

Preferring their own kind, they can also be companions to horses, ponies, llamas, and sheep. Since dogs have a tendency to chase other animals, goats are *not* recommended as an additional pet. My cat sleeps with the goats.

If any of your readers are now discouraged from being a goat owner — good! They are not like cats or dogs and should never be treated the same. They can make fine house pets, and are very smart at toilet training. Just like other young housepets, they will chew on anything and everything. If it tastes good, they will probably try to eat it. No tin cans, only the labels.

Vicky Wade
Deadwood

FLUFFY CONTENT

I'm reading the online version of this week's (2/17) *EW*, and I click on a story about bettering our bodies. Now, me being the liberal woman that I am, and being that I'm reading a "progressive" newspaper, I'm thinking I'm going to get a great story about healthy living. What I get instead is an article on tanning products featuring flat bellies. First of all, let me point out the obvious — we live in the Pacific Northwest, we're supposed to look all pasty and white in the winter. Second — if I want to read about beauty products, such as the ones featured in the article, I'll just go pick up the latest edition of any mainstream magazine whose focus is women.

EW is not the paper I picked up seven years ago when I came to Eugene. I was thrilled to discover it back then, after coming

from southwestern Virginia. It was a paper that reflected my values as a liberal woman, a paper that covered important issues to me as a liberal woman, a paper that differed from the norm. First it's the sex ads, and now it's articles like this? When did liberal values change to include telling women they must look a certain way to be acceptable by society?

When did fluff pieces become good journalism? I guess I expect too much from the "alternative" paper in Eugene, Oregon.

M. Brooke Robertshaw
Eugene

SUE THEM BACK

At last the Kyoto agreement is in effect in all major countries except "the land of the free and the home of the brave," the biggest polluters. If others around the world cut back on consumption, that leaves more for us, right? But at least California has been brave enough to adopt a measure insisting on higher fuel efficiency. Now automakers here and abroad want to sue them for limiting profits. I think we should have a class-action counter-suit against them for their role in causing global warming, other pollution, oil depletion and wars. It seems like we'd have a much better case, and between the two we'd at least get the discussion going about what we need to change.

"If we don't have an economic collapse soon, something terrible is going to happen!" says Frank de Jong, leader of the Green Party of Ontario.

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