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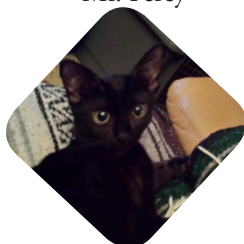
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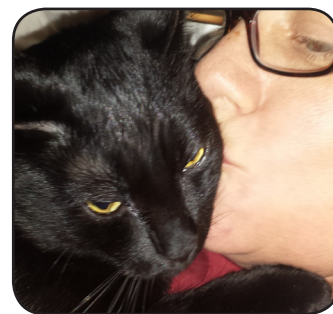
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The Publisher's Note

From The Desk of the Editor



♥Dedicated to Percy♥

Meet the newest addition to AmericanPet Magazine™ and our home. The cover photo is of Percy. He was so full of persistence at such a young age. He deserved a Forever Home and he found it quickly with us. I am sure he knew way before I did, as I was in denial thinking I could nurse him back to health then find him a great family.

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As [National Work Like A Dog Day](#) is August 5th. Christina Bournias writes about honoring all creatures who 'work like a dog' (pg 6). [National Homeless Pet Day](#) is August 15th and Charliebear Woofs (pg 9) about opening your home to a needy pet who will be forever grateful when you do. Save a soul.

There are Homemade Treats recipes on page 19 for your pups. We know they love treats and it is good to have healthy eating habits. Gibbie Snacks support Gibson and other Epi-Dogs while Christina Bournias creates biscuits for her fur-clan.

TITUS is so excitable and barks about the opening of 'Titus & Hailey's Barkery' (pg 22) "ware we sell nuffin but healthy, fun doggie tweets". He also asks you to join him on Facebook and become a fan of their new rescue page ~ Peace, Love N Rescue Angels.

The American Ferret Association educates you on ferret colors and patterns (pg 14). There are a variety of types but only one breed. You will learn which is more common and which is the most rare.

Please, take the time to visit our Best in Print section (pg 21). Dorothy Wills-Raferly has published many books in support of various missions and she is an awe-inspiring author, entertaining while educating. Don't forget to check out her radio show (www.DogWorksRadio.com). We thank you for your support.

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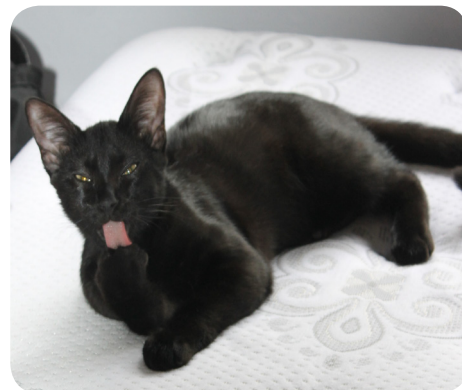
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JULY

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Written by Christina Bournias

Enzo vs. Mirror: IT Comes As No Surprise

The mirror was positioned in a new place—different from its usual corner. Its purpose was to determine what items of clothing would be donated to charity.

But, Enzo didn't see IT that way.

From the mirror's reflection, I observed my pack. Enzo watched me as I threw on and off every sweater I owned, Devlin's eyes were wide with anticipation, and Azella was indifferent with the whole clothing situation. I turned to them and smiled, then went on with my business. I had a substantial 'to do' list in front of me.

While other family members grew impatient with my agenda, Enzo understood what it meant to work hard. For herding dogs—and their owners—getting it done is 'all in a days work.' Not that my other two dogs aren't energetic, but it's Enzo who makes non-stop look like putting your feet up. Typical for Border Collies and Australian Shepherds, Enzo expresses his enthusiasm in the most unusual ways. Despite his angelic disposition, his rough-around-the-edges approach to life isn't always ideal. He picks and chooses who he tells off, but plays nice with his favorite friends.

Enzo continued to perform enthusiastic somersaults off the bed. He shook his head and dug his nose in the comforter, then flipped over on his back, as if to make a final attempt at capturing my attention. With this last submissive gesture, Enzo let his guard down and something entered the room without his approval. Suddenly, the mirror became another entity.

We had a visitor. And IT looked mean.



The beast stared back at Enzo. IT was black and brown with two peculiar dots over its eyes. IT had a growl larger than life. Enzo growled. IT growled. Enzo growled. IT growled. IT was guarding its territory. But, so was Enzo. He seemed mad that he had slacked off on the job. However, Enzo made up for lost time. Warning me of the intruder that somehow appeared in our bedroom, he barked and barked and BARKED. The thunder got louder and louder. He barked. IT barked. He barked. IT barked.

