

# Rocky Mountain Wrinkle

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Rocky Mountain  
Takes  
Best Newsletter  
2005

Our club  
award as the Best  
Newsletter for 2005.  
It is a great  
honor, as we have been working towards that goal for  
several years now.



Wrinkle  
The  
Award for

received the  
CSPCA Club  
It is a great

We were issued a nice certificate for the recognition,  
and we will place it in our club's scrapbook.

## Another CSPCA Director from our Club

If you haven't heard the results from the CSPCA election yet, Alice Fix was elected as Director At Large. There was a tie between Gail Tighe and Alice. The election was decided by casting of lots, which came down to a coin toss. Gail was given the call of the coin, and lost. Since all this took place at Nationals, and Alice didn't go this year, she was ably represented by Anita Cox. Anita did a great job of getting this problem solved in a very professional manner. A big thank you to Anita for agreeing to act as Alice's representative!

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Decal recently spotted for sale on E-Bay



## WHEN I AM OLD

-- Author Unknown

When I am old...

I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...  
and a bandana over my silver hair...

and I will spend my social security checks on wine and my dogs.

I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair  
and listen to my dogs breathing.

I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer night  
and take my dogs for a run, if my old bones will allow...

When people come to call, I will smile and nod  
as I show them my dogs...  
and talk of them and about them...  
...the ones so beloved of the past  
and the ones so beloved of today...

I will still work hard cleaning after them,  
mopping and feeding them and whispering their names  
in a soft loving way.

I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat,  
like a jewel, and I will be an embarrassment to all...  
especially my family...  
who have not yet found the peace in being free  
to have dogs as your best friends...

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...  
and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep,

to greet you as if you are a God,  
with warm eyes full of adoring love and hope  
that you will always stay,

I'll hug their big strong necks...  
I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...  
and whisper in their very special company...

I look in the mirror... and see I am getting old...  
this is the kind of person I am...  
and have always been.

Loving dogs is easy, they are part of me.

Please accept me for who I am.  
My dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...  
they love my presence in their lives...

When I am old this will be important to me...  
you will understand when you are old,  
if you have dogs to love too.



Bob and Louise Watson, Judge Richard O'Mara & Jeanne Hill-Jurik at our show on April 15, 2005 ( Photo by Anita Cox)



## TURKEY AND OATMEAL MUFFINS

[http://www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/turkey\\_and\\_oatmeal\\_muffins.htm](http://www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/turkey_and_oatmeal_muffins.htm)

**Preheat over to 350 degrees**

Mix in a bowl:

2 cups whole wheat flour, sifted

1 cup Instant Oatmeal (comes in packages)

Mix in another bowl

1 cup grated carrots (on small grate)

2 eggs

1 1/4 pounds of fresh ground raw turkey

1 TBSP Olive Oil

Keep adding dry ingredients slowly to wet mixture and mix until all the dry ingredients are mixed in well.

For a small dog, fill mini muffin pans 1/2 way and pat down. For a big dog, fill mini muffin pans to the top and pat down. Bake in the center of the oven for 18 minutes.

This recipe will make dozens of muffins. Because there are no preservatives in them it is a good idea to put them in the freezer and only keep enough in the fridge to last 3 days. These are good treats to give especially at bedtime. Because of the protein in the turkey it will keep their blood sugar up if you give them 3 or 4 muffins at bedtime.

*NOTE: Some dogs may have an allergic reaction to eating turkey, which could cause seizures. If you are concerned about using ground turkey, then you may substitute the same amount of ground chicken or ground meat in the recipe. For those on special diet due to liver, substitute turkey for cod fish or flounder and leave out the olive oil.*

Submitted by Laura Brown



## CATARACT RESEARCH

From the Morris Animal Foundation

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Investigator: Dr. D.J. Sidjanin – Medical College of Wisconsin

Status: Year 3 of 3

**What is it?** Cataracts are an opacity of the eye's ocular lens, which is the part that focuses light and produces clear images. Cataracts can be caused by genetic conditions, aging, birth defects, diabetes, trauma and other eye diseases. Although painless, cataracts are a leading cause of blindness in purebred dogs and are the most frequent hereditary eye disorder.

