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# Paws pet boutique

## Making a difference in the lives of pets and their owners

Paws pet boutique opened in September of 1999 and has enjoyed a location on the quaint street of Maryland Avenue, one block off State Circle in Annapolis.

Proprietor Michelle Kownacki created Paws pet boutique to make a difference. Inspired by her Jack Russell, Jonah, and cat, B.J., Michelle explains, "If we can improve the lives of some pets and their owners, then we have accomplished one of our main goals."

Paws pet boutique is an innovative specialty store, or as some describe it, "a tail-wagger of a spot". Paws celebrates the relationship between pets and owners with a colorful array of gifts for both. You'll find gourmet pet treats, hand-painted bowls and treat jars, splashy collars and leashes, even clothing for you and that special family member. Michelle's philosophy is, "Pets bring out the best in us, so they deserve only the best."

Dogs love visiting Paws because they can always count on woofing down a free treat sample. Plus, a stand on the front stoop elevates a big bowl of refreshing water to rinse down those treats. From try-



*Michelle and Jonah*

ing on collars to testing out beds, dogs have a ball at Paws.

In an effort to make a difference, Paws pet boutique is actively involved with the local SPCA. Every few months a "Yappy Hour" or "Bark & Brunch" are held to collect donations for the pets at the SPCA and to introduce several pets that

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are looking for homes. Refreshments are served and everyone enjoys a good time.

Furthermore, as a proponent of dog parks, Paws is involved in generating interest in the creation of a fenced area where dogs can exercise and socialize off-leash in Annapolis. Along with several other volunteers, a petition was launched to gain support for a local dog park. Their efforts were well received and Anne Arundel County Parks and Recreation is evaluating possible locations for a designated dog area.

Visit Paws on your next dog/downtown outing or after your next visit to the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank. Every day of the week, except Tuesday, Paws dishes out free treats to canine visitors from 10am until at least 5pm. The exceptions are Sundays when

Paws opens at noon and on Mondays the door opens between 10am and 11am depending on the time of year. "Paws" and stop in!

Paws, 54 Maryland Avenue  
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Phone: 410.263.8683



**Thank You! Your support of the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank makes a difference!**

Present this coupon and receive

**15% OFF**  
any one item in stock!

**FREE** Receive a complimentary cigar-shaped gourmet dog treat (\$1.50 value) when you present this coupon at Paws pet boutique in Annapolis.

Paws pet boutique • 54 Maryland Avenue (off State Circle) • 410-263-8683

One coupon per person. Offer good 9/1/01 - 10/8/01 (closed Tuesdays)

## CORGAN, "My Hero"

A year and a half ago I was grooming at a boarding kennel when it was brought to my attention that *Corgan*, one of our guests, was in need of a home. At the time I had just begun looking for a dog and *Corgan* fit my requirements to a tee. She was a Lab mix, medium in size, shorthaired, athletic, and highly obedient. Only three years old, she had already been through two homes. We bonded instantly and I imagine *Corgan* thought she had entered the gates of heaven when I introduced her to my daily routine. Every day we would go to the barn where *Corgan* could romp with the other dogs while I tended the horses. She had boundless energy, even after tagging along on a two-hour trail ride. *Corgan* was the ultimate barn dog I had always dreamed of; she loved people, respected the horses,



Lindsey and Corgan

and was never far from my side. I sensed she would do anything for me and due to a tragic accident, *Corgan* was given the opportunity to prove her loyalty.

It was July 19, 2000 and it had rained off and on all day. I had the evening shift at the barn and was looking forward to a friend's birthday celebration afterwards. For my final ride of the day, I chose a little Arabian horse named Ivy. As usual, *Corgan* accompanied me to the ring. Fifteen minutes into our ride, Ivy became anxious. It was feeding time and the horses were being brought in. Calling it a day, I instructed Ivy to back up. Stubborn as a mule, she stiffened her legs and refused to move. I repeated the request...no response. This time I commanded and got more than I bargained for. Ivy reared and threw her head back in disapproval with such force

that she fell over, landing on me!

