

# I Rescued a Human Today

Author Unknown

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.



As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the

future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one. I rescued a human today.

*save the date!!!*

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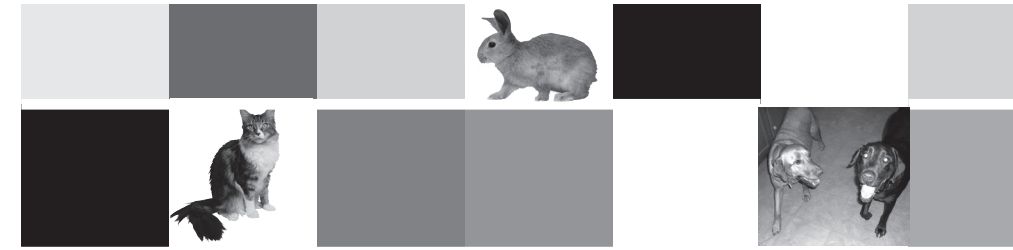
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## Tips for Pet Care on a Budget

by Suzie Royce Cruse

On a budget these days? If not, you are lucky! Most of us are watching our pennies and must make sacrifices in what we purchase for our families. What about our pets? Are they sacrificing too? This article will hopefully give you some ideas for pet care on a budget.

- Need gift ideas? What about giving your favorite human a basket of pet care items? This may sound funny but it may take some stress off their shoulders when they get some necessary items for their pet. Trust me, they will appreciate it.
- Get creative with treats. One of my dogs loves to crunch baby carrots. This is good for their teeth and health. They are cheap too. In the summer, I often give my dogs ice cubes. It keeps them busy chasing the ice around and is always available. Try giving it to them outside on a warm day. Another savings is to give your pet affection in lieu of a treat. This keeps their weight and your blood pressure down!
- Cut down on vet bills by learning to clip your pet's nails and brush their teeth. This can be difficult for some, so take care to do research on how to clip and brush properly (there are videos on how to do this properly). There are long-term payoffs with learning to protect your dog or cat's teeth. Also, beware of certain toys such as tennis balls – these toys often wear your dogs tooth enamel down prematurely.
- Buy pet supplies in bulk and split with a friend. This can be accomplished through on-line ordering or by consolidating your shopping trips with friends.
- Trade services with friends, neighbors and veterinarians. Trading services does not have to mean asking your friends to watch your dogs for a week while you are away. It could be trading a dog walk a week or just checking up on pets while you are at work. If you have specific skills such as carpentry, electrical, graphic design skills or other talents, check with your vet to see if they need some work done around their business.
- Whether you have a housecat, a bird or dogs, keeping them fit and mentally stimulated will save you money in the long run. Get serious and avoid overfeeding your pet and stop giving them table scraps. Thin pets (and people) live longer. Research how to get creative by exercising their minds as well as their bodies which will cut down on diabetes, arthritis and destruction to your home and personal items.
- Look for local clinics and deals. Some communities offer spay and neuter services for a discounted price during certain times of the year. Pet magazines offer coupons for food and other pet care supplies. Call your local shelter for information on what services are available on a budget. Don't be shy, animal well-being is their job.

Your pet is surely a beloved member of your family. Spending time with them and keeping them fit and healthy will prevent problems down the road. This is the best kind of savings for us and them.

Look for Suzie's next article on *Avoiding Wildlife While Driving* in our next issue...



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## NEAT QUOTE:

“The cat has too much spirit

## Grand County’s Very Own Veterinarians

We are fortunate to have several talented and committed veterinarians in our community. In future issues we plan on highlighting one or two of these doctors so you may get to know them better. In the meantime, we thought it would be helpful to provide you with contact information and hours of operation.

### Brackett Veterinary Services

Lindy Brackett, D.V.M.

301 Eagle Avenue

Kremmling, CO

970-724-3861

Hours: M-F 9AM to 5PM

Sat. No

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970-887-3848

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970-887-2417

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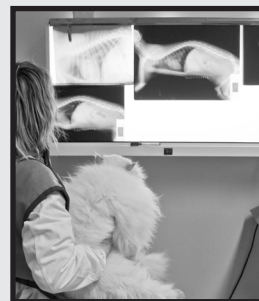
106 Eagle Ave.

