



# BOW-WOW BLAST™



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## Kids and Critters have PET-acular time at the Animal Gambill® Show!

Kids were doing the Bow-Wow Boogie and singing CRITTER-okee songs. Dogs were skateboarding and doing magic tricks. Kids were pressing buzzers and answering Tail-Waggin' trivia questions. Hobo Kitty and Riley were hanging out with their FUR-ific fans. If you were part of this Critter Cool experience then you must have been at the **Animal Gambill Show!**

Never a dog-gone dull moment!

Since the response to the Animal Gambill Show has been so PAWS-itive, we decided to take our show into schools!

We are also offering kick-off events for any schools interested in launching Critter Crusader service projects in any of their classrooms.

That's right. You can start your own **Critter Crusader Crew** in your school. You can help animals, help your community, feel FUR-ific about your efforts, and have a Bow-Wow Blast doing it! We are so furred up about this (in a good way) that Animal Gambill, Hobo Kitty and Riley are ready to come to your school and talk about all the PAW-some projects you can start!

If you would like to schedule a Critter Crusader kick-off event, the Animal Gambill Show, or any of the TAIL-tastic Animal Gambill events at your school, please email Animal Gambill at: [ag@animalgambill.org](mailto:ag@animalgambill.org)

A list of the available events offered by Animal Gambill is located at: [AnimalGambill.org/visits.php](http://AnimalGambill.org/visits.php)

By the bow-wow way, don't forget to check out all the other Critter Cool stuff on our new website! You can view pictures from the Animal Gambill Show, learn how to be a Critter Crusader, play fun Gambill Games, download cool animal stuff, learn how to a writer for the Bow-Wow Blast newsletter and Mutt-Mutt more!!!!!!!!!!!!

Check us out at: [www.AnimalGambill.org](http://www.AnimalGambill.org)

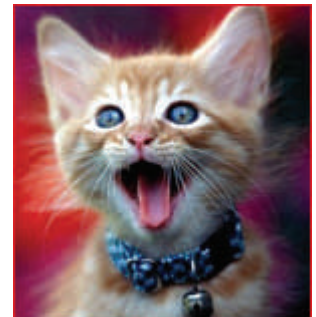


Kids sang Critter-okee songs at the Animal Gambill show

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### FURRY FACT:



A cat has a total of 24 whiskers, four rows of whiskers on each side. The upper two rows can move independently of the bottom two rows. Cool!

## Girl Scouts know how to Catch A Can-Do Critter Attitude!®

Critter Crusaders of all ages are stepping up to the PAW-some plate to spread the Bow-Wow word about being kind, safe and responsible with animals. Amorie Johnson and Julia Gailor are just 2 of the many Critter Crusaders doing MEOW-velous things to help animals and those who love them! They take care of their pets at home, they talk about ani-

mals with their friends, and they donate their time to help Animal Gambill create and produce educational events and news-stories for kids. They are Bow-Wow Busy Critter Crusaders!! Julia (aka "Bug") hosted the Animal Gambill Show and the first "Tail Talk" newscast with Hobo Kitty. Check it out by going to the Photo Gallery at: [www.AnimalGambill.org](http://www.AnimalGambill.org)

Amorie also hosted the show. FUR-thermore, she facilitated an Animal Gambill event at her Girl Scout meeting. This led to members of her troop #832 donating their time & musical talent as hosts for CRITTER-okee at the Animal Gambill Show on June 13th. Let's give a HOWL-OUT to all of them! They know how to "Catch a Can-Do Critter Attitude!"

## Heat Stroke and Animals — a hot topic fur sure!

One important way to be a Critter Crusader is to make sure your pet is safe and healthy. Now that summer is here, heat stroke becomes as big a concern as ever for critters.

Heatstroke occurs when the body cannot keep its temperature in a safe range. Animals do not have efficient cooling systems (like humans who sweat). This causes them to get overheated easily. A dog with severe heatstroke (body temperature over 106°F) is at risk of dying and immediate veterinary assistance is needed.

### Signs of heatstroke in a dog:

**Rapid panting**

**Bright red tongue**

**Red or pale gums**

**Thick, sticky saliva**

**Depression**

**Weakness**

**Dizziness**

**Vomiting - sometimes with blood**

**Diarrhea**

**Shock**

**Coma**

To learn more about heatstroke, things you can do to prevent it, and what you can

do if you see a dog exhibiting signs of heatstroke, visit: [www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?c=2+1677+1683&aid=1683](http://www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?c=2+1677+1683&aid=1683)



Make every day a bow-wow blast for your pet by helping it stay safe and cool this summer!

