

# Paws To Consider

Spring/Summer 2007

## Garfield - The Tail of One Kitty

By Sandy Soto

Garfield is an example of an abandoned cat. Maybe his owner was elderly and passed away and the family let him go because he was "just a cat" and they presumed someone would take him in and give him a home. Maybe they had to move and couldn't, or just didn't, want to take him with them. Unfortunately, there are many excuses why people let their pets go rather than being responsible in finding a new home for them.

Thanks to a concerned citizen Garfield has at least a few of his nine lives left. On a frigid day that saw temperatures bottom out at 8 degrees with wind chills of 10 below zero. We received a call about a homeless cat that kept trying to enter a home. On further questioning we learned that the caller first discovered the cat upon moving into the residence a few months prior. The cat seemed to be deteriorating and with the cold weather the caller was very concerned.

We made arrangements to have the cat taken to an area Animal Hospital right away where he was diagnosed for being malnourished, severely

dehydrated and suffering from hypothermia. The Animal Hospital cared for him and kept watch over him as he regained his strength. Judging by his condition, it seems that he had been fending for himself seeking out meals from the dumpster. It is understandable why he was so severely dehydrated as all the water sources in the area were frozen solid. He was on the streets for no one knows how long. Garfield must have had a really bad time of things as both of his front canine teeth were chipped indicating that he was trying to eat something that was likely hard and inedible. Additionally, the Animal Hospital informed us that



Garfield

Garfield was declawed. Suggesting that prior to being abandoned he was an indoor cat making it even more heart wrenching that he was cast aside outdoors without his natural defenses.

Garfield had been neutered by whoever owned him, and that is a good thing, which we encourage all pet owners to do. But neutering isn't the whole story of

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## SPAY, Inc. Snips Pet Overpopulation

During the month of February, the SPCA of Northern Virginia, through its SPAY, Inc. program, participated in Spay Day USA 2007. The program provided no-cost spay and neuter surgeries and, in many cases, no-cost vaccinations, to over 40 cats and dogs in the metropolitan area. The 25 female dogs and cats could have produced well over 100 puppies and kittens in just one season, but because of our just-in-time intervention, those animals will not be contributing to the flood of new puppies and kittens that are usually born during the warm spring and summer months. The SPAY, Inc. program refers between 400 and 900 clients every month to veterinarians and clinics offering reduced-cost spay/neuters. In addition, the program provides no-cost sterilization of owned pets when the owner provides proof of need.

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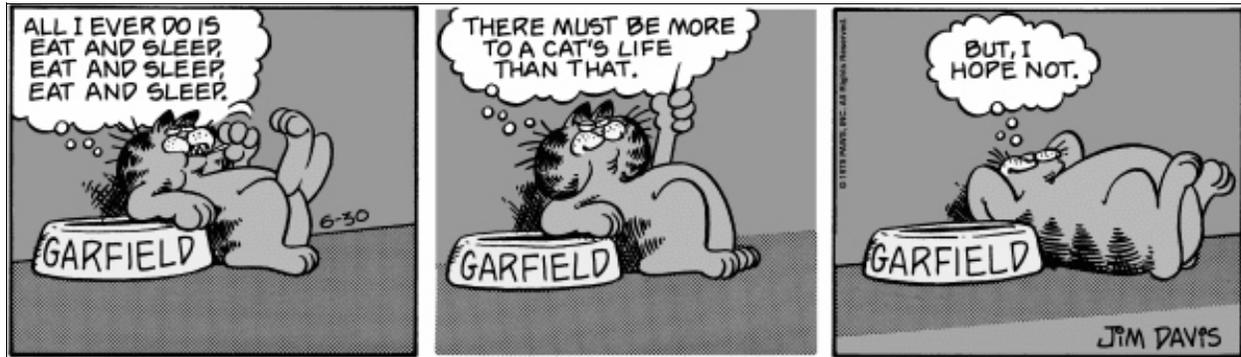
responsible pet ownership. Pets require care and companionship. They aren't objects to be tossed aside like an old shoe. Life on the streets is very difficult. An abandoned pet can live a miserable life of suffering.

