

Community



Facebook fans weighed in on our question from the November/December issue: *What is your pet's favorite toy?*

LAURA PERDEW One of my cats likes an oversized mouse that has a pouch for stuffing with catnip. I really think it's the catnip that does it. When I get the tub of catnip from the cupboard, he gets very excited! My other cat likes my socks ... with my feet in them!

SHAUNA EQUALITY HUMMELL One of my large senior dogs doesn't have a specific toy that she likes, but what she does like are any small toys that squeak. She can fit it in her mouth and squeak for hours at a time and she'd be completely content. She's a rescue that we adopted last year and before we did she had a hard life, so she doesn't know how to play like most dogs. The fact that she finds joy in squeaking a little toy brings US happiness in knowing that she's finally happy.

MARI ABBA My cats love foam fingernail buffing blocks. These blocks are rectangular-shaped with different nail buffing tools on each side. Since they are foam, they are lightweight and the cats can carry them around or toss them in the air. The cats love to sink their teeth into the foam. Every time I buy a buffing block for myself it takes about two seconds for my cats to find it and fill it with teeth marks!

ALISON RICE My cat won't play with normal toys. He loves paper bags and anything else he can climb into like a box. He loves boxes! And of course he loves his catnip. Most of all he is a snuggly cat and loves to lay across my lap and have his belly rubbed.

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Kevin Fulton

Kudos, Karen!

Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed the article by Karen E. Lange regarding Kevin Fulton and the humane way he is treating his farm animals in Nebraska (“I Am HSUS; I Am Nebraska,” November/December). The last sentence in the story—about his animals only having “one bad day”—touched me so much that I have sent a \$100 donation to The HSUS. I encourage Ms. Lange to continue writing about this topic. She did a great job covering it. And I encourage The HSUS to continue to support humane farming. Great job everyone! — JODY COLLINS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Easy Peas-y

As a lifelong vegetarian I want you to know how much I appreciate All Animals’ gentle emphasis on vegetarianism. Each issue brings readers new and interesting recipe ideas and encouragement. I know that HSUS president Wayne Pacelle embraces a vegetarian lifestyle, and I commend him for making that known. Not eating animals is

merely a thoughtful extension of loving them. It’s one more important step for reducing violence in our world.

— OCTAVIA RANDOLPH, NAHANT, MASSACHUSETTS

Unclouded Vision

I just want to say thank you for All Animals magazine, particularly the November/December issue. I found the “Justice for All” article incredibly inspiring and relieving. With a huge soft spot for animals in my heart, I often feel so overwhelmed and hopeless about the immense cruelty humans inflict on the beautiful, innocent creatures of our world. The lack of care in our society that seems so selfish and stubborn often clouds my vision of the good actions that are happening. It was so wonderful to read about the compassionate and driven souls that operate in the defense of The Humane Society and its efforts, particularly even if the monetary gain would be much greater on the “other side.” It reinstated hope in my heart and has driven me to think of bigger ways that I can act, other than just buying cage-free eggs if I’m craving an omelet.

The HSUS had 100 percent of my support before, but now it has 110 percent. — MARIEL ODLAND, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

All-Around Appreciation

All Animals is the one magazine that I look forward to receiving and read from cover to cover. It makes me smile, it makes me cry, but mostly it makes me ever grateful for caring people who work to ease the suffering of animals! Thank you from an animal lover!

— SUSI BROWN, MONROEVILLE, OHIO

Sweeter Dreams

I just read the Q&A [with] actor Michael Vartan (“P.S. I Love You,” September/October). The article was wonderful, and the letter he wrote [to his Lab Millie] was not only so loving but sounded so much like the one I would write to my shepherd/Lab mix Kramer. Next to my husband, he is the light of my life. It makes me sleep better at night knowing there are people in this world like Michael and those who volunteer to help, save, and protect these wonderful creatures. — FRAN VALONE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

THIS ISSUE’S MUSE

It took 20 long minutes for The HSUS’s Adam Parascandola to pry open the 10-year-old Chihuahua’s rusted-shut cage during a North Carolina puppy mill rescue last March. Chosen as ambassador for the organization’s 2012 Humane Heroes fundraising campaign (humanesociety.org/billy), Billy now lives the life of Riley as Parascandola’s sidekick, spending time outside every day and snuggling in bed every night. Having few teeth and no lower jaw hasn’t hindered Billy’s positive outlook: He simply gums his toys.

