

## AUGUST 2012 NEWS

This is my second attempt at writing my August Newsletter; the last one was written too late in the evening and was FAR too heavy for human and definitely for animal consumption.

Tomorrow I leave my beloved animals to go on holiday. Now I am not sure how many other people out there are just like me but I hate leaving my pets despite having an angel person, named Jacqui, looking after them in my absence. I travel a fair amount and when for business reasons, I somehow feel a bit better but for purely recreational purposes ... ?? ...; I just feel less justified in leaving them.

Then a dear friend just made matters worse by saying that it's all good and well getting a sitter but, despite the love lavished on the pets, the question is ... do they (the animals) love the sitter as much and in the same way as they love you? Mmmm, food for thought. Then I meet with people who tell me that their beloved Pixie, Cindy, Jack etc, etc will be spending their holiday at so and so Pet Hotel. Well, my tummy turns and my 'mostly diplomatic' tongue just wants to speak not such kind words.

Please don't get me wrong, I am not for one moment implying that catteries and kennels are terrible places but don't fool yourself; they are not hotels as most of us know a holiday in a hotel. Funny thing is that my holiday is going to be spent in India where hotels can be as questionable as catteries and kennels. Welcome to the Raj Palace ..... . Oo la la, dingy, grim and 'nog al' 4 stars!?!

Now, for the average human, we can say, "What the heck; I decide that I can adjust," or "Hell no, let's leave." For our beloved pets, they don't have the option. And good luck to your conscience if you think that Christmas in a cage is as good as Christmas with your family! So what to do ... ? There are no easy answers. I suppose if you have chosen to share your life with dogs, the choice of pet friendly accommodation is the best idea but international travel does not allow this option and cats definitely will not like it.

So ... decisions, decisions. All I, as an Animal Communicator, ask is that you spend time pondering these options and NO, animals are not OK with someone popping in once a day to feed them. And even worse is filling a big container with food and water that will last a few days! Guys and Girls, we are now meant to be living as budding enlightened beings. Please spend a moment considering the feelings of these animals that love you unconditionally, snuggle when you are cold and sit close by your side when you are sad.

Some basic rules when leaving your animals at home with a reliable sitter or in another place of safety ...

- Please tell them for how many dark nights you will be away.
- Tell them where you are going and that you will be safe.
- Tell them where they will be staying and that they will be safe.
- Leave toys and familiar smelling articles with them and make sure that their diet does not change.

And please, never ever fool yourself in believing that they are happy without you and your care.

Lastly, and this especially but not exclusively applies to cats, ensure that the boarding kennels are safe and secure and that the management agree to cover all costs incurred in finding your cat/dog if he or she disappears whilst in their care.

We are not the owners of our pets but rather the guardians. They are not our slaves but rather our confidants, security systems ☺ and hopefully friends. Please do ensure that you always guard their safety. You will be blessed for doing so.

Love and light  
Debbie