## PAW-some Product Review: Storm Defender Cape

**By: Riley**

As Critter Crusaders across the world know, summer is in full FUR-ific swing! This means thunderstorms! Talk about Rhuh Rho!! And let me tell you, I know storms are coming before they get here. You see, dogs sense the static charge buildup before a thunderstorm. This same charge, if it gets big enough, produces lightning. Knowing that, it makes sense for dogs to be afraid and seek shelter. It is an "early warning" system for lightning.

Some dogs, like me, respond with extreme excitement and fear. I pant, pace, whine and scratch at the walls. Some dogs hide under a bed or chew furniture.

Dogs naturally try to escape the static charge by moving toward items that are electrically "grounded." Many of my dog buddies seek shelter in the basement,



around the toilet or near pipes. I like to jump in the bathtub (metal is underneath the white porcelain coating of my tub and pipes attach underneath the tub). Therefore, my tub is electrically "grounded."

Something else I like to do during storms is wear my Storm Defender Cape. It decreases my anxiety. I like the sporty red color too! PAW-some! The cape has a special metallic lining that discharges my

fur and shields me from the static charge buildup. This reduces my sensitivity to the charge and I feel Bow-Wow better. After wearing the cape during a few storms, I learned that the secondary triggers like rain, wind, thunder, barometric pressure and PAW-ticular smells are no longer to be feared. With my cape on, I feel like I found a safe place. To learn more, visit [www.StormDefender.com](http://www.StormDefender.com)

I'll bet you didn't know I was smart enough to know all that science stuff did you? Hobo Kitty didn't know this. She thought I was Canine Crazy for believing that my cape would help me feel safe during thunderstorms. I say the joke is on her because my cape rocks...even more than her crazy catnip! Yep, she still has it bad for that stuff.

**I'm Riley - Bark On!**

## The Litterbox - Jokes So Bad They Should be Covered Up!



**Hey Critter Crusaders! This month, it's me, Boss Paws, choosing the jokes!**

**Q:** What do you call a very old ant?

**A:** An antique!

**Q:** Why did the robin go to the library?

**A:** To find bookworms!

**Q:** What do you get from a cow that jumps up and down?

**A:** A milkshake!

**Q:** What is smarter than a talking bird?

**A:** A spelling bee!

Send us your own Litterbox Jokes! Just go to our website : [www.animalgambill.org/newsletter.html](http://www.animalgambill.org/newsletter.html)

# Fireworks Aren't Always FUR-ific!

By: Lordy

Ruckus and Hot Rod checked their cat calendar the other day (yes, they really have a calendar) and they told me that the 4th of July is right around the Critter Corner. Lots of people look FUR-ward to this Bow-Wow Blast of a holiday, but it stresses me out of my MUTT-tastic mind! It turns out that I am not alone. Animal shelters report a big increase in shelter admissions this time of year because pets frequently run away when the crackle and boom of fireworks scare them. They dig underneath fences, bust through gates, jump through windows, climb over fences and anything else they can do to try to run away from the noise that frightens them. Sometimes, pets get lost or hurt.

Therefore, many shelters recommend that

people provide their pets with a safe and quiet place indoors away from the holiday festivities.



To help keep pets safe on the 4th of July:

\* Resist taking your pet to the fireworks

displays. Pets may find the noise scary.

\* Talk to your veterinarian about ways to help reduce fear and anxiety your pet may experience when hearing fireworks.

\* Make sure your pets are wearing identification or have a microchip so they can be returned if they do get lost.

\* Keep your pet safe indoors. Leave a radio or television on to buffer the sound of fireworks. Close the curtains or blinds to reduce the distraction of fireworks.

\* Never leave pets outside and unattended, even in a fenced yard. Pets may panic, escape and then get lost or injured.

Be Safe & Have a FUR-ific Fourth of July!

**This is Lordy - Howl It Up!**

## Bow-Wow Book Review: Finklehopper Frog book written by Irene Livingston

Book Review By Hobo Kitty

Before I get started on this crazy frog, I just want to say that "Catnip Still ROCKS!"

