

## Laughs and Giggles

### Reading between the lines

#### Son's Letter:

Dear Dad,  
School i\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudyng very hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.

Love,  
Your \$on

—Source: <http://www.ahajokes.com/hinting.html>

#### Dad's Reply:

Dear Son,  
I kNOw that astroNOmy, ecoNOMics, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOR student busy. Do NOT forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.

Dad

## Did you know?

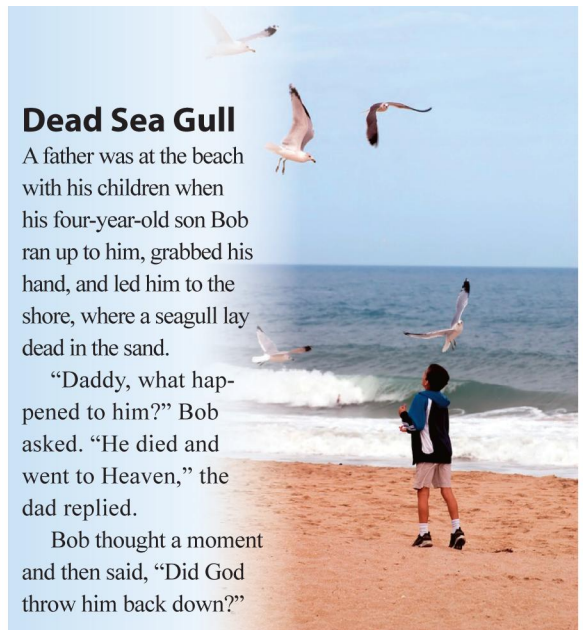
- A Saudi Arabian woman can get a divorce if her husband doesn't give her coffee.
- The King of Hearts is the only king without a mustache.

### Dead Sea Gull

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son Bob ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" Bob asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied.

Bob thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"



## Deer Valley's Pampered Pets

# Spay. Neuter. Be responsible.

Become part of the solution to the nationwide stray and unwanted pet epidemic

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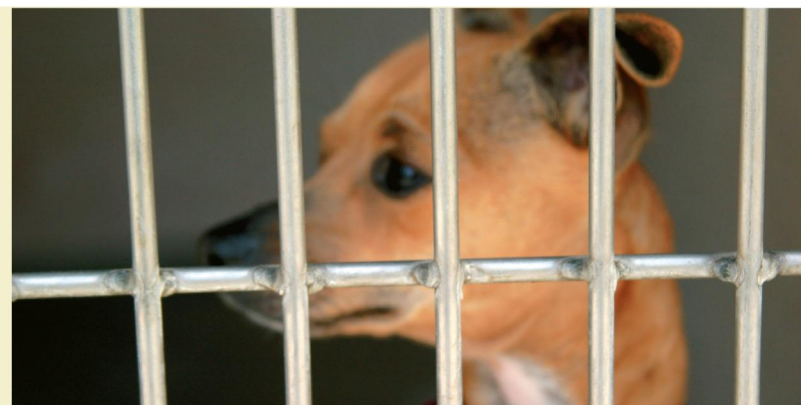
There is a serious animal issue in our state, which includes an appalling stray, homeless, and pet surrender population. It is difficult to wrap our minds around these staggering statistics, but we must get a grip on them if we are going to assist the seemingly infinite victims of population abuse. This is a community issue and the community must take responsibility to work together and solve the problem.

For every pet or stray that accidentally becomes pregnant it results in a death for another animal sitting at the Humane Society or Maricopa County. These facilities make room for incoming animals by putting down ones that do not get adopted out. There are instances when a pet becomes an inconvenience or a burden to a family, resulting in that pet being

discarded like yesterday's shoes. Here is how you can help:

- Spay and neuter your pets! Every litter adds to the numbers dying each day.
- Make a lifelong commitment to your pets. Make them key members of your family, just as you do with your children.
- License your pets.
- Adopt your next pet from a rescue group or shelter, NOT a pet store, as majority of these establishments get their pets from puppy mills where unhealthy breeding and living conditions are promoted. This results in maladjusted animals with issues which may cause a family to "dump" the pet at the pound. When you purchase a pet from a pet store you are supporting this vicious cycle of animal breeding and abuse.

Educate your family and friends on this epidemic population problem. Many would love to help but do not know where to begin. Donations—whether



monetary, food, time or housing materials—are always needed. Here are some sites that can use your help:

- **PACC911** (Phoenix Animal Care Coalition) is a directory of local rescues. [www.pacc911.org](http://www.pacc911.org)
- **MCACC** (Maricopa County Animal Care & Control) can guide you to the East & Westside shelters and specific city shelters. [www.pets.maricopa.gov](http://www.pets.maricopa.gov) 602-506-7387
- **AAWL** (Arizona Animal Welfare League) [www.aawl.org](http://www.aawl.org) is the state's oldest and largest no-kill shelter.
- **AHS** (Arizona Humane Society) [www.azhumane.org](http://www.azhumane.org), 602-997-7586
- **Circle L (Circle of Life) Ranch** is an animal sanctuary and needs the following items immediately: Raised dog bowl stands, dog sleeping cots, dog beds, blankets, towels, dog brushes, dog shampoo and conditioner, donations of cash for food. [www.circlel.org](http://www.circlel.org), 480-948-2795

Please consider adopting for life, volunteering your time, donating money or donating items for the many animals that rely on us for their very existence. Animals are precious. Animals need our help, and we *can* help them. **dv**

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- In six years, one female dog and her offspring could produce 67,000 dogs.
- In seven years, one female cat and her offspring could produce 420,000 cats.
- According to the Humane Society of the United States, the number of cats and dogs entering shelters each year is estimated to be 8-10 million and the number of cats and dogs euthanized by shelters each year is estimated to be 4-5 million.