So we ask you . . . PLEASE, the next time you see a stray pet do the right thing and phone an animal rescue organization such as the SPCA for advice/assistance. Don't assume that someone else will make the call. Unlike humans, companion animals can't dial 911 or tell their family where they are. They are at the mercy of the people whom they meet, and, as domesticated creatures, they are almost entirely dependent on human compassion.

Sweet Garfield has since been adopted and his new family reports that he has settled in nicely and is a definite lap cat who passes his days lounging and playing with ping-pong balls.



Garfield in his new adoptive home



## Upcoming Fundraising Activities

Because the SPCA of Northern Virginia does not have a shelter facility or central office, our fundraising volunteers work from their homes or volunteer at events in the community. If you are interested in helping with either of the events listed below, please email the Fundraising Committee at [Fundraising@SPCANoVA.org](mailto:Fundraising@SPCANoVA.org)

- Dog Wash - Saturday, August 18
- Wine Tasting - Saturday, September 29

# Special Donations Appeal

IF WE DON'T HELP THEM WHO WILL?



Jo-Jo



Ruffles



Taffy

SPCA Nova goes to extraordinary lengths to rescue, preserve, and protect life, and our work sometimes costs a lot of money. These three kittens have a genetic birth defect called "Upper Eyelid Agenesis" that makes their eyes look "funny". Jo-Jo's full upper eyelids failed to develop and she will require a surgical procedure once she has finished growing to construct her upper eyelids by grafting skin from her lower eyelid to make a functional upper eyelid. Ruffles' upper eyelids only partially developed making the eyelid hair rub against the cornea. He will require a less extensive surgery known as cryoepilation, a method of removing hairs by freezing them. Taffy seems to be the lucky one of this trio as he doesn't have any eye defects but we will know for sure during his next visit with the feline ophthalmologist.

Unfortunately, it is extremely difficult to find people to adopt "special" kittens like Jo-Jo and Ruffles. However, once they undergo the surgery they will be good as new! They have no problems seeing and are the most amazingly friendly kittens you will ever meet. We would love to have them in their permanent adoptive homes before undergoing surgery so if you can find it in your heart to adopt one of the little ones please contact us and we will fill you in on all the details. SPCA is committed to covering the cost of the surgery (whether it be pre or post adoption) but in order to do this we need your help!

**WE APPRECIATE any help you are able to offer in the form of donations toward the surgery for these special kittens. Your donation is, of course, tax deductible. Won't You Please Find It In Your Heart To Help? Visit our website for an update on the kittens and find out how much has been collected and how far we have to go in raising the funds necessary for their surgery. Even the smallest Donation will go a long way.**

*DONATIONS can be made easily using the form on the back cover and checking the box entitled "JRT Medical Fund" or to make a donation by credit card please visit our website at [WWW.SPCANOVA.ORG](http://WWW.SPCANOVA.ORG) and indicate that the donation is specifically for the "JRT Medical Fund."*



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# Let's Tell Our Legislators Where We Stand

By Joan Hughes

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"Hundreds of thousands killed!" A headline like that might make you think of a natural disaster. It does describe a disaster, but not a natural one. It's the number of dogs and cats killed annually in Virginia because there are too many of them and not enough good homes. The law of supply and demand.

There are too many because of irresponsible breeding and not enough spaying and neutering. The excess animals are killed, and not always humanely.

Gas chambers are still in use in three counties in southwestern Virginia. The graphic description by a witness to this killing method is too awful to be repeated here. Enough to say that the terror and frenzy of the victims is gut wrenching. The city of Martinsville, VA, recently discontinued this barbaric practice and joined other Commonwealth communities in using lethal injection for euthanasia. It's a promising sign.

Pet overpopulation, euthanasia and other concerns are what led the husband and wife team of Don Marro and Lillian Clancy of Fauquier County to found Virginia Voters for Animal Welfare. They recognize that preventing animal cruelty in the Old Dominion depends to a great extent on state-wide public policies, and to that end they have been working tirelessly to convince the state legislature to pass laws governing key issues. Among these is the elimination of the above-mentioned gas chambers.

