LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Say No to Gas Chambers
I was thrilled to learn about your work to end shelters’ use of gas chambers (“Bashing the Gas,” September/October). Gas chambers must be terrifying and painful for the animal and should NEVER be used.

— SUSAN BISHOP, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

It’s a Beautiful Thing
Can I just say that I LOVE Jackie Meyers! What a wonderful woman she is to take in senior and ailing animals (“Senior Moments,” September/October). Having recently lost a beloved member of our family—our 8-year-old beautiful Yorkie, Lady Mia, after a five-month illness—I know what it takes to care for a sick and dying animal. God bless Ms. Meyers for her commitment to these animals, giving them dignity and love all the way to the end. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

— LORIE JEAN SHEWBRIDGE, CELEBRATION, FLORIDA

The Power of Positive
Thumbs up to your work and magazine. It’s heartwarming to know people care and work so hard to bring awareness and help to animals of all sorts. Instead of doom and gloom, your organization shows that progress is not only possible but is a work in process.

— CHRISTINE SANTULLO, MCDONOUGH, NEW YORK

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WE ASKED; YOU ANSWERED

Puppy playmates, Frisbee and more: Our Facebook fans told us how they exhaust their seemingly tireless pets.

STELLA NICHOLS  The most effective thing we did to exhaust our hyper dog was to adopt another one. When work/school takes up my time, they play and chase each other around for hours and are exhausted by the end of the day.

STEPHANIE MORAN  The Chuckit is a great tool. I have three high-energy pups, and it helps give them an outlet for all that energy.

NEHA A.  Mountain biking!

BONNIE MICHAELS  Lots of Frisbee!

MELISSA O WHITE  Long hikes! My dog loved it and so did I!

BARBARA METCALF JOHNSRUD  I live in North Dakota and ... when the weather is way too frigid to go outside, we play fetch up and down the stairs. Our Lab-border collie loves it!

RETURN TO THE WILD

THIS COYOTE PUP, rescued from a wildfire just north of San Diego in May, was suffering from burns to her ears, nose and foot pads, severe dehydration and malnutrition when she arrived at The Fund for Animals Wildlife Care Center, an HSUS affiliate in Ramona, California (“A Spark of Hope,” September/October). Under the center’s care, she healed quickly, says veterinary technician Gina Taylor. Staff made sure the pup didn’t get too comfortable with humans, and when she was released in early September, she was all coyote. “She bolted!” Taylor remembers. “She knocked down two of the [cameras] placed in front of her on her way out the door.” Then she ran up a hillside and promptly settled down in the shade of a large tree.

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