

N-Harmony with the Animal Kingdom



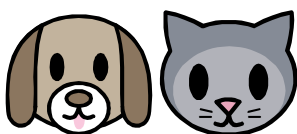
Cats vs. Dogs

It has been a long standing rivalry between cats and dogs. The fierce loyalty of fans to their dogs (and dogs to their fans) is a strong match to the dedication of feline frenzy.

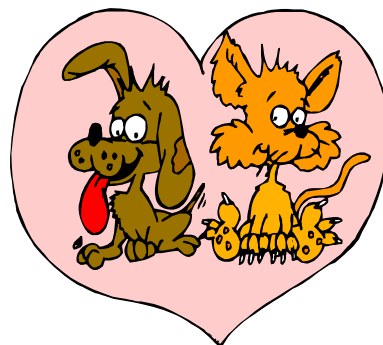
The starting lineup for the dogs includes brute strength and endurance and the starting lineup for the cats includes agility and independence. It is a pretty even match between the cautious canines (who are pretty laid back on offense but have a strong defense) and the feisty felines (who will strut their stuff on offense but are less likely to hold the line on defense).

No matter who you root for, they are both winners. There is nothing that they treasure more than dedicated fans – who lavish them with love, attention, and riches.

N2paws is offering a Super Bowl special – Buy 1 Get 1 🍗



Many of us could never choose between dogs and cats (we root for both teams), so we end up with one (or more) of each. The question then becomes, can they get along? The answer is, most of the time they can live in harmony.



When you get them both at the puppy and kitten stage, then they got to know each other in youth and develop a natural relationship.. If you introduce a puppy or kitten to an older cat or dog, then the young one learns what is acceptable from the other one.

If you are choosing both as adults, it is helpful to choose individuals that already know and get along with the opposite species. If that is not an option and you have taken in one that is not socially adept with the other one, then you can bring them around with time, patience, management, and training. 🐾 You can't make one species love another, but you can foster a good environment for match-making.

A home of harmony - is a happy home. ☺




Feature Companion for this issue: Titan



Titan has been my ambassador several times, illustrating the power of TTouch. He successfully used the Anxiety Wrap for calming (in his senior years he became sensitive to wind). The standard TTouch body wraps helped to foster healing from two ruptured discs he endured (two separate times). He was a poster dog for the GLC glucosamine/condroitin supplement and the influence of it as a strengthening agent for bones and cartilage. It is with a heavy heart that I said good-bye as he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He was my whimsical, big, bright-eyed boy and his light will burn forever in my heart.

Training Tip of the Month:

Often cats are afraid of going in a crate, as they are only forced in a crate to be taken to the vet (creating a bad connotation). Teaching your cat not to be afraid of the crate will make life a lot easier for the times you do need to get her in the crate. This exercise would be useful even for those cats who currently hate the crate. Start out by leaving the crate out - in a place that is out of the way like a corner or against a wall. Then place a nice soft item in it, like a towel or fleece liner. Sprinkle some catnip in it and let the cat just go in and out of it. If your cat is not a fan of catnip, then toss some high value treats  in it and let her go in and out of it. Occasionally, toss a toy in the crate (flipping a paper wad or ball of aluminum foil makes a great chase toy). By leaving the crate out for a long period of time and building a good association with it, then your cat will learn that the crate can be non-threatening and even fun.

Just for Fun & Heart Tugs

Doga & Meowoga Corner



Our canines and felines are masters of yoga – stretching, relaxing, and becoming centered.

Something you can share with them is to sit quietly with your pup or kitty in a comfortable position, close your eyes, place your hands gently on her body, and feel the rhythm of her breathing. Take long, slow, deep breaths and continue to focus on her breathing. Eventually you will both relax and your breathing may become rhythmically synchronized.



Quotes of the Month:

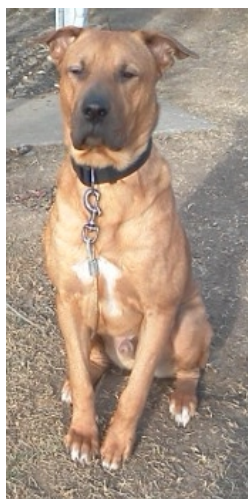
"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." - St. Francis of Assisi

"Death ends a life, not a relationship" - Jack Lemmon

Announcements:

Look for an exciting announcement this spring of a new facility for N2paws!!!

Feature Adoptable Companion(s) for this issue: **Mason**



Mason is a big sweet boy that is looking for a person or family to call his own. He had a very tough beginning (as do many that find their way into a shelter). He was a stray - bone thin with a *horrible* case of mange (one of the worst cases the vet had seen) - picked up by animal control and put on death row.

Along came a rescue angel, who pulled him to safety and rushed him to get medical attention. You would think he would have laid quietly in pain or kept his distance, mistrusting of humans, but he gave kisses to his rescuer all the way to the vet's office.

After his treatment he went into foster care to learn family manners. He may look intimidating (by size), but he doesn't know a stranger. He is good with other dogs, will try to "play" with cats, and is playful with children. Caution – due to his size he may intimidate cats and could knock over small children (so would have to be tested with adoptive family). He is also a good jumper and "could" scale a short fence. Don't let his size fool you, he still has a lot of puppy in him.



He is just a big sweetie and is learning his "sits" and "downs". He'll do anything for a treat and loves the attention (check out the chin rubs). He is potty trained (will tell you when he needs out), and is fully vetted (with a clean bill of health). He would do great with a single person to call his own or in a family setting, but his people need to be dog savvy as he is smart and will steal your heart and take advantage if you let him. Mason is a miracle dog and deserves a wonderful forever home!



If you would like to meet this gorgeous boy, contact Katie at katiea_knapp@yahoo.com or 913-963-4656, where her mission is to help animals in dire need (they take most of their animals from animal control/high kill facilities). N2paws offers discounted services to help transition Mason (or any of these rescue dogs to their new forever homes). If you aren't in a place to bring in a new canine family member at this time, please consider a donation to help pay for the veterinary care, boarding, and foster care that it takes to save these precious souls.



Before



After

Upcoming Events for N2paws & other fun stuff



Feb 17 – Mardi Growl, KCMO, 6:30-10:30

http://maal.org/MG_2012.asp

Apr 14-15, KC Pet Expo, Overland Park, KS



Apr 30 – Doga, Overland Park, KS



May 5 – TTouch for Dogs workshop, Manhattan, KS



🦴 N2paws carries a nice variety of high quality treats for dogs & cats (liver bites, grain-free treats, bully sticks).
Contact pat@n2paws.com or 816-522-7005 for flavors.

🐾 N2paws teaches the TTouch method to influence behavior and well-being.

If you would like to learn more about TTouch, you may contact N2paws by email: pat@n2paws.com or 816-522-7005, for a private session, group workshop or a public speaking opportunity. Also, visit our website www.n2paws.com, for interesting links and current event schedule.

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