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Animals' Crusaders



Helping Animals a Paw at a Time !

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Happy St Pawtrick's Day!!



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Everyone Smiles In The
Same Language



How to Harness a Wiggle



Degree of Difficulty: Same as wrasslin a greased pig and wrapping it in a complicated network of nylon webbing and buckles.

Items Required:

Wiggle (Pitbull dog)
Dog Harness
Eye glass cleaner and cloth
Hockey Shin pads
Red Bull Drink
Damp face cloth

Harnessing a wiggle is not a task for the faint of heart, however be confident knowing you will be victorious. You are Homo Sapiens, you have the bigger brain!!

The very first and most important step is to put on your shin protectors as the rod like tail will start whipping immediately upon you grabbing the harness. With shin protection on, take a deep breath, pick up the harness and hang on to something solid. No words are necessary as the wiggle will spot you with harness in hand. Unfortunately, the harness is associated with a myriad of delightful experiences like, riding in the car, walking down forest trails and meeting new people who can be mugged for hugs and cuddles.

As the wiggle runs at you, attempt to remain upright. A lot of this procedure is dependant on that.

Step 1

Get the head of the wiggle through harness.

No matter how you do this, it will require bending over. From now on you are in danger of getting slapped in the face with a warm, wet, pink tongue. A direct hit on the eye glasses can result in a severe reduction in visibility. Keep glass cleaner and cloth handy.

Do not use a frontal approach for this step. You see, as the wiggle emanates from the rear it moves through the body in a back and forth motion and exits from the head area in a whipping motion.

The head not only moves quickly back and forth but also bobs up and down independently. Human hand-eye coordination is not equipped to follow four directions at once so the frustration level can quickly escalate with a head on attempt. Beginners luck might come into play so give it a shot, but only once.

I like to approach the wiggle from the rear. This must be done quickly or else your wiggle will do a 180 and be facing you again. The shin protectors come in handy here as that rod like tail will be whipping back and forth. Make sure the front of the harness is facing away from you or you will simply have to remove it and start again, ughh!

Try to get the middle of the wiggle between your legs and squeeze. Have one hand on each side of the harness opening and quickly bend over and slip the harness over the head. Reduce motion by using the backs of your hands on either side of the head if necessary. Careful here as the wiggle might lift its' head quickly causing a conk on your nose or a sloppy tongue lashing.

At this point the wiggle may shoot forward in glee. Let it go! Assess your situation. Is your energy waning? Open the Red bull and take a couple of swigs. It might be tempting to reach for something stronger to drink here but remember you will need something more than gross motor skills for your post harnessing activities. Clean glasses if necessary.

Step 2

Now prepare to get the harness buckled. First call the wiggle to you. If you were really lucky the wiggle would sit on command and then hand you a paw. Unfortunately most wiggles are still too excited at this point so there is only one way to attack this task. Drop to your knees and immediately screw up your face to keep the invasion of slobber into your mouth to a minimum. Facing the wiggle put your hand through the side of the harness (that needs a leg to come through), grasp the leg and pull through. Now lift your head to the sky and take a deep breath. With your head pointing towards the back of the wiggle tackle it from the top and wrap your arms underneath the belly. Hang on! It is easy for the wiggle to elude your grasp. Find the darn end of the harness with the buckle and while holding the other end of the harness do your best to get it clipped together. Be very careful not to lean too far over the wiggle, as there is a possibility of getting whipped in the face.

Once the harness is clipped in place let go and head for cover! While catching your breath you will need to get the washcloth and give your face a scrub. Clean your glasses too and finish off the Red Bull.

While the lesson ends here you should wait for some signs of reduced excitement before attempting to get the leash and attach it!!

GOOD LUCK!!





Critters in Need

Henry

Henry was picked up limping on the road. He was taken to the vet where after xrays they determined that his hip was dislocated. This was most likely from being hit by a car. The xrays showed that he had had a previous fracture in his leg that was left to heal painfully on its own. The vet tried to put the hip back in place using a method called reduction. However, the method only works if it was a recent injury and it did not for Henry. So he had to have a procedure called De Vita pin, where a metal rod is inserted into his hip to keep it in place while it heals. He will have a sling and restricted movement for a week or so and after it completely heals will be good as new! Henry spent the weekend in his foster home where it was apparent that he had been abused. Any quick hand movement or loud noise would make him tremble and cower. After he settled he was quite happy with pain medicine, a warm bed, and lots of food. He warmed up to his foster mom in which he would lay his head on her lap and just love to have his ears stroked. It is amazing that after all he has been through in his short life he still wants to be loved by somebody.