Kremmling, CO

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## to have no heart” ~Ernest Menaul

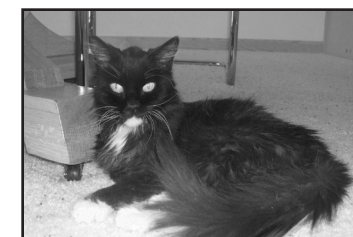
### JEAN’S SLIPPERS

by Jeri Peirce

Our Grand County Animal Shelter is very lucky to have some wonderful volunteers and Jean Ratcliff is especially dear to the shelter cats. Jean gives lots of loving attention to the homeless kitties, and it was while spending time with them that little Slippers came into her life.

Slippers was originally known as Slickster at the shelter because of the very unusual way she arrived there. The sickly and desperately thin little cat was found one morning in December in the outdoor cat shelter, having been left there during the night after the shelter had closed. Someone had broken the lock on the gate to the cat shelter and plopped her

inside. She was immediately dubbed Slickster by the shelter staff for her method of “breaking in” to the shelter.



As Jean described her condition when she first saw her - she was extremely thin, her mouth was covered in open sores, and she was just a tiny ball of mats. “I couldn’t get her off my mind,” Jean told me. The little cat haunted her thoughts constantly, and she finally had to take her home.

When I went to Jean’s home to see the little black and white cat, now known affectionately as Slippers, she was contentedly sleeping in the sun on the deck under Jean’s watchful eye. When I reached down to pet her, I was rewarded with the rumble of loud, happy purring.

Slippers has resided as queen of the Ratcliff home for over 5 months now. Her mouth sores have been mostly healed with the help of antibiotics, but she still dines on baby food and very well-mashed up food. Her fur is free of mats now, and it is easy to see what a beauty she once was. Slippers keeps Jean busy attending to her ongoing health issues which include

a hyperthyroid condition and kidney troubles. But Jean emphatically points out that Slippers is a real fighter. She has always made the effort to help herself as best she could by eating and drinking even when it must have been horribly painful with her ulcerated mouth.

Jean knows full well that she may not be blessed with Slippers’ company for very long. But she is committed to assuring that Slippers will live the good life for as long as she is able. Slippers recently let Jean know of her secret love for ice cream and, of course, that indulgence is now honored as a special treat. Lucky little Slippers is definitely now living the good life!

## PLEASE SUPPORT PET PALS!

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## Event updates and general *mutterings*

by Lisa Jonas

Once again the Doggie Drag was a great success! This was our 12th annual event and it gets better each year. Cozen’s Meadow at Grand Park was the venue and we had 2K and 5K fun run/walk trails for two-legged and four-legged alike. We had 125 participants and raised just short of \$10,000!



Without the generosity of the local businesses and individuals who donated items for our silent auction and prizes, volunteers who spent countless hours making this event happen, the participants and their dogs and of course the volunteer Pet Pals board and members, we could not do what we do.

Thank you one and all for your time, financial assistance and big hearts. We are able to

continue our mission of promoting responsible pet ownership in a variety of ways **all because of you.**

Coming up November 6th will be our election of GRAND DOG (venue TBD, check web site for updates).

For those of you who are not familiar with this event, this is a collaborative fundraiser between Grand County Pet Pals and Grand County Advocates for a Violence-free Community both 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations dedicated to the welfare of families and animals. Find out more on our web site at <http://www.gcpetpals.org/events/grandelect.htm>

We are blessed with many, many kind and unselfish people in this community. Many of whom are part of GC Pet Pals, serving on the board, in committees— doing their part to help the animals of Grand County. Thank you one and all and I want to take this opportunity to thank one of our volunteers, Corin Wood, who works behind the scenes to keep our web site updated and who recently refreshed our “look”. Thanks and check it out!

