

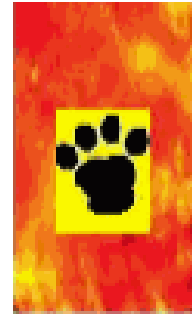


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News & Special Announcements

New FIREPAW Book Will Soon be Available!

Silent Victims: Recognizing and Stopping Abuse of the Family Pet

written by FIREPAW'S Dr. Pamela Carlisle-Frank &
LINK-UP's Officer Tom Flanagan

Silent Victims: Recognizing and Stopping Abuse of the Family Pet is designed to give professionals and laypersons an overview of the most critical scientific and anecdotal findings about the factors surrounding animal abuse. Presented in a user-friendly style, the goal is to provide readers with the findings and strategies that are the most useful and effective in everyday, real world settings. The research findings presented in this book include notable studies on animal abuse, perpetrators, and abusive environments, as well as the possible causes and outcomes thought to be linked to animal abuse. Included are discussions of recent research on the attitudes, perceptions and beliefs of animal abusers conducted by author Dr. Carlisle-Frank, in her work with the Foundation of Interdisciplinary Research and Education Promoting Animal Welfare [FIREPAW]. Real life tales from the street, as well as strategies and techniques for recognizing and addressing animal abuse are outlined by author Officer Tom Flanagan. Flanagan draws from his seminal work with the acclaimed Link-UP program that brings law enforcement together with multiple municipal agencies to cooperatively and effectively resolve problems involving animal abuse.

The book is written for domestic violence caseworkers, therapists, law enforcement, veterinarians, so-

cial service professionals, judges, district attorneys, animal control officers, humane investigators, fire department officials, animal welfare organizations, and other professions who come in contact with animal victims and perpetrators of animal abuse. University undergraduates and graduate students learning about family violence and students of both veterinarian practice and law enforcement will also find the book quite useful.

The book will be available on the FIREPAW web site (www.firepaw.org) to purchase with your credit card or you can send your payment to:

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The book will tentatively be available this coming Fall. Watch for updates on the launch date for Silent Victims in future Newsletters and on the FIREPAW Web site: www.firepaw.org



Companion Animals in Rental Housing Get Some Much Needed Attention

The findings of the FIREPAW Companion Animal Renters Study will soon be published in the prestigious international scientific animal welfare sciences journal *Anthrozoös*. See the Research Update section of *this* issue!

More News and Announcements on page 11

Editorial

Senseless Suffering

Society as a whole is opposed to the unnecessary suffering of animals. The problem is that people are often ignorant of the high levels of suffering experienced by animals exploited by industry. The public is also typically unaware of just what exploitative practices are “necessary.” Often, people with no real way of knowing the inner workings of an industry depend on the opinions of experts to determine what is necessary.

Take the case of animal research. Animal research kills hundreds of millions of animals annually in the United States and often inflicts great suffering on those animals before their death. This practice is only tolerated for two reasons. First, the public generally is unaware of the magnitude of the deaths and the intensity of the suffering. And second, people take it on faith that the research being done for very necessary and important reasons. But the general public knows very little about the nature of the research process, let alone the specifics of particular projects.

The assumption that the research is necessary stems from the general public’s blind faith in our economic system and institutions than in individual researchers. We have been taught to believe that in our economy, only that which is beneficial and efficient will survive. Companies and other organizations that conduct pointless and wasteful research will eventually lose their sources of funding—or so the logic goes.

FIREPAW recently conducted an in-depth analysis on this topic that is forthcoming in the economic journal *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*. The nature of our economy is more complex than most people realize. The assumption that “what is optimal survives” while “what is inefficient does not” is an

idealistic oversimplification of the realities of our economic system. In particular, there is evidence to believe that animal research may not necessarily be the best methodology to study most, if not all, of the areas typically now using animals as subjects. The evidence indicates that animal research is deeply entrenched in society to such an extent that it would be self-perpetuating *regardless* of whether there are superior alternatives. The bottom line is that the public’s trust in the need for animal research is misplaced. There is now ample evidence to suggest there is no good justification to believe that animal research is always superior to its alternatives.

