

# Snoop Kitties: All the Best Answers

by Tiger & Pooka Bear



## Economic Woes Affect Animals

### Readers:

While we have received no letters about how our countries economic struggles have affected local animals, we thought it would be a good topic for a column. We hope that pets and their human families have all of their needs met every day and we wish you all well.

### Tiger and Pooka Bear

### Dear Readers;

The price of gas? That seems to be on every adult human's mind lately and we have heard at the cat tree that pets and their families are working hard to make ends meet as necessities like food and gas prices go up. We know the most difficult decision a human can ever make is whether or not they can continue to afford their loved pet. This is a tragedy. There is some local help with costs associated with animals including low cost spay and neuter services through the Den County Humane Society and some local food shelters have pet food when it has been donated.

Pets are often among the voiceless victims of the current economic downturn. Animals have been left behind in foreclosed homes, and shelters are reporting that families are struggling to keep and feed pets. Never leave your animal behind when you have to leave you home - call the Dane County Humane Society (DCHS) and make sure your pets basic needs are taken care of. If you are moving, you can get a list of pet friendly apartments from the DCHS. If the home you find does not allow pets, appeal to your new landlord to see if keeping your family together is a possibility. Include letters from your vet and your current landlord if possible.

Here are some money saving tips from the Humane Society of the Unites States:

While buying expensive toys and accessories has become a popular way to demonstrate your attachment to your pet, your pet can be just as happy with homemade toys. They need your love and attention more than any pricey product.

Keep your pets safe inside or on a leash outside. Animals allowed to roam freely are more prone to accidents and resulting veterinary bills.

Let your vet know that finances are tight and ask that they prescribe only the most vital vaccinations to keep your pet healthy.

Consider pet insurance to minimize the shock of an expensive bill from the vet in the case pf an unexpected illness or injury.

Pets love their humans above every thing else and would often risk themselves for their owners. Keep that dedication in mind and make sure your animals basic needs are met even if it means surrendering your pet. May you homes be blessed with love and happiness, even when steak is not on the table.

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# Enter to Worship - Exit to Serve

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Each service is centered on the philosophy that "we enter to worship, and we exit to serve," simply stressing that "Church" is not just what happens on Sunday morning, but what is done the rest of the week.



Pastor Gee tells of his life growing up on the South Side of Madison, and through the sharing of stories about his mother, he reflects, remembering those times keeps him grounded. There is a genuine sense of caring and sincerity when Pastor Gee speaks of the role of FOL within the Allied Community . "We came knowing something good is happening and we want to be a part of it."

Fountain of Life's presence and commitment to the Allied Community will be long-lasting. Their doors are open to anyone who would like to enter. Services are held Sunday morning at 10 am. For more information call 608-204-9722.

And that is exactly what FOL has done. They have opened their doors , literally, as their summer services flowed out doors for community picnics. FOL has bi-lingual staff to meet the needs of the entire community.



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**Dr. T. Berry Brazelton**  
and  
**Dr. Joshua Sparrow**



Touchpoints:  
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Families,  
Strengthening  
Communities

A noted international expert on child development, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton is Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and the Founder of the Child Development Unit at Children's Hospital, Boston. He is also Founder of Brazelton Touchpoints Center, which offers programs and services designed to shift the paradigm of care so that our service delivery systems are appropriately focused on discovering and meeting the needs of families.

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**NOON - 1:30 PM**  
**MONONA TERRACE**

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Tuesday November 18th 6:45-9:00 pm At the WISC TV Studios  
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This community forum will feature a presentation by Dane County Sheriff's Deputies, Cindy Holmes, Leslie Fox , and Josalyn Longley and discussion with participants. This game is popular with all communities of youth in Dane county. As adults you don't want to miss this! This community forum is free and open to all adults. For more information please call Jeanne Erickson 608-770-2049.

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