

PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES AND TALES WEBSITES

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CATS

2000 Cat Names

<http://www.petrix.com/catnames/>

15,716 Cat Names

<http://www.kessels.com/CatNames/>

Himalayan Cat and Kitten Central

<http://cat-breeds.cats-central.com/himalayan-cat-breed-guide.html>

I have two of these at home! Littermate sisters named Rosie and Posie.

The Cat Site

<http://www.thecatsite.com/>

As the header says, "everything here is about cats, cats, cats." You can learn about cat behavior, cat breeds, cat health, and cat care. There are forums to discuss your cat, and links to places to shop for your cat. Browse through the links to for cat humor, catteries, cat shows, cat graphics, rescue centers and more. Send a cat e-card and sign up for the Kittybytes newsletter. And if you're one of those who are thoroughly besotted, you can even create a homepage for your cat.

Cat Stuff

<http://www.xmission.com/~emailbox/catstuff.htm>

This site, online since 1995, celebrates one of the most wonderful creatures in the world: the domestic cat. You'll find graphics, a huge library of articles, games, and much, much more.

The Daily Kitten

<http://www.dailykitten.com/>

Awww-inspiring photos for cat people (Neat New Stuff I Found This Week, <http://marylaine.com/neatnew.html>, Copyright, Marylaine Block, 1999-2005, 12/8/05)

Show Cats

www.showcats.com

Simulation games which allows users to raise, show, and breed their own virtual show cats.

CATS (the show) sites

<http://www.catsmusical.com/findex.html>

This fan site contains synopsis, discography, character descriptions, hundreds of cast lists, in-depth histories of many worldwide productions, and more.

<http://www.reallyuseful.com/rug/shows/cats/>

Andrew Lloyd Weber's official site.

Crazy Cat Ladies Society

<http://www.crazycatladies.org/>

Love Cats? Hate Stereotypes? Then join this international Society of cat lovers! The Crazy Cat Ladies Society & Gentlemen's Auxiliary uses humor to counter the stereotypes made about people who love cats. By claiming the phrase "crazy cat lady" on our their own terms, they take away its power to offend, and have a lot of fun while doing so!

DOGS

Pedigree's Adoption Guide

http://www.pedigree.com/assets/pdf/adoption_guide.pdf

Adopting a dog from a shelter is a life-altering decision. Before you take the leap, check out Pedigree's primer on adoption. It covers topics such as the adoption process, things to consider before adopting, responsible dog ownership, and much more.

Barking Buddies Games

<http://www.barkingbuddies.com/games.html>

Games website for kids with a doggie theme. Also check out the Barking Buddies home page for more dog stuff.

Dog Play: Activities for Dogs

<http://www.dogplay.com/>

When people and dogs do things together it is good news all around. Many of these activities provide the structure that helps people learn to better communicate with their dogs. The dogs have a better opportunity to learn good manners. That makes them easier to live with and less likely to be given up. The activities help people get in touch with one another to share information. That also helps people learn about dogs, to avoid problems, and to solve them in a healthy way.

2000 Dog Names

<http://www.petrix.com/dognames/>

Show Dogs

www.showdog.com

Simulation games which allows users to raise, show, and breed their own virtual show dogs.

I Love Dogs

<http://www.i-love-dogs.com/>

Lots of stuff here. Don't miss the Dog Blog!

Iditarod Kids and Teachers Page

<http://www.iditarod.com/4-0.html>

This year's Iditarod race starts March 4 in downtown Anchorage. This page, part of the official Iditarod website, includes maps, rules, curriculum resources, and more. This year's "Teacher on the Trail" is from Eau Claire. The Iditarod Trail runs from Anchorage, in south central Alaska, to Nome on the western Bering Sea coast, each team of 12 to 16 dogs and their musher cover over 1150 miles in 10 to 17 days. A dog named Zuma provides almost daily updates for kids in pdf format.

Westminster Kennel Club

<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/>

A bull terrier named Rufus won Best in Show at this year's Westminster, which ended last night. Learn more about Rufus, what the WKC does, and see video from this year's show at this site.

Dog Toys: You Need Them

http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/our_pets_for_life_program/dog_behavior_tip_sheet/dog_toys_you_need_them.html

This fact sheet provides tips for choosing safe and appropriate toys for dogs. Includes recommended toys and ideas for getting the most out of toys. The cat behavior section of this website includes a similar fact sheet on cat toys at

http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/our_pets_for_life_program/cat_behavior_tip_sheets/cat_toys_you_need_them.html

(From the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Copyright 2005 by Librarians' Internet Index, 12/1/05)

Dog of the Day

<http://dogoftheday.com/>

Dog of the Day is the Internet equivalent of opening up your wallet to show off your pooch pix to a few million of your closest friends! Share your favorite doggie snapshot by submitting via email, and your pet could be Dog of the Day. Sister sites include Cat of the Day and Pet of the Day. "Some people visit this site for the first time, and are immediately filled with delight. They enjoy learning about the pets shown, and the special bond pets and their owners share. Others ask, 'Why?'"

