



We Are Animal Guardians, Inc. Established 1996

March 2010

## First of Spring Yard Sale

March 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 2 pm

Old Weare Town Hall

If you want to donate items,  
call WAG at 529-5443

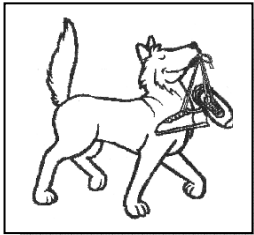
No furniture items over 30lbs.  
and *no clothing* - Thank You

## WAG Alumni

Dale and Ben sharing the couch.



## The Mutt Strut is Back!! - Oct 2, 2010 Fox Forest – Hillsboro, NH



WAG will hold a Mutt Strut this fall at the Fox Forest in Hillsboro. Check the website for updates this Spring and Summer at [www.wearewag.org](http://www.wearewag.org). Volunteer to help at the Mutt Strut, Call (603)529-5443 or email [wearewag@gsinet.net](mailto:wearewag@gsinet.net)

Ginger, Abby & Bailey...



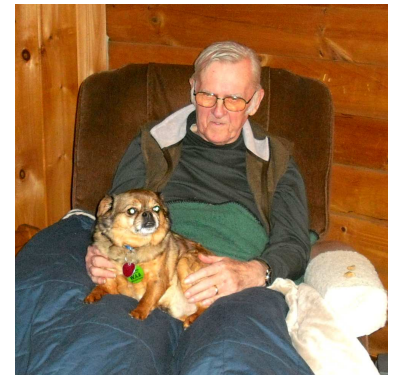
Bailey is king of his castle....



Greyling, Geo & Tawny...



Bob and Boo watching TV

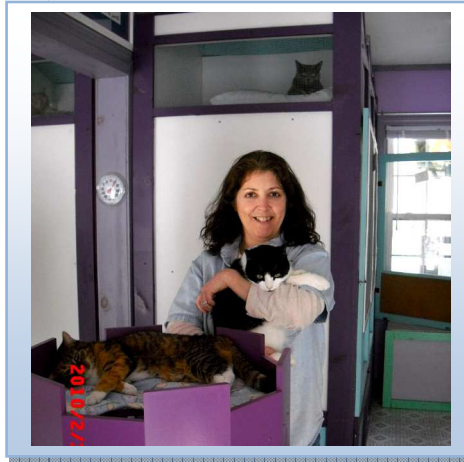


# The Scratching Post Inn...

Tracey Goodwin, owner of the Scratching Post Inn located in Bow, offers her feline guests a country vacation par excellence! Tracey is a long time supporter of WAG and has fostered, assessed and corrected behavior issues for WAG cats. Tracey has over 13 years of running a successful country cat inn, prior to this she worked as a senior vet tech.

Always having a natural love of felines, she spent much time observing their habits and interpreting their body language. With cats being the most widely kept pets in the United States, Wag thought it would be helpful for her to share some of the knowledge she has gained through her experience.

Upon entering the inn we see 3 level "cat condos", cat castles, and special outdoor rooms. Many of her feline guests were seen lounging on the top floor of their personal condo. Cats love high places allowing them to watch below.



Tracey explained how to introduce a new cat into your home with an already established cat in residence. She suggests, positioning the cats one on each side of a screen door (vs. a solid door) to separate the two rooms, feeding them next to each other, leaving toys close by the screen door. This allows the kitties to eat and play nearby with an established boundary. Tracey also will wipe one cat with a towel and use the same towel on the other cat; this provides comingling of the scent. With cats, everything is analyzed by scent. She also uses her Inn as neutral territory for integrating cats into a blended family.

A cat prefers two separate litter boxes located in a quiet area of the house.

Critical information; never give a cat human medication such as Tylenol, aspirin, Advil, or equivalents. Cat owners should have a thermometer, eye ointments, and hydrogen peroxide on hand in their first aid kit.

## Foods to beware of for your cat and dog-

Onion and garlic- very small amounts added to pet foods are acceptable.

Chocolate, coffee, tea, caffeine- additionally for cats do not overdue catnip usage.

Grapes, raisins, mushrooms, citrus oil extracts

## Questions about animal behavior-

### Why does my cat sleep so much?

Cats sleep about 2/3s of their life away. They sleep almost twice the amount as other animals. If your cat seems to sleep more than usual, acts depressed when awake, has had weight changes or other signs of illness, contact your veterinarian.

### Will my cat suffer if I do not care for her teeth and gums?

Gum disease can cause cats pain and serious dental problems later in life, as well as possibly lead to more serious illnesses, such as heart and kidney disease. But gum disease can be prevented. By beginning early in your cat's life to care for her teeth, you can spare your cat the discomfort caused by gum disease.

