

Some people see an unfortunate dog sitting in a shelter.

I see an angel someone threw away.



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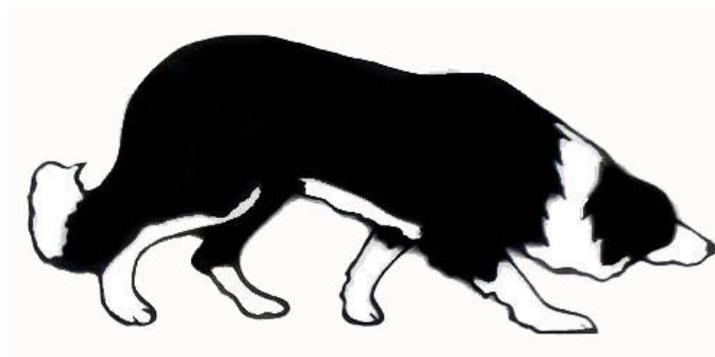
Limestone, July, 2017

Dear Friends,

Hope all is well with you and your loved ones. There is no news at the Shelter. Everything is as it was last month. No new animals and none have been adopted, either. Same as usual, the dogs are too big, too old, too something, etc. But that's okay; they seem to be happy enough with us and each others' company.

My plea for more help was answered: we doubled our usual donations this month, which gives us a little breathing room! Thank you very, very much!

Once again Bonnie Buckmore sent us money from the donation boxes she has been distributing at different stores. John Wells set up a table in front of a store collecting donations for us. Here I need to ask you again for cat toys if you have them, in order to give him something for the people who give him a dollar or two. He has been pretty disgusted at some of the people. John said, "They give me a dollar and take two toys." As if they could buy a cat toy for 50 cents in any store. So, this is one of them, a two-sided deal. Some people actually donate money to support our Shelter. Others think they deserve to take as much as they can. One giveth, one taketh away, or something like that. ☺



Here is a list of our donors who did help us tremendously this month, with food and treats, checks and stamps, coupons, buying tickets for our fundraiser, and good wishes – A HUGE Thank you very much to all of you:

Al Smith, Belmont
Bonnie Buckmore, Waterville
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Sandra Nicholson, Beverly
Steve Martin, Augusta
Susan Borsic, Woburn
The Lowneys, New Bedford

Maureen Dowd mailed us a donation in honor of Megan McAlonie.

Again, **thank you** very much to all of you!

This brings me to an article [see below] Bonnie Buckmore forwarded to me, which should be read by all dog-lovers out there. And this brings me to the end of this month's newsletter.

Wishing you a happy and healthy month of August.

*Gabriele
Mary, Ted, Eric and Jim*

3 brands of dog chews recalled amid reports of sick pets

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An Atlanta-based pet company has recalled three brands of rawhide dog chews that were shipped from its Illinois distribution facility amid reports of animals becoming sick.

The United Pet Group products -- American Beefhide, Digest-eeze and Healthy Hide contain a chemical that hasn't been approved for use in the United States, an alert on the Food & Drug Administration website said.