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Enzo's confusion changed to fear, then to aggression, then back to confusion again in a matter of seconds. This explosion between Enzo and IT sent my entire pack into a frenzy. While I've learned to understand dog language, clamor at this magnitude shook even my insides. Devlin and Azella were now racing to the window to see what all the commotion was. Our calm household instantly turned into crazed excitement.

After Enzo stood his ground, he mustered the courage to inch closer. As if to try a different approach, he hunkered down, keeping a close eye on IT. He was now nose to nose with the intruder. The closer Enzo got, the closer the monster came to him. IT got bigger and bigger and BIGGER. Startled, Enzo darted away from the mirror, then looked over his shoulder. IT was quiet for a second. Enzo yawned and walked away, unsure. All at once, the wild thing went away.

So, Enzo sniffed behind the mirror.

Nonetheless, I moved IT to face the wall. I thought about offering Enzo an explanation, but decided I'd let him work it out for himself. He retreated back to bed, rubbing his paw over his nose. Then he opened his mouth, as if to crack a smile.

His work was done (for now). Today, there are a few more nose prints on the mirror. Tomorrow, Enzo will forget what happened, and begin hollering all over again. In fact, I don't think Enzo's convinced that the enemy has left the building. Every so often I catch him giving IT a dirty look. While we may have other unannounced guests, I bet there will be a hard working dog to keep them away.

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 is "National Work Like A Dog Day." Please join me as I honor Enzo, and all the creatures who 'work like a dog.' These honorees are not to be confused with being a "workaholic." Workaholics work all the time, but rarely do they work hard at all. Individuals who 'work like a dog' carry more than their load and possess relentless pursuit in accomplishing a task until it's done. They work hard while they're working, however, they are not always working. This fun pet holiday's creator is still unknown. (Perhaps they took the day off?)

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Preheat oven 350°

Baking time 20-25 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 c. finely shredded sweet potato
- 1 banana, mashed
- 2 c. oats
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 c. honey
- 1 Tbsp. molasses
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. On a parchment-lined, or (olive) oiled baking sheet, place teaspoon-sized scoops of batter one inch apart, and bake. Cool before serving.

Stem Cell & Alternative Therapies Bring Hope to Husky's Journey With Degenerative Arthritis

Written by
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FAITH.

In addition to the religious definition, “faith” also means: “Confidence or trust in a person or thing” and a “belief that is not based on proof.”

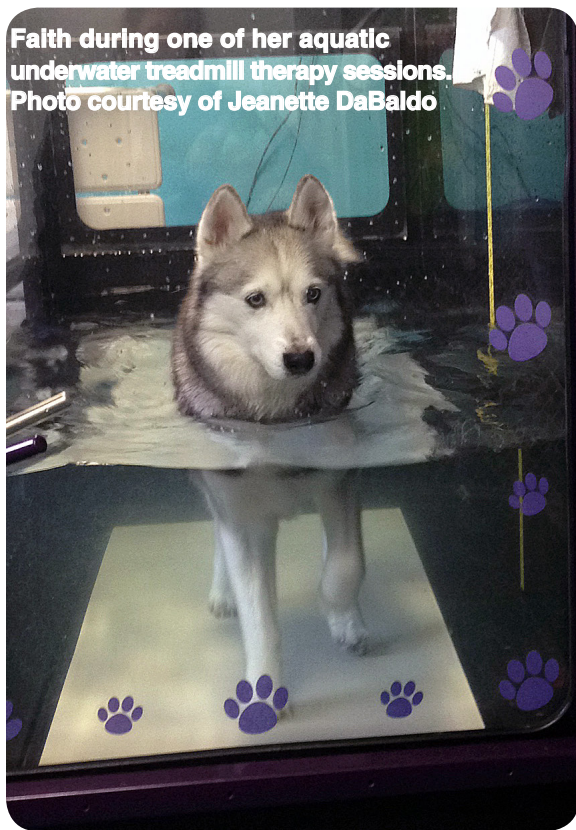
Faith, the name, also means confidence, trust, belief.

Confidence. Trust. Belief.

Three simple words that can shape the decisions we make and the lives we lead. Faith is something our pets place in us, which is an honor and a privilege. We sometimes embark upon a journey with an unclear path, armed only with the faith that we are on the best path for our situation.