Henry's vet expenses will be from approx \$800 - \$1,000. To make a tax deductible donation towards Henry's care or others just like Henry please send a cheque to:

Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders
PO Box 5541 Station B Victoria BC V8R 6S4

Please note that you can also make a donation by pay pal by going to
http://www.animalcrusaders.ca/new_page_2.htm

Scroll down to the "Donate Today" Dog Bone button.

We also except credit cards. Please call 250-474-5581 to arrange this !



Alice



Alice was found as a stray and was taken into Animal Crusaders Care. She is a very sweet, loving girl who instantly loves everyone and just wants to crawl onto your lap for a nice cuddle. Her foster mom says she is the best cat she has ever had.

Sadly, Alice has tested positive for FIV. FIV is similar to human aids. Alice is a carrier for FIV but she can live a long and healthy life just like any other cat. She cannot give it to people or other types of animals and it can only be passed on to other cats through a bite. The largest threat to FIV positive cats is their immune deficiency. So if they are fed good quality food and kept healthy they could live a long and healthy life like any of your other feline friends !

Alice is one of the nicest foster cats Animal Crusaders has had but sadly she has two strikes against her. One being she is FIV positive and the second being she is black. Did you know that black cats are always the last to be adopted ? Yet in some countries black cats are good luck !

Alice just needs someone to open their hearts to her and give her a chance. The rewards she will give you will be worth it !

For more information on FIV and Alice please contact Pamela at gvac@shaw.ca

Foster Mom's comments:

I found out she loves to hand wrestle, and she's fast! She sleeps on my bed, likes to spoon & doesn't wake me at 5 or 6 A.M. like some cats do, which is great. She's a good girl.



DID YOU KNOW ???? THE BASIC FACTS

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Daisy Duke's Heart Wrenching Story and Why Things have to change !



Daisy Duke

In memory of Daisy Duke
Daisy now in her final sleep and no longer suffering

Her picture provide by the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies

Daisy who never had a name until her death was the “property” of the Haskett Family in Didsbury Alberta. The son 19 and his cousin 16 took Daisy and duct taped per both her front and back legs and her mouth; put her in a garbage bag and tied her to the back of their truck They drove for about 2 or three kilometers leaving a trail of her blood behind the truck until the bag became untied from the truck

She was found by a young girl who called her family who took the little dog to the local vet where she was put to sleep immediately

“ Daisy” suffered unspeakable and agonizing pain for at least 60 minutes. Her back pelvis and skull were all broken

The defense lawyers who represented the 19 and 16-year-old males who had tortured the little dog presented his defense of the young men on the premise that **A DOG IS PROPERTY AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE A VICTIM OF TORTURE!!!**

The sentence for the men who did this to Daisy was

- 1. 19 year old is prohibited from owned a dog for 12 months**
- 2. 30 days in jail to be served on the weekends**
- 3. A fine of \$2000**

On February 24th of this year Ronald Barton a New Brunswick resident took a hammer and bashed the heads in of his 5 Pomeranian dogs as the BC APCA entered onto his property to seize the dogs with regard to an order outstanding against him for severe neglect Four dogs died One was still alive when the SPCA officer went into the garage The Judge a woman gave him a fine of \$550 and stated he is not to own any dogs for a year He was not charged any further as the Judge stated killing the dogs with a hammer meant they died quickly and therefore **were killed HUMANELY!**

Ronald Barton's response to the Judge when asked why he did this was he said he thought he could because they were **HIS PROPERTY** and he did not want the SPCA to take his "babies"

Have we gone mad in this country when this behavior and horrific cruelty is legally acceptable?