Low cost or free spay/neuter surgeries and the re-institution of the humane investigator program are other goals. The humane investigator program was dropped, leaving only paid animal control officers to respond to reports of cruelty and neglect. Obviously, volunteer humane investigators are a savings to taxpayers.

Currently, there are fewer than 20 of these court-appointed investigators in the entire state. Two of them are in Fairfax County, Edith Von Stuemmer, founder of SPCA/NOVA, and Barbara Cohen, its vice president.

Unfortunately, the recently ended legislative session in Richmond did not produce desired results. Too many delegates and senators turned a deaf ear to those who asked for reforms that, if enacted, would be not only humane but a financial saving to taxpayers. A few legislators were on "our" side. At a VVAW meeting in March, Don Marro presented one of them, State Del. James Scott, with an inscribed tray in recognition of his effort to eliminate the gas chambers.

If pet over breeding and its resultant killing, animal abuse, dogs used to protect illegal drugs, dog fighting and other animal problems are of concern to you, letting your state senator and delegate know is the way to go. Although the next legislative session isn't until January of '08, this "down time" is a good time to contact your representatives, tell them your concerns and get them to commit to act on those concerns.



The VVAW can be a powerful force for animals and the added voices of SPCA members and friends can help.

Please visit their website at [WWW.VIRGINIAVOTERSFORANIMALWELFARE.COM](http://WWW.VIRGINIAVOTERSFORANIMALWELFARE.COM) to learn more.

# Minnie Pearl

By Edith Von Stuemmer

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Minnie, a 7 year old small Beagle, was left behind by a family which had been evicted for non payment of rent. The property owner found her 4 days later, shortchained to a plastic barrel on the ice and snow without food or water.



A plastic barrel was her only shelter

We responded immediately and took the shaking little dog to a veterinarian. Her condition was poor: she was emaciated—ribs, hipbones and spine were protruding. She had a mammary tumor, ear infection, roundworms, whipworms, hookworms, coccidia and was heartworm positive. It was obvious she did not feel well and yet her tail never stopped wagging.

Neglected and abused animals show their gratitude in special ways, usually for the rest of their lives.

Since Minnie needed extensive and constant care, I took her into my home and began treating her with 7 different medications. Her heartworm infestation was the heaviest the veterinarian had ever seen, so treatment had to be divided into 3 sessions instead of the usual 2 in order to avoid excessive stress on the heart. She also had to be kept very quiet.

Minnie adjusted extremely well. She had been a hunting dog so I was a bit concerned about her reaction to my 8 cats. Not to worry—she sniffed them, wagged her tail and walked away, and she liked my other 16 year old dog. Housebreaking involved some discussions and lots of trips to the backyard, but she's smart and got the message.

Today, Minnie has successfully completed her second heartworm treatment and has gained 4 lbs in 2 months, weighing in at 21 lbs. Actually, she's getting a little pudgy, so we're going to have to watch her waistline.

No animal deserves to live the life she had to endure. She is sweet, affectionate, obedient and happy. I think Minnie Pearl has found a new home—AND HER TAIL IS STILL WAGGING!!





The SPCA of Northern Virginia rescues many dogs and cats throughout the year that without our help would never find happiness. Some cats and dogs find homes immediately, while others remain in foster homes waiting for their chance at true happiness. Won't you please find it in your heart to offer one of these wonderful pets a home of their own forever?

## Searching For Happiness: Patches & Rusty

These boys are not siblings but have been together most of their lives. They were sadly abandoned at a vet office. Patches and Rusty have very different personalities but both love being around people. Because they are so different, but get along fine, they can be adopted together or separately.



Patches is a BIG sweetie born in 1999! He enjoys rolling over for a nice belly rub. Patches loves enjoys playing and likes being petted.



Rusty is a cuddler and charmer born in 2001. He immediately warms up to everyone. He loves curling up next to you and sleeping on your bed at night. He like both cats and dogs very much.

### What Did I Do?

What did I do, my master, my friend,  
That I should meet such a terrible end?  
You brought me into the shelter today,  
And I heard you say you were moving away.

You adopted me here eight years ago,  
When I was a puppy, eyes all aglow.  
You said we were buddies, 'til death us do part,  
And your leaving me here has broken my heart.

