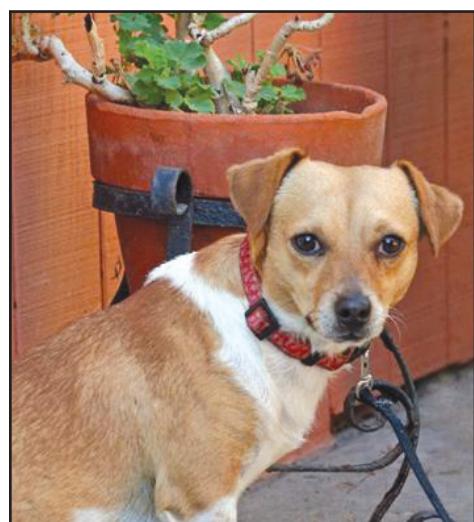


Pets Without Partners



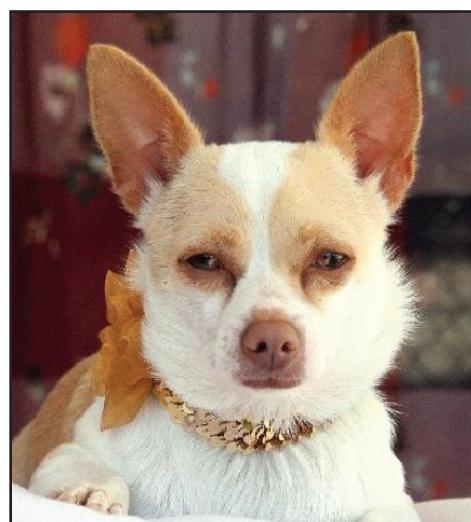
Bobby

Hoping to catch your eye and win your heart, these "pets without partners" each have their own video to entertain you. Check out their videos on our website at www.animalsrule.com.

Stanley is delightful little dog, full of spunk and energy. He is a handsome, true mixed breed... a mix breed of what we have no idea... maybe Terrier, Min Pin, Pug and ? With beautiful markings, Stanley is a very sweet guy who is fully grown at a whopping 12 pounds and about 11 months old. He is very sweet and charming, loves to play, has lots of spring in his step and will worm his way into your heart when you meet him. Be sure to check out is video on our website. Stanley is fine with all other dogs and is cat-safe. He is current on his vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and is neutered.

Take a moment to meet Bobby and you will love him! He is a terrific Jack Russell/Beagle mix who is one to two years old and weighs 22 pounds. He does not possess the howling trait of the Beagle; in fact, we have yet to hear him bark. He is friendly with all other dogs and shows a bit of the Jack Russell in him with his very independent personality. Bobby is current on his vaccinations, microchipped and has been neutered.

Libby is a very sweet, silly little Chihuahua. Weighing around nine pounds, she is fully grown and her age is estimated to be around one year old. On her video, you will see that Libby loves to be on your lap or roll over on her back for belly rubs! She is wonderful on walks and is a total kissing fool! Libby is fine with other dogs, is cat-safe and would be best placed in a home with kids over the age of 10 years old. We need to assure she is safe this time around with doors and gates. Libby is an incredible girl. You will be smitten when you meet



Libby



Stanley

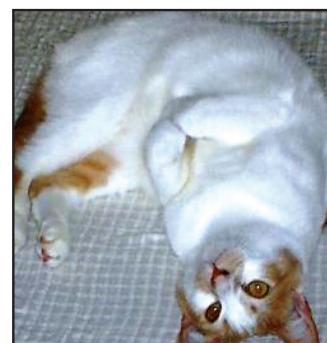
her. Libby is current on her vaccinations, microchipped and spayed.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro. Look for the big, red, brick building just past the corner of O'Farrell. Our website is always current. If the dog's picture is on this website, it is still available. E-mail is the best way to communicate with us: info@animalsrule.org.

We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd. San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal.

Purrrfect Companions



Dean



Hanna



Queenie



If you want a cat with a certain kind of personality, consider adopting an adult. They have grown into their personalities, which they will have forever. But with a kitten who may be cute now, he or she may mature into a totally different kind of cat! And don't forget that in less than a year, that little kitten will be just as big as these precious cats. So give a cat a second chance when you adopt one of these purr-fect partners.

Hanna is a very sweet, big Tabby with a beautiful rust coat. One of Hanna's favorite things to do is to sleep with her head resting lightly on her foster mom's arm as she types on her laptop. Hanna tries not to disturb her, but she *loves* being with her human companion. Just give her the chance and Hanna will be just as sweet to you. Hanna has no bad habits and will fit right into your home. She can be an only cat or can be with your other kitties, if they are nice to her. Hanna has a sweet disposition and doesn't like bullies--she's a real lover.