I have made a personal life time commitment to change the status of animals in the law I will not tolerate or ever accept this

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At least 6 different bills have been presented to the Senate over the last 8 years with respect to changes in animal cruelty legislation NONE have been effective It is **NOT A CRIME** in Canada to use animals to fight each other EG PIT BULLS & COCK FIGHTS (under the present 116) year old legislation WILD, STRAY and FARM animals have **NO PROTECTION** under present Canadian Animal Cruelty legislation

Current Statistics show that **ONLY ¼ of 1%** of any perpetrators of animal cruelty cases get sent to court and are convicted **Mark Holland MP for Ajax & Pickering in Ontario** and who sits in Ottawa reports that from his research team, statistics show that **85%** of Canadians want and are demanding drastic changes in the Animal Cruelty legislation

The phrase **COMPANION ANIMAL** is made in reference to dogs and cats brought into and included as a part of a "family" household is a commonly used phrase in contemporary language, and by scientific researchers Veterinary practitioners and the media

Statistics as reported by the American Pet Industries Association report that **47.2 BILLION DOLLARS** alone (in 2009) will be spent by the general public for their pets with respect to pet related products veterinary services food grooming toys and medication, boarding, day care and pet birthday celebrations ect

The APIA further report that over **65%** of all America household have a companion animal as a household pet

The original outdated and totally inadequate Canadian animal cruelty legislation was first created in 1892 (116 years ago) It has changed relatively little since that time

On January 1st 2009 European Union health Commissioner Androulla Vassilou announced the import Ban on any products made from or trimmed with or dog and cat fur was now in effect throughout the 22 countries of the European Union “ *This ban “he said” is the result of hundreds of thousands of Europeans expressing their profound attachment to their dogs and cats as companion animals and their disgust and grief at the horrific slaughter of cats and dogs skinned alive, while conscious, for their fur”*” He added further that the import of products made from Dog and cat fur was primarily from China It is estimated the over 2 million cats and dogs are slaughtered annually (skinned while alive and conscious) to meet the Chinese FUR EXPORT BUSINESS. I have seen this on the HSUS undercover video and I have the photographs IT IS REAL

In 2000 the United States brought in a federal statute on the banning of fur products and introduced the CAT & DOG PROTECTION ACT (Federal statute) In 2001. All 22 member states on the entire European Union have brought into effect a ban of the import of dog and cat fur products and has a Humane Treatment of Animals Act Australia has the ban in place and a federal Animal Welfare Act (Statute) The United States has a statute in effect the ban on the import of products made from dog and cat fur and has a DOG and CAT Protection Act and a Animal Welfare Act in place

CANADA HAS NEITHER AND HAS DONE NOTHING IN OVER 116 years!!! MP Mark Holland states the Canada has the worst animal protection laws of ANY Industrialized country

THIS FACT MUST CHANGE — I NEED YOUR HELP !!

I have started an organization which when (I) we can afford will be come a registered society called:

CFAWR

Canadians For Animal welfare Reform

Mobilized action for the status and protection of animals under the law

I intend to create a website to be used as a portal to access resources contact and information in all aspects of the lack of protection for animals under the present law The website will also offer the TEXT of the sections of the animal cruelty legislation now presently contained in the PROPRTY section of the Canadian Criminal Code There will also be links to other relevant sites and all the Provincial Animal welfare Statutes

I will have an open letter to the Prim Minister who has TWO cats and FOSTERS cats for the Ottawa Humane society and will ask people to go on the web to sign

We will gather statistics on animals cruelty case histories in each province and the ridiculous penatyalites given judges names ect (to look for patterns) garner celebrity and major animal organization support When funds allow I shall be sending out press releases getting interviews and taking FULL page ads out in major newspaper

I have a legal background, 45years of animal welfare experience both physically rescuing animals and advocacy experience and a very savvy communication background meeting the Media and working with Government officials ect

I also have extensive research and files on Animal issues in Canada and around the world that I have compiled, to draw from.

If this takes the rest of my life it is all right. It is the choice I have made. All changes in the world comes from a small spark .I believe in the POWER OF ONE because together we can create a mighty voice that will instigate a tsunami for change!

I can do all I can in my world where I live but for me it is not enough. I want to make everlasting changes for all animals

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

I need Volunteers who are willing to make a real commitment, not forever but even for few hours on one time smaller project, or few weeks or months. Everyone who loves and cares for animals can and has something wonderful to contribute and the ANIMALS NEED YOU!

I cannot do it all alone PLEASE E mail now to help

peacefulkingdom@telus.net Att: Sarah West Langford Vancouver Island BC



Heather Mills Mc Cartney holding a coat made from the skins of 24 GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES



TOY made in China made from cat's fur that suffered a horrific death these you will find in Chinese gift stores in Victoria, Vancouver and sometimes at Value Village. If you see one take it straight away to Manager to have it removed and tell them about this horror



British MP Minister of Animal Welfare Struan Stevenson sitting in front of the European Commission showing them the toy cats “ made from cat fur from CHINA



British Animal Welfare Minister (yes the UK has one)Struan Stevenson (holding up one of the cats skin for sale sold in China for about \$3

Help save the dogs of Pompeii

Recently Dr. Profili was elected to preserve the historic Pompeii. His initial action was removing all the stray dogs from the historic Pompeii where they are freely living.