Even for those who do not believe in an animal rights philosophy, most people now accept that causing animals to suffer and die needlessly is wrong. But if animal research is not superior to its alternatives, isn’t this just what we are doing? Public policy needs to be dramatically restructured to, at a minimum, strongly encourage the use of alternatives. In this case, as in many cases, the interests of animals and humans coincide. It is only the interests of certain entrenched professionals and organizations that are being helped by the current state of affairs.

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Research Update

FIREPAW research will soon be published in an upcoming issue of Anthrozoös:



Companion Animal Renters and Pet-Friendly Housing in the U.S.

Carlisle-Frank, P., Frank, J. & Nielsen, L. (2005). *Anthrozoos*, 18 (1), 59-77.

A nationwide empirical study was conducted to determine the factors influencing the availability of pet-friendly rental housing throughout the U.S. Factors examined included an assessment of a variety of financial and economic factors, rental rates, deposits, turnover and damage histories, rental tendencies and trends, and personal beliefs and attitudes about permitting companion animal renters. A key hypothesis was that the current shortage of pet-friendly rentals may be based on a misperception by rental property owners that renting to tenants with animals is too costly and problem-ridden to justify. The results of the study statistically demonstrated that the primary concerns about permitting animals were unfounded and that for the majority of landlords, offering pet-friendly rentals is not only economically viable, but can actually increase their bottom-line profits.

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Or sending your request via the postal service works too!

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Studying the Effectiveness of Spay-Neuter & Adoption Programs

FIREPAW’s research project conducted on behalf of Maddie’s Fund, “A Cross Program Statistical Analysis of Spay/Neuter and Adoption Programs to Reduce Dog and Cat Overpopulation” has now been completed. An article outlining the findings

is now available at www.firepaw.org and was recently submitted for consideration to a scientific journal. Stay tuned for updates.

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Breed Discrimination Study Now Complete

The Breed Discrimination Study has now been completed and the results have been submitted to the study’s sponsor, The Toby Fund. A scientific version of the study results has now been written and was recently submitted for consideration to a scientific journal.

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Where the Guardian-Owners Study is now

FIREPAW has experienced an onslaught of hate mail lately regarding the findings of the Guardian-Owner Study. That means we must have done *something* of interest! (Though given the extreme hatred and anger expressed in the letters and emails we must admit we are more than a little disturbed that helpless animals are actually living with the writers of these missives.)

In other news, we have now completed the scientific version of the write up of results of the Guardian-Owner study and submitted the article for consideration at a scholarly journal. Stay tuned for updates.

The other good news is that we have recently been invited to write an article about the Guardian-Owner study to be published in a major mainstream magazine for the pet-loving general public. There will be more details in the Fall Newsletter.

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News of the Companion Animal Renters Study is getting out there.

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Education Update

FIREPAW'S Educational Efforts are on the move...



FIREPAW Presents:
"Companion Animal Renters: Dispelling the Myths," at The Healing Power of the Human-Animal Bond: Companion Animals & Society Conference, PAWS-San Francisco & PAWS-Los Angeles, June, 2005, Los Angeles, California

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FIREPAW Presents:
"A Cross Program Statistical Analysis of Spay/Neuter and Adoption Programs to Reduce Dog and Cat Overpopulation," at the International Society of Anthrozoology (ISAZ) Conference, July, 2005, Niagara Falls, NY

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FIREPAW Presents
"The Guardian vs. Owner Study: Differing Styles with Pets," at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, Animals & Society Session, August, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

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FIREPAW Presents
"An Analysis of Breed Discrimination of Domesticated Dogs among Insurance Companies," at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, Animals & Society Session, August, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

Animals & Kids

While FIREPAW focuses its educational efforts primarily on the adult general public, and professionals and scholars in the animal welfare arena, every once in a while we turn our attention to the young folks. This spring FIREPAW accepted an invitation to conduct an educational seminar on Animal Abuse and Animal Care for the Girl Scouts, Troop 040, in New York. We were thrilled for the opportunity to get the word out about how to stop animal suffering to the younger generation...thanks girls!

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Alert the Media

FIREPAW has been very busy the past few weeks writing and submitting press releases of their latest research projects and findings to national media sources. The goal is to get our findings out to the general public. As a result of these efforts we have been contacted by a number of media sources lately, including the Associated Press.

