use - is for alarm. They will use this when chasing off a predator or intruder. Though the

noise will differ depending on which bird is sounding the alarm, the call is less melodic, sharper and more abrupt. It has a panic or scolding tone to it. Once you start paying attention to your backyard friends, you will be able to distinguish this sound easily.

The final birdsong is used when a bird is courting - its a love song! This is more of a "whisper song". It is a quiet, intimate song that's utterly romantic. You may have to listen carefully for this one because its usually sung in private.

So, if you are fan of our flying friends, and have a bird area set up for you and your pets to enjoy - it seems only right to be able to know what they are talking about, right? Listen, learn and enjoy!

(source: USA Weekend, Laura Hoxworth)

## Joint Pain Doggin' Your Pup?



Joint pain is bad enough when you have two legs - try having four! You can help your pup out on a daily basis - even before they start hurting. Glucosamine and Chondroitin are two Chondroprotective Supplements to think about. I know what you are thinking... I can't pronounce or spell them - why would I want to give them to my best friend? Well, let's start by finding out what they are. Chondroprotectives are nutrients found in joint supplements that have become popular because of their amazing ability to resolve joint pain. Many pet owners prefer to use them because they work to help the body become healthier rather than mask symptoms. They also have relatively few side effects and allow pets to take fewer prescription drugs. In addition, they can be taken before injury occurs so that pets are predisposed to have a less significant loss of function. Because they work naturally, it generally takes several weeks before we observe the benefit from taking joint supplements in the pet's body. Just as benefits are slow to materialize, they are also slow to leave after they are stopped; that is, they have a carry-over effect and there is continued improvement over time. Fortunately, chondroprotective supplements - unlike many drugs - are generally safe to use for long periods, even for a lifetime, and can be found already in many "large breed" dry foods, and most pharmacies - because they work for those with two sore legs too!

*It's no coincidence that man (and women's) best friend cannot talk.*

~ Anonymous



## IZZY SEZ...

Too much of anything is never a good thing -especially barking. I try to be good... but sometimes those squirrels just drive me CRAZY! Like most dogs - I do not like loud noises - so here is an idea. put some pennies or nails in an empty soda can, and tape the opening shut. When you tell us to be "quiet" and we do not respond, give the can a good shake! After a few times - we will associate the "hush" command with the unsettling noise, and eventually (hopefully), start to listen to you without the can.

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