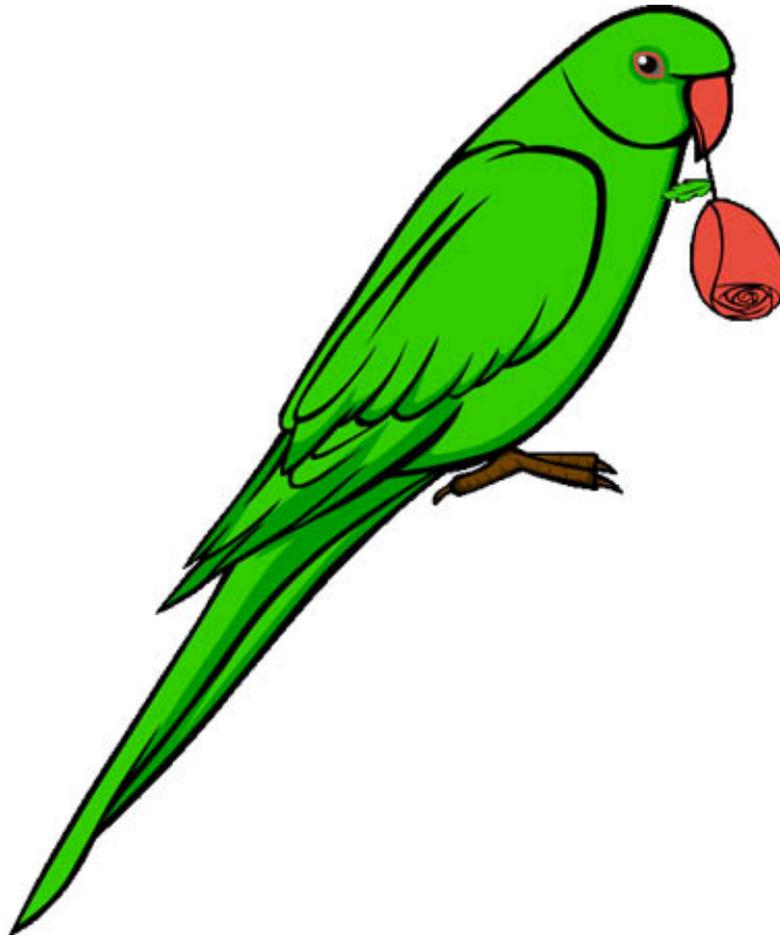
Company officials report receiving very limited reports of pet illness including diarrhea and vomiting. The primary complaint received from consumers was that the affected product had an unpleasant odor.

The recall is limited to dog chew products that contain rawhide. Only products with lot codes listed on the back of the package that start with AH, AV, A, AI, AO, or AB and which list expiration dates from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 are affected

Consumers who purchased the products can throw them away or return the chews to United Pet Group or the retailer where they were purchased for a full refund.

As I said before, I buy the summer sausage for my dog, slice it, and feed her that instead of dog-treats. This is much safer than the mostly Chinese-made treats. And for chewies I buy pig ears, Jim cuts them up in smaller pieces. Don't use a knife; you most likely would cut yourself, but some good scissors or garden shears. Pig ears seem to be safe enough, no chemicals in them, no chance of getting a blockage as it happens quite often from regular chewies.

Please read on, Mary's cat-report is following on the next page:



CAT REPORT -- JULY 2017

After a couple uncomfortably hot and humid spells, we're having more Maine-like weather at last (for a while anyway), and the cats appreciate it. Especially early in the evening, when they're cool and getting hungry, the dining-room gang go on a tear, usually led by Lucien and Feather. Onto the porch, up the screen (long-legged Ryan is an especially good screen-climber), thud onto the porch floor, into the house, onto the varikennel and across the mantel to the top of the cage, thud onto the dining-room floor and onto the porch again....When I interrupt them with my hands full of food dishes, at least five of them, including Lucien and Feather and sometimes Alafer and Ashley, twine around my ankles so I can't move to feed them.

That group all seem to be feeling fine, and Tang continues to do well. His problem now is that all doors have only one side, the wrong side. If he's in the front hall, he yowls till I let him into the dining room; unless the porch door is already open, he yowls for that to open; then he wants back into the front hall.

Out in the FIV room Tiger's coat is so thick I've been combing him recently, which he accepts. Buddy and Mr. Tom are not well, but they don't know it; they're acting fine. Mr. Tom continues with his kidney problem that's slowed his eating. Buddy, in addition to being positive for FIV, has a mass on his liver, either a tumor or a stubborn infection in his mouth and a heart murmur. When we saw Dr Pierce today, he'd regained some of the weight he lost before he had two bad teeth extracted early in the month, but the other things hadn't improved. Dr. Pierce doubts either mass is in a place where surgery would be successful, and because of Buddy's heart she recommends against that much anesthesia anyway. Mr. Tom was supposedly born in the spring of 1999, Buddy in 2004; both came to me as adults, so they may be older than the record shows.

I did warn Gabriele the July vet bill will be painful.

Many thanks, as always, to the cats' friends. They got canned food from Pepper Charles and a bunch of coupons from James Bean, Suzanne Belisle, Lynne Kaplowitz, Iris Martinello, Irma Simon and Al Smith. I appreciate all the coupon-clipping whenever I check out of whichever store has the best prices on cat food each week.