



POCKET PETS, EXOTICS & MARINE MAMMALS

PRESENTED BY

DR. REBECCA GREENE



(Subclavian blood draw on a Sea Lion)
Rebecca Greene, DVM is a graduate of Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia. As a veterinary student, she interned at various wildlife centers, zoos and research facilities including the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program and the Oregon Zoo.

Prior to veterinary school, Dr. Greene worked in the field of human medicine as a critical care nurse and has a BS from Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore, MD. Realizing that her true calling was in the field

of veterinary medicine, she followed her heart into a varied career of exotic animal and marine mammal medicine. She now splits her time between Adobe Animal Hospital in Los Altos where she sees a variety of pocket pets, rabbits, hobby farm animals, reptiles and even dogs and cats, and the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito. As an associate at the MMC, one of the largest marine mammal hospitals in the world, Dr. Greene handles a very busy inpatient caseload. The center is also active in ocean health, marine mammal research and education as well as training veterinary students as interns and residents.



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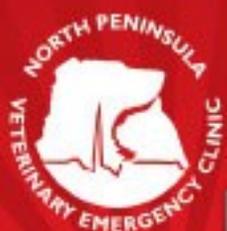
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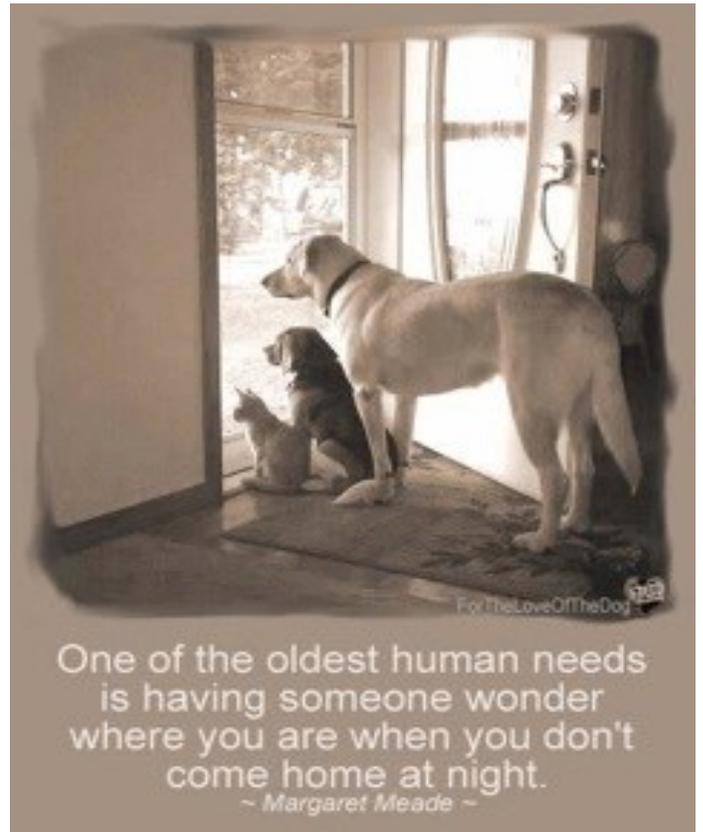
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Controversial Egg Law

Five states have joined a lawsuit challenging a 2010 California law that will take effect in 2015 requiring producers of eggs sold in the Golden State to house hens in roomier cages. The law would cover all egg producers selling in California whether the hens are in state or not. The suit seeks to declare the law invalid for regulating producers in states other than California. In 2008 California residents approved a ballot initiative banning farmers from housing egg-laying hens in enclosures too small for the birds to lie down, stand up or fully spread their wings. In 2010 the state legislators passed a law extending the standards to all producers selling eggs in California. Currently, about 80% of U.S. hens are raised under guidelines from the United Egg Producers which requires 67 to 86 square inches of floor space per bird. The California law demands at least 116 square inches of space per bird for enclosures housing nine or more chickens. Many producers argue that enlarging cages would be an unacceptable cost to their business. But a co-owner of Centrum Valley Farms in Iowa said, "If that's what we have to do to sell eggs in California, we will do it."

This legal challenge threatens the rights of states to make their own decisions. States have long had the right under the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment to regulate inhumane products in their local markets regardless of the product's origin. Last year, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals squarely rejected a similar claim concerning California's ban on the sale of cruelly-produced foie gras. California's "chicken comfort law" could be shifted to a national scope by Congress if they pass **H.R. 1731 and S. 820** which demand minimum space allotment for birds. Such a revised law would bring about better treatment of animals while assuring stability for egg farmers. It is an important consumer freedom to have a say about the conditions under which their food is produced. Most consumers do not want animals used in food production to be subjected to cruel and inhumane conditions as they clearly indicated in 2008 by passing Prop 2 in California.



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Baby Squirrel Rescued

A baby squirrel is being nursed back to health at the City Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Washington D.C. after falling onto a concrete sidewalk on April 15th from her nest high in a tree. The cute little critter suffered a bloody nose, a broken tooth and a broken ankle according to a report from ABC News. During her recovery, the patient has a cast on her leg and is examined by a veterinarian every three days. It is reported that the 6-week-old has a healthy appetite and is expected to make a full recovery.