



## Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

### Pet First Aid

"April is 'Pet First Aid Awareness' month," said Lisa Wagner, Director of Walks 'N' Wags Pet First Aid. (Note the similarity between the company's and her name.)

Many have taken a human CPR or first aid class but have no idea that pet first aid classes are also available.

It is a miracle that Lisa is so deeply involved with pets because her childhood dreams of becoming a veterinarian were dashed with "...poor marks in high-school biology," said Lisa.

"I had a passion for animals, just not for science. No one suggested alternative careers such as veterinary technician, Humane Society, guide dogs, groomer, etc..."

Instead, she earned a psychology degree but inwardly knew that it was not her life's passion, so she accepted a 'regular' job.

At work, she sat staring at her dog's photo wishing she could be with him. Then one day, she realized she could if she started her own dog-walking business!

With her customer service and business experience, and love of dogs, it was the purr-fect future for her. Brilliantly, she moved forward by taking business classes, pet first aid classes, and creating a website. She built a successful dog walking and in-home cat sitting service.

Lisa's life changed again after completing the 'Pet First Aid Instructor Class,' and once teaching it, she real-

ized that "love of pets and their health is my life's passion!"

Imagine the emotional benefits of empowering pet parents to save their pets' lives in an emergency, injury or choking episode!

Following the thread of her business she found 'World Vets International'. Volunteers from North America travel the globe helping communities and their animals. Lisa's first trip was to Guatemala at the tail end of a tropical storm. Both people and animals were displaced, hungry and in dire need of support. The rewarding experiences had her immediately signing up for further travels to Tanzania, Colombia, Honduras, Peru and most recently to Soi Dog Foundation in Phuket, Thailand. She also traveled to Nicaragua for 'Pet Rescue' and 'Animal Disaster Response' classes.

"People around the world love their pets," said Lisa. "Many don't have the advantage of a Veterinary staff's help. We convert buildings into makeshift veterinary clinics and soon their hallways are lined with pet parents, cats and dogs. Over three days, we neuter/spay and provide free veterinary care to as many pets as possible."

"In Cusco, Peru a dog arrived with one of its legs tightly wrapped close to its body in a tensor bandage. The owner explained that her dog had been hit by a car three weeks prior.

"She didn't have funds to access veterinary care; however, she had heard that World Vets was coming and made her dog as comfortable as she could

while she awaited us. The dog's leg had to be amputated, but it was wonderful knowing that we were able to end the dog's pain and saved it's life."

Three legged dogs are resilient, and World Vets gave it a new "leg up" on life.

"Our exhausting workdays are 10-12 hours," adds Lisa, "but it doesn't matter — our passion driven group is eager to start early the next morning. I'm addicted to this group's mission and have made lifelong friends. It is deeply fulfilling making a difference. If I could afford to volunteer full time, I would!"

Thailand's 'Soi Dog Foundation' is a large animal rescue organization that also advocates ending the illegal dog meat trade out of Thailand. I was proud to volunteer at their animal shelter, spay/neuter/health clinic." www.SoiDog.org

Taking care of animals, in any community, in any country, is a bit like the analogy of the man tossing star fish into the sea when someone asked him, 'Why are you doing that? There are so many on the beach. You can't save them all.'

"It makes a difference to this one," declared the man as he tossed another starfish into the surf.

In Colombia, Lisa helped neuter/spay 208 animals and gave first aid to 99 others, making a difference to them.

"I hope my story inspires others to take a leap of faith in their life when the time is right," adds Lisa.



Courtesy Photo

Lisa Wagner's dream of helping pets has come true! She travels with 'World Vets International' response teams helping pets in need. Here she is in Honduras, with two very lucky rescued and now spayed strays.

### TIPS

Lisa's first aid pet tips!

- Any time a pet is vomiting blood, hiding for 12 hours and won't come out, and won't eat or drink it is an emergency. Run, don't walk, your pet to the closest vet clinic.