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CARP is now on the NET

Thanks to the creative efforts of FIREPAW's Web Master Jen all the key materials for the Companion Animal Renters Program are now available and downloadable on the FIREPAW web site. Visit: www.firepaw.org and if you need any help, contact our web master at: webmaster@firepaw.org

Literary Corner

Book Reviews

The Pig Who Sang to the Moon

By Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson

Reviewed by Joshua Frank

In past books, Masson has written about the emotional lives of dogs, cats, and wild animals. This time, Masson presents to the public the emotional world of farm animals. This is perhaps the most important topic he has covered because of the level of public ignorance and because of what is at stake. No type of animal is exploited more harshly or in greater numbers than farm animals. Dogs and cats are integral to many of our lives and wild animals we at least can observe through numerous nature shows. But those of us who do not work in agriculture have little opportunity to observe farm animals in any setting whatsoever. Our knowledge comes primarily through myths and distortions such as advertisements for happy cows in California, quotes of farmers giving us folk-wisdom on how stupid birds are, or brief clips of convulsing “mad cows.”

The emotional lives of farm animals is a worthy subject, and Masson does a thorough job of presenting this subject in an enjoyable, readable text. Masson focuses mainly on facts and anecdotes while occasionally prodding the reader to reconsider their own consumption choices. He achieves a good balance here, pushing the public just enough, but not so hard that he will alienate them. Unfortunately, though the book is strong and would likely have an impact on most readers, it somehow does not have the same emotional punch as previous works. Masson seems to have a deeper connection with the dogs and elephants he has talked about in prior books and this comes across in the level of sympathy we feel for the animals discussed in the text. Perhaps it is simply harder to get us to empathize with these most-mistreated of creatures. Nevertheless, the accounts in this book are moving, and it is worthwhile both as something for an animal activist to read, and as recommended reading material for those who are uninformed regarding these issues.



Animal cruelty: Pathway to Violence Against People

By Linda Merz-Perez & Kathleen Heide

Reviewed by P. Frank

The primary focus of this book is the authors' empirical research study on the link between childhood animal cruelty and adult violent behavior. The book focuses on the details of the methodology and results of this important work. The methodology of the authors' study centered on reviewing criminal records and interviewing/surveying violent and nonviolent prison inmates—both are highlighted in the book. In addition to their own study the authors have also included a comprehensive review of previous research focusing on childhood animal abuse and the link with violence in adulthood.

While the book is an interesting read for researchers and scholars other professionals may find getting through the statistical discussions a bit much and wish the authors would just “cut to the chase.” If you have the time and patience however, and you work in an area of animal welfare that requires knowledge of the antecedents and consequences of childhood animal cruelty, this book will be a good investment of your time and money.

In this reviewer's opinion, however, the best audience for this book would be undergraduates in animal cruelty, criminology, and similar courses. With guidance from faculty to help them through the methodology and stats, undergraduates can benefit from the comprehensive overview of the subject matter. It can work as either required or supplemental reading depending on subject matter and course direction.

Expert Corner

Socialization: The most important thing you can do for your dog



By Jody Diehl

When we bring a new puppy home we are inundated with the details of equipment, vet visits and training. These are all important aspects of ensuring that our new best friend has a smooth and healthy transition into our home. However, what has long been known by behaviorists and has only just begun to sneak into the consciousness of dog guardians, is the importance of early socialization to a puppy's development.

Scientific study has determined that a puppy's Socialization Period of development is from the age of 3 weeks up to 12 - 18 weeks. During this time it is extremely important that your puppy get as much off-leash play with healthy, friendly dogs as possible. Equally as important is that he have a multitude of novel, positive and safe experiences. One important way to do this is to enroll in a puppy class. A class that focuses on your dog's needs during this critical period of development will have a maximum enrollment age of 18 weeks. So, as soon as or even before you get your puppy start shopping for a class and ask lots questions. Make sure that the class you join emphasizes socialization, off-leash play, temperament training and prevention of behavior problems. Most puppies have not been fully vaccinated before 18 weeks. Unfortunately, by then the window of opportunity for this critical socialization period has all but closed. While all of us in the dog care professions would prefer to wait until a puppy has received all of his inoculations for communicable diseases, most behaviorists feel that the benefits of early socialization significantly outweigh the risks of disease.