Today, I'd like to share with you an inspiring story about embarking upon such a journey, where confidence, trust, and belief play key roles, with a beautiful Siberian Husky girl named “Faith” and her hu-mom, Jeanette DaBaldo.

Faith during one of her aquatic underwater treadmill therapy sessions.
Photo courtesy of Jeanette DaBaldo



Together, they have joined as partners on a journey of health and possibilities. Faith, whose beautiful face reflects that of youngster, is in fact, 14 years old with her 15th birthday coming up this fall. She lives with degenerative arthritis and, in an effort to give her the best, most comfortable healthy life possible, Jeanette avails numerous cutting edge therapies to help keep her girl as strong, fit, and healthy as she can: aqua (swimming), underwater aquatic treadmill, chiropractic treatments, laser treatments, weekly aquapuncture therapy and Adequan® injections, and most recently, stem cell injection.

Before embarking upon Faith's journey, I'd like to share a little about this inspirational dog. Jeanette says she had wanted to bring a Siberian Husky into her family for about seven years prior to becoming Faith's parent in 2000. When she finally found one, named Faith, she fell in love with her. Only when she went back for the Husky, it was too late, as another family had already taken the puppy. Feeling sad at the missed opportunity, Jeanette said her mother had told her, “Jeanette, you have to have a little faith. God has a Husky coming He will choose just for you.” Sure enough, the pretty

little single-litter pup, who Jeanette named Faith, entered her life on December 2nd of that same year, and they have been a loving team ever since.

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Jeanette says, “She has always loved to play ball, go for walks, and one of her favorite pastimes was going to the dog park.” A few years ago, already a senior, Faith was photographed underwater by Seth Castille, who shot the photos for the book *Underwater Dogs!* Then, in August of 2012, Jeanette started to notice a change in Faith’s gait. “At the dog park, she was trotting more than running and seemed to be favoring her right hip,” recalls Jeanette. “I immediately talked to my vet and we did diagnostic testing and Faith was diagnosed with arthritis. Faith has a number of allergies and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), so this sometimes can complicate treatment. We discussed meds and then a follow up appointment was scheduled for that Saturday. I was on Facebook that Friday and saw a post from FiveSibes (FiveSibes: Siberian Husky K9 News & Reviews) where Gibson was getting laser treatments. I immediately did the research. On Saturday, when my vet walked in, we both at the same time said, “What about laser treatment?” He then referred me to Faith’s current rehabilitation vet.

According to Jeanette, Faith’s arthritis “has progressed, as all degenerative diseases unfortunately do. She has not been at the dog park in a year and the seven walks per day are now at two, but she is resilient and has an enormous drive in her.” Faith participates every week in rehabilitation therapy. She walks on an aquatic underwater treadmill to build muscle and loosen the stiffness, she swims each week to build muscle, receives laser treatments, and sees the chiropractor several times per month, says Jeanette. Since Faith has IBS, Jeanette says they have to be careful with giving her supplements that may cause gastrointestinal upset. She does receive a weekly Adequan® injection, which according to Adequan Canine, is “a prescription polysulfated glycosaminoglycan (PSAG) that helps prevent the cartilage in your dog’s joint from wearing away. It helps to keep the cartilage healthy and intact, so that the bone in the joint cannot touch other bones.” And, says Jeanette, Faith also “receives weekly aquapuncture therapy with Zeel® and Traumeel® in the needles, which are injected into the acupuncture spots. These are holistic anti-inflammatory treatments to help with Faith’s arthritis without gastrointestinal upset.”

Even with her current therapies, at times Faith was struggling and Jeanette knew it was time to explore more options. Enter stem cell therapy. So just when did Jeanette hear about stem cell injections and what prompted her to move forward with the treatment? She says that her vet has worked with VivaStem® Stem Cell Fluid Therapy since 2011, and then this past summer when things became rough for Faith with bouts of pancreatitis and IBS, Jeanette knew she needed to look to other means in order to help her Husky. Jeanette explains, “Faith lost weight, and because she was not overweight or had any extra pounds to utilize, she lost muscle mass, which blood work confirmed. She also started to show noticeable limping in the front right leg. Faith’s kidney values were also up.” So this past October, Jeanette made the decision to do stem cell therapy with Faith.

