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San Antonio—June 27-30, 2012

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If you want to spend a few extra days, SeaWorld San Antonio, the world's largest marine life adventure park and Six Flags Fiesta Texas with thrilling rides and shows fun for every age are just down the road.

Program plans are being finalized, but a tentative agenda and registration information is available now. Please make plans to join us, June 27-30, 2012, Deep in the Heart of Texas!

Registration and Room Block Now Open:

<http://www.nvra.org/displayconvention.cfm?conventionnbr=11039>

NVRA Testing Changes Now in Effect

NVRA's Board of Directors adopted the following changes to NVRA's testing program effective January 1, 2012.

The current speeds for the CVR and CM will be retired effective immediately.

Beginning January 1, 2012, the CVR examination will be given at the following speeds: Literary 180 wpm, Jury Charge 200 wpm, Q&A 225 wpm. The requirement for 95% accuracy will remain unchanged.

Beginning January 1, 2012, the CM examination will be given at the following speeds: Literary 200 wpm, Jury Charge 240 wpm, Q&A 260 wpm. Required accuracy will be 95%.

Beginning January 1, 2012, the RVR (realtime), RCP (CART), and RBC (broadcast captioning) examinations will be given at 180 wpm with a required accuracy of 95%.

The revised testing manual and study guides and 2012 Testing Schedule are available online.
<http://www.nvra.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=8>

Read the entire testing announcement:
http://nvra.org/associations/3873/files/NVRA_Announcement_Final2.pdf

Next Testing Opportunity:

April 14-15, 2012

*Dual Locations:
Cleveland, Ohio and Atlanta, GA*

CVR Workshop
RVR Workshop
CVR-CM Testing
RVR Testing
RCP Testing
RBC Testing

Registration will open by March 1. NVRA's online written test will be offered April 1-14. Complete 2012 Testing Schedule Available on-line:

<http://www.nvra.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=8>

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to these reporters who have earned their CVR-M designation since July of 2011:

Atlanta, GA, October 2011

Maryann Nevers, CVR-M
Mary Kellerman, CVR-M
Kerri Floyd, CVR-M
Amy Poythress, CVR-M
Karen Burns, CVR-M

Cleveland, OH, November 2011

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Life Lessons: 5 Things You Can Learn From Your Pet

You shouldn't bark, slobber, or peck at people – that you know. But there are some socially acceptable actions that you can borrow from your furry friends. Five professional animal lovers lead the way.

1 | Celebrate *everything!*

Everytime I walk into my apartment – even if I've been gone for less than a minute – my three dogs leap on me, kiss me, lick me, wag and bark, and show me their chew toys. I believe that if dogs could speak, they'd say, "You should have a cupcake for that." That's a world view I can get behind.

Julie Klam is the author of *You Had Me at Woof*.

2 | Just being present is enough.

When I was experiencing the worst of my grief over the loss of my sister to cancer, my two cats got on the bed and snuggled up to either side of me. They didn't make a sound; they just stayed there, so close that I actually felt embraced. It was a powerful lesson in what gives comfort. I have never known what to say to a friend who has a terrible illness or who has lost a loved one, but my cats taught me that I don't need to say anything at all. What matters is showing up.

Susan Logan is the editor of *Cat Fancy* magazine.



3 | (Brain) size doesn't matter.

My wife and I had a parrot with a really small brain. And yet, she took great pleasure in human-like activities, such as rearranging the cupboards. She was so clever – as most pets are. If you observe them, you'll be reminded that even though people are smarter, we're still just animals with all the same emotions, like anxiety and joy.

Nicholas Dodman is the director of the Animal Behavior Program at Tufts University.

4 | Don't try so hard.

Cats are quirky, independent thinkers. Some people don't like them for this reason. I respect each of my cats because they are so true to themselves and resistant to outside influences. In my opinion, it would be preferable for politicians, in particular, to behave more like cats, who just do their own thing, and less like dogs, who clamor for affection and acceptance.

Betsy Alexander is a Philadelphia music teacher, whose piano-playing cat, Nora, has racked up more than 19 million hits on YouTube.

5 | You can get along with anybody.

You know that expression "They fight like cats and dogs?" In my experience it's not necessarily true. It's quite surprising how animals of different species can be friends. In my work, I bring home baby birds almost every night. Our dog, Spinnaker, treats them very gently. He has raised baby flamingoes with us and even helped train a falcon. Humans would do well to emulate such displays of generosity.

Laura Wyatt is the curator of wildlife at the Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary in Florida.



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