I thought where you went, that I would go, too,  
Because all of my life, I've been devoted to you.

I'm a really good dog, housebroken and all,  
And I dearly love a good game of ball.

No one will take me.  
They'll say, "He's too old".  
I have much life left in me,  
Were the truth to be told.

What is it with humans, so ruthless and cold.  
To abandon a friend, as he starts to grow old?  
I've been by your side through the thick and the thin.  
I guess you were my master, but not my true friend.

~ Mollie McCurdy

# Kitten Antics and Near Misses!!

By Kathleen MacKinnon

What do Fuzzy, Cookie, Cassidy, and Zsa-Zsa all have in common? They survived "near misses" and lived to tell their stories! Thanks, in part, to their astute SPCA NOVA foster parents who responded quickly to their predicaments.

With "kitten season" upon us, now is a good time for anyone who is thinking about adopting kittens to make sure their home is safe (and stays safe) before bringing the little ones home!

Kittens, and young cats, are just like toddlers. They are very curious and get into EVERYTHING! They seem to spend a great deal of time trying to injure themselves and scare their caretakers to death! The fearless ones might try "leaping" from one tall piece of furniture to the next or off a staircase banister. Another might try a little game of hide-and-seek and crawl inside a wall in an unfinished basement. And since kittens don't have "hands" they carry things in their mouths – making them easy targets for choking or swallowing things they shouldn't! Just about anything that can happen, will happen to someone's kitten. Below is a short list of things to think about. In the meantime...



Meet Fuzzy! A fluffy, black, playful "teenager." He was having a ball playing with a thin 12 inch silk string. Well aware of the potential dangers, 99 percent of the time his foster mom, Sandy, was careful to put the string a way when supervised play was over. However, with

just a few minutes of distraction, Sandy turned around to find only 6 inches of string and three suspicious looking cats...none of whom were

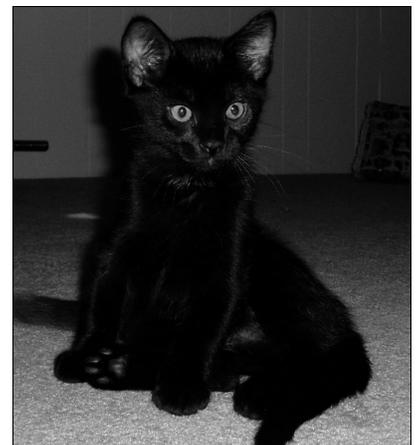
saying who did it! Since Fuzzy was the youngest and most playful kitty in the room, he was the prime suspect. After calling ahead to get advice, Sandy rushed Fuzzy to an emergency veterinary hospital at 1 am. Luckily, the vet was able to use an endoscope to remove the string before it had become wrapped inside his intestines. Quick action not only saved his life, but spared him from having to undergo emergency surgery.



Cookie was lucky, but not as lucky as Fuzzy! A six month old adorable, playful tabby. Nancy, her foster mom, arrived home one evening after work to find Cookie not her usual playful self. When Nancy tried to feed

her, Cookie immediately threw up her food. After some time monitoring her behavior, Nancy took Cookie to a veterinarian who took x-rays and determined that there was an "almond shaped" foreign object in her intestines causing a blockage. After successfully undergoing emergency surgery, it was discovered that Cookie had, in fact, swallowed an almond!

Meet Cassidy! An adorable all black 8 week old kitten who loved wresting with his sister, Sundance. These kittens were very special to me since I had rescued them as orphans and bottle fed them beginning at 3 weeks of age. I thought they were safely tucked away



in a "kitten-proof" room until one day I heard screeching coming from their room. I ran to their room and found Sundance standing on the bed - back arched and hair standing on end! I turned around to find Cassidy hanging upside down with one of his back legs tangled in the cords of the window blinds. I thought I had already "kitten-proofed" the blinds by cutting the cord into two pieces so there was no noose at the bottom to get tangled up in. But I was wrong. Cassidy still managed to get himself tangled in the cord. Luckily, Cassidy's little escapade did not cause any injury, because I was home and able to rescue him quickly.

