



In Memoriam

As president and then CEO from 1970 to 1997, the late John Hoyt transformed The HSUS from a small group of activists into a household name and the largest organization in the field, hiring skilled professionals such as veterinarians, wildlife scientists, and humane educators. A Presbyterian minister when he took the helm, Hoyt became the longest-serving president in HSUS history. He led national campaigns to reduce pet homelessness, challenge factory farming and animal research, and advocate for animals in the wild. He died April 15 at age 80. Memorial donations may be made to The HSUS.

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of our recent exotic animal investigation (story, p. 13). Scan this QR code with your smartphone to download. (Don't have a QR code reader? Search for "QR" in your phone's app store to download.)



Facebook fans weighed in on our question from the May/June issue: Do you and your pet share a special language?

FOY TENNANT My little Zoe came from DFW Tzus rescue and we have (with high voice) potty poo, din din, nitey nite—AND just plain treeeets—what a language :)

KAYLEE BELL I adopted a Great Dane from the Humane Society. I always had small dogs. He has been the best dog yet! He talks to me haha, calls me mommmaa! Thank you guys for everything you do :)

MELANIE CICCOTELLI I share my home with Betsy, a cat who is deaf but of course she doesn't know it, and we understand each other purrfectly. She does meow but it comes out rather different. When people come to visit and I tell them she's deaf they don't believe it, and many have tested to see if it's true and then they're so amazed how "normal" she is!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Does your pet have an inspiring weight-loss story? Share it at humanesociety.org/aafacebook, and your answer may be printed in our next issue.



Tweet, Tweet!

Just got my @HumaneSociety magazine. Can't wait to read it!!! @DENNISKELNER

@HumaneSociety You guys are amazing for making ppl aware of what's really going on. keep up the good work :) @YOURSTRULYEMIL





All Couples?

I love All Animals and was recently reading intently your May/June issue when I came across the article “Happily Humane Ever After.” While the story of including animals in weddings is indeed wonderful, I wondered why you did not include a same sex wedding. In my observation LGBT people are involved in every aspect of the animal welfare movement as volunteers, employees, and monetary supporters.

— PAT PEDERSEN, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Turtlely Cool!

Three cheers for Stephanie Downs and her strong dedication to saving turtles (“Turtle Patrol,” March/April 2012). Turtles across the country are constantly trying to cross roads to reach a body of water. Because turtles are such fascinating creatures, saving these animals should be everyone’s business. I’ve done my part, plucking three turtles off the middle of roads since September of 2010. I admit I wasn’t going to pick up the second turtle. I and some other cars drove right over the little guy, but my conscience got the better of me. About a half-mile down the road, I made a U-turn, held my breath as I watched more cars travel over him, turned onto the northbound lane, opened my door, and grabbed him. He said thank you by depositing a nice dose of turtle tinkle on me.

Turtles are worth that kind of effort.

— ROBERT AVERY, PASADENA, TEXAS

I loved the story “Turtle Patrol.” Thank you so much, Stephanie, for your work in saving so many turtles and Michael Sharp for reporting on it.

— DEBORAH WETZEL, FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

Out of This World

I always enjoy the magazine, but being a cat person I especially enjoyed the interview with Jackson Galaxy in the May/June issue (“Cats Are from Mars?”). The guy is amazing.

Would you please run an article about declawing? I have very strong convictions about this truly barbaric medical procedure and am always amazed at the ignorance of people who don’t think it’s a big deal. Personally I think it should be against the law in this country. If people are too lazy to train their cat not to claw furniture (it’s not that hard), they shouldn’t have a cat.

— FARREL LEWIS, KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

EDITOR’S NOTE: We couldn’t agree more, Farrel! Learn more about the procedure, and find nonfurniture outlets for kitties who scratch, at humanesociety.org/declawing.

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