



A Letter from Kerri Hunter-Woodman

As a long time pet sitter and the first inductee into the professional pet sitters Hall of Fame (1996), I've thought a lot about what it takes to be a good pet sitter and the extra effort it would take to be a great one.

I already know, that I lack what is required to be the model pet sitter. The best pet sitter was Noah. He is the image of the ultimate animal lover. All those days and nights tending to creatures great and small. Day in and day out feeding, cleaning and calming the spirits of animals with nowhere else to be but the home that Noah had built for them. Imagine the diligence it took to build such a refuge for the animals.

I wonder, "Did Noah's cat pee outside the litterbox and throw up hairballs? Did his dog have diarrhea? And did his birds caw and peep throughout sleepless nights?" My answer, based on my animal experience, an astounded YES! How those needs must have multiplied with the antics of all the various species. Such dedication of man to animal blows me away, just like that tossing ship.

So, here I stand in 2001 looking at myself and asking, "What difference have

you made, Kerri? How can you incorporate your caring for animals and people from a professional standpoint into a personal effort where both sides benefit?" The answer: By building a modern day *Noah's Ark!* As Noah needed help I now ask you for your help. No, you won't have to haul wood, pound nails or lay hay. In this day and age, it usually boils down to money and that is what's needed to build this ark. At Heifer Project International (www.heifer.org), it takes \$5,000 to underwrite the project they call an Ark.

Heifer Project International is an organization which purchases and distributes animals, giving them to needy families in poor countries. Having these particular animals means the difference between wealth and poverty. Egg producing chickens, milk-producing cows, wool from sheep, honey from bees and oxen to pull carts and plows are just some of the examples. For these families this help can literally mean the difference between freedom and slavery.

When you purchase an Ark you are buying at least one pair of more than twenty types of food and income producing

animals. After the host family has offspring from the original pair then these new animals are given to other needy families. Thus, creating a continuing cycle of life. I know how spiritually rich animals make my life. With this program animals can make a poverty stricken family financially sound. So I ask you today to help build someone's future on high ground by making a check payable to: Heifer Project International. In your check's memo line please write: "Kerri's Pet Sitters Ark" to help me and HPI keep track of the rising tide. If we pool our funds, no matter how great or small, eventually we'll be setting sail instead of missing the boat. You can send your greatly appreciated tax deductible donation to either my address or Heifer Project International.

Let's all be little Noahs and create a rainbow in someone's life. Won't you please join me? Happy Tails,
Kerri Hunter-Woodman.

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Professional Pet Care Calendar of Events

July 29, 2001

How to Operate A Dog Clinic
Charlotte, NC
972-414-9715

August 18, 2001

How to Operate A Dog Day Care Seminar
Woodbridge, VA
Robin Knepp
703-497-7878
E-mail: robin@allaboutdogsinc.com

Sept. 6-9, 2001

Groom Expo 2001, Hershey, PA
Barkleigh Productions, Inc.
717-691-3388
E-mail: Barkleigh@aol.com

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Animal Behavior & Training Expo
Hershey, PA
Barkleigh Productions, Inc.
717-691-3388
E-mail: Barkleigh@aol.com

Sept. 21-23, 2001

America's Family Pet Expo
Sacramento, CA
800-999-7295
www.wpsa.com

Sept. 26-30, 2001

Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT)
Catskills Mountains, NY
1-800-PETDOGS

Oct. 10-13, 2001

Tufts Animal Expo
Boston, MA
978-371-2200
E-Mail: mabowen@earthlink.net

Oct. 12-14, 2001

Pet Industry Christmas Trade Show
Chicago, IL
E-mail: hbacker@aol.com

Oct. 26-28, 2001

NAPPS Washington Regional
Auburn, WA
NAPPS Headquarters
717-691-5565
E-mail: NAPPSmail@aol.com

May 3-5, 2002

NAPPS National Convention
Mystic, CT
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This beautiful historic seaport will host the 2002 Convention. Enjoy Whale Watching, the Seaport, Aquarium, Outlets, the Colonial Village, and Great Food... While improving your education and networking with your peers!