NHM: Dogs: Wolf, Myth, Hero, Friend'

<http://www.nhm.org/exhibitions/dogs/>

"All dogs -- wild and domestic, extinct and living -- belong to the canid family (family Canid'). Canids have been around a long time and are the earliest known carnivores (order Carnivora.) In fact, dogs first appeared in the fossil record about 40 million years ago, well before other carnivore families like cats or bears." Explore this virtual exhibit from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County to discover how dogs have evolved from the gray wolf, how dogs communicate, and how dogs help people.

How to Love Your Dog

<http://www.howtoloveyourdog.com>

Start your visit with Bailey's tour of the site's most popular pages. Look for the "Tour this Site" link in the upper left-hand corner. A few of my favorite clicks are When I Grow Up (animal careers), Tricks (teach your dog a few new ones with these video lessons), and Ready for a Dog? The Dog Breeds section features nine popular breeds, but is looking to expand and is seeking dog photos (with or without kids) of Yorkshire Terriers, Boxers, Black Labs, Chocolate Labs, Poodles, Shih Tzus, Shetland Sheepdogs, Border Collies, Chihuahuas, and Dachshunds.

5 Doghouses Crafted in Classic American Architecture

<http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/knowhow/design/article/0,16417,1076402,00.html>

Ideas and instructions for building backyard doghouses to match Greek revival, Craftsman, Victorian, Georgian, and Tudor architectural styles. From the website for This Old House magazine. (Copyright 2006 by Librarians' Internet Index, 1/26/06)

FISH

Glimmering Goldfish

<http://members.aol.com/sirchin/goldfish.htm>

A hobbyist's site with useful information for goldfish owners. There is information about feeding, breeding, diseases, lifespan, and varieties. Additionally, there are photos of common health problems, information about various medications, tank pests, a pH color chart, goldfish photos, related links, a discussion group, a FAQ, and much more. (Copyright 2005 by Librarians' Index to the Internet, LII)

FINS: The Fish Information Service

<http://fins.actwin.com/index.php>

Find all of the information you need on freshwater and marine aquariums on FINS. There are several articles on fish and aquarium care, an index of fishes which you can search by keyword and type, directories of aquariums to visit and aquariums clubs and societies, a glossary of aquarium terminology, electronic lists to join, and a gallery of freshwater and marine fish photos and much more. This is a great resource if you are interested in fish and aquarium upkeep.

Betta Talk

<http://www.bettatalk.com/>

A fun site for betta lovers, featuring care tips, a catalog, newsletter and bettacam!

Siam's Best Bettas

<http://www.siamsbestbettas.com/>

The mission of this site is to preserve the game Siamese Fighting Fish strain and promote responsible ownership of this breed through education and by encouraging media portrayals of the fish. Long highly regarded because of their pugnacity and the use to which their natural instincts could be put in Asian fish-fighting contests, Siamese fighting fish now are acclaimed more for their beautiful colors and the flowing majesty of their fins. Offering the added advantage of being able to live in extremely small aquarium, you could learn how to go about keeping Siamese fighting fish in the best of health and raising them as one of the most justly popular species on the aquarium scene.

How to Set Up a Freshwater Aquarium

<http://www.pnl.gov/ecology/Rivers/Aquarium/Aqua.html>

This instructional document discusses the components of a freshwater fish aquarium, including filters and air pumps, gravel, rocks, water, plants, and fish. Also covers feeding fish and maintaining aquarium water quality and fish health. From the Ecology Group of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. (Copyright 2006 by Librarians' Internet Index, 2/16/06)

Tropical Fish Hobbyist: Fish of the Month Archives

<http://www.tfhmagazine.com/default.aspx?pageid=39>

Profiles of tropical fish for home aquariums, with descriptions and images of the fish species, scientific and common names, tank requirements, and feeding and breeding details. Archives go back to 2003. From a fish hobbyist magazine. (Copyright 2006 by Librarians' Internet Index, 2/16/06)

SNAKES AND LIZARDS

Melissa Kaplan's Herp Care Collection

<http://www.anapsid.org/>

A site "to help herp keepers and others learn about the captive care requirements of many types of **reptiles** and amphibians, as well as learn about their biology, health, behavior, conservation, and other matters relating to herps and the world we all live in." Includes over 1,000 articles about feeding, the pet trade, captivity and behavior, classroom pet needs, prey, and other matters. From an amateur herpetologist with wildlife rehabilitation and animal behavior experience. (Copyright 2005 by Librarians' Index to the Internet, LII)

LITTLE CRITTERS

Hermit Crab Association

<http://www.hermitcrabassociation.com/phpBB/index.php>

This site is a forum for discussion regarding hermit crab ownership. You'll find sections on crab care, fact sheets, help with identification of your crab, crab collectibles, a business card you can adapt, and much more.