Dog play allows your puppy to learn his own language. A dog who knows how to communicate with other dogs is less likely to be afraid of them. Fear is the primary cause of aggression. Undersocialization is the primary cause of fear. In puppy class your puppy will also learn from his classmates when he is playing too roughly or biting too hard. Most importantly, he will learn that other dogs are fun rather

than scary. Make sure your instructor manages the class so that your puppy's play experiences are good ones. Frequent off-leash dog play throughout a dog's life is considered by behaviorists to be the first line of defense against fear and aggression in dogs. It is also very physically and mentally challenging.... and it's fun.

How do you socialize your puppy to other people? Take him to parties, little league games and anywhere else a variety of humans gather. Expose him to people with uniforms, beards, hats, wheelchairs and loud voices. See that he meets people of all ages, different ethnic groups and the opposite gender from you. It is especially important that your puppy become accustomed to children of all ages. Also make sure he experiences other animals of different sizes. Have him play with as many puppies and safe, healthy adult dogs as possible. This cannot be overdone. It should be emphasized that these experiences should not be forced on your puppy. Know his body language. If he is being shy find a way to make it a happier situation for him. Use a happy, light voice and be relaxed and calm yourself. If your puppy is showing signs of stress remove him from the situation. When you take your puppy out to socialize, bring special treats for people to give him. This will make strangers fun.

In addition to learning to like other living things it is important that your puppy learn to be adaptable in new situations and environments. Many of us live in rural areas where the daily events in our dogs' lives are fairly static. That puts the responsibility on us to fabricate these experiences. Make sure your puppy experiences walking on different surfaces like tile, carpet, cement, sidewalk grates and gravel. See that he gets around water and other people's homes. Make special visits to the veterinarian and the groomer just for treats. Train your puppy to enjoy these places now and you will have to drag him out of there instead of dragging him in. Expose your puppy to unusual noises such as babies crying, big trucks, motorcycles, vacuum cleaners and lawnmowers. Get your puppy around (but do not allow him to chase) fast moving objects such as running children, skateboards and dashing cats. Challenge your puppy to climb in, over and under things. Have him eat out of a variety of containers in a variety of locations. Have family and strangers handle your puppy in every way possible. Touch all body parts in

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Special Delivery

Petco Animal Supplies Inc. will stop selling large birds. The decision came after an agreement with PETA, which has now agreed to end its boycott of the pet supply chain. Amazon and African grey parrots, cockatoos and macaws will no longer be sold at Petco stores once the company runs through its existing stock. Petco will continue selling smaller and medium-sized birds, however, such as canaries, finches, parakeets, cockatiels and conures.



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Porsche has entered into a venture with the Humane Society of the United States called "Cayenne for Canines." Starting this month, Porsche will loan used Cayenne sport-utility vans to 10 animal shelters in selected cities for transporting pets and supplies. Porsche is also donating \$3,000 to each of those 10 shelters for spaying, neutering and vaccinations. Porsche will also work with its dealers and the selected shelters to host dog adoption days at the dealerships.

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Moose may soon get help to not get hit. Traffic engineers around the country are experimenting with redesigning roads to accommodate wandering wildlife. The engineers are using high tech laser and infrared devices, developed for space exploration and anti-missile systems, to warn motorists when a moose wanders into the road.

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Critter Crawl invention stops road-kill. The University of Montana has patented a professor's invention to help small animals get across busy highways without getting killed. It's called "critter crawl" and consists of a metal mesh shelf suspended inside a culvert -- to let animals go under the road instead of across it. It also has a side tube for use by smaller animals like mice. Four of the shelves are now being used on a busy highway in southwestern Montana. An ecologist says he's documented animals like weasels, raccoons and house cats using it.

Source: Chicago Tribune; Associated Press; The Hartford Courant

Strange But True Animal Stories

Hissing goose greets shoppers—Customers, beware of the hissing goose! For the second year in a row, a Canada goose has made the front door area of an arts and crafts store her home. Mother Goose, as she's called, greets customers by hissing at them. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources officials said geese have no teeth and don't carry rabies. They rarely nip, but are known to hiss when people or animals invade their space.

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Secret Service now guarding duck — The Secret Service is protecting a mother duck and her nine eggs. The duck, a brown mallard with white markings, has built a nest in a mulch pile right at the main entrance to the Treasury Department. The Secret Service's uniformed division, which provides protection for the White House and Treasury building, has set up metal guardrails to protect the nest, which has attracted the notice of tourists on their way to see the White House.