**How will this study help?** This study will help to identify the genetic mutations responsible for cataracts. That knowledge can then be used to develop a blood test that veterinarians and dog owners could use to predict whether a dog or its offspring has the gene that could cause cataracts. Such a test could be used to eliminate the mutation from the dog population by selectively breeding dogs who test negative for the cataract-causing mutation.

*Co-sponsors: Dan & Carol Everetts; Hal & Marty Hendershot*

<http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/home.asp>



## A Trip to the Doggie Dentist

By Jeanne Hill-Jurik

I recently took my dog Ruby in for a regular teeth cleaning. The vet did an initial examination of her teeth and found that she had a fractured tooth. It was one of the large upper molars and the vet said that we should try to save the tooth as it was an important molar for chewing. The vet said that the fracture looked recent as there was no tartar build-up on the fractured section, however, if left untreated it would become quite painful. He said that we would need to take Ruby to a “Doggie Dentist” and recommended Dr. Tony Woodward here in Colorado Springs.

Ruby and I arrived at Dr. Woodward’s office with X-rays in hand from our vet and some trepidation. He immediately put us at ease and explained the structure and workings of a dog’s tooth. He explained that although Ruby’s fracture looked recent; that when the pulp (nerve) tissue becomes exposed by a fracture the inside of the tooth becomes a painful area of infection. In the past the only treatment for such a tooth was extraction but now root canal treatment is available to save a dog’s tooth.

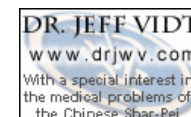
We opted for the root canal treatment and started in on the Shar-Pei questions regarding anesthesia and locating a vein. Dr. Woodward assured us that he has performed over 8,000 root canals without losing a patient and has an assistant that is an expert in locating veins in difficult patients like Shar-Pei.

The surgery went well and I picked up Ruby that afternoon. She was a bit groggy but was ready to go. Dr. Woodward gave me before and after photos and X-rays of the affected tooth and

said that everything had gone well. We were given antibiotics, pain pills and his home phone number if she was not doing well after we got her home. When we got home Ruby was thirsty, hungry and ready to eat! The entire procedure cost \$906 but was well worth it to save Ruby’s tooth.

Dr. Woodward said that approximately 70% of dogs are in need of some level of dental care and that most dogs over the age of 5 have at least one painful tooth in their mouth. He also said that in most instances there are no obvious signs from your dog that they are in pain. This was the case with Ruby, we had no idea that she had a fractured tooth. Untreated teeth can lead to other serious health problems.

Dr. Woodward said that there are 4 popular chew toys that you should never give your dog as they are harder than their teeth and are most frequently associated with broken teeth. They are in the order of what he sees causing the most damage: cow hooves, pig ears, natural bones, and hard Nylabones. Dr. Woodward says that rawhide chews, kongs and Gummabones are all safe for dogs to chew.



Dr. Vidt’s Corner:

### CHERRY EYE

“Cherry eye” is properly called PROLAPSE OF THE GLAND OF THE THIRD EYELID. Dogs have a third eyelid in the inner corner of the eye nearest the nose. It serves as a “windshield wiper” distributing the tear film over the eye. It also contains a tear-producing gland which accounts for about 50% of the tear production in the eye. In young Shar-Pei puppies, this gland will occasionally break loose from its attachment in the third

eyelid and “pop” up and appear as a swelling in the corner of the eye. It often will appear red and inflamed, although it doesn't seem to bother the dog too much. This condition must be surgically corrected using a “tacking” procedure which re-attaches the gland to its position in the third eyelid. Another less technically demanding procedure is call the “pocket technique”. While it is not a difficult surgery there is about a 10-20% recurrence rate and the surgery has to be repeated. Some veterinarians advise removal of the gland, but this could result in decreased tear production later on and a condition known as “dry eye” or KCS. Tacking should be tried first. In the Shar-Pei, entropion may be a complicating factor in cherry eye in that the eyelashes rub on the third eyelid and may cause irritation resulting in prolapse of the gland. The eyelids may be tacked along with the cherry eye correction.