What exactly is this stem cell fluid therapy that Faith will be doing? According to VivaStem® Stem Cell Fluid Therapy’s website at www.stemcellfluidtherapy.com, “VivaStem® is a patented natural healing fluid that activates stem cells in horses, dogs, and cats, helping them heal from injury, nerve damage and relieving arthritis pain.”

Beautiful 14-year-old Siberian Husky “Faith” lives with degenerative arthritis. Photo courtesy of Jeanette DaBaldo

According to the article “Stem Cell Therapy for Osteoarthritis” on the Arthritis Foundation’s arthritistoday.org website, “The hope is the injected cells will regenerate damaged joint tissue...,” states Farshid Guilak, PhD, professor of orthopedic surgery and biomedical engineering at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. A growing number of researchers, including Guilak, suspect they may help by reducing inflammation. “There is a theory that is getting more and more support that these stem cells produce anti-inflammatory cytokines...,” states Guilak in the article.

The stem cells used in Faith’s injection are harvested from the placenta of horses, says Jeanette, and the procedure is done right in her regular vet’s office. “This is a non-invasive form of stem cell therapy because there is no anesthetic. The vet injects the stem cell fluid into the dog subcutaneously. The dog is awake for the procedure, which would have to be as I almost lost Faith for the two surgical procedures she has had due to anesthesia. One was during spay and the other was an IBS flare up, which lasted three months due to the anesthesia after a dental clean,” Jeanette explains that for the procedure, “Faith was pre-treated with a shot of Benadryl®. About 45 minutes after the Benadryl® shot is administered, the stem cell powered is mixed and dosage inserted in to the needle.”

And just how did Faith react to the first injection? Jeanette says she did become “upset because the injection, which takes about the same amount of time to administer as a rabies vaccine injection, hurts upon going in.”

Faith was treated as a day patient, staying at the vet’s office for a total of four to five hours so they could keep a watchful eye out for any possible allergic reactions. There were none, and Faith was released to go home where Jeanette says she was “very sore and restless the first two days, and she had to continue treatment with the Bendadryl as well every eight hours during those first two days. As the soreness went away so did her anxiety.”

Faith was back at water therapy on day three, post injection. “The aqua tread time was cut short and the right hind could not be lasered or adjusted (at this early stage), but the rest of the body was complete and you could see it really helped already with the soreness. “



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To say watching for improvements keeps one eager, and nervous, with anticipation is an understatement. Jeanette says she was advised that it could take up to four to six weeks before seeing any real improvement in Faith as a result of the stem cell therapy. The vets also conduct a kidney values check to keep an eye on things. Since then, it has been six months since Faith’s first injection, and most recently, she has had a second one. “We are looking for subtle changes,” notes Jeanette. While Faith still battles some mobility issues, just recently recuperated from a cough, and is experiencing some temporary deafness, she is a fighter and Jeanette gives her all the best care available to keep her girl strong. And the changes are noticeable. “Faith’s mobility of getting up and down is a bit easier, some of the lameness subsided, and she just recently walked for a full 11 minutes on the aqua treadmill, which is just amazing!”

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And the best part? When Faith gets her “sass” on...wooning and barking at Mom to engage in play or go for a walk. “That’s when I know she is really feeling better.”

Faith continues with her various treatments and therapies, and one is really hard-pressed to believe this beautiful Siberian Husky is 14! Through every appointment, every treatment, mom Jeanette is right by her side. “I just love her so much. There isn’t anything I wouldn’t do for her.” A reciprocal Husky “woo” from Faith confirms that their love is definitely a two-way street.

Faith decked out in her life jacket in the pool for swim therapy. Photo courtesy of Jeanette DaBaldo



When pursuing something new, non-traditional, or cutting edge, there is the unknown factor that can cause uneasiness, yet the desire to pursue it to a positive conclusion, sight unseen, gives us hope. Martin Luther King, Jr. summed it up best when he said, “Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” For Jeanette and Faith, it may be a while before they do indeed see the whole staircase, but Jeanette is hopeful that each step along the way will be a step toward healing and keeping her Siberian Husky happy, healthy, and as comfortable as possible.

“I am not looking for the fountain of youth,” notes Jeanette. “I am hopeful this will ease any pain and stiffness she may otherwise experience, and give her the quality life she deserves.”

It’s always a good idea to research and discuss various treatments and therapies, holistic and traditional, with your veterinarian to see what is available and how it could possibly benefit your pet. We owe it to our beloved companions, and to ourselves, to stay on the cusp of new discoveries for whole health, to not only give us something to believe in, but to be able to have the information available to review with our veterinarians for therapies that could help keep our pets comfortable and ease them into their golden years.