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Ducks into deviant sexual behavior--The strange case of the homosexual, necrophiliac duck was recently discovered by a Dutch researcher. He also found that up to one in 10 of mallard couples are homosexual and that they regularly indulge in "attempted rape flights" when they pursue other ducks (the objective is forcible mating).

Source: The Des Moines Register; Associated Press; Guardian-UK



Animal Law



Vets sue over ban on cosmetic pet surgery—A veterinarians group sued West Hollywood, California recently over its ban on animal declawing, which the city regards as inhumane. The suit by the

California Veterinary Medical Association says the law conflicts with the state's professional veterinary code. Mayor John Duran defended the 2003 law, saying it prohibits animal cruelty. The city has a history of adopting pet-friendly ordinances. One law designates residents as pet "guardians" rather than pet "owners." Another law passed last year requires pet-grooming businesses to report injuries related to grooming within 24 hours. Besides declawing, the city council ordered the city attorney to prepare another law banning other "noncurative" animal surgeries, including tail docking, ear cropping, defanging and debarking. The law, if passed, would be the first of its kind in the United States. Similar laws already exist in many European countries.

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For the first time in more than a generation, the mustang can be slaughtered for horsemeat. In December, Congress repealed the 34-year-old ban on the

slaughter of the wild horses. The move has brought a powerful backlash from activists, who want to reinstate full protection for the mustangs. A bill to reinstate the slaughter ban was introduced in Congress last month. To learn more:

www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov

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A new measure would allow Hawaii residents to leave a trust for the care of their pets after their owners pass on. Seventeen states in the U.S. already have similar laws.

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Divorce lawyers across the U.S. say they now handle more custody battles over the family pet than ever before.

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Beginning Fall, 2005 Columbia University Law School will be teaching a course on animal-rights law, including pet-custody practices. New York University is also considering holding a similar class this spring but details are yet to be finalized.

Source: Associated Press; New York Post

Animal Well-Being



Pfizer dominated the market on dog painkillers when it introduced Rimadyl... Nearly 15 million dogs have taken it since its release in 1997, many for pain from osteoarthritis. The number two drug is Deramaxx. According to the Food and Drug Administration records, more than 3,200 dogs have died or been put down after taking the drugs. Almost 19,000 dogs have had bad reactions to them. The FDA says the drugs are safe, if properly used. Drug-makers say less than 1 percent of dogs have bad reactions to them. If not for the drugs, many dogs might be put to sleep sooner, they argue. Several million dogs received Rimadyl before its warning label was updated to add mention of death in rare cases. No. 2 pain reliever Deramaxx was marketed for a year before its label was changed.

Source: USA Today

Animal Fun Facts

Did you know that...



Farm animals have feelings that should be respected and cared for? That is what researchers in the UK say. They believe animals should not be dismissed as simple automatons. According to the scientists, cows take pleasure in solving problems and sheep can form deep friendships.

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The vampire bat, whose ability to walk enables it to sneak up on sleeping prey - a cow or a chicken - to make a small incision in the skin and drink its blood. The vampire bat is found in Central and South America, and is capable of very fast movement. While this has often been described as hopping, scientists at Cornell University now say the vampire bat is a true runner.

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Americans spent more than \$34 billion last year on their pets, double the amount 10 years earlier. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association the spending breaks down like this: Pet food, \$14.3 billion; Veterinary care, \$8.3 billion; Supplies/medicine, \$7.9 billion; Pet services, grooming, boarding, \$2.2 billion and Live animal purchases, \$1.6 billion.

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There are between 10,000 and 20,000 tigers, lions and other large cats in the United States kept as pets. The popularity of owning big cats prompted Congress to pass a law in 2003 that makes it illegal to sell or ship lions, tigers and other big cats across state lines without permits. But animal welfare groups want an outright ban. To learn more visit: Wild Animal Orphanage: www.wildanimalorphanage.org ; Animal Protection Institute: www.api4animals.org/; Captive Wild Animal Protection Coalition <http://cwapc.org>

The Burmese python, like other carnivorous snakes can gobble up to half its weight in rats or other animals at a time. Scientists have just discovered that after eating, the python's ventricle (there's only one, snakes having three-chambered hearts) increases in mass by 40 percent!

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Mormon crickets, also known as flightless katydids, travel in massive packs, devouring all surrounding terrain as they move. Packs of the bugs can cover more than a mile a day and devastate crops.