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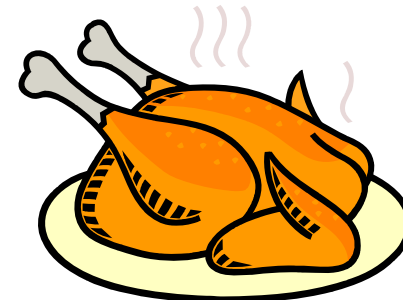


To the two new champions of our club members!  
**Ch. R-Lee Map of the World**, owner Jeanne Hill-Jurik and **Ch. Sa-lin's Shin A Lite On Me** owned by Alice Fix, Pat Grossman & Kevin Springer.

Also the following club members earned

#### CSPCA Versatility Awards for 2005

**CH China Puff's Tai Won, CD, RN, RA** – Louise Watson  
**CH China Fleet's Mischief From Meiting, CGC, TDI** – Marilyn Vinson  
**CH China Fleet's Leaping Lizzy CGC, TDI** – Marilyn Vinson



### Thanksgiving Safety

It's Thanksgiving morning and the turkey is just about cooked to perfection, the cornbread dressing is finished and repeatedly sampled by those camped out in the kitchen. The family pet knows that there will be a feast today.

You look down into those adoring eyes of your pet and say, "Hey, why not?" and slip Fluffy a slab of turkey, skin and fat.

Later, Uncle Dee is also taken by Fluffy's unquenchable appetite as he repeatedly feeds Fluffy crackers coated with ham spread. Finally, not wishing to throw away the food the kids didn't



finish, Fluffy's food bowl is filled with a liberal sampling of the day's menu, including the pumpkin pie.

Now, a few hours after the last cup of coffee has been served, Aunt Karen rushes in to inform you that Fluffy just threw up all over the living room carpet. You quickly rush Fluffy outside and clean up the mess.

Soon, the kids report that Fluffy is retching, walking with an arched back, depressed and passing bloody stool. Upon investigation it's clear that Fluffy is ill and in need of care.

You call your pet's doctor, and he or she explains that Fluffy is suffering from "dietary indiscretion," a polite way of suggesting your pet ate too much rich food. Because of the potential for serious consequences to this, you are advised to have Fluffy examined as an emergency patient.

At the veterinary hospital, a thorough examination, possibly X-rays and laboratory tests are performed to determine the extent of Fluffy's illness. Your veterinarian informs you that Fluffy has acute gastritis, a rapidly-forming inflammation of the lining of the stomach.

While usually not deadly, this condition can quickly lead to pancreatitis, a deadly inflammation of the pancreas.

For Fluffy, this Thanksgiving night will be spent in the veterinary hospital, possibly hooked up to IV fluids and antibiotics, only having ice cubes to lick on for supper and the prospect of a bland diet as the only food for the next few days. If you are like many of us, you will probably share some of your Thanksgiving meal with your pet, despite reading about Fluffy's situation.

The key to avoid spending Thanksgiving night at your pet doctor's office with a sick pet is moderation. Recognize that

your pet's GI system is sensitive and can not handle lots of rich, fatty or spicy food.

Adding a teaspoon of white turkey meet or broth to your pet's food should allow you to share the "Thanksgiving experience" with your pet.

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## How to Prepare for One Really Quick Getaway

By DAMON DARLIN

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What is the first thing you will grab from your home if your house floods, catches on fire or comes tumbling down in an earthquake? Family photos? The pets? The Hummel figurines?