As we hit the ground, I heard a series of “pops” resembling the sound of bubble wrap. Dazed, and lying on my right side in a fetal position, I saw Ivy regain her composure and canter out of the ring. My immediate thought was, “My God, I’m paralyzed!” After the initial shock, I discovered I was able to wiggle my fingers and toes and I let out a sigh of relief that my spine was still intact. I realized however, that my pelvis had not fared as well. Unable to move and uncertain as to the extent of my injuries, I lay there looking at my watch, thinking surely someone would be coming soon. Ten minutes had passed before I thought of *Corgan*. At that point I glanced to the end of the arena and there she stood, staring at me with her eyes wide and her ears pricked so far forward I could count the wrinkles on her forehead. *Corgan* was my only hope and silly as it seemed, I asked her to get help. She immediately turned tail and disappeared.

My coworkers discovered *Corgan* crouched in the rain outside the barn. Knowing that she never left my side, they became concerned. When Ivy was found standing at the paddock with the other horses, my instructor followed *Corgan* to the arena. No longer fearful, *Corgan* rushed to me as if to say, “Look, Mom, I brought help. Just like you told me to!”

My injuries were critical and I was airlifted to the nearest medical center. I spent ten days in the hospital where I was pinned and plated back together, but

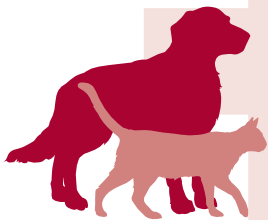
my aspirations of becoming a professional equestrian had come to an abrupt end. It has been a traumatic experience and it’s difficult to accept that at 23 years of age, my life-long dreams and goals have to be rethought. It’s not easy to go to the barn and look at the horses knowing that I may never ride again. But through it all, *Corgan* has remained at my side. During my time in the wheel chair, she followed as though she were my feet. When I took slow, deliberate steps with my crutches, *Corgan* walked at my side, happy just to be out with her Mom. She made me laugh when I said, “Wanna go for a walk?” and she got revved up like we were going to run a marathon!

*Corgan* has brought me so much hope and joy. She lifts my spirits and forces me to get out and go to the barn where she can run and play with her friends. She won’t allow me to despair. Even though I have a permanent limp, *Corgan* doesn’t let that stop us from enjoying our hikes in the woods. *Corgan*’s devotion supported and motivated me during the darkest days. Had it not been for her love and companionship, I would not have recovered as well as I have.

“*Corgan*, you are a life-long friend and I will always be indebted to you. I love you Stinky!”

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*Enrolled in our blood donor program since 1999, Corgan has proven herself to be a “Hero for Life”, whether it is canine or human. Our thanks to Lindsey Moake for sharing her experience and our best wishes for her continued recovery.*



## First Aid for Pets

The Alexandria chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering a Pet First Aid class on September 15 and again on October 6 from 8:30am-12:30pm. The class fee is \$35.00 and includes a reference book. Pet First Aid is the immediate and temporary care given to an injured animal until he or she can be taken to a veterinarian for medical care. The four hour class is designed to protect pet owners and their pets from further in-

jury or suffering by teaching prompt, effective actions and supportive care that will safeguard the life of an injured pet. The course is taught by trained First Aid/CPR instructors who have taken an instructor class to teach Pet First Aid. Topics covered include approaching a sick or injured pet, administering medication, detecting dehydration, shock, CPR, rescue breathing, and how to control bleeding. Pets should not be brought to class. To register, call 703-549-8300. For information on a Pet First Aid class in your area, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