In his opinion the visitors are harassed by these dogs and they could also damage the historic site. No ones know the real solution to this problem.

These dogs have no other place to live safely since all the animal shelters are full.

Not to forget that every day more dogs are being abandoned by their irresponsible owners. So in reality there is no end to this problem as long as people are not educated enough to know how to treat a dog and take responsibility for it.

By removing these innocent dogs from the historic site,

There will be a chance of their misplacement and God knows what could happen to them afterwards?

We are sure that is not what the visitor wish for these dogs.

You as a visitor, are you really harassed by these innocent dogs?

(Unfortunately) almost in every southern Italian city there are stray dogs. This is nothing new and is almost part of the street life. Fortunately today in many regions there are organizations which protect these dogs. They take care of their medical needs, vaccinations, spaying and providing them with food. It would be great if these organizations could take care of all these dogs, but unfortunately all the shelters are overwhelmingly full and the city has no more financial means to build new shelters and that is why up to now they are cooperating with us.

If you are interested to know more about stray dogs in Pompeii and "Associazione Pro 4 Zampe Pompeii" please visit us at: www.streunerdreunde-pompeii.de where you can find out about our effort for saving the stray dogs in Pompeii.

In order to get this situation under control we are housing as many as possible aboard. Up to now this has been working well thanks to the support of numerous animal lovers especially the ones from Germany. We have got good support from the Italian community respectively from the local health office.

The situation potentially gets out of control since the Italian Government has elected Dr. Profili to preserve the historic site. As his initial action he is planning to remove all the dogs from the historic site. In our opinion preservation of the historic sit has nothing to do with removal of these innocent dogs.

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The problems of historic Pompeii during the last decades are result of mismanagement and increasingly vandalisms. There are many historic sites which they are in need of restoration, despite the so called effort of city of Pompeii to restore them they are in danger of getting destroyed. No one pay attention to illegal Archaeological excavations. The public restrooms in the public park are in disastrous condition. Information handouts about the historic site are incomplete and partially wrong. There is not enough sufficient security system installed to protect the site from vandalism. The archaeological site is protected by one simple fence.

The problem of historic Pompeii is nothing new, until recently that the government in Rome was awakened during the summer of 2008 by an article in the biggest Italian newspaper "Corriere della Sera". It was then that the Italian minister of culture immediately announced state of emergency for the ancient city of Pompeii and elected Dr. Profili to restore and save this world cultural heritage. Since then not much has changed. For sure this is a complex situation and not easy to solve. Not even the Italian section of the UNSECO has been able to suggest a helpful solution.

At the end the ones who suffer most are these innocent sweet dogs. All they are harassing you with is a little bit of food and your love!

May be Dr. Profili can claim a victory by removing the innocent dogs from the historic site but does this really solve the problem with restoration of the historic site?

There is one thing for sure; we are not going to abandon these innocent creatures regardless of city action.

Please write to:
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Soprintendenza archeologica di Pompei
Via villa dei Misteri, 2
80045 Pompei (NA) – Italy
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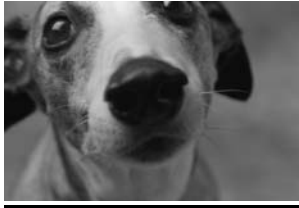
Go to our Web page and get a sample of a letter to send to show your support

Pet Expo !

Saanich Fair Grounds

March 28th from 10 -4 PM

* come and meet some of the folks at GVAC



FEBRUARY STATISTICS

<u>Cat Spay</u>	<u>Cat Neuter</u>	<u>Dog Spay</u>	<u>Dog Neuter</u>	<u>Other</u>
81	62	8	9	102

Total: 262




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Email Pamela at gvac@shaw.ca



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Check out Who we have up for Adoption !
GVAC has all our animals up for adoption on our
Web page



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_ \$15 _ \$25 _ \$50 _ \$75 _ \$100 Other _____

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Card No.: _____ Exp _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____

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(Email Address's will be used for memberships to save on postage and to send you our monthly newsletter)



That spikey hairdo really brings out your eyes!!



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