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30 Great Things About Rancho Santa Fe

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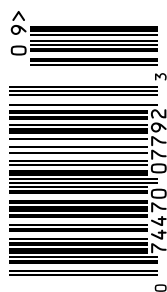
Country Friends Fashion Show

Wealth Management

Tax Planning

Choosing An Executor

\$3.95US



Pawsitive Behavior

Dog trainers at Pawtopia believe that you are the most vital component of your dog's training, and will help you improve your pet's behavior as well as your relationship with your pet. "Consistency is key for any training program," says owner Colleen Demling, one of a handful of trainers in San Diego that is a certified pet dog trainer and an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen evaluator. Demling has recently been concentrating on private lessons because owner and pet can accomplish obedience training in three to four private lessons rather than the six to eight weeks it would take in a group class. Pawtopia trainers will come to your house and create a program that develops new behaviors and addresses your dog's bad habits. "I have found that private lessons are so much more effective because it allows me to customize training to the goals of that specific family as well as the temperament of the dog," says Demling. She loves to see the positive changes that occur in the relationship between people and their dogs during training. She adds, "Once people learn how to properly communicate with their dog as well as understand what their dog is trying to say, the relationship flourishes and both sides become so much happier." Pawtopia will also offer a group class that will begin at the end of September. (858/414-7797, www.pawtopiatraining.com)

Colleen Demling with Reggie

— Rina Van Orden, photo by Micaela Bensko



Traer Scott and Michael Arms

bars for their new families to come and adopt them. HWAC president Michael Arms adds, "Nobody has ever looked into the eyes of these dogs and told their story the way Traer has."

— Jane Shiomi, photo by Jennifer Nelson

Honoring Humanity

Traer Scott, author of *Shelter Dogs* and *Street Dogs*, was honored recently with Helen Woodward Animal Center's (HWAC) 2008 Humane Award. "Each year we search for a person or animal that has gone above and beyond to help further the cause of animal welfare," notes HWAC director of development, Renee Resko, who adds that Scott's books give an inside perspective into dogs living on the streets or waiting behind

Adorably Adoptable

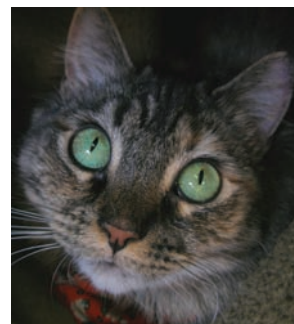


Breezy

Breezy is a 1 1/2-year-old, female, spayed, doppler radar-terrier mix. Blowing in at 17 pounds, she's a tornado of fun! Breezy is sunny with humans 12 years and older but cloudy and fair with cats. Warming for your heart, get set for a season of fun with Breezy. Your all-weather mate, you can adopt Breezy for just \$185.

Jewel

Jewel is a 2-year-old, female, spayed, domestic medium haired feline. Glorious stripes to behold with a sparkling purrr-sonality for experienced cat lovers. She enjoys the thrills of the great indoors and is litter box bright! You'll fall in love with just one look into her genuine emerald eyes. Get ready to match up with an authentic gem at Helen Woodward Animal Center. You can adopt Jewel for \$80.



Kennels are open 11am-6pm every day. Visit the Helen Woodward Animal Center at 6461 El Apajo Road in Rancho Santa Fe. (858/756-4117, ext. #1, www.animalcenter.org)