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Good Petkeeping

TIME TO TOSS THESE ITEMS:

As household spring cleaning and organizing commences for many people, it is a good idea to also take a peek at the state of your furry companion's belongings as well. This includes everything from wearable accessories and toys to food bowls and medications. Here are several recommendations of things to replace in the best interest of your furry friend:

*Dogs:

1.) Retractable leashes – Many accidents causing tangling and even injuries to people and pets have occurred with retractable leashes. They can also be confusing to your dog because the place where you want him to walk is constantly changing. Dogs wearing retractable leashes may be more apt to wander or bolt a distance away from you while the leash is unlocked, making control during a walk challenging. This is especially important when coming into contact with other animals or people. Ideally, a sturdy 4-6 foot leash is recommended as an alternative.



2.) Plastic bowls – Plastic is easily scratched and difficult to get truly clean, thus trapping bacteria and oil which can create issues on your dog's lips and face. Also, plastic can be chewed into pieces and swallowed. Ceramic and stainless steel feeding bowls are the best way to go for our furry friends.

3.) Smelly or outgrown collars – Since dogs wear their collars most of the time, collars should be kept as clean and fresh as possible. Collars can rub the skin, creating infections and hot spots (irritated areas) around the neck. Plus, a collar that is too small may exacerbate the problem. To avoid these potential issues, it's never a bad idea to treat your dog to a new collar or have multiples to switch out.

4.) Dull nail trimmers – While nail trims for pets aren't the easiest to begin with, dull nail trimmers only make it more challenging and potentially painful for your furry friend. Nail trimmers have a cutting surface that if not kept sharp, will crush or split the nail instead of trimming it cleanly. More successful and quality nail trims will come from sharp nail trimmers.

5.) Broken or chewed up toys – Ideally, toys should be kept in good condition and whole. It is very easy for dogs to swallow pieces of broken or chewed toys, which can block the GI tract potentially causing a life-threatening situation. For the safety of your pup, it's a good idea to discard any ripped up or shredded toys, including all of the small pieces and parts like squeakers or filling material.



*Cats:

1.) Scratched-up litter boxes: Since most litter boxes are made of plastic, tiny scratches in the floor of the box can trap both odor and germs. It's a good idea to check your litter boxes for scratches because it may be time for to spring for a new litter box. A fresh and clean new litter box could also help with enticing your cat to regularly use their litter box.

2.) Plastic bowls: Much like plastic bowls for our canine companions, they are hard to fully clean and scratch easily. Cats can suffer from feline acne, which can possibly be attributed to the greasiness of plastic bowls. As a result, oil buildup and clogged pores on your cat's chin and face can occur. Like dogs, ceramic and stainless steel are the ideal feeding bowls.

3.) Toys in disrepair or covered in real fur:

Naturally, damaged toys can become dangerous if pieces are swallowed, potentially causing a blockage in your cat's GI tract. In the same vein, cats are motivated by their strong prey instincts to chase and hunt. Thus, it's not unfathomable for a cat to eat or attempt eating a toy covered in real rabbit or mouse fur.

4.) Dull nail trimmers: Although cats' nails are sharp, they are also quite fragile. Like dogs' nails, dull blades on a trimmer will uncomfortably crush and fracture the

nail. This does not make for a pleasant experience. Replacing nail trimmers or changing the blade regularly will greatly help the whole process.



5.) Expired or inappropriate medications: Just like us, it's best not to hang on to our expired or medications treating former problems. Medications are prescribed for the specific cat and the specific problem at that time, not necessarily safe or effective for some other ailment or pet. Even though it may seem like the exact same issue at hand, it is still a good idea to ask your veterinarian prior to giving any medication. Expired medications can be very toxic and inappropriate medications are just not worth the risk.