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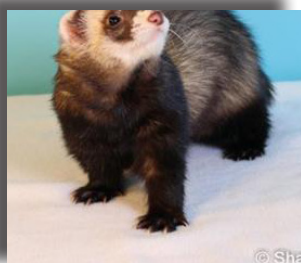
FERRET COLORS AND PATTERNS

There is only one “breed” of ferret, but they can come in many colors and patterns. Many colorations of ferret are being bred today. Sable is the most common and cinnamon is the most rare, but ferrets come in a myriad of color patterns.

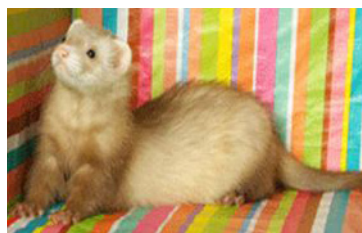
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Albino



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Chocolate Solid

Albino: The guard hair and undercoat are white/cream*. The eyes are pink/red and nose is pink.

Black: The guard hair is true black and the undercoat is white. The eyes are black and the nose can be black, near black or speckled black.

Black Sable: The guard hair is dark ash blackish brown with no warm brown tone and the undercoat is white/cream. The eyes are dark brown or near black. The nose is blackish brown and can be solid, mottled or heavily speckled.

Champagne: The guard hair is tan or a diluted version of chocolate and the undercoat is white/cream. The eyes are light to dark burgundy and the nose is beige/pink or pink with a beige or light brown ‘T’ outline.

Chocolate: The guard hair is warm milk chocolate brown and the undercoat is white. The eyes are brown or dark burgundy and the nose is pink, brick, beige or pink with a light brown ‘T’ outline.

Cinnamon: The guard hair is rich light reddish brown and the undercoat is white or white with a golden hue. The nose is brick, beige or pink with a light brown or brick ‘T’ outline.

Dark-Eyed White: The guard hair and undercoat is white/cream*. The eyes are burgundy or black and the nose is pink.

Sable: The guard hair is warm deep brown and the undercoat is white/cream/light golden. The eyes are brown to near black and the nose is light brown, speckled/mottled brown or pink with a brown ‘T’ outline.

** White/Cream-this color will have the same guard hair and undercoat color.*

In all other colors the guard hair and undercoat colors will be different.



Cinnamon Solid



Dark-Eyed White

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Now that you know the basic ferret colors the fun begins determining your ferret's pattern. Trying to identify all the possible color patterns in ferrets can make you crazy. Ferrets can and regularly have multiple patterns. You say you have a sable ferret but are you sure? Maybe it's really a sable solid or a sable standard or a sable mitt or a sable point or a sable point mitt or a sable roan or a sable roan mitt or a sable point roan mitt. Confused? In the winter your ferret is a sable point and then in the summer after shedding becomes a sable standard. Your ferret gets a bit older and starts getting white guard hairs on his hind quarters. Now your ferret is a sable roan or a sable mutt. Having fun? First you'll need to know some more terms in order to determine your ferret's pattern.



Black Roan Mitt

Bib—White patches under the neck.

Mitt—White feet where the white stops at the ankle.

Points—The ferret's legs, shoulders, tail and mask.

Roaning—A mixture of white guard hairs scattered throughout the coat, like salt and pepper usually in a uniform mixture.

Stocking—White feet where the white extends halfway up the leg.



Black Mitt

Next let's talk about masks. There are three different styles of masks.

Standard/Full—A solid band of color around and between each eye.

T-Bar—A solid band of color around and between each eye up to the top of the head.

V—A thin strip of color around each eye and down to the nose.

There are nine basic ferret patterns: Blaze, Mitt, Mutt, Panda, Point, Roan, Solid, Standard, and Striped/Patterned.

Blaze: The blaze can be any coat color except white and has a long white blaze from the top of the head (above the eyes and below the ears) down the back of the neck. The eyes should be varying shades of ruby to brown. The nose should be pink or pink with a light outline.

White knee patches may be present and all feet should have white tips or mitts. A white tip can be found on the tail. Masks will vary depending on color concentration including minor color rings around the eyes. Blazes can also have a bib, a white or speckled belly, and guard hair roaning.



Mutt

Mitt: The mitt can be any coat color except white and has white feet with a contrasting leg color and a white bib.

