



## Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

### Animal Mew-vie Stars!

Linda and Allen Anderson's 17th animal book, "Animal Stars," contains dozens of photographs, quotes and endorsements from Hollywood's movie-star royalty about their experiences while acting with animal co-stars.

"The book took two years to write," says Allen Anderson, "and it is a joint effort with Dr. Robin Ganzert, CEO of the American Humane Association (AHA). The AHA is the only organization officially sanctioned by the film industry to protect the safety of animals in movies and TV."

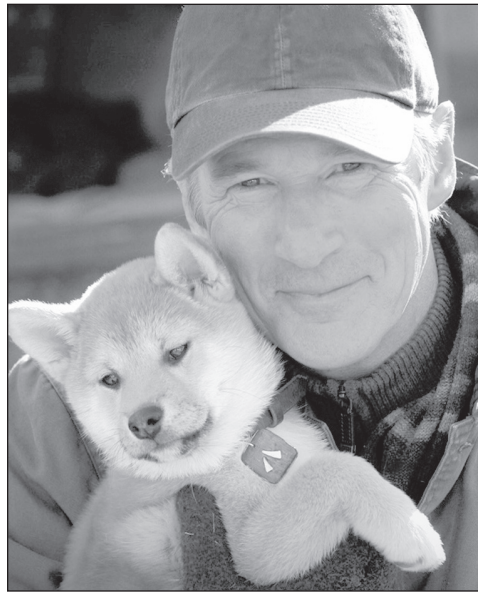
"During the writing of the book," said Linda Anderson, "we met many of the four-legged movie stars and their trainers. Previously, human celebrities, such as Betty White, have endorsed our Angel Animals books, but this new book is all about animal celebrities people love to watch on screen."

"Animal Stars" features training secrets and behind the movie scenes told by professional animal trainers, plus positive comments from Steven Spielberg, Scarlett Johansson, Richard Gere and Julia Roberts. A portion of this captivating book's proceeds benefit the AHA, as they celebrate their 75th year of protecting and keeping animals safe during filming. Prior to the AHA's mandatory participation, animals were sometimes hurt or died during filming."

Robin Ganzert explains, "Each year our certified animal safety representatives protect 100,000 animal actors with a 99.98 percent safety rate. It is our mission to protect animals such as Joey in 'War Horse,' the wolves in 'Game of Thrones,' the penguins in 'Mr. Popper's Penguins,' Crookshanks in the 'Harry Potter' films and the werewolves in 'True Blood.' We work closely with the directors, and they often have to change a scene to accommodate the safety of an animal."

Also featured is Mr. Jinx the Himalayan cat, who flushes a toilet in "Meet the Fockers." This furry male actor was "discovered" on Petfinder.com as a homeless kitty. During filming, like any seasoned actor, he had a double.

"Animal Stars" shares professional training techniques for us to communicate with and teach our pets. It is not always warm and fuzzy on the set. Some animals decide they would rather play than focus on their



Courtesy Photo from American Humane Association  
**Richard Gere and his Akita co-star, Chico, appeared together in "Hachi: A Dog's Tale".**

mark and they might ignore verbal cues and hand signals.

"Many animal actors," explains animal trainer Dawn Barkan, "understand the word 'action'. When a cat is called to be in a scene, he might not feel energetic. He's a cat, after all. He only moves when he feels like it. So I use cues, like buzzers or clickers, to raise his excitement level."

Also, the book tells about the difficulties that ensued for the actors and film crew dealing with 600 slithering live snakes in "Snakes on a Plane!"

Animal trainers teach us what motivates a bunny or horse to purr-form to create a director's vision. Of course, Robin Williams' monkey co-star, Crystal, had as many antics as he did. She has appeared in over 20 feature films including "Night at the Museum" and "We Bought a Zoo" and Disney's "Treasure Buddies." Crystal has flown to mew-vie sets in Hawaii, Canada and Thailand.

"Animal Stars" explains how some horses fly half way around the world for their appearances, and why film crews had to drive eighty miles to deliver a massive black bear his favorite fast food meal. You also learn what becomes of the animals after the movie set is wrapped up or their TV series ends and where each one retires. All have happy endings and good homes - often with their trainer's loving family.

Many silver screen animal actors went from rags to riches because of their famous appearances. Fur instance; Hermione's cat co-star in the "Harry Potter" series spent each night in a facility with indoor/outdoor runs, sofas, televisions, toys, and playmates to de-stress her for the next day's filming. She is now the trainer's much loved house pet.

Actor animals need rest and play time to relax and regroup. They purr-form with unusual special effects: lights, loud noises, and dust. The furry actors need to be comfortable around the 200-plus crew and extras on set. And, they are often asked to do the same thing ten or fifteen times in a row.

