

“Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s party!” *Robin Williams*

The last snowstorms sweep through the Northern Continent, and warming trends that bring spring flowers, blue skies, as well as some April showers that bring May flowers are happening now. What is waking up in your life, your pet’s lives? The environment is “partying”, beginning to blossom...happy Spring!

EVENTS AND MY NEWS FLASHES

Having fun with my new passion to sketch pet portraits! Want to reach out to all with a great way to honor your pets that are both sharing with you now and for those who have passed. Remembering is healing, this is a great way to give honor and closure for pet loves. Give me a call and find out the details, the hows, drawing out the essence of fur folks who grace your life. And, great for gifts...especially for healing closure and remembrances. Call me: 310.621.8512, or email me: paula@animalhearttalk.com

“Fur Shui” also sends you all best for Spring! It is good to do a clean sweep, get rid of clutter (who knows, you may find room for an extra fur folk!), and let in new clean energy into your environment and home. **Check out the 2nd release of Fur Shui now in larger format and Kindle!** To purchase, click the green dot: www.furshui.com



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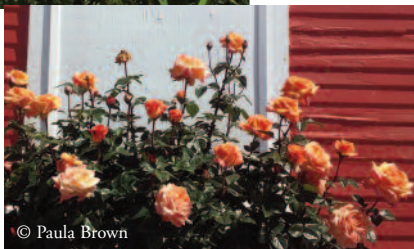
WHERE?

Spring is blooming in the California Poppy Reserve: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=627 (Still blooming), the Anza-Borrego Desert: <http://www.abdnha.org/pages/03flora/reports/current.htm> (hit its peak about a week ago...some cactus blooms still seen.) And, even at the wetlands where I am a volunteer naturalist: Ballona Creek Wetlands in Los Angeles has some beautiful Maritime Poppies, California Daisies, buttercups galore! I recently stopped to paint the poppies on a beautiful sunny day...will post the painting as it is finished. Get outside, walk in nature, it is wonderful for your OWN nature to be outdoors and enjoying the new getting longer days.



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Maritime Poppies and Roses seen in Marina del Rey, CA!



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WHO, HOW, AND WHAT?

It’s time to say goodbye to the old and say hello to the new...it is the height of Spring, a renewal, Easter time.

For Christians, “Holy Week” is right around the corner with Easter on April 16, which calls out the passing of Christ and the resurrection of his spirit. Easter is linked with the Jewish holiday of Passover. In Greek, Easter is called Pascha...the word denoting Jewish Passover. Easter is considered to be a “moveable feast”...having no fixed date, and are related to a “lunarsolar” calendar, approx. 7 days after the astronomical full moon, with differences in Eastern and Western cultures according to Julian and Gregorian Calendars!

The traditional Easter Egg was born in the early Christian community of Mesopotamia. Eggs were colored (stained) red to symbolize the blood of Christ, with the egg being a symbol of the empty tomb. The Western “Easter Bunny” was created as a gift giver at Easter analogous to Santa Claus’ gifting at Christmas. Check out some lovely and celebrated House of Faberge beautiful jeweled eggs which were originally created for the Russian Royal Court: http://www.faberge.com/news/49_imperial-eggs.aspx

The fleas are waking up, it is Spring.

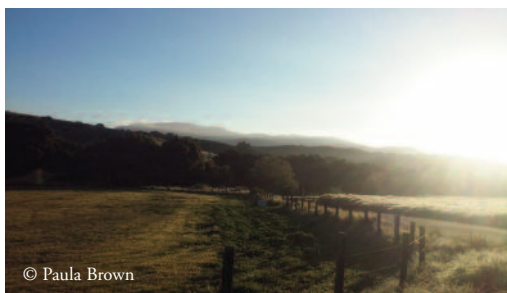
Here they come...fleas. There are so many products to help our pets, home, and environment to control the flea circus that is coming our way with the warmer, moist weather. From topical, oral, shampoos and sprays...here is a comparison chart from Dr. Foster website that could help you make some important and healthy decision. Do your homework...be informed about how fleas effect health and how products can effect your pet: <http://www.drsofostersmith.com/pic/article.cfm?articleid=325>

Flower Essence ideas for Spring!

Springtime activates the liver according to Chinese medicine. Especially for animals...it is wake up time and sometimes dogs get extra itchy skin, hot spots...tis the season! With all being extra energized this time of year, both humans and fur folks could use a bit of calm and comfort from “Yarrow”. The Flower Essence Yarrow soothes and calms environmental AND overactive liver activity. Give it a try to add some soft edges on the itches...and be sure to get to the vet for a thorough check up with your fur loves before summer kicks in with tons of activity.

Easter bunnies, chocolate eggs, and lilies this Easter season!

Holidays are fun, and they can also be pretty dangerous for your pets. Chocolate is a human delight...and it is pretty toxic for dogs and pets...keep those chocolate eggs, bunnies, candy WELL out of reach from your pets!!! Lily plants are very beautiful to have in the home or to give. For animals Lily can be also quite toxic...not for pet consumption. Please do not tempt harm...be diligent about keeping holiday plants and food far away from paw’s reach! In case of ingestion...go to your vet and or call animal poison control American ASPCA 24 free hour hotline: 888.426.4435 OR



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for a \$59. fee contact Pet Poison Helpline at: 855.764.7661 that has tools at: www.petpoison-helpline.com

Daybreak at Limestone Canyon, Irvine, CA...welcome to Spring!