And, then there's little Zsa-Zsa. An adorable 10 week old fluffy Siamese mix kitten. As rambunctious and playful as they come. Her foster mom, Ellie, has a hard and fast rule that her two older children, 6 and 8 yrs old, are allowed only supervised play with all foster kittens. After a brief distraction that led Ellie to leave her kids alone with the kittens, she returned to find Zsa-Zsa breathing heavily and hiding under the bed with the string of a feather toy wrapped tightly around her neck. After scooping her up and snipping the string with scissors, Zsa-Zsa recovered quickly, but not before giving her foster mom quite a scare!



Here are a few tips on how to keep your kittens safe:

- Keep small items such as pennies, paper clips, buttons, rubber bands, strings, and yarn (including knitted blankets) out of reach.
- Be careful in the kitchen, and when entertaining, do not leave food out that could be swallowed and lodged in a kitten's throat or intestines (e.g., nuts, grapes, and hard candy).
- Keep cupboards closed, with child safety-proof devices where needed, especially where you store medications and cleaning supplies.
- Keep toilet seats DOWN at all times (except when in use!).
- Make sure open windows have secure screens.
- Learn which houseplants and flowers are toxic to cats and move them to a secure room.
- Block access to small spaces especially in laundry rooms and unfinished basements.
- Look before you step or sit down (especially in reclining chairs)!

You can find a more complete list of how to kitten-proof your home on our web site under the "Cat Health and Behavior Page."

And, remember, kitten-proofing is not something you do just once before you bring the kittens home. You need to kitten-proof continually, day in and day out, and adapt your home to the kittens' different abilities...remember they run faster and farther, and climb higher, as they grow-up

## It's Kitten Season!

You've heard of the dog days of summer; what about "kitten season"? It's the time of year when cats give birth, flooding area rescue organizations with homeless litters. Kitten "season" is really three seasons in one, starting in spring, peaking in late spring or early summer, and ending in fall.

Please call 703-799-9390 for information on becoming a foster parent for cats/kittens in need. SPCA Nova asks for your help in providing the many kittens that enter our care with a temporary home until adopted.

# A Dog's Eye View

By Angie Byrner

We got Rebel first. Before I met my husband, I had never lived in a place large enough to house a dog, and even though I adore my cats I had a place in my heart that needed to be filled with slobbery doggie love. My husband was confused by my constant nagging to adopt a canine. He had grown up on a farm and all the dogs he had known were working dogs. "What is the dog going to DO all day?" he asked. "We're kind of short on sheep." Nevertheless, I went to an SPCA adoption one Saturday to visit a friend who volunteered there. There was Rebel, and I fell instantly in love with him.



Rebel

Living with Rebel is a little like living with a grumpy but loving grandpa. He is bossy, VERY set in his ways, and sighs a lot. He loves naps in the sun and big hugs but lets everyone know it is HIS house and HIS rules. He'll bump you off the sofa if you got the sunny spot.

He decides when it is time for bed and grumps and bothers you if you don't listen. He does not like bicycles, the mailman, school buses, UPS trucks, thunderstorms, most other dogs (those young pups today!), noisy children, cameras, the Chinese food delivery guy, the garbage truck, or sudden noises (he actually leaves the room in disgust when I sneeze). He is a master of the guilty look. He demands constant belly rubs to keep him happy (he's on his back so much my husband calls it the "dead bug" pose). He has his own kiddie pool in the backyard on hot days and won't get in if the hose is still running in it — the water has to be STILL. But Rebel also has a lot of wisdom, just like a grandpa. He has taught me how cuddling can be the key to happiness, how it's okay to roll in

something stinky if it makes you happy, and to never be satisfied with table scraps if you can reach the whole roast chicken on the counter.

