



POOCHIE SCOOP

THE CATBIRD SEAT

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Outside the shelter one morning I couldn't help but be drawn to a rather loud and happy bird sitting high in the top of a tree. I couldn't tell what kind it was but it was sure singing it's heart out. Curiosity of course led me to the internet where I found the Catbird.



The American Heritage Dictionary defines the Catbird Seat as a position of power or prominence.

Who actually coined the phrase in the pages of history is a bit unclear. The Gray Catbird is a member of the Minidae family which includes the varied melodies of the Mocking bird and the yellow eyed Brown Thrasher. Of the three, the Catbird is the smallest, the sneakiest and the bossiest.

It has a cascade of squeals, squeaks, and warblers. They can have a cat like mew thus the name Catbird.

As I understand from reading about the Catbird - in his seat is a great place to be. Often perched in the top of a tree this "feline avialan" has ties to various saying and cliché's among them baseball. Being in the Catbird Seat could describe a player who was in a good position - up on a pitcher three balls to no strikes or advancing to third on a wild pitch.

Unlike their relative the Mocking bird, who according to Harper Lee, author of "To Kill a Mocking Bird", it is a sin to actually kill one, the Catbird has a spunky personality toward other birds and often exerts his seat of authority in it relationship to them. Similar to a cat, the Catbird stalks and sneaks.

This time of year is a great time to enjoy the melodies and mischief the critters of the air have to offer.

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LEGAL BEAGLE



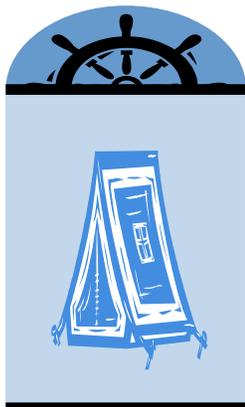
Why must my puppy be quarantined at the shelter for a playful bite? He is only 10 weeks old and not old enough for a rabies vaccine.

According to North Carolina State Law 130A-196 Notice and confinement of biting animals:

(a) When a person has been bitten by an animal required to be vaccinated under this Part, the person, parent, guardian or person standing in loco parentis of the person, and the person owning the animal or in control or possession of the animal shall notify the local health director immediately and give the name and address of the person bitten and the owner of the animal.

(b) Confinement: When an animal required to be vaccinated under this Part, bites a person, the animal shall be immediately confined for 10 days in a place designated by the local health director.

This confinement still applies even though the animal involved is not old enough to be vaccinated due to the fact that the rabies virus is not partial to any age. Dogs and cats need to be 4 months of age before vaccination because of their resistance to the vaccine prior to that age.



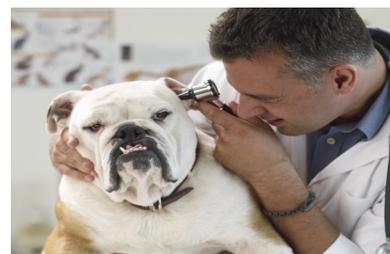
TENT REVIVAL<http://www.humanesociety.org/news/>

Continuing our series on the spiritual connection with our animals, access the above link to Jim Baker's article "Tent Revival". It is a continuation of the Humane Society of the United States Faith outreach Campaign.

The HSUS's collaboration with both local shelters and religious groups is all part of a larger campaign to curtail pet homelessness and strengthen respect for animals.

How to keep your pet healthy during any season

WXII 12.COM<http://www.wxii12.com/family/30555667/detail.html>



2012 RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS

You must present proof of current rabies vaccination to receive a 3 year vaccine. The NC State Law says: It shall be unlawful for an owner to fail to provide current inoculation against rabies for any dog or cat four (4) months of age or older. All dogs are to be held securely on a leash and all cats are to be contained in a carrier or box by a responsible person. A charge of \$7.00 will be made for each dog or cat vaccinated. A licensed veterinarian will administer the vaccine. Sponsors are Wilkes County Animal Control, Humane Society of Wilkes & local Veterinarians.



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Tuesday May 1st 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Southeastern Comm. Center
4595 Hunting Creek Road
N. Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Traphill Elementary
9794 Traphill Road
Traphill, NC 28685

Millers Creek Elementary
4320 Hwy 16 North
Millers Creek, NC 28651

Ronda Clingman Elementary
316 Ronda Clingman Elem.Sch. Rd
Ronda, NC 28670

Mt. Pleasant Elementary
532 Champion Mt. Pleasant
Ferguson, NC 28624

Mtn. View Elementary
5464 Mtn. View Road
N. Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Saturday May 5th

Animal Hospital of Wilkes
1609 Curtis Bridge Road
Wilkesboro, NC 28697
8:00 am until 1:00 pm

Elkin Veterinary Hospital
786 Highway 268 West
Elkin, NC 28621
9:00 am until 12:00 noon

Riverview Animal Hospital
239 Armory Road
N. Wilkesboro, NC 28659
8:00 am until 12:00 noon

State Road Animal Hospital
1113 Klondike Road
State Road, NC 28676
8:00 am until 12:00 noon

Wilkes Veterinary Hospital
1007 Second Street
N. Wilkesboro, NC 28659
8:00 am until 12:00 noon

HUMANE SOCIETY OF WILKES

*Thanks to the Spay/Neuter program, over **800** animals were altered in 2011.*

*Since the first of the year 2012 we've had **253** animals altered.*

Making change happen!

Don't forget to sign up on Tuesday nights at the Library between 6 - 7 pm



PETSMART ADOPTIONS

CAT'S GOT A CHANCE



Thanks to the joint efforts of the animal shelter, the Humane Society of Wilkes and Petsmart, cats now have a fighting chance.

To date 29 cats have been taken to Petsmart for adoption. Most of them coming from the animal shelter.

Thanks to all those who made it happen!

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