It probably will not be your financial and medical records, the very things you will need to rebuild your life after a disaster. If you are like most people, you have documents stashed in various places throughout your home, perhaps some under lock and key. And with your mind racing as danger hits, you are not going to have the time or wherewithal to figure out which ones you need.

In any case, your financial and medical records would be such a large and unwieldy pile that you would just say forget about it,

grab Fluffy and scramble out of there. Indeed, that is probably your reaction any time someone suggests you get your records organized.

But wait. Do not run away yet. New technology is making this tedious task less odious, and surprisingly, it is not that expensive.

All told, you can secure your records in a weekend afternoon. Even better, doing all this has a wonderful side effect: it can put you in better financial shape to survive a disaster because you will end up a lot smarter about how you spend and save money. For instance, one of the first things to do is compile a list of where everything is - account numbers and the locations of important documents. The list will help you or anyone in your family locate things you need for the insurance adjuster or relief worker. (Download a [template](#) for this information that you can place right on your computer.)

This is really the "if hit by a bus" list that financial planners have been recommending you compile for your heirs. If you think of the list that way, you will be reminded of your mortality and you will not want to write it. But think of the families displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita or by California wildfires, and the psychological barrier collapses. The list becomes a much easier sell now, said Brent Neiser, a director for the National Endowment for Financial Education. "It forces you to think," he said.

Here is what else you have to do to protect your records and yourself:

**RECORD:** Once you have made your basic list, save it on a U.S.B. flash drive. A 256-megabyte drive, which you can buy for \$20 or even less if you catch a store promotion, gives you

enough space for that file and all the other suggestions mentioned below.

Several of the big flash drive makers, like [SanDisk](#) and [Lexar Media](#), are now selling more advanced drives that allow you to encrypt the data so others cannot read it without knowing the alphanumeric key that unlocks the code. Some are even shock proofed with heavier rubber and plastic coatings. Those will cost about \$10 to \$20 more, but are certainly worth it when you consider the sensitivity of the data on them.

It is also a good idea to copy the contents onto additional drives for backup and for other members of the family.

*BONUS:* When you are listing the credit cards, also note the credit limits so you will know how much you could spend in an emergency. If your credit cards are at their limits now, you are not going to have any cushion to fall back on. So start paying off balances, beginning with the card carrying the highest interest rate.

**SCAN:** Some important documents are on paper and you will want copies of them with you: tax returns for the last three years (Form 1040 is all you will need in an emergency), a recent pay stub, birth certificates, marriage license, the deed to your home and insurance policy pages that list your coverage. If you do not have a scanner or a printer with a flat scanner, take the pile of documents down to a copy center like Kinko's to scan. Record the image files on the U.S.B. drive.

*BONUS:* Take the opportunity to check your insurance coverage for potential disasters like flooding. With homes appreciating in value, you may also find you need to increase coverage.

**SHOOT:** Some personal finance advisers suggest that you make a spreadsheet listing everything you own and enter the date and price paid and then file all the receipts and ...yeah, yeah. You

will never do it. But creating a detailed inventory of everything you own need not be a major chore when technology comes to the rescue. Many households now have a camcorder or digital camera. Walk around each room and take a picture of each item. Then, either store all the photos on a memory card (unless you live in the Biltmore mansion, you can load all the photos on a 256- or 512-megabyte card). Or you can transfer them to the same U.S.B. drive with your other documents.

Describe each object on the camcorder soundtrack or in the file name of the digital photo. Make an extra copy on another card or drive. "If you give one to your insurance adjuster, you go to the front of the line," Mr. Neiser said.

For additional protection, you could upload the photos - as well as all your beloved family photos - to one of the free online photo services like [Flickr.com](http://Flickr.com), [Picasa.com](http://Picasa.com), [Snapfish.com](http://Snapfish.com), or [Kodakgallery.com](http://Kodakgallery.com). Anybody you choose can then have access to them from any computer anywhere. (Make sure to set the privacy options, though.)