Rebel added so much to our lives (my husband is now a "dog person") that I decided we needed another. While taking Rebel back to visit his SPCA friends on his adoption anniversary, I met Gypsy. At the time her name was Carrie, and she was a very timid dog with a sad story. SPCA had done wonders with her, and I was hoping our home could do a few more. She got along with Rebel, which



Gypsy

can be rare, and soon we were off to pick her up. When my husband saw her, he was a little surprised. "She's really...tall," he said. Indeed. Life with Gypsy is like living with the soul of a happy bunny rabbit in the body of a young colt. She's the size of a greyhound, and she should be — after all she ate. A book, a belt, a shirt, a remote control, two Netflix movies, all of Rebel's treats and toys, a pair of Birkenstocks, and the arm off the sofa — she had a tiny anxiety chewing problem. At first the only way she would come in the room with my husband was if he got flat on his back and pretended to be asleep. She is nearing her first anniversary of adoption, and I am happy to report that she is the happiest, perkier, most optimistic dog I have ever met. She acts as my alarm clock in the morning and doesn't stop hopping, licking and wiggling all day. She crashes into things and people with glee and tumbles off of furniture in the best of moods. Her favorite game is "steal the sock." It goes like this: you attempt to put your socks on to go to work. You get one on, and Gypsy zooms by and steals the other right out of your

hand and you chase her around the house. Trust me, it's a gas. Gypsy has adopted a particular loveseat in the living room and surveys her happiness kingdom from there. She has a teeny head on a huge gangly body and most of the time the head is not in control of her limbs. But take her out back to run, and she's one of the most beautiful things you'll ever see. No one can match her. She is grateful for a home every moment of every day. I wish I had more of that in me.

Both of my dogs are dogs that once upon a time, nobody wanted. Thank goodness they didn't give up. Thank goodness SPCA didn't give up on them.

### Grow Old With Dogs

When I am old...  
I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...  
and a bandana over my silver hair...  
and I will spend my social security checks on  
wine and my dogs.  
I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair  
and listen to my dogs' breathing.  
I will sneak out in the middle of a warm  
summer night and take my dogs for a run, if  
my old bones will allow...  
When people come to call, I will smile and  
nod as I show them my dogs...  
and talk of them and about them...  
the ones so beloved of the past and the ones  
so beloved of today...  
  
I will still work hard cleaning after them,  
mopping and feeding them and whispering  
their names in a soft loving way.  
I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat,  
like a jewel and I will be an embarrassment  
to all...especially my family who have not yet  
found the peace in being free to have dogs as  
your best friends...

These friends who always wait, at any hour,  
for your footfall...  
and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound  
sleep, to greet you as if you are a God.  
With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope  
that you will always stay,  
I'll hug their big strong necks...  
I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...  
and whisper in their very special company...

I look in the Mirror...  
and see I am getting old...  
this is the kind of person I am...  
and have always been.  
Loving dogs is easy,  
they are part of me.  
Please accept me for who I am.  
My dogs appreciate my presence in their  
lives...  
they love my presence in their lives...  
When I am old this will be important to me...  
you will understand when you are old...  
if you have dogs to love too.

~ Author Unknown



## GIFTS IN REMEMBRANCE

### In Memory Of

**"IVY" DRURY, A BELOVED, LOYAL FRIEND TO GROW UP WITH**

*Seth & Kate Drury Adams*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF "PEPPER"**

*Anonymous*

**"KIWI" & "BRUNO"**

*Donna Beach*

**"ANGEL" FROM SHELBY, NATALIE & STEPHEN BERLINER**

*Stephen & Natalie Berliner*

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*Claire Jacobsen*

**"SAM" LAFONTAINE**

*Cara Maggioni*

**"LACEY"**

*James Morris*

**ANNIE'S LITTLE RED GIRL**

*Mrs Edward J Murty*

**MARK YANICK'S BELOVED**

**"THEDA"**

*David Reser & Don Swope*

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*John Roby*

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*Sarah Scott*

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*Stephanie Smart*

**"TAZ" PENDLEY**

*Stephanie Smart*

**"BLUE" MILSTEIN-YUNICH**

*Terry Stryer*

**"ZOOM" RING**

*James & Frances Vaughan*

**"TUSKER"**

*Dana Vogel*

**"ARTIE" & "CAMILLE"**

*Edith Von Stuemmer*

**"CRICKET" & "MELISSA"**

*Edith Von Stuemmer*

**"VOLLIE"**

*Amy Wernecke*

**"DAISY" HERNDON & KERRY**

**ABERNETHY**

*Margaret Wiegenstein*

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*Shannon Christensen*

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