Mutt: The mutt can be any coat color with mismatched roaning, dots, spots, and patterns. Mutts have multiple colors and/or no distinct color pattern.



Blaze

Panda: The panda can be any coat color except white and should have an almost completely white head. A darker concentration of color is found across the shoulders and the hips. The eyes are burgundy. The



Panda

nose is pink or pink with a light outline. Knee patches may be present and mitts/stockings should be present on all four feet. A white tip can be found on the tail. Small color rings or patches around the eyes and small color markings in front of the ears can be found but there should not be a mask. Pandas can have a white or speckled belly and guard hair roaning.

Point: The point can be any coat color except white and will show a distinct difference in color concentration between the body color and the points. The mask will be a thin 'V' mask for black, black sable, sable, cinnamon and chocolate, not a full or 'T' bar mask. Champagnes can have a thin 'V' mask or no mask at all. The nose color will be lighter than the colors listed for each of the basic colors.



Point



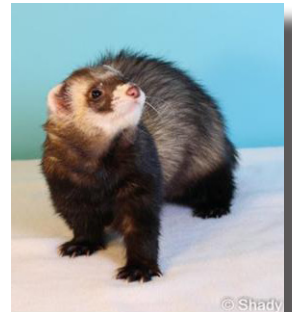
Roans

Roan: The roan can be any coat color except all white. There should be 40% to 60% of white guard hairs present (body and points only) for the pattern to be considered a roan. The colored guard hairs should be evenly sprinkled throughout the body.

Solid: The solid can be any coat color except all white. The percentage of colored guard hairs should be ideally 100% in relation to white guard hairs which should be realistically 0% in the body and points. This pattern gives an appearance of solid color concentration from the head to the tail. Masks are either full or 'T' bar.

Standard: The standard can be any coat color except all white. The percentage of colored guard hairs should be ideally 100% in relation to white guard hairs but the color concentration is not as heavy as in the Solid pattern. The body will appear lighter in color concentration and the points will be easily discernible. Masks are either full or 'T' bar.

Sable Standard



Striped/Patterned






Striped/Patterned: The striped/patterned can be any coat color except all white. The pattern should have a minimum of 90% white guard hairs with either a sprinkling of colored guard hairs throughout the body, or colored spots and/or a colored stripe down the back.

Hopefully this has helped you make your best educated guess as to what color your ferret is. If you still can't decide, take a couple pictures of your ferret then email them to me at jbferretz@gmail.com and I'll see what I can do to help! But just remember, color isn't important. Health, longevity and an interactive disposition is what makes a great pet ferret!

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Hi Everyone!

PeanutButter (& Percy) here



Meet Percy

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Where does the time go?

Last issue I talked about 2 litters from a feral cat. How we were able to take the time to find Forever Homes for the first litter of 4. The second litter we didn't have the best of luck with, unfortunately. Two of the three passed before they were a month old. Well, the surviving sibling contracted a bad case of conjunctivitis. He came back to our home where we were able to quarantine him, mainly so I wouldn't get sick, and Mommy cared for him properly. He recovered for the most part but is partly blind in his left eye.

Long story short, he found his Forever Home and his name is Percy. Short for Persistence, he is over 10 months old now. He definitely won Mommy's heart way before me but that's because she spent a lot of time with him while making sure she didn't neglect me. Whew! I was worried she was replacing me for a younger 'PurrBoy'. It was supposed to be the 2 of us until Percy came along. I am okay with it now. I have lost some weight & get to exercise more often when we have playtime, usually instigated by Percy. More about him later ..

So, I can not say it enough about how determined we are to continue creating AmericanPet Magazine™ with much thanks from the help of our awesome contributors.

Check out our Best in Print section (pg 21). Author of several incredible books, Dorothy Wills-Raftery writes to support missions and educate.

One Pet at a Time..One Day at a Time..

One Life at a Time..Your Voice Matters!

Thank you again and HAPPY READING!

#Meow #Woof #Rescue #Adopt #Foster #NoKill

PURRS & MEOWS, PeanutButter

**aka KarpKatZ:
PeanutButter
and Percy**

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I was found roaming the streets in Los Angeles, fending for myself with no one to care for me. If I'd been taken to a shelter, I would have never made it out because I had a bunch of issues: I threw temper tantrums, guarded my food and toys, and was sensitive to touch. So my rescuer took me to a foster home and from there I was adopted and found my forever home.