# Reflections: A Book Review

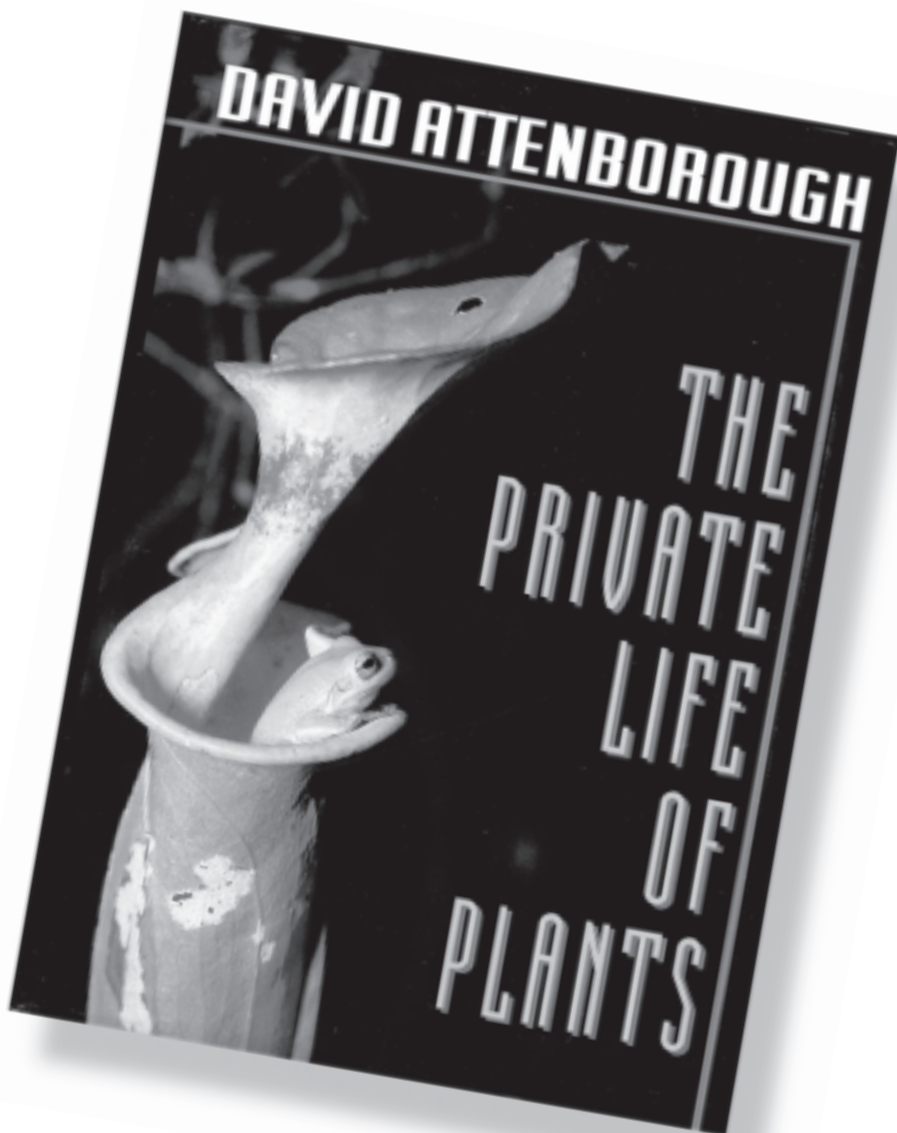
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When you work in the veterinary field you become familiar with many select species of fauna. It can become almost a version of “white blindness”, that affliction which besets mountain climbers on the highest peaks. Here at the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank we don’t want you to think that we are unaware of the myriad of diversity here on Terra Firma and in that vein this book review will concentrate on flora. I recently read Sir David Attenborough’s *The Private Life of Plants*. This book is the unofficial companion to the PBS series of the same name. David Attenborough is both a gifted filmmaker and writer. The book is one of those rare texts nowadays which doesn’t skimp on either the written content or the illustrations, in this case beautiful full color photographs of the strangest of subjects and environments. The television series spared no expense at sending it’s crew to the remotest and wildest of locations. The book seamlessly moves us through lush jungles, to the highest mountain tops, and deposits us in the center of the driest deserts, all the while stopping at every environment in between to show us our unique plant companions.

