



BOW-WOW BLAST™



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Start A Critter Crusader Crew As A PAW-some School Service Project!

School is getting back into full FUR-ific swing....and you know what that means > School Service Projects! Would your class (or your entire school) like to start a cool service project that involves helping animals? How about starting a Critter Crusader Crew at your school? Hobo Kitty thinks this is such a MEOW-velous idea that she has offered to come to your school and do a Critter Crusader kick-off event. She even talked to Riley, Lordy, Boss Paws, Ruckus, and the rest of the gang about going to some schools too! Hobo Kitty is very convincing—with the help, of course, from a few dog treats and catnip. (Remember what Hobo Kitty says: "CATNIP ROCKS!")

There are many FUR-ifically festive Critter Crusader service projects for all grade

levels—from 1st grade through 12th grade. That's right—we have Critter Crusader service projects for every grade level and for every size group.

Now it's time to get down with your Bow-Wow self and start a Critter Crusader Crew at your school!

If you would like to schedule a Critter Crusader kick-off event at your school, talk to your teacher and email Animal Gambill at: ag@animalgambill.org

To learn more about Animal Gambill's Critter Crusade, Check us out at: www.AnimalGambill.org



Animal Gambill and Riley visit Greathouse-Shyrock Elementary

Catch A Can-Do Critter Attitude!® Critter Crusader Service Project Ideas

Start a Critter Crusader Crew at Your School:

1. Talk to your teacher and classmates about starting a Critter Crusader Crew
2. Name your Critter Crew (i.e. Bow-Wow Beagles) and schedule weekly or monthly Critter Crew meetings. Your Critter Crew could do the following:
 - Start a donation drive in your school for a local animal

- shelter by contacting the shelter and asking for a list of items they would like you to collect at your school.
- Facilitate a "Flapjack Fund-raiser" with Applebee's to benefit a local animal welfare organization.
 - Download and print animal information and activity sheets from reliable resources such as the Critter Crusade, ASPCA, and

HSUS. Ask permission to display these sheets at a certain location in the school. Give presentations using this information throughout classrooms in your school and in fellow schools.

These are just a few ideas for service projects. For more information visit: <http://animalgambill.org/join.php>

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FEATHERY FACT:



A hummingbird can fly but it can't walk. Its feet are only strong enough for perching. It can, however, fly upside down!

The Scoop (without the Poop) about Guinea Pigs

By Sprite-O-Mite

I know I'm a cat, but I gotta say that this new G-Force movie starring 4 guinea pigs looks really PAW-some!

I talked to Ruckus and Hot Rod to see if they could help me find out some FUR-ific facts about guinea pigs. Hot Rod waited until Animal Gambill took Lordy for a walk, and then his paws hit the keypad. Here's what we learned about guinea pigs:

*They are very social creatures who do not like to sit in their cage all day. They need a moderate level of attention each day and they prefer to live in pairs (which

costs more, but will keep them happier and healthier)

* They are easily stressed so they require careful handling

* They wheek and squeak and gurgle but are fairly quiet other than that

* They can live to be 7 years or older, so when adopting one, think about the future

* They are very fragile (not like the way they are shown in the G-Force movie)

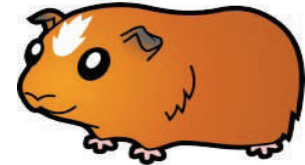
* On average, a guinea pig will cost about \$40-50 each month for bedding, food, and hay. This does not include vet fees and habitat set-up cost.

For more guinea pig info:

http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/rabbit_horse_and_other_pet_care/how_to_care_for_guinea_pigs.html

Wow—I had no idea there was so much to think about before adopting an animal that was even smaller than me and Ruckus and Hot Rod.

This is Sprite-O-Mite - CATchya later!



PAW-some Product Review: Gentle Leader

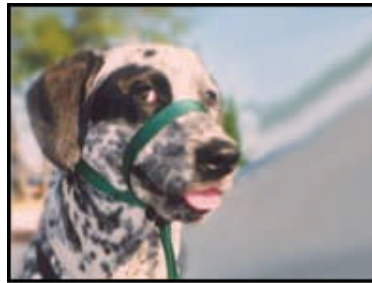
By Riley

I have always been Critter Confused about this leash stuff. I couldn't figure out why you (humans) felt the need to attach us (dogs) to some kind of leash every time you took us for a walk. Well, Hobo Kitty explained it to me. Can you believe that? She's a cat and she knows about dog stuff! She's crazy like that!

Anyway, she said I should watch Frazzle-Dog and his owner when they pass our house going for a walk. Good Dog-Gone grief! Frazzle-Dog was all over the place! His owner didn't have him on a leash and he jumped all over the kids and almost got hit by a car! Scary! I guess if I didn't know Bow-Wow better, I would run all over the place too. It turns out that we (dogs)

NEED direction and NEED to learn that you don't want us jumping on people or running in the street. If you don't teach us, we don't have a clue (Of course, Hobo Kitty thinks we don't have a clue about anything, but she's wrong, and I'll talk to her about that later today). Anyway, back to the teaching stuff.