The good news is that an animal's appearance in a mew-vie or TV show encourages new pet parents to consider adopting from shelters. Not only do the animals act for their directors, they are spokes-purrs-ones, teaching viewers about precious and loving pets! Some of the "Animal Stars" furry actors have their own fan clubs, Facebook pages and Twitter accounts. They are so pup-ular; some can even sign their own paw-digraphs but cannot text without the help of their trainer/family.

### TIPS

Many of us have pets with purrs-onalities like Dennis the Menace and we wonder how they can become actors in the film and television industry.

"Interviewing professional movie animal trainers for the book alerted us," said Linda, "to the many hidden dangers on a set. The humans are all focused on their equipment and parts to play and they are not paying attention to animals underfoot. The AHA is a blessing, as it provides professionals who know what to look for to protect working animals. Today, many of AHA's certified animal safety reps are veterinarians and they are acutely aware of the safety hazards and medical needs for different kinds of animals."

While you enjoy watching pets in films, your pets are the stars at home. Loving your family IS their job."

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## Offbeat Oregon History

The Oregonians who flew with the Doolittle raid over Tokyo

BY FINN J.D. JOHN  
For the Sentinel

Of the 80 American Army aviators who flew the Doolittle raid in April of 1942, at least seven were former Oregonians. Actually, with only one or two exceptions, all of them were former Oregonians, having been stationed at the Pendleton air base before preparations for the raid commenced; but for seven of them, the relationship with the Beaver State ran deeper than that.

This week, we'll talk about four of them, and next week we'll wrap up this topic with the other three, along with some finishing thoughts about the historic raid.

### Col. Henry A. Potter:

Col. "Hank" Potter was originally from South Dakota but attended the University of Oregon before entering the Army Air Corps in 1940. On the mission to bomb Japan, Potter was assigned to the lead plane — he was the navigator on the crew of Jimmy Doolittle himself.

Potter survived the raid; with his air crew, he bailed out over China and encountered a group of Chinese nationalist guerillas, who took them into custody at gunpoint and were marching them toward their camp when they encountered a schoolteacher who could speak English.

"We were able to explain to him who we were," Potter told the Minneapolis Star-Tribune in 1992. "He convinced his countrymen we were allies and he took us home and gave us breakfast."

Potter went on to service in North Africa, and was then brought back to the U.S. to train pilots in heavy bombers. He retired at the rank of full colonel in March 1970. His awards and commendations include the Distinguished Flying Cross,

Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army commendation medal, and the Chinese Army, Navy and Air Corps Medal.

### Lt. Robert Stevenson Cleaver:

Cleaver was an Oregon native, born in Portland in 1914 and a graduate of Cleveland High School. He attended the University of Oregon for two years before leaving to go to aviation school just before Pearl Harbor.

Cleaver was, by all accounts, a cut-up, witty and fun to talk to. In the Tokyo raid, he served as bombardier on Crew 7. In an interview for his home-town Portland Morning Oregonian later, in August 1942, he told of watching as fishermen on the coast of Japan waved cheerfully at him as the planes roared overhead. "I looked at that guy, and I said to myself: Why, the darned old fool, he's waving at us! It was our welcome to Japan, and we didn't expect it, no sir. I didn't wave back, though."

But roughly a month later, Cleaver was killed in an airplane crash in Ohio. His flying career had lasted less than two years. In that short time, though, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Chinese Army, Navy, Air Corps Medal.

### Colonel Robert G. Emmens

Emmens was born in Medford, graduated from Medford High and went on to the University of Oregon. Emmens was the co-pilot on Plane 8, which was the plane that made an emergency landing in Russia.

The Russians were not at war with Japan at the time, and although they probably would have liked to return the Americans to the U.S., they couldn't do that without provoking war with Japan — something they could ill afford while fighting off the Germans in the west. So, ignoring the Japanese government's strident demands that Emmens and his colleagues be turned over for trial, they kept them in internment camps for a year, after which time the Americans escaped with the help of an Afghan smuggler and presented themselves at the British embassy in Iran. (There are rumors that this escape was masterminded by the Russian secret police, the NKVD.)

Col. Emmens went on to serve in Europe and Japan during and after the war. His military awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Air Cops Medal (Class A); the Chinese Army, Navy, Air Corps medal; and even the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure. He retired in 1965 and returned home to Medford, where he worked as a stockbroker and died in 1992. He's buried in the local Odd Fellows cemetery, and you can visit his grave there.

### Brigadier Gen. Everett W. "Brick" Holstrom

"Brick" Holstrom was the pilot of Plane 4. He was born in Cottage Grove, graduated from Pleasant Hill High School and attended Oregon State College (now OSU), majoring in Forestry, before entering military

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