

You and Your Pet

Pets of the Month

April and May 'A delightful duo'

If the Upper Credit Humane Society (UCHS) was making a movie, we would star "April and May". This ready-made, multi-faceted, duo would be sure to please. The scenario of plump, solid April paired with slim, high-energy May is endearing.

These dogs came to us together as strays so we do not have much background on them, relying on the impact they have made while in residence.



APRIL

April is a senior female Rotti, who like some mature ladies has insisted on following a low-cal ration to help trim her 90 lbs and maintain good health.

Rottis (including my own) love food with a passion and are sometimes prone to overweight, added to the fact many find eating helps ease the stress of shelter life.

April is certainly the "grande dame" of UCHS and is low maintenance, welcoming kind words and pats and loves to sit with "her staff" in the kitchen during meal preparation.

Rottis' coats are easy to care for, and April looks forward to being brushed enjoying the caressing gentle hands on older joints!

April is housetrained, clean in her kennel and fond of her companion May.

May is a female, pretty German

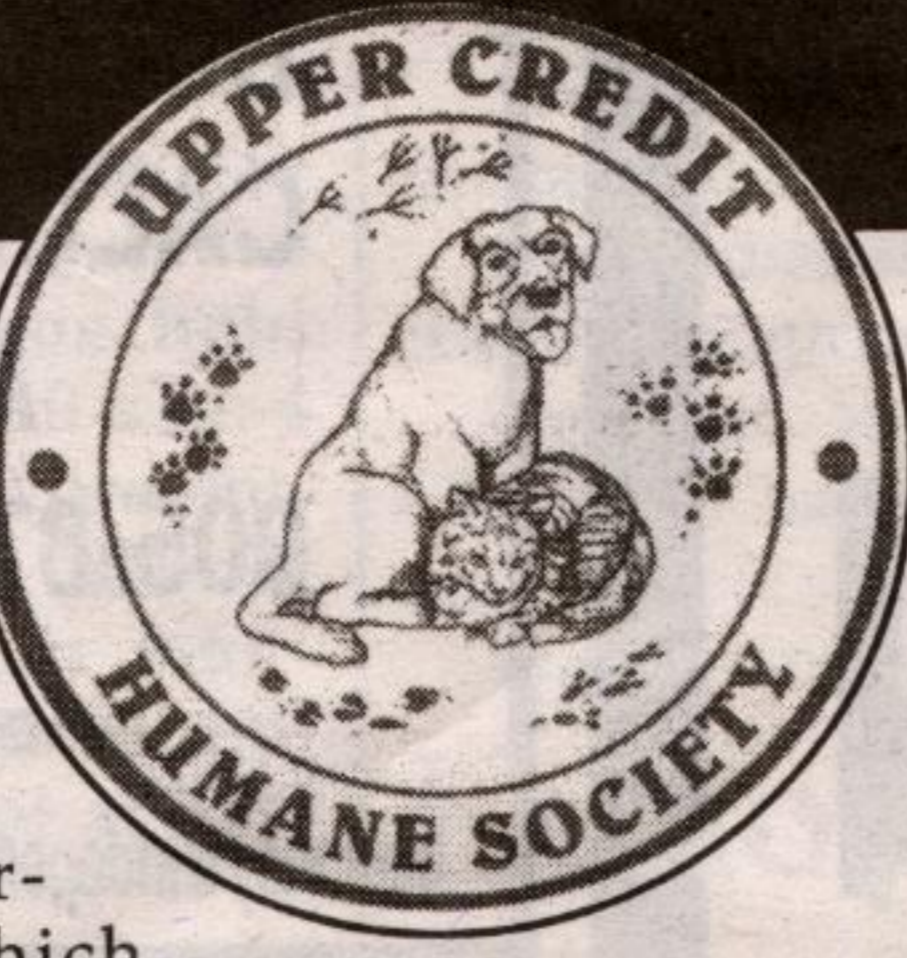
Shepherd, black and tan, probably five years of age and unlike April is decidedly underweight, which could also be part of a stress response. She is a very affectionate lady, who loves attention and the touch of a loving hand.

May and April share the same pod and enjoy being together. During their outside recreation time, May will keep an eye on the whereabouts of April, leading her walker in April's direction.

