

Snoop Kitties: All the Best Answers



by Tiger &
Pooka
Bear



Dear Pooka and Tiger,

Next week our cat Symba will be one year old. We got him from the shelter and he is a good cat so we wanted to tell everyone about his birthday. He likes to eat a lot. Please put our letter in the newspaper. Happy 1st Birthday Symba!!

Andre (7) and Vienne (3), Madison

Dear Andre and Vienne,

Congratulations, your letter made the newspaper! Happy Birthday Symba, we hear you are a good kitty, keep up the good work. You may want to lay off the over-eating though or you will look like Pooka Bear in no time, not that there is anything wrong with the way he looks. I heard robust is the new thin but we want all pets to be healthy. Chase the kids around. They should be fast and taste good when you nip at their heels.

Symba is lucky to have a spring birthday. We love spring. The cute tasty birds come back and sing at our window. The dogs start walking by more with their humans. We love to hiss at dogs that walk by, the summer bonus is they can actually hear you because the window is open. A hearty hiss always generates a lively bark from our canine friends. My favorite "open window move" is a loud hiss, followed with a strong growl, and then a sharp turn showing the doggie my back side.....ahhhh summer is fun and coming soon we can't wait.

In May we celebrate "Be Kind to Animals Week" and we thought it deserved mention in our column. Being kind to animals is always a good idea, no matter what week it is, but "Be Kind to Animals Week" is a reminder that what humans do every day for animals should be celebrated. If you like animals and want to be involved with "Be Kind to Animals Week" you could make a donation or volunteer at the Dane County Humane Society. Other ideas to celebrate animals can include; sign up to take action on policy issues that face kids at the American Humane Society: www.americanhumane.org/takeaction Be a friend to animals in needs, report animal abuse, appreciate wildlife by taking a hike in one of our beautiful parks, share kindness and teach someone you know the value of being kind to animals, help save animal lives by having your pet spayed or neutered, and make your outside pet wear an identification tag so that if they get lost you can be found.

Madison is a great little city and here we love our animals. Thank you humans for your devoted love, we will always give back.

Sincerely,

Pooka Bear and Tiger

If you need help with one of our furry, feathered or scaly friends, write us at: snoopkitties@madisonvoices.com

A special note to our readers: We are pleased to announce that we have survived the first year with the newest addition our human family. Saige William will be 1 yr old on April 17th and his big sister Kiara is now 3. We have learned how to get away from her, but now Saige is walking! Some one please, other than Kiara, teach him not to pull whiskers! We know you all think we are pretty adorable, so we thought we would share a picture of our human family (but just this once- it will go to their heads!) PS. They call the VOICES news and sales editor, Grandma!



Serving the people of the 26th Senate District

by State Senator Fred Risser

Senator Risser Applauds Senate Approval of Domestic Violence Legislation



to abandon their pets. The abuser will often threaten to harm or kill the animal if the woman leaves. Too often these threats are carried out."

"My bill allows a victim to leave an abusive situation knowing that there is a court order against harming her pet,"

Risser said.

The State Senate voted today to approve Senate Bill 162, a domestic abuse bill which would permit a court to consider the threat to pets as a factor in issuing domestic abuse restraining orders.

Risser added that abusers know that abusing or threatening to abuse pets can keep victims from seeking help.

Senator Fred Risser (D-Madison), author of the bill, praised today's vote.

Senator Risser also noted that the impact of this kind of abuse has an alarming effect on children. "Seeing or hearing abuse has a dramatic effect on children. It can become a model for how children view others. Children who witness this kind of abuse are at a much higher risk of becoming abusers themselves," Risser said.

"I am delighted that the Senate voted to pass this important domestic abuse legislation," Risser said.

Risser pointed out that, "Few domestic abuse shelters allow animals, so consequently many battered women will not leave an abusive relationship or they will delay leaving because they do not want

The bill now goes to the Assembly where he urges swift passage.

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