Meet Charlie Bear *the Rescue Dog*



Written by B.J. Taylor


Charlie Bear is a 5-year-old muttigree who believes he won the lottery. No way could life have been predicted to turn out this good. In fact, his Mom Peep, B.J. Taylor, wrote the story of Charlie Bear's first year in their lives. It's an emotional, heart-tugging story that includes the big dog, Rex (Mom Peep's forever love): *Charlie Bear: What a Headstrong Rescue Dog Taught Me about Life, Love, and Second Chances* www.bjtayloronline.com


Did you know there are 2,000-3,500 cats and dogs born each hour in the United States? Compare that to just 415 humans born per hour and you can see why there are so many homeless animals in need.


I'm one of the lucky ones. I was once homeless without anyone to love me. Then I was rescued, fostered, and adopted and now live in a loving home with Mom and Dad Peep. But there are so many still out there.


Woofs and Wiggles!

If you want to, you can help. Here are some things you can do:

 *Consider Saving a Life – rescue sites for almost any breed are all over the internet. Google the type of pet you want and watch what pops up. It's a funny story, but that's how Dad and Mom Peep found me. My awesome picture jumped out at them and they fell in love. I may be a "muttigree," but they adore me.*

 *Spay/Neuter – most animals that enter shelters are not "street" animals (like I was) or offspring of other homeless animals, but puppies and kittens of family pets. Spay/neuter is more important than you think. Heck, I don't mind that I'm fixed. I still get it on with the sofa pillows.*

 *Adopt from a Shelter – five out of ten dogs in shelters and seven out of ten cats in shelters are euthanized simply because no one adopted them. And you might not think so, but there are often purebred dogs there. When you buy from a pet store or online from a breeder, you might think you are getting a "purebred" but you might not. You could pay an exorbitant fee to buy your pet from what ends up being a puppy mill, and those dogs often have health issues.*

 *Donate or Volunteer – if it's not a good time to have a pet in your life you can still help by donating your time or money to a shelter or animal society. Mom Peep loves two places: www.bestfriends.org and www.aplacetobark.com. Both do so much to help find homes for animals in need.*

National Homeless Pet Day is August 15 this year. If you can open your home to a pet who needs one that would be so great. That dog or cat will love the dickens out of you because they know, deep in their soul, that you gave them new life. And they will be forever grateful. Just like I am.

Note: For the full story about me and my issues, and about big dog Rex and how much Mom Peep loved us both, read our book called CHARLIE BEAR: What a Headstrong Rescue Dog Taught Me about Life, Love and Second Chances. <http://amzn.to/1vinAKT>

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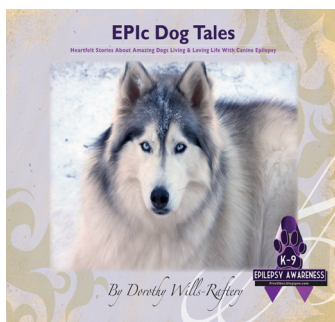
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What's Wrong with Gibson?

Written by Dorothy Wills-Rafferty
Illustrated by Michelle Littler

Welcome to the world of the FiveSibes™! They are five energetic Siberian Huskies who spend all of their days playing and learning together. Their stories are ones that children and adults of all ages will enjoy reading. The first book of the series, What's Wrong With Gibson?



Learning About K-9 Epilepsy, is based on one of the author's Huskies, Gibson, having a seizure, which is translated into a short tale that makes it easy for children (who may have Epilepsy themselves, know someone who does, or have a pet that has it) to understand. As the short story unfolds in easy-to-understand rhymes accompanied by colorfully adorable illustrations, the three young pups discover that their big brother has Canine Epilepsy and they get a hands-on lesson about care and first aid from the pack's alpha leader, Harley. A percentage of proceeds from the book will be donated to the non-profit Canine Epilepsy Resources center.

Buddy, the Christmas Husky

Written by Dorothy Wills-Rafferty
Illustrated by Barbara K. Slocum

Buddy, the Christmas Husky~Based on a True Holiday Miracle, is a book for all seasons bringing awareness to abused and abandoned dogs. This story is about an injured, starving, and homeless Siberian Husky who is rescued by a Good Samaritan one snowy Christmas Day.