May seems to admire April, who appears to have a calming influence on her high energy, spirited nature.

We are hoping to find a family with experience with large dogs who would be willing to adopt the two dogs together so their bond will not be broken. It is interesting to note that two bonded dogs often settle into their new home more quickly and easily than a single dog.

Interested families can learn more about our "movie star duo" by calling 519-833-2287 (CATS).



MAY

—By Judith-Anne Kolu,
Upper Credit Humane Society

Your pets have the right...

I found the Pet's Bill of Rights while doing research for my pet articles. While I could find various Web sites that gave the list of the rights, I couldn't find anything about their origins. The only thing I could find was that they were written by an unknown author. I wanted to do an article about them, so I am going with what little I have.

The Pet's Bill of Rights are:

1. We have the right to be full members of your family. We thrive on social interaction, praise and love.
2. We have the right to stimulation. We need new games, new toys, new experiences and new smells to be happy.
3. We have the right to regular exercise. Without it, we could become hyper, sluggish or fat.
4. We have the right to have fun. Don't expect us to be predictable all the time. We enjoy acting like clowns now and then.
5. We have the right to quality health care.
6. We have the right to good nutrition. We depend on you for all

our good health decisions.

7. We have the right not to be rejected because of your expectations that we be great show dogs or cats, watchdogs, hunters or baby-sitters.

8. We have the right to receive proper training. Otherwise, our good relationship could be marred by confusion and strife and we could become dangerous to ourselves and others.

9. We have the right to guidance and correction based on understanding and compassion, rather than abuse.

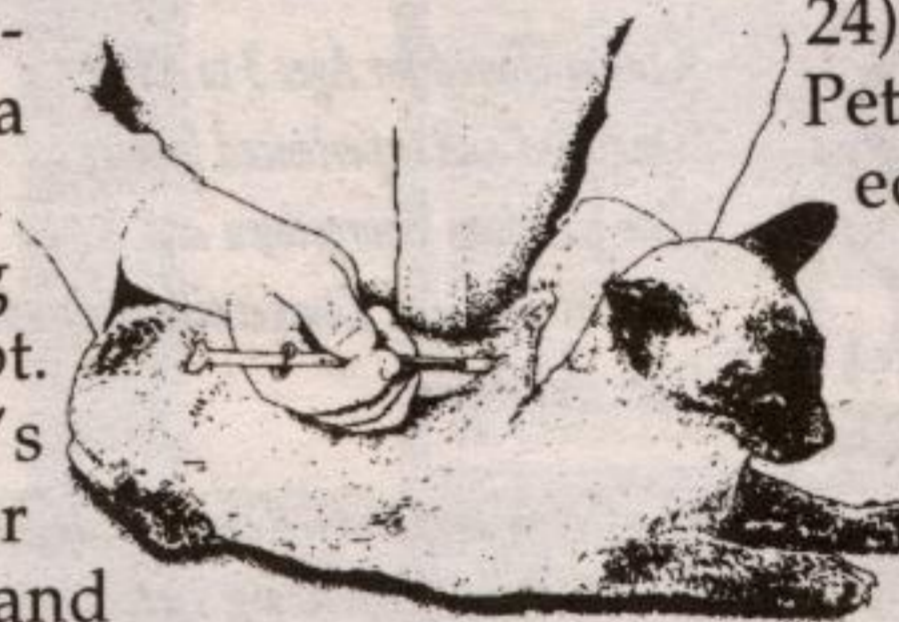
10. We have the right to live with dignity...and to die with dignity when the time comes.

While these are not set in stone, they are very practical and seem to cover just about everything. Whoever wrote them should take credit for them. It is obvious from the number of hits that a search on the Web for the Pet's Bill of Rights produces that there are many more people who believe in them.

—By Ronda Addy, special

UCHS holds vaccination/microchipping day

Upper Credit Humane Society holds a rabies vaccination and microchipping day on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Society's Shelter, at the corner of Trafalgar Rd. N. and Wellington Cty. Rd. 124 (old Hwy.



24), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pets must be leashed or crated. Vaccination is \$10 per animal and micro-chipping is \$25. Get both done for \$32.

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