



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Pet's Purrs-onal Physician!

"I hope Blackie and my story inspires others," said Dr. Dave Hope. "I was a practicing scientist and chemist and keenly interested in natural medicine and what makes the body 'tick'. Fascinated, I devoured books on natural healing methods. My friends and I practiced on ourselves and our pets.

A passion to help others led me into medical school. I was shocked at the college's 'new' attitude. The ways of the old family doctor were long gone, it was now all 'big business' and it took strength to get through it for the goal of helping future patients.

Cats are not old at 12 but are elderly in their 20s, and I practice what I preach. My now-geriatric cats are rescues that have lived healthy lives. One, at 22 years of age, had a lush and shiny coat and was healthy until the day he died of a stroke. Our pets, like us, are mammals and respond to healthy food, love and a special soul purr-puss.

My oldest cat, Blackie, is 25 years old. He resembles the little critters on Ghost Busters — with no tail and flat ears.

In 2004, when I was a medical student in Florida, I saw heartless teens outside treating a black cat like a football; chasing, kicking and hitting him with sticks. I hollered at them, and as I ran to its rescue, their father yelled to 'mind my own business'. I grabbed up the unconscious cat, and upon returning home had to amputate his tail and use surgical glue to reattach his ears.

Understandably, Blackie was untrusting of humans, so he chose to heal on the safety of my porch. But soon he gracefully melded into 'our' inside kitty crew.

Then nine years ago, Sandy, arrived onto our porch — and stayed. Sandy and Blackie were instant family; life buddies — inseparable - bonded like Blackie's healed ears. If Blackie gets up to eat, Sandy follows him. When Blackie moves to a different sleeping location, so does his shadow Sandy like an imprinted baby

duck to his mother.

Today at age 25, (175 in cat years), Blackie is thin, on no medications, and still goes up and down stairs.

Our cats' homeopathic veterinarian advocates that they eat a raw diet. We noticed that fleas no longer bother them. As soon as they have any 'processed' food, fleas descend, en masse, over night.

We only eat organic too. There is no reason for humans or pets to be force-fed hidden chemicals that cause 'mysterious' health problems. We were not made to consume chemicals, and it is food, not chemicals, that keeps us healthy.

Our cats thrive on raw organic hamburger and their twice a week treat is: a couple of ounces of raw chicken or cow liver blended with a little water, the homeopathic cell salt bio plasma, kitty amino acids, supplements and an ounce of Essiac tea goes into their "liver soup". They devour it with gusto. I occasionally give them Rescue Remedy. Cats on a natural diet live to be over 20.

Your pet is your friend, not a house accessory. Our cats are our best buddies; we talk and play with them. In return, they don't beat up our furniture. If you treat your animals with kindness, they carry this forward in their lives. If they urinate in a wrong location, it often means a bladder infection.

Most cats are like Pavlov's dogs, trained through repetition to hate vehicle rides because they 'only' ride to the veterinarian clinic.

My cat loves car rides. He sits on my lap, paws up on the window ledge, watching cows. When we say, "Cows!" he starts meow-howling at them. After a vet trip, we reward him with a treat and a ride over to see 'his' cows.

I had a previously diagnosed 97-year-old Alzheimer patient whose daughter called concerned because her mother was slumped in a stupor drooling on herself. Being a chemist, I recognized her medications and symptoms as a poisonous combination. Once removed from the medications, the mother became alert and was cracking jokes!



Photo by Laurie Attridge

Dave and Blackie became 'family' on the most terrifying day of Blackie's life! When in trouble we pray for hope. Luckily, Blackie's prayers were answered when rescued from certain death by his new purrs-onal physician, Dr. Dave Hope.

I have learned that 'the doctor is not always right.' When you are not being 'heard', seek a second opinion. We all have instincts and a higher healing power. Listen to your inner child, play, say your prayers, expect healing - and you can live a longer and healthier life.

I wish you and your pets a long and healthy life."

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Walter donates locks to help cancer patients

Eleven-year old Ashley Walter, an incoming Lincoln Middle Schooler, closed out the month of June with a milestone haircut to prepare her donation to Locks of Love, an organization that prepares hairpieces for economically disadvantaged children.

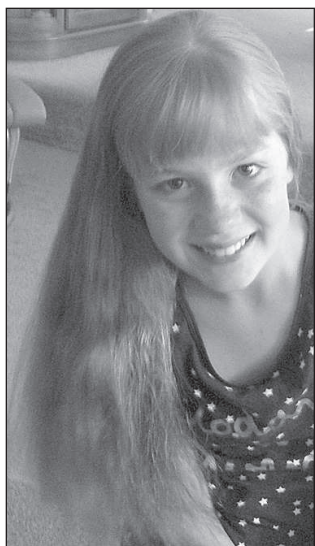
Her mom, Kellie Walter, said Ashley decided to grow her hair out in third grade.

"She had seen lots of donation videos online and said, "I felt like it was really sad they had to lose their hair during chemotherapy," her mom wrote. "It was after that she decided to do something to help. She really loves to style and play with hair

and thought it was sad that they couldn't do the same. She went online and looked into locks of love and then decided it was something she wanted to do to help."

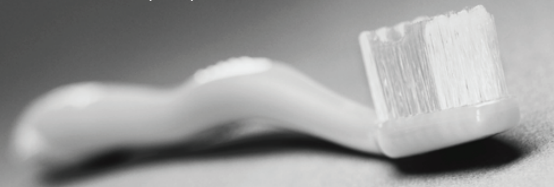
Kellie Walter said Ashley has always had a heart for people in need and is especially drawn to children.

"She stayed faithful in growing her hair even when it was hot outside and hard to brush because she wanted to follow through," her mom wrote. "She will now be entering the sixth grade with a new, short haircut and the joy of having helped someone else at the same time."



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