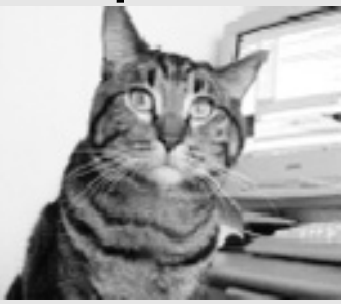


Snoop Kitties: All the Best Answers

by Tiger &
Pooka
Bear



Dear Tiger and Pooka Bear,

With all of this talk about living a Green life I wonder if animals are a part of the Green world I want to live in?

Sincerely,
Going Green, Madison

Going, Going, Gone Green,

Good for you Green in Madison. You are a part of something bigger than all of us, a sustainable way to have a healthier planet for our next generation. A big part of the Green movement is reducing the waste of factory farms. Factory farms are huge polluters and they raise animals just to be made into our dinner.

The cruelty and waste of factory farms happens only so we can all have a chicken sandwich upon demand and maybe it is time to think about what we are eating a bit more. Us cats, just like everyone else, are becoming a part of the Green movement. We have asked our owners to purchase more earth friendly cat litter. It is cool to do our duty on recycled newspapers and it gives us a chance to do the crossword puzzle. We have also asked for food with less animal by-product for a healthier us and environment.

According to the Humane Society of the United States Factory Farm project, to produce a single pound of meat, egg, or milk protein, depending on the species, 3-12 pounds of feed protein are needed. Producing all of this feed for farm animals uses more land, water, fertilizer, pesticides, and energy than would be used if we simply ate plant foods directly. According to a 2006 report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the livestock sector damages the climate at a rate that surpasses emissions from cars and SUVs. This certainly gives us a lot to think about as we plan our next meals. What can we do about it?

Reduce - cut back on the amount of meat you consume. Even if you try to make one meat free meal every week it can make a difference. Eat plant products rather than feed them to animals to eat! You may find that you feel better as well. Many communities, including Madison have fresh produce available for families of all incomes with assistance.

Refine - Not all factory farms are the same. Chicken, turkey, and pig farms tend to be more abusive in their practices than beef producers. In addition, there is a growing trend of cage free meats produced locally. If you want to go organic but feel like you cannot afford it. Make meat your choice. Who needs all those extra steroids and antibiotics in their food?

Replace - There are lots of ways to replace factory farm meat in your regular diet. Different beans, rice and soy can make your favorite dish taste just as great without the impact on animals or the environment.

Being Greener as we eat,

Tiger and Pooka Bear
Email us your questions at snookitties@madisonvoices.com

Girl Scouts of Black Hawk Council is looking for a creative, enthusiastic role model to run a four week summer program. The program coordinator will deliver programming to girls 9-12 years old. Bilingual in English/Spanish is helpful, but not required. You must be 18 years of age, have experience working with school-aged children and be committed to having fun while working professionally with girls from diverse racial, cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Pay is \$10.50 per hour. Training and ongoing support provided. This position is scheduled for approximately 25-30 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, July 7, 2008 through July 31, 2008.

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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,"

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 said.

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.

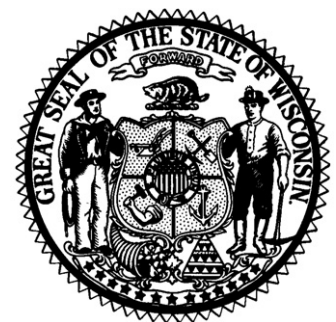
"I am delighted that the Senate voted to pass this important domestic abuse legislation," Risser said.

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

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.

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

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Move Announcement

To: Friends and Colleagues
From: Rape Crisis Center
Date: June 11, 2008
Re: Our new office

After 19 years in the Family Service building, the Rape Crisis Center is moving to a new location. As of June 23rd our office will be located at 2801 Coho Street, Suite 301 Madison, WI 53713. Coho Street is located off Fish Hatchery Road, between Greenway Cross and the Beltline.

Our offices will be temporarily closed the week of June 16-20th to pack and move. However, our crisis services will continue to be accessed through our 24 hour crisis line, 608.251.7273. Our phone and fax numbers will remain the same, as will our email address.

We are excited about our move and hope you will be able to join us for our open house next month. We will let you know when the date and time are set.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rape Crisis Center and the services we offer!

Business Phone: 608-251-5126
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Be sure to register to vote so you can help elect the candidate of your choice. Honor the legacy of those who came before us. Go to the polls in November