Come quick, 'cause **Dean** is the sweetest people-cat you've ever seen! He's a little shy at first with strangers, but once Dean warms up to you, all your friends be will commenting on what a sweet cat he is. Dean absolutely *loves* people. He loves head-butting people, being pet by people, cuddling with people, sleeping curled up next to people, and best of all, playing with people! He loves people so much that he would prefer to be your only cat, so that you can lavish all your attention on him! In return, Dean will love you unconditionally, purr you to sleep, and will always be there for a cuddle when you feel down. If he sounds like the cat for you, we'll set something up. Dean would love to

come home with you!

Queenie is an independent girl who will greet you at the door with a little meow. She enjoys the scratching post and running around the house. She's not the clingy sort of cat who needs attention all the time. However, Queenie likes to spend part of the night on the bed with you without attacking your toes or waking you up. Then in the morning, she will greet you with a little meow. Queenie is a beautiful white kitty with unique black markings on her head and tail. If you are looking for a kitty who's affectionate, she's the girl for you!

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org. You can also email us at mail@kittenrescue.org to find out more about this week's featured pets and to contact us about adoption. •

We have several weekly adoption events in the Westside. On Saturday/Sunday, we are at a venue located in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. On Saturday only, we are in West Los Angeles at 11055 West Pico Boulevard at Sepulveda. On Sunday, we are in Santa Monica at 2910 Wilshire Boulevard at Yale Street.

Adoption hours at these venues are from noon to 3:30 p.m. We also have our fourth Saturday of the month venue in Manhattan Beach located at 1816 North Sepulveda Boulevard, with adoption hours from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. •



Congratulations to everyone that read my article on chocolate last month. We didn't have a single case of candy or chocolate toxicity this past Halloween.

Let's see if we can go 2-0 with Thanksgiving.

Because I love to eat, Thanksgiving is right at the top of my favorite holidays. I enjoy celebrating with those I love and I'm thankful for my family, friends and my dogs, Hamster and Alejandro. We always have a feast of turkey and fixings followed by freshly baked pumpkin pie. There is always activity in the kitchen and around the dinner table and the dogs are always hoping someone will throw them a piece of turkey, sweet potatoes or any other goody. There are some obvious dangers and some not so obvious ones. I'll share with you some tips to prevent problems I see every year after Thanksgiving.

The first problem is not the food. I'll get to that in a minute. It's pets escaping or

getting injured. If you're like most people, your house will be full of guests and the television will be blasting the football game. Your friends may not close the door or gate and that's when Fluffy spots his chance and bolts. This has happened to me and I have the laziest dogs in the world. You may think, "my pets have never tried to escape before," but trust me, it just takes one time.

Make sure you put that collar and identification back on after the obligatory pre-holiday bath. And make sure the information is up to date. Also, get all of your pets microchipped. A microchip is the best back-up identification available today. They are safe, inexpensive and your veterinarian can pop one in quickly before the big day.

Cats like to escape just like dogs, but they have the added bonus problem of jumping on the counter to supervise you. The smell of the roasting turkey and all the rarely used

kitchen thingamajigs making noise are irresistible to a cat. How about those holiday candles flickering on the table? Cats have no choice but to get in the way. It's a scientific fact. So if curiosity doesn't actually kill your cat, it may cause third degree burns and lacerations.

Now the food. My favorite part! Your pet is not a furry garbage disposal. While there are some pets that seem like they can eat anything and have an iron stomach, don't overfeed your pet and avoid these common problems:

Pancreatitis. Pancreatitis means inflammation of the pancreas. This is usually brought on from eating fatty foods, but even a seemingly "healthy" Thanksgiving feast for your dog could trigger this serious condition. Common symptoms include vomiting and a tender belly, but many dogs may simply act lethargic.

These symptoms can occur suddenly or may take several days to develop. Pancreatitis can be very serious and many dogs will need aggressive medical treatment.

Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus (Sometimes referred to as Bloat). This is when the stomach swells up and sometimes twists. Over eating and gulping food quickly can cause this

condition. This is always a life-threatening emergency and can occur within minutes. Larger dogs are more susceptible but it can happen in any dog.

You may notice your dog retching and trying to vomit but nothing except white foam comes up.

You may also notice the belly looks larger than normal. If you think your dog has these symptoms, do not wait. Call your veterinarian immediately.

Last but not least is Gastro-intestinal foreign body and obstruction. Usually people think of bones when it comes to obstructions, but I've seen plastic wrap, aluminum foil, corncobs and napkins.

There are even some extreme cases where dogs have swallowed big utensils that were used to carve the turkey. Don't forget those beautiful decorations can make a tempting snack for your cat or dog.

Symptoms can include vomiting, anorexia or decreased appetite and lethargy. This is another emergency that requires immediate attention.

I hope these tips help you to have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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