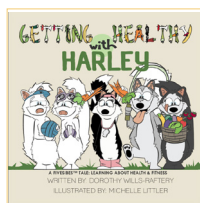
Through a network of caring people across thousands of miles, the Husky, who becomes known as "Buddy, the Christmas Husky," discovers that not all humans are mean and uncaring. His long journey brings him to find compassion, friendship, and a loving mom to call his own. A percent of the book's proceeds will benefit Buddy and "Buddy's Buddies" through the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine.



A Musher's Dream: Team Ineka

Written by Robert & Michelle Forto
Illustrated by Barbara K. Slocum

Team Ineka: A Musher's Dream is based on a the true story of how the Iditarod-bound racing Husky dogs of Team Ineka came to be.



Getting Healthy With Harley

Written by Dorothy Wills-Rafferty
Illustrated by Michelle Littler

Welcome back to the world of the FiveSibes™ five energetic Siberian Huskies who spend all of their days playing and learning together. Their stories are ones that children and adults of all ages will enjoy reading. The second book in the FiveSibes™ Tales series, Getting Healthy With Harley is based on one of the author's Huskies, the pack's alpha queen, Harley, as she has her annual vet visit and afterwards decides to help all of the FiveSibes adopt a healthier lifestyle through nutrition and exercise. The story unfolds through easy-to-read rhyming text and adorable colorful illustrations. A portion of proceeds from the book will be donated to the Save Our Siberians Siberspace Rescue Fund.



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Hewwo evewyone n Happy Happy!

So much has happened since my last article! We have started a new rescue wif Aunt Marie, Peace Love N Rescue Angels, inspired by Angel Rufus n Angel Ashley. Dare was so many fings dat Mommy was not able to do wif da old rescue n our main goal is to help as many as possabull.....now we will have dat option n bees able to help wen help is needed. Mommy n us have also started a lil barkery ware we sell nuffin but healthy, fun doggie tweats. It started a just a lil idea dat has turned into a full time business in itself. It has been a really busy few monfs.

Mommy n Aunt Marie love to bees able to help udders wen needed n wif our new rescue, we will bees able to do just dat. We have board members in a few diffewent states wich makes it easier to help furbabies all over da US. Angel Rufus n Angel Ashley inspired Mommy n Aunt Marie to want to help as many furbabies as possibull and wif dis new rescue we will bees able to do just dat. Our goal is to be able to help our furfwiends on faebutts, shood dey ever have an emergency, pull animals fwom many diffewent shelters fru-out da states, provide help to famiwies stwugglin to bees able to care for dare furbabies n in general, help as many as we can. We have alweddy rescued a Mom n her babies n dey is waitin in foster for dare furever homes. We is in da pwocess of getting our 501c3 n is so excitabulls to move on wif dis new venture. A big huge fankie yous gos out to Aunt Linda, Aunt Beatriz, Aunt Candise n Aunt Dena for joinin us on dis pawsome journey, we is gonna do so much good dat it makes my heart happy! I is still gonna bees able to do my Kissy Booths to help us raise \$ n wif da summer comin dare will bees lots of dems. Pwease become a fan of Peace, Love N Rescue Angels on faciebutts n join us on our kwest to save dems all!

We have also recentwy started a doggie tweet business fwom home! One day aound da holidays, Mommy decided to bake us some homemade tweats n wen she seed how much we liked dems she figured she cood start bakin healthy tweats for all da pups out dare. Dare have been way too many tweet recalls lately n we nos how much evewyone loves dare furbabies, so wy not make somefin dat peeples wood bees able to give dare babies wifout havin to wowwy abouts contamination! So far to date we have received over 200 orders in a lil over 3 monfs! We make all of our tweats wif Brown Rice Flour, due to da fact dat most doggies do not do well wif wheat. My sister, Mercedes is allergic to wheat n since Mommy has been makin dese tweats, she has had no pwoblems at all, allergy wise. We onwy use natural, human gwade ingwedients n even have an Aunt dat buys dems for herself n her dogs hardly see any of dems! BMSBO.....Love yous Aunt Lorraine! We alreddy have a contwact wif Mac the Pitbull and have been baking Super Mac Treats with \$2 fwom evewy sale bein donated to Mac's Mission. We ship all over da US n even out of da countwy for dose dat is willin to pay da shippin. We is hopin dat we can make dis a full time business so if yous have ordered fwom us afore, n yous doggies love da tweats, spwed da word for us, pwease! Yous can find our store in our faciebutts links or at www.titusandhailey.com.

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