Our stop at Roraima, the Lost World of Venezuela, is breathtaking. Roraima is a tepuis, “nine thousand feet tall, ten miles long, up to three miles wide and encircled by precipices.” The isolated flat plateau at the top of this impregnable mountain has numerous plant species found nowhere else in the world. “[T]hey are not antique survivors from long past geological eras. They are new species which, isolated on the summit plateau and drenched by one of the heaviest rainfalls anywhere on earth, have had to evolve

special abilities in order to survive.” This habitat was not explored until 1884 when British Botanist, Ever and Im Thurn, found a way up the northwest flank of the mountain. His subsequent lectures on this “lost world” were seen by the novelist, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. In 1912, Conan Doyle put his fantasies inspired by Roraima into a novel fittingly entitled, *The Lost World*. Roraima has never been able to escape this designation. The picture of Roraima is worth the price of the book.

Attenborough, however, does not depend exclusively on bizarre environments to keep your interest, his protagonists are the plants inhabiting these environs and there are many. The book takes great pains to show us how plants are active not motionless, silent, uninvolved, denizens of the land. Teamwork, communication, sex, murder, kidnaping, are all part of the largely unseen life of the flora around us. Read this book and you won’t look at the environment the same way ever again.



# News & Notes

We wish all of our donors a fun Halloween and a happy Thanksgiving, but please don't share your goodies with your pets! Chocolate is toxic to pets and Thanksgiving trimmings can cause serious intestinal upset.



From April through October, Tuesdays and Thursdays are Happy Hour for you and your dog at the Holiday Inn Select in Old Town Alexandria. This annual canine-friendly event, started in 1999, is attended by all breeds of dogs, from poodles to Mastiffs. Edible fare includes doggie chow and Milk Bones for the four legged guests, and veggies and an all you can eat hot dog plate for the two legged guests. Happy Hour is held in the courtyard from 5:30-8:30p.m.: 703-549-6080.

A big thank you to Natural Life Pet Products for providing goodie bags for our donors!



Animal Rescue in Maryland Line will be holding their Seventh Annual Walk for the Animals on Saturday September 29th from 10am - 2pm. Help raise funds for homeless animals and visit the EVBB table. Information: 717-993-3232 or [www.animalrescueinc.com](http://www.animalrescueinc.com)



EVBB now has embroidered T-shirts and Sweatshirts available for sale in a variety of colors and sizes! Please visit our website at [www.evbb.com](http://www.evbb.com) for details.

# Kids Corner

We encourage donors to submit their children's art work with or without a few words about their pet for inclusion in upcoming installments of Kids Corner!



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Donor "Daisy" Roche, American Bulldog

## Trivia Contest — Win an EVBB Totebag!

- 1. Name the two Doberman Pinscher dogs in the television series, Magnum P.I.**
- 2. What is the name of Budweiser's "party animal?"**
- 3. Name the three main animal characters in the book, The Incredible Journey.**
- 4. What was the name of the Darling family's Newfoundland in Peter Pan?**
- 5. Name the K-9 motorcycle riding police officer in Richard Scarry's picture books.**

Mail/email ([eastvetbb@evbb.com](mailto:eastvetbb@evbb.com)) your answers by September 30th, along with your name, telephone number, and address. The winning entry will be drawn on October 1st.

### Answers to last issue's trivia questions:

1. What was Benji's first TV role?  
**Petticoat Junction**
2. What breed of dog was President Herbert Hoover's pet "Big Ben"?  
**Fox Terrier**
3. Name 4 diseases transmitted by ticks.  
**Lyme, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichia, Bartonella**
4. What is the ingredient in anti-freeze that is toxic to pets?  
**Ethylene Glycol**

*Congratulations to Tray Weiss and donor Pike for submitting the winning entry!*