

"One must look with the heart." Antoine de Saint - Exupery

Fall is here and you all are enjoying the extended daylight savings! San Diego is grateful for the cooler recent days, but have had quite the week with the fires, evacuations and much damage to community. I hope this letter finds you all safe, blessed, and much gratitude for all that is good.

EVENTS AND MY NEWS FLASHES

Dexter's Deli hosts Energy and Chakra Reads! Held on Saturday & Sunday October 6, 7. Benefiting the Rancho Coastal Humane Society, the event was a big success! Thanks to Dexter's and all who came to discover their animal's "energy". Lots of great food, fun, toys, events and holistic information to be found at both Dexter's Delis!



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20:

THE DAILY PET in Del Mar...appearance for "Yappy Hour"...stay tuned for details...fun holiday event!

MY NEW BOOK! YES! My book is finally heading off to the printing press (Lyons Press) and on its way to the shelves. Look for "Fur Shui" after February 2008...very fun, very auspicious! Stay tuned for snippets.

HALLOWEEN! Be careful out there, and do have some fun. Just make sure your pets are inside safe and sound. But if in costume make sure they can sniff, move, "chow down" and move freely (on leash!)...and be sure to ask their "forgiveness" the day after!



ON AND ABOUT THE TOWN: Recently visited a couple of "Three Dog Bakery's" now open in the LA area (Santa Monica at 411 Santa Monica Blvd & Sherman Oaks at 14545 Ventura Blvd). Really fun places with great all natural treats for your dogs...along with a "Pity the Kitty" offering shelf. Go in for a visit...on line: www.threedog.com Find one near you! The Santa Monica shop had a "growloween" last Sunday that must have been a true "howl"... www.threedogsantamonica.com

WHERE?

Thoroughbred breeding farm in San Miguel, CA and new life celebration from two friends!

San Miguel, CA (Just up the road from Paso Roblas) 7.21.07...Visiting "clients" and new life!

Good friends Jeanne and Dan have a wonderful new colt RayDiant Attire (Born March 2, 2007, Ray for short!) who had just been weaned from mom "client" Ama Ray as I stopped by for a visit to Rancho San Miguel. Got a great introduction to Ray from Equine Expert Kasia K. at the farm who is very busy ushering all the new babies each spring!



Ray on his own!

Visiting a very "wise" yearling



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WHERE? (continued!)

"Tate" has arrived!

Kimberly's new colt Tate arrived on March 2, 2007 to mom client Samantha at the farm in Grand Haven, Mi. Congrats to Samantha on her 3rd lovely baby!

Tate and mom Samantha



WHO, HOW AND WHAT?

Wanted to celebrate "new life" this letter to give a positive note for us all in the fire areas. Also, to give you all some tips on emergency preparedness!

Pet emergency / disaster planning ("in general"; small animals have different space and transport needs than larger ranch animals): *Shortened from Dr. Andrew Jones', website membership section. www.theonlinevet.com*

1. Have a Safe Place To Take Your Pets

Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets, numbers, size, and species. Ask if "no pet" policies could be waived in an emergency. Keep a list of "pet friendly" places, including phone numbers, with other disaster information and supplies. If you have notice of an impending disaster, call ahead for reservations. Ask friends, relatives, or others outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals. If you have more than one pet, they may be more comfortable if kept together, but be prepared to house them separately. *Keep a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency; include 24-hour phone #'s.* As a last resort (due to already "full" conditions) ask local animal shelters if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets in a disaster.

2. Assemble a Portable Pet Disaster Supplies Kit

You'll need basic supplies in case of evacuation...in an accessible place. Store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily (duffle bags, covered trash containers, etc.). Disaster supplies kit should include: *Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit.* Leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to contain and transport pets safely. *Current photos of your pets in case they get lost.* Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener. Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets. Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.

3. Know What To Do As a Disaster Approaches

Call ahead to confirm emergency shelter arrangements for you and your pets. Make sure your pet disaster supplies are ready to take at a moment's notice.

Bring all pets into the house so that you won't have to search for them. Make sure all dogs and cats are wearing collars and securely fastened, up-to-date identification. Attach the phone number and address of your temporary shelter, if you know it, or of a friend or relative outside the disaster area. Use temporary tags adhesive tape on the back of your pet's ID tag, adding information with an indelible pen. You may not be home when the evacuation order comes. Find out if a trusted neighbor would take your pets and meet you at an agreed location. This person should be comfortable with your pets, know where your animals are likely to be, know where your disaster supplies kit is kept, and have a key to your home.

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