## What causes a dog to break its teeth?

The most common cause of tooth breakage among dogs is chewing on objects that are too hard. To help prevent tooth breakage, watch how your dog chews on any new toy. If aggressively biting down, trying to crack the toy, you probably should not let the dog chew on that toy. For especially aggressive chewers, look for toys they cannot get their mouths around.



## Can dogs get cavities?

Pets, like their human owners, can get cavities. However, cavities are relatively rare in dogs because dogs' diets generally are not high in decay-causing sugars. Veterinary dental experts have noticed a mild rise in the incidence of cavities among dogs fed sugary treats. To avoid cavities in your dog's mouth, feed only dog food and treats designed for dogs. Raw veggies like carrots are a favorite with many dogs and good for them.

## 2009 Financials

How the money was spent

Animal Care	%79.46
Management & General	9.75
Insurance	6.73
Fundraising Indirect Expenses	3.37
Marketing	0.48
Miscellaneous	0.16
Bank Service Charges	0.05

WAG maintains this result as there is no paid staff or facility costs. Total expenses exceeded income by about \$1,000 which is better than expected considering the state of the economy.

Income was received through donations, matching grants, fund raisers, memberships, adoptions and surrenders. WAG does not receive any monies from state, local or other government entities.

## WAG Membership & Donation Form:

Mail to: WAG - PO Box 572 Weare, NH 03281

- Family \$25.00 per year       Individual \$15.00  
 Sponsor \$50.00       Guardian Angel \$100  
 Pet Membership \$5.00      Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patron: \$250     Good Samaritan \$500     Presidents Club \$1,000  
 Other Donation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gift in name of: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete address information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Jean and her tiny Sophie



Hobo, Happy at last



Martha and her boy Scruffy

## Senior Companion Program Update

2009 was a very good year for our senior companion program. Many seniors were able to keep their beloved pets with the assistance of WAG and a good number of seniors and mature pets found a new friend after contacting WAG.

Cats are superb companions for seniors who may have limited mobility. Small dogs are often the choice of seniors who are more active outdoors or like to travel.

Many seniors who find themselves alone no longer feel alone if they have a pet to care for or who looks to them for attention and love.

# Seeking Homes For These Wonderful Pets



## ***Panda:***

A very endearing personality, she wiggles all over for pets and attention. She is a rare color for a Bull Terrier; tuxedo markings with a pink nose. She loves everyone and will be the life of the party where ever she goes, a real clown

## ***China Doll***

This gorgeous girl is 2 years old, a Snowshoe exotic shorthair. She has four white feet and a white bib. Her plush milk chocolate coat has dark chocolate accents on her legs and ears. What a looker.

She would like an adult home and to me admired as the beauty she is.



## **Wish list**

Clean blankets, comforters.

Kitty litter, food, treats, bowls, toys (please no raw hides), Cat beds, gift cards any denominations to any store that sells pet supplies. Fabrics such as fleece, wool, or blends would be appreciated.

Pick up can be arranged or drop-offs can be arranged or see us at the upcoming indoor yard sale.

## **Websites that may interest...**

Check out Weather.com for pets. There is a section offering a custom daily exercise page (Cat and Dog comfort index). Complete the dog or cat's profile and it will tell you the weather and best time to take your dog or cat out for some fresh air and exercise.

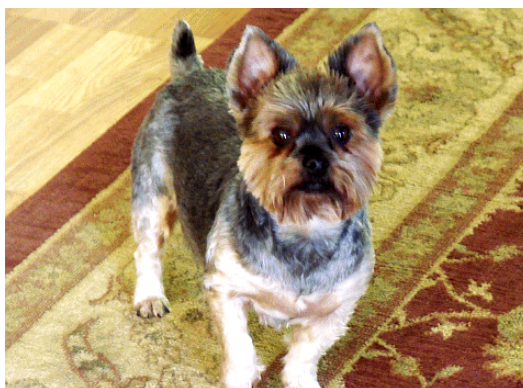
Suggestions from dog trainer Karen Smith for dogs during the winter months: delicious treat stuffed and/or frozen Kongs, delicious bones, and pet puzzles.

Check these fun pet sites :

[www.pawlickers.com](http://www.pawlickers.com) or [www.activedogtoys.com](http://www.activedogtoys.com) (check out the bubble blaster –chicken flavored bubbles and the squirt ball for this summer)

## **WAG Alumni**

**Gizzy** – aka Abby in her Tomboy haircut.



## **Why was the newsletter mailed in an envelope?**

We have tried numerous methods of mailing the newsletter but found the only reliable one is to send 1<sup>st</sup> class mail. The non-profit bulk rate is considered third class mail and we found many did not receive from each mailing. Bulk mail also does not get returned or forwarded if the address is no longer correct.