Okay, now here we go. Finklehopper Frog is all about PURR-chasing some new duds to wear while he jogs around town. Now I may not have the most tail-tastic fashion sense, but I gotta say, wavy multi



colored tights and a polka-dot tank on a green frog doesn't sound like "coolness"

to me, but I'm a cat who wears a purple eye-patch so what do I know? Anyway, I gotta give Finklehopper some critter credit, he's got spunk. Not only that, he kept hoppin' along in that wild get-up even when Itchy the Dog and Yowlereen the Cat made some uncool critter comments about the way he was jogging—basically, they made fun of him because he was hopping instead of jogging. What in the world did they expect him to do, he's a frog for critter's sake?!?

Moving on...Finklehopper didn't let anyone cramp his confidence and he ended up hopping past Ruby Rabbit. She was sportin' a blue jogging suit with bright red shoes and a red ribbon attached to her

ear. Hmm...red and blue clothes...she must be a fan of UofK and UofL.

Woops...sorry...back to the crazy frog. Ruby Rabbit told Finklehopper that she she liked his "hippy hoppin' suit." FUR-thermore, she hopped too!

Good Grief, I can see it now...Lordy and Riley are going to start trying to hop instead of walk. That is trouble just waiting to happen. It should make some good video. I know how to post things on YouTube, so I could have some fun with this!

Anyway, here's the basic scoop (without the poop): 4 paws-up for Finklehopper. He is a little crazy, but I like that in a critter!

**Hobo Kitty - MEOW-ing Out!**

## Jitterbug wants YOU to be a Part of the Bow-Wow Blast!

The Bow-Wow Blast Newsletter is hot off the hard drive and ready for you to download each month. Every edition is packed with articles such as:

- Critter Crusader stories, activities and updates
- MEOW-velous Movie Reviews
- Bow-Wow Book Reviews
- PAW-some Pet Articles

- Pet Product Reviews
- Critter-Cool Jokes and Puzzles
- And all kinds of PET-acular submissions from readers everywhere!

If you would like to submit your own animal stories, drawings, puzzles, and photos for consideration in a future Bow-Wow Blast newsletter, please download our official Bow-Wow Blast Staff Kit here:

[www.animalgambill.org/newsletter.html](http://www.animalgambill.org/newsletter.html)



## Join the Critter Crusade!®



As a CRITTER CRUSADER®, I promise to:

**C**ARE FOR MY PET AND PROVIDE IT WITH CLEAN AND DRY SHELTER

**R**EMEMBER TO FEED MY PET AND PROVIDE IT WITH FRESH WATER

**U**SE SAFE PRACTICES AROUND ALL ANIMALS

**S**AFELY HELP INJURED/LOST ANIMALS (WITH THE DIRECTION OF ADULT)

**A**T ALL TIMES, BE KIND TO CRITTERS

**D**O CRITTER CLEAN-UP DUTIES SUCH AS GROOMING AND POOPERSCOOPING

**E**XERCISE MY PET SUCH AS PLAYING WITH TOYS OR GOING FOR A WALK

**R**EMEMBER TO TAKE MY PET TO THE VET FOR YEARLY CHECK-UPS AND WHEN MY PET APPEARS TO BE SICK OR INJURED

It's time to get down with your Bow-Wow self and join the Critter Crusade! To learn how to make a difference for the animals in your community and become a CRITTER CRUSADER visit: [www.animalgambill.org/join.html](http://www.animalgambill.org/join.html)

## CRITTER-okee!™ (Critter Crusade Version of Karaoke)

### Blue Suede Paws

(Sing these lyrics to the melody of "Blue Suede Shoes" by Elvis)

Well, it's one for the puppy  
Two for the show  
Three to get ready  
Now go cat, go  
But don't you step on my blue suede paws  
You can do many things but lay off my blue suede paws  
Well, you can throw my bone  
Pet my head  
Scratch my ear  
Feed me 'til I'm fed

### [CHORUS]

Lock my gate  
Wash my bed  
Clean my poop  
Feed me 'til I'm fed

### [CHORUS]

### CHORUS:

Do anything, don't break any laws, and uh-uh  
Honey, lay off of my paws  
Don't you step on my blue suede paws  
You can do many things but lay off my blue suede paws

**LORDY**



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