Animal Gambill uses a thing called a



"Gentle Leader" head collar to help me learn to be safe and respectful to others when I'm going for Bow-Wow walks. The "Gentle Leader" is used instead of a normal collar. Animal Gambill attaches my leash to the Gentle Leader underneath my chin—not around my neck, so it doesn't pull my neck and cause me to choke. I Dog-Gone Dig It!! It removes my natural desire to pull by placing gentle pressure on calming points of my head instead of placing uncomfortable pressure on my throat. Guess what?! It not only teaches me not to pull, it also helps me learn not to jump on people. Talk about knocking 2 birds out with one stone. OOPS...I don't mean that...I would never hurt a bird. It was just a figure of furry speech. I love birds! Ruh-Roh—I better sign off.

I'm Riley - Bark On!

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



Sprite-O-Mite!

Hey Critter Crusaders! It's me, Sprite-O-Mite, choosing this month's jokes!

Q: What do frogs drink?

A: Croak-a-cola

Q: Why do bees have sticky hair?

A: They use a honeycomb

Q: Why is it hard to play cards in the jungle?

A: There are too many cheetahs!

Q: What bird is good at making bread?

A: A dough-dough

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

Anchor-Cat has lots to say in a Furry Way!

By Hobo Kitty

Hobo Kitty here...and I am all furred-up about the CAT-astic stuff I am doing for the Critter Crusade. Animal Gambill is keeping my paws pouncin' every day. So far this summer, I rapped with some kids in Tennessee at the Happy Tales Wednesday WAGS event, I got Whisker Wild with some kids at summer camp in Kentucky, and I hit the stage as a celebrity guest on the Animal Gambill Show. Never a dull moment for a furry feline in showbiz!

Did I mention that I am the Anchor-Cat for the Critter Crusade's *Tail Talk* Newscast too? I hit the small screen with fellow reporter, "Bug" (Julia Gailor). We rocked this newscast! "Bug" reported live in Critter- vision from her farm. She keeps it FUR-real by telling how she cares for the cool

cats who show up on her farm (Yes, every cat is cool...you dogs out there just need to go ahead and deal with it!). Even though cats are cool, there still aren't enough homes for every single cat. This is a big reason that "Bug" and her family spay or neuter every cat that shows up on their farm. They also vaccinate them, create shelter for them and provide food for them. "Bug" also reports on the way she cares for her horses. Those horses have really big litterboxes in the barn > they call them stalls. Cleaning my litterbox is nothing compared to those horse stalls. Whoo-Whee!! "Bug" is a turbo Critter Crusader!

Anyway, school is almost in full furry swing, so I am preparing to help Animal Gambill do some Critter Crusader kick-off events at schools this Fall. Who knew one Cool Cat could be so Tail-Waggin'



talented? I knew ...of course! Check out my first *Tail Talk* newscast (Spring 2009): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8L-1ZRGsxk>

This is Hobo Kitty - MEOW-ing Out!

Bow-Wow Book Review: Detective LaRue book written by Mark Teague

Book Review By Lordy

Do you like mysteries?? Well then, this book might be right up your alley. I know Hobo Kitty liked it - she told me that she thought it was hilarious when the dog in the story (Ike LaRue) went to jail. Sometimes I just don't understand cat humor.

After two cats in Snort City were reported missing, Ike was nabbed by police when he was trying to bury a bag of cat treats in the park. HmMMM????? What's the big deal? I bury stuff all the time.

While in jail, Ike decides to take matters into his own paws by breaking out of jail and turning into Detective LaRue. As De-

tective LaRue, Ike tries to find the 2 cats, solve the mystery and prove to the whole city that he is innocent.

I won't ruin the story for you by spilling the bow-wow beans, but I will say that Ike is one Crafty Canine. As for the two cats... they are Critter Crazy! They



planned the whole thing to get Ike put in jail so they could go on a bird-stealing spree!

Un-Bow-Wow Believable!!!!

That's okay.... Ike fools those two furry frisk-balls. He stops them after "CAT-ching" them in the act. Yep, Ike ends up being the hero! Woops—I think I ended up telling you too Muttu-Much after all! Well, not really. The ending is actually a little different than it sounds. Don't get me wrong...Ike is a hero, but not for the reason you might think. I got you guessing now!

This is Lordy - Howl It Up!

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



Join the Critter Crusade!



As a CRITTER CRUSADER, I promise to:

CARE FOR MY PET AND PROVIDE IT WITH CLEAN AND DRY SHELTER

REMEMBER TO FEED MY PET AND PROVIDE IT WITH FRESH WATER

USE SAFE PRACTICES AROUND ALL ANIMALS

SAFELY HELP INJURED/LOST ANIMALS (WITH THE DIRECTION OF ADULT)

AT ALL TIMES, BE KIND TO CRITTERS

DO CRITTER CLEAN-UP DUTIES SUCH AS GROOMING AND POOPERSCOOPING

EXERCISE MY PET SUCH AS PLAYING WITH TOYS OR GOING FOR A WALK

REMEMBER 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

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

P-E-T-S

(Sing these lyrics with the melody from "Y-M-C-A" by the Village People)

Cru-saders, there's lots you can do
Cru-saders, it's lots of fun too
Cru-saders, spread the Bow-Wow Word
No need to think you're too young

Cru-saders, you can talk to your friends
Cru-saders, get online and press send
Cru-saders, need to share what you know
How to be re-spon-si-bull-ull

It's fun to care for our P-E-T-S
It's fun to care for our P-E-T-S
You can talk about things
Like to spy and be kind
Gotta share what's on your mi-nd

It's fun to care for our P-E-T-S
It's fun to care for our P-E-T-S
You can be Critter Cool
Volunteer to help pets
Start a Crit-ter Crew at your school-ool

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