*BONUS:* You are going to discover a lot of stuff you no longer want or need. Sell it or donate it and take a tax deduction. Intuit, maker of Quicken and TurboTax, sells a \$20 program called ItsDeductible that estimates the value of donated items, but [Bankrate.com](http://Bankrate.com) and [Salvationarmyusa.org](http://Salvationarmyusa.org) have free valuation guides.

**SECURE:** Now it is time for your medical records. You can place your health history as well as digitized copies of X-rays, scans and electrocardiograms on the same encrypted flash drive.

Those with serious medical conditions may want to consider a product sold by the nonprofit organization that developed the MedicAlert bracelet 50 years ago. It sells a special [USB](http://www.medicalert.org) flash drive on its Web site, [www.medicalert.org](http://www.medicalert.org), called the E-HealthKey for \$85. SanDisk originally developed the product for

the Army. Pop the flash drive into any computer and a screen flashes with your medical condition to alert emergency room personnel, for instance, to an allergy or your use of a pacemaker. But beyond that screen, medical information you enter with the help of a user-friendly program right on the drive is encrypted.

For an additional \$20-a-year fee, MedicAlert uploads your data to its server so you have a backup.

The E-HealthKey is only available for PC's running Windows XP or Windows 2000. You may want to wait until November when the organization issues an improved version.

*BONUS:* The E-HealthKey software, created by a division of [Bio-Imaging Technologies](http://Bio-Imaging Technologies), also plots your weight, cholesterol or anything you regularly record, onto a graph. "It's a great wellness tool," said Ramesh Srinivasan, MedicAlert's vice president for marketing. If you are going to run for your life, clutching your flash drive and the Hummels, you had better be healthy.

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/10/01/business/01docs.ready.htm?8ym&emc=ym>



## How to Make Your Christmas Tree Pet-Safe

Christmas trees pose all sorts of hidden dangers for dogs and cats. Learn how to minimize the risks.



1. Cover your tree stand with a tree skirt to prevent your pet from drinking the water in the base. This liquid can make your animal sick.
2. Have pet treats on hand to distract your pet away from the tree. The needles can easily get lodged in the animal's throat, making it hard to swallow.
3. Place decorations that contain mistletoe, poinsettias and holly only in high sections of the tree, where your pet will be unable to get the tempting leaves and berries. They can cause heartbeat and blood pressure to drop.
4. Remove strings and ribbons from gifts that are left under the tree. These items may seem like toys to an animal, but can easily choke him or her.
5. Avoid using tinsel, since your dog can choke on it. Also understand that some of the older tinsel contains lead.
6. Tape the electrical cords of your Christmas tree lights to the wall so your pet won't chew them.

Realize that lit candles may capture the attention of your dog or cat. To avoid any accidents, leave your pets in the other room if you plan to light candles.

From E-how.com

[http://www.ehow.com/how\\_9309\\_make-christmas-tree.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_9309_make-christmas-tree.html)

### TRIBUTE TO OUR RECENTLY FALLEN ANGELS:



Ch China Fleet's Sonofa Bang, owned by Marilyn Vinson. We will miss you, Banger.

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Bob Rosenberger with Dr. Avery and Assistant drawing blood  
(Photo by Jeanne Hill-Jurik)

Our club is very happy that we are able to participate in a Shar-Pei Research project being conducted at Colorado State University by Dr. Anne Avery.

Dr. Avery and two of her assistants meet us at Louise and Bob Watson's home this summer to draw blood on all the dogs that we brought. The total number of dogs that they were able to get blood on that day was 17. Since then several more have gone to CSU and had Dr. Avery draw blood on their dogs.

We are so hoping that this research project will be able to provide some answers to the kidney problems in our breed, or at least enable us to identify dogs that will develop amyloid related problems so we can make better breeding decisions.

And a special thank you goes to Lee Arnold and the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust for getting this project sponsored by the Canine Health Foundation.