Hamsters

<http://www.petwebsite.com/hamsters.asp>

Find information on hamsters including types of hamsters, buying hamsters, caring for hamsters including equipment for hamsters, feeding hamsters, breeding hamsters, showing hamsters, adverts for hamsters for sale, pictures of hamsters, clubs devoted to hamsters, gifts featuring hamsters, news about products for hamsters and links to online stores selling supplies for hamsters.

HAMSTERSTER.COM

<http://hamsterster.com/>

An online community for **hamsters and gerbils** around the world.

MISCELLANEOUS

Summer Reading's Pet Fonts!

<http://summerreading.cla-net.org/fonts2006.html>

Adopt some of these fine examples selected from a jungle of fonts to match the "Paws, Claws, Scales, & Tales" artwork. Smooth fonts, scratchy fonts, and a couple of real monster fonts—all well trained for every kind of promotional Summer Reading artwork.

Growing up with Pets

http://67.18.48.69/images/activity_site_files/GUWPS_ActivityBook.pdf

An eight page activity booklet from the American Kennel Club.

Petpourri Activity Sheets

<http://www.avma.org/careforanimals/kidscorner/default.asp>

Set of activity sheets from the American Veterinary Medicine Association

DogCatRadio

<http://www.DogCatRadio.com>

Dogcatradio.com is a 24 hour Internet radio site aimed at pets and their humans. Easy listening for your dog or cat, the site calls itself "the radio station **all pets** enjoy." (It's been primarily disco today while I'm working on the newsletter.) The Times had a great article about it last week at

http://www.nytimes.com/2005/11/02/arts/02pet.html?incamp=article_popular.

Read to Your Dog or Cat

http://www.mpl.org/File/kids_books_pets.htm

Bibliographies of easy readers and non-fiction from the Milwaukee Public Library's kid's page.

Petfinder.com

<http://www.petfinder.org/>

This database lists tens of thousands of pets for adoption at U.S. shelters and rescue organizations. Search by type (bird, cat, dog, horse, pig, rabbit, reptile, and more), breed, age, size, gender, and/or location. The Library includes articles on pet care, animal behavior and training, breed information, and shelter operations. There is also a

directory of shelters searchable by location and a place to post free classified ads for lost, found, wanted, or adoptable pets. I used this site to find my Himalayans two years ago. (Copyright 2005 by Librarians' Index to the Internet, LII)

Adoptme.com

<http://www.adoptme.com/>

Adopt a virtual pet in this online game for kids. You can select which pet you want to adopt, and move through the site to different locations like the park, vet's office, and home. Your pet can play at the park with different options for activities, and once home your pet will eat and sleep. Requires registration and Flash. It'll hold the attention of preschoolers and younger elementary kids for quite a while.

Merck Veterinary Manual

<http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp>

The single most comprehensive electronic reference for animal care information. Includes over 12,000 indexed topics and over 1200 illustrations. Rapidly search by topic, species, specialty, disease, and keyword using advanced search. (Refdesk Site of the Day, 3/25/06)

The Purina Hall of Fame

<http://www.purina.ca/halloffame/default.asp?year=heroes>

Over its 37-year history, the Purina Animal Hall of Fame program has recognized hero animals from across the country. The Animal Hall of Fame has now honored 126 animals – 103 dogs, 22 cats and even a horse, back in 1978. The program, the only one of its kind in Canada, is a tribute to the amazing bonds that link humans and their pets.

Pet Photography 101: Seven Habits of the Successful Pet Photographer

http://www.nyip.com/tips/topic_pets1199.html

Tips for taking better photos of pets, including thoughts about the pet's personality and creating a story, preparation of the set, camera angle, and treats and props. Includes sample photos and brief ideas for photographing snakes, birds, and fish. From the New York Institute of Photography. (Copyright 2006 by Librarians' Internet Index, 1/26/06)

MedlinePlus: Pets and Pet Health

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/petsandpethealth.html>

Collection of links to articles and brochures about pet health topics such as vaccinations, spaying and neutering, fleas and ticks, nutrition, cancer, aging pets, veterinarians, pets and disasters, travel with pets, and exercise. Includes links to material for children. From the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). (Copyright 2006 by Librarians' Internet Index, 1/26/06)

Pet Smart's Pet Care Guides

<http://www.petsmart.com/careguides/index.shtml>

Care guides for a variety of fish, reptiles, birds, small animals, and general information.

Pet Valentines

<http://hicards.com/valentine/valpets.html>

Ecards featuring dogs, cats, horses, and birds.

Pet Strollers

<http://metropawlispetboutique.com/strollers.html>

I can just see my neighbors if I traipsed up and down the streets in Burlington with my two Himalayans in one of these. ☺