Sources: *The Morning Call*; *Associated Press*; *New York Times*; *BBC News*

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a variety of ways such as squeezing, poking and tugging. This is all done gently, of course. With all this puppy-focused activity do make sure that your puppy is also left alone at least once a day in a safe place with something fun to do. Dogs are extremely social animals and must learn to like being alone.

A young dog who has extensive socialization training during this important period stands a much better chance of growing into a confident adult who is comfortable and adaptable in his environment. In addition to contributing to your dog's emotional health, socialization helps incorporate your dog into your life. The more your dog gets out the more adaptable he will be. The more adaptable he is, the more he will get to go out with you. An adult dog who continues to experience variety throughout life is a happier, more stimulated member of your family.

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Animal-Related Events

2005 Healing Power of the Human Animal Bond: Companion Animals and Society Conference June 2-4, 2005

Pets Are Wonderful Support, Los Angeles (PAWS/LA) and Pets Are Wonderful Support, San Francisco (PAWS-SF) announce their 2005 Summit on The Healing Power of the Human-Animal Bond: Companion Animals & Society taking place at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, California

www.pawssf.org/conference/2005



The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS) Fifth Annual Conference: "Turning the Tide: The Future of Animal Care & Advocacy"

September 22-24, 2005

Grand Hyatt Hotel, Denver, Colorado

Theme: Creating a progressive agenda for animal care, protection, and advocacy through: self-assessment; developing more effective management practices; seeking common ground and forming alliances; becoming more professional, far-sighted, and activist.

Web: www.taosanctuaries.org;
info@taosanctuaries.org

ANIMAL ABUSE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR, Arizona

There will be a 2-day conference
June 24 & 25 on

investigating and psychosocially treating those involved with animal cruelty cases. You can find the program and registration form at
<http://ssw.asu.edu/news>

14th Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ) July 11 and 12, 2005

This conference will be held at **The Conference Center Niagara Falls**, Niagara Falls, NY, USA and will have as its main theme *Exploring Human--Animal Relationships*. Keynote speakers: Dr. Irene Pepperberg and Dr. Clifton Flynn. Topics include: animal cruelty, human-animal communication, animals and human health, human-animal bond, attitudes toward animals, humane education, alternatives to animal use in research and education. See the ISAZ web site (<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/ISAZ2005.html>) for the latest information, or contact the conference organizer Dr Kathy Gerbasi (kcgerbasiphd@earthlink.net).

Animals & Society section of the American Sociological Society (ASA) Annual Conference

August 13-16, 2005

Philadelphia, PA

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BIRD STUFF
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PET DISASTER PLANNING
http://www.pasart.org
http://www.hsus.org/disaster

Research *Continued from page 3*

We were thrilled to learn that FIREPAW's Companion Animal Renters Study was included this spring in the program materials for the New York State Bar Association's special seminar addressing the legal status of animals in housing. We tip our hats to all the attorneys working to help stop animal suffering!

FIREPAW's Web Site Research Section has now been Updated!

Many thanks to Web Master Jen for updating the research segment of the FIREPAW website. Why not check it out (www.firepaw.org) the next time you are online?



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FIREPAW Presents...

FIREPAW principals are happy to report they have accepted invitations to present the latest findings of their research projects at several national and international conferences this spring and summer. The topics are on:

-A cross-program analysis of spay-neuter and adoption programs (in conjunction with Maddie's Fund programs)

-The key findings of the national Guardian-Owner study

-An overview of the Breed Discrimination study

-Highlights of both the Companion Animal Research Study and the FIREPAW Companion Animal Renters Program for Landlords

Details about these presentations can be found in the Education Update section of *this* issue!

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On the Panel...

FIREPAW has been invited to serve on a panel for The Association of Sanctuaries' (TAOS) upcoming conference on Building Animal Care and Advocacy to be held in Denver, Colorado this coming Fall. For more details and to register for the conference see the Animal-Related Events segment in *this* issue.

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In the Ink...

FIREPAW's Dr. Pamela Carlisle-Frank has recently been invited to write an article about the Guardian-Owner study in one of the most popular mainstream magazines for animal lovers. This is great news for getting the word out to the general public! Stay tuned to future newsletters and the web site (www.firepaw.org) for more details.



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