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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Say No to Gas Chambers
I was thrilled to learn about your work to end shelters’ use of gas chambers (“Bashing the Gas,” September/October). Gas chambers must be terrifying and painful for the animal and should NEVER be used.

— SUSAN BISHOP, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

It’s a Beautiful Thing
Can I just say that I LOVE Jackie Meyers! What a wonderful woman she is to take in senior and ailing animals (“Senior Moments,” September/October). Having recently lost a beloved member of our family—our 8-year-old beautiful Yorkie, Lady Mia, after a five-month illness—I know what it takes to care for a sick and dying animal. God bless Ms. Meyers for her commitment to these animals, giving them dignity and love all the way to the end. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

— LORIE JEAN SHEWBRIDGE, CELEBRATION, FLORIDA

The Power of Positive
Thumbs up to your work and magazine. It’s heartwarming to know people care and work so hard to bring awareness and help to animals of all sorts. Instead of doom and gloom, your organization shows that progress is not only possible but is a work in process.

— CHRISTINE SANTULLO, MCDONOUGH, NEW YORK

THIS ISSUE’S MUSE

WHEN HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL consultant Peter Li first saw Colby, the tiny puppy was huddled with his brother, later named Scout, in a dirty cage at China’s Yulin dog meat festival. Li had come to expose the cruel dog meat trade, not to get a dog—but he couldn’t leave the puppies behind to wind up on a dinner table. He bought them for $52, then devised a strategy to get them home. Li says Colby “was absolutely calm” during the stressful trip from China to his new home in Houston, and he happily greeted curious passers-by at the airport, becoming an ambassador for all the dogs who suffer in China’s dog meat trade. Colby has grown into a playful pal for Li’s other dog, Teddy, and he adores his new family, even the six cats! (Read more about Scout and animal activism in China on page 16.)

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WE ASKED; YOU ANSWERED

Puppy playmates, Frisbee and more: Our Facebook fans told us how they exhaust their seemingly tireless pets.

STELLA NICHOLS  The most effective thing we did to exhaust our hyper dog was to adopt another one. When work/school takes up my time, they play and chase each other around for hours and are exhausted by the end of the day.

STEPHANIE MORAN  The Chuckit is a great tool. I have three high-energy pups, and it helps give them an outlet for all that energy.

NEHA A.  Mountain biking!

BONNIE MICHAELS  Lots of Frisbee!

MELISSA O WHITE  Long hikes! My dog loved it and so did I!

BARBARA METCALF JOHNSRUD  I live in North Dakota and ... when the weather is way too frigid to go outside, we play fetch up and down the stairs. Our Lab-border collie loves it!

MOLLY PFORDRESHER  Definitely the dog park for these two goofs! On top of the exercise, it’s helping Luke (the now 70-pound tri-colored husky-Great Dane mix) not be such a scaredy cat!

ANGELA GRUBBS ADASME  Doggie daycare. He has his buddies, and they play and run all day!

JOAN JOHNSON  My Fendley (West Highland terrier) loves a basketball. He tries to bite it and ends up rolling it around for hours.

RETURN TO THE WILD

THIS COYOTE PUP, rescued from a wildfire just north of San Diego in May, was suffering from burns to her ears, nose and foot pads, severe dehydration and malnutrition when she arrived at The Fund for Animals Wildlife Care Center, an HSUS affiliate in Ramona, California (“A Spark of Hope,” September/October). Under the center’s care, she healed quickly, says veterinary technician Gina Taylor. Staff made sure the pup didn’t get too comfortable with humans, and when she was released in early September, she was all coyote. “She bolted!” Taylor remembers. “She knocked down two of the [cameras] placed in front of her on her way out the door.” Then she ran up a hillside and promptly settled down in the shade of a large tree.

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