Anita Cox with Dr. Avery drawing blood on Anita's dog  
 (Photo provided by Anita Cox)

If you have a dog that is in an episode of Shar-Pei fever, Dr. Avery could use a blood sample taken during the fever. And if, by any chance, you have a dog that is actually dying of what might be suspected of being amyloid, please call Dr. Avery to see if a blood sample would be of benefit to her project. If you need the contact information, please call Alice at 303-873-1824.

The project is expected to last for 2 years, and we may need your participation again as the project progress.

A big thank you to everyone that participated!



Rescue is always in need of foster homes, and help transporting dogs. If you can help in any way, please call Louise Watson at 303-772-7325. Any help is always appreciated.


**Mantayo Boarding Kennels**  
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 303-985-4011  
 For all your boarding needs.



A special thank you goes to Troy Cashman and this staff for all their help in boarding our rescue dogs.



**Did You Know?**

From the National Safety Council (NSC), who keeps records of the causes of death in the United States, the following are your chances of being killed by the any of these things in your lifetime:

- Walking down the street as a pedestrian .....1 out of 612
- Riding as a passenger in a car.....1 out of 228
- Fall on and from stairs and steps.....1 out of 2,331
- Fall on and from ladder or scaffolding.....1 out of 9,175
- Drowning in a bathtub.....1 out of 10,582
- Exposure to smoke, fire and flames.....1 out of 1,179
- Lightning.....1 out of 56,439
- Earthquake and other earth movements.....1 out of 120,161
- Assault by firearm..... 1 out of 315
- Electric transmission lines.....1 out of 34,174
- Inhalation and ingestion of food causing  
     obstruction of respiratory tract.....1 out of 1,267
- Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed.... 1 out of 7,318
- Bitten or struck by dog.....1 out of 206,944
- Bitten or struck by other mammals.....1 out of 49,666

So, in other words, you are 6 times more likely to be killed by any other mammal than you are a dog.

You are 34,500 times more likely to be run over walking down the street than you are to be killed by a dog.

You are 9,000 times more likely to be killed as a passenger in a car, than you are to be killed by a dog.

You are more than 3 ½ likely to be killed by lightning than you are to be killed by a dog.

Figures are from the National Safety Council at:

<http://www.nsc.org/lrs/statinfo/odds.htm>



### President's Corner:

Not long ago I mentioned to someone that we had 53 members in our club. They were totally shocked, and said that the last they had heard of our club, we were almost disbanded. It is hard work from all of you that has helped this club make such a great come back. It really is something that we should all be very proud of.

We have almost reached the treasury goal we set before we could host a Nationals here in Denver. So we are in the process of finding a hotel. Hopefully we will find one that will work with us, and we can have the chance to put on a really nice Nationals. We are shooting for 2008.

I would like to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and a wonderful Christmas as well. May 2006 be even better than 2005.

Alice Fix, President

## ***Dogs Prefer Bach to Britney***

*By James Randerson*

Dogs are more relaxed and well-behaved when listening to classical music, rather than pop or heavy metal, according to a new behavioural study. The researchers say the results could help dog pounds work out the best play list for calming their canines.

"We had no reason to think that dogs should find classical music more relaxing," says Deborah Wells at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, who led the research.

There have been numerous studies on animal reactions to music, including one finding that cows produce more milk when they are played slower tunes and another that playing a radio increases egg production in hens. But Wells say her work is the first investigation of dogs.

The researchers studied the reactions of 50 dogs to different types of music at the National Canine Defence League's Rehoming Centre in Evesham, Worcestershire, UK.

They played either a pop compilation CD (including Britney Spears, Robbie Williams and Bob Marley), a classical CD (including Grieg's *Morning*, Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*), a Metallica album or a recording of human conversation. There was also a silent control.

The dogs made most noise when listening to Metallica. But classical music calmed them down, making them rest more and stand up less. Ironically, Bach (as well as the other classics) had them barking least of all. Pop music made little difference to their behaviour, compared with silence.

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<http://www.newscientist.com/article.ns?id=dn2962>

