

Crossroads

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INTER*SPECIES PALS

...Or, can your pet have a pet too!!

Animal lovers naturally bond with their pets. But would you expect your pet to bond with a pet of its own? Here are some examples of actual non-human cross-species bonding:



Meet Chino, the golden retriever, and Falstaff, the fish! They have been pals for 3 years. They met when Chino's owners moved into a new house that had a pond in the backyard, with Falstaff living in it. Chino became fascinated with Falstaff, according to their owner, Mary Heath of Medford, UK. Falstaff has similar affections for Chino and will even "nibble on Chino's paws" while he dangles them in the water, their noses only centimeters apart.

Then there's Sophie the spaniel, and her buddy, Bramble, the owl. Actually, this is a case of cross-species maternal love. When



Bramble, an orphaned chick, was brought indoors by conservationist, Sharon Brindon to be cared for, Sophie adopted her immediately! She started licking Bramble's featherless body to clean her. Evidently, Bramble liked this so much that even now as a healthy, fully feathered adult owl, she still insists on getting a daily sprucing up from Sophie. They are best friends and play together every day.

Mr. Li of Changhun, North China, had a mouse problem. He tried everything to catch this rodent, but nothing worked. So, he decided to borrow his neighbor's



cat to do the job. Da Huang, the cat, was good. The next morning he had caught the mouse, but then let him go! The mouse, at first, feeling indignant at being treated roughly, actually tried to attack Da in retaliation, but this did not bother the cat in the least. Soon, this roughhouse behavior turned into a game between these two. Now, they are the best of pals. They play together and even sleep together!

You may think that these types of inter-species relationships are only possible because of human intervention; with no food and shelter worries, it's no longer necessary for these animals to obey the "laws of the jungle". But, these two unusual friends live completely in the wild with no human contact at all.



Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?... Try our *lessons on the Internet!* It's CROSSROADS in your home or office! You get CROSSROADS' great teachers, teaching programs, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details: **089 9217595**

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

Here's a video of a very unusual friendship: scroll down and take a look: http://www.answerbag.com/q_view/510501

NET NOTEBOOK: Don't forget to take a look at the Internet activity notebook in our open-house. You'll find games, news and English learning sites.

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: We are going to have two “big” events soon; the end-of-term and performance night party this month, and next month’s rooftop B-B-Q party. I look forward to these events every time we have one and I always enjoy myself, as, I’m sure, those of you who come along do as well! It’s a good time to relax with teachers, friends and classmates. So, come along, invite your friends to join in, and, I’ll see you there!

Junko Says: There are still two more months left to take advantage of EF International’s short overseas study and home-stay programs. These are great offers and, for those with a week or two to spare, this is your chance to experience life in a foreign country, even if only for a short time. The cost is really very reasonable, so if you, your family or friends are interested, please come and see me in the office.



Alessio Says: Oh my god!!! So humid!!! Help me, help me, help me... It is not just hot, it is also soooo humid! I hope I will survive... Anyway, the party is coming soon (the 25th) and I’m getting excited. Last one was great and I had so much fun! I am also curious to see how my students will perform. I have great expectations! And don’t forget my Italian food... I just hope you will like it...

Greg Says: This month I will write about some universal truths; 1. it is impossible to describe what a wet cat smells like. 2. It is impossible to describe what chicken tastes like. 3. Triangular sandwiches taste better than square sandwiches. 4. There is no fear like the fear you get when you realize (if only for a split second) your hand or head is stuck in something. 5. People who don’t drive cars usually slam the door the loudest. If you can think of some more.....let me know. I will add some more next month.



Emilie Dit: Je me prépare à partir ce mois-ci en retraite au temple du Eihei-ji dans la préfecture de Fukui. Je vais passer quatre jours et trois nuits dans un des deux temples principaux de l’école Zen Soto. Pendant cette période, je vais partager la vie quotidienne des prêtres en formation et pratiquer le zazen de façon intensive. Je suis impatiente de vivre cette expérience en dehors du temps.

NOTICE BOARD

News from Shoko in "Mits. A" class:



I am a member of a woman's association called "Tomo-no-kai". Among Crossroads' students, there are some who have something to do with this society. Put simply, it's a school for housewives. It was founded by readers of the magazine "Fujin-no-tomo" about 80 years ago. Today it has many chapters, even overseas. This year I'm in charge of Matsuyama "Tomo-no-kai's" homepage. Now I'm struggling with it. If you have time, please visit our homepage.



Member's meeting of the "Tomo-no-kai" Association.

Don't forget the End-of-Term Party this month!

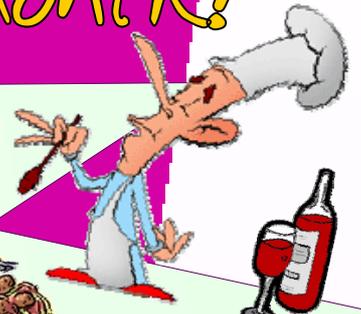
Drinks, Italian Cuisine,
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DATE: Saturday, 25-07-'09

TIME: 7:30pm

PLACE: here at Crossroads

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