Paws-ible Heat Stroke Signs:

- panting
- brick red gums
- increased body temperature and heart rate
- difficulty breathing
- confusion
- initial excitement which turns to lethargy
- vomiting
- seizures
- coma

FIRST AID for Pet's Heat Stroke:

- Place animal in a cool, shaded area.
- Submerge animal in cool water, keeping its head above water.
- If you only have a hose, set it to

spray the animal.

As the animal improves offer it small amounts of drinking water.

Monitor body temperature until it is back to normal (temperature for dogs and cats is roughly 38.5 degrees (+/- 1) Celsius, or 101 degrees Fahrenheit).

- Stop the cooling process.
- Dry the animal.
- Seek veterinary care.

Learn more about Lisa and her pet first aid classes: [www.WalksnWags.com](http://www.WalksnWags.com)

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## Giant snakes, screaming children— welcome to Uncle Ned's daycare

BY NED HICKSON  
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I have a good friend who is a childcare provider. So when she found herself in a bind, I told her I'd be happy to watch the kids for a couple of hours; eight children, all under the age of four.

I did this yesterday.

Today, I'm writing to you from a locked treatment facility for the emotionally disturbed. Being a parent, it's not like I didn't know what to expect.

I was prepared. I came with a plan. I had ideas for things to do.

And, if all else failed, I came with a bungee cord large enough to wrap all eight of them together

in the middle of the lawn.

For the purpose of this column (or, more specifically, for the purpose of protecting myself from an investigation by the Child Protection Agency) I'll only refer to the kids by nickname. "Bonnie and Clyde," for example, were both less than two years old and always planning a getaway. I know this

because they would often sit together babbling quietly, then suddenly climb to their feet and make a break for it, stumbling across the yard with both hands in the air. I have no idea where they planned to go once they made it to "the outside" (which seemed to be anywhere beyond the grass), but I took the keys to the Barbie Jeep anyway.

Let me just say that, for any men who might find themselves in this situation, I'd suggest wearing an athletic cup. That's because, for some reason, all children believe that the only way to get your attention is to stand directly in front of you, wait until you're not looking, and then poke you directly in the [censored].

I say this all in retrospect, having NOT brought an athletic supporter and, instead, resorting to the next best thing: Duct-taping a coffee mug to myself. This worked just fine and was fairly comfortable. So comfortable, in fact, that I completely forgot about it until went into the local coffee shop and asked for my free refill. At which point I was told the policy would be changing — effective immediately.

As anyone will tell you, the key to supervising children is keeping them active. Provide

them with things to do and they'll be totally unaware that you are, in effect, slowly going insane. To accomplish this, we played softball, soccer, hopscotch and then colored a giant dragon that I drew on the sidewalk in chalk. Thanks to this planning and organization, these activities kept everyone entertained for well over 15 minutes.

Which left me with another hour to fill.

Desperate, I did what any good childcare provider would do in this situation:

I kindled their imaginations by telling them I had a giant snake in the car.

This, of course, was very exciting, and we spent the next 10 minutes talking about how big it was, where it came from, and whether or not it had once been an executive from ENRON.

Everything was going great until, naturally, they demanded to see it. Now, because I didn't actually HAVE a 50-foot anaconda in the car, I was left with only one option, which was to tell them it must've escaped.

If you've never heard the sound of eight small children screaming at once, you can experience the same thing by sticking a bullhorn next to your ear and pushing the siren button.

Even "Bonnie and Clyde," who had no idea what was going on, began screaming — hands in the air and stumbling across the grass to freedom.

I should explain that our my friend's home is somewhat secluded, which is what kept anyone from reporting a strange man with a coffee mug strapped to his pants chasing down a herd of screaming children on the front lawn. On the bright side, it did shave another 20 minutes off the clock, which left me with just enough time to get everyone calmed down and back inside before anyone showed up.

To the parents, I apologize for any future psychological treatment your children may require. To my friend, I've gained an even higher level of appreciation for what you do.

And to my wife and family: They say I can leave any day now — just as soon as I give up the coffee mug.

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The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm  
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Child Care 10:45am Service Only  
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Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm  
[www.cgcalvary.org](http://www.cgcalvary.org)

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[www.cgbible.org](http://www.cgbible.org)

### Cottage Grove Faith Center

33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
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