Countryside History: Original Owners

According to the census data from as early as 1885, **William and Fannie Lambrecht** were listed as the first Farmhouse owners. William was originally from Germany and Fannie from Switzerland, living in Idaho before settling in Colorado with their children. William was a successful sheep farmer and Fannie a homemaker, together raising 5 children: **Ella, Ida, Arthur, Erma and Lilla**. In 1896, Ida sadly committed suicide at the age of 18 and in 1898, Ella moved back to Idaho with her husband. Therefore, the 1900 Federal Census for the Larimer County Population reflects the Lambrechts as having only 3 children: Arthur, Lilla and Erma. Each family member eventually moved back to Idaho or various places in the Midwest in the early 1900s. After Fannie's death in 1919, William returned to Colorado from Idaho. Erma took over the Farmhouse, which she sold in 1920. William passed away in 1925 and is buried in the Harmony Cemetery along with Fannie and Ida.

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Peculiar stories about our “resident ghost” Ida to follow this October!

In Loving Memory of Quin



The Day's Passing

The time has come. The decision was finally resolved the night before. Much sorrow, many tears.

The day dawned sad. We helped the old girl down the stairs to go outside, gave her a treat when she came in, then took her back up to give her a bath to make her pretty and shiny and to smell nice. It's hard to think of this being the last day of our 16 years together without tears stinging the eyes.

It is a traitorous feeling to be extra nice and caring with your old furfriend when you're all about to take those final steps. In our hearts, we know it's right. There is little joy left in her life except when it comes time for treats. The car ride that used to send her into a tail-wagging frenzy no longer has attraction. Eliminating is a chore and too often not happening where it's supposed to. Going up a couple stairs presents a mini-Everest for her. Heck, even just her stooped stance looks painful, although her expression doesn't change, and her tail wags, which just makes the decision harder.

We've seen it coming for a while, so we've given her special attention, good food, and yummy snacks these past months. Still, when it's time to make that dreadful call, and the final morning dawns, it comes with a wrench that causes you to wonder if you're even a worthy human being for making this decision. You realize as you wash her down that this will never happen again. As you hand her the chew stick, it's the last one that will pass from your hand to her mouth. When your eyes meet, you wonder, does she know? And what would she think if she did?

My wife and I have been extraordinarily fortunate in the pet department. Two different dogs have been our companions, our close friends, part of our family, for pretty much the last 30 years. They each in their own time fit into our household as easily as a stocking foot slides into a comfortable, broken-in shoe. In the current case, some of our grandkids have literally known her all their lives.

Back in my younger days, this kind of pet was "just a dog." Much of society is a little more enlightened now, and we see how affection, communication, and bonding develops. There's a lot more going on in that canine soul and brain tissue than many of us gave credit for in past years. And now science is confirming what our intuitions always told us. It's no more "just a dog" than it is "just a person."

But now it's time to go. I start the car, then take her out. She used to be eager and jump in. Nowadays, she's hesitant and has to be lifted to the seat. So I do, and in what might be funny but is an unkind circumstance, which I am absolutely not making up, the radio starts playing "Mr. Bojangles" as soon as I open the door. Thank you, Fate, for that last little twist of the emotional knife.

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We have taken that ride, and we're back now. All of the people at Countryside - Dr. Catharine, who shepherded us in this process early on, Dr. Stacy who was with us on the final visit along with veterinary technician Sue, and Amanda at the front desk - were extraordinarily kind and supportive. We gave our furry ward a good send-off, with tasty munchies, petting her, murmuring encouragement, and loving her until life left her eyes, and we were not able to stop even then. Still, as our tears flowed and grief washed over us in fresh waves, we were nonetheless assured about our decision and glad that she passed so easily and painlessly, with good things filling her awareness until life blinked out. And I'll come back to Countryside in a few days and collect her ashes, because she was that important to us.

Just a dog? Just a comfort and companion for my wife as I traveled. Just a guard for us when someone came to the house. Just a play pal for the neighborhood kids. Just someone who greeted us with unconditional love and happiness whenever we came home. Just someone with whom we shared life, joys, setbacks, and love as easily and closely as we would anyone else in our lives.

Nope, never just a dog. A lifelong companion.

As we return to the house, it echoes in all of our senses with her long presence. In due time, we will start to move her things to storage or give them away. But not yet. In our moment of dreadful loss and emptiness, we're holding those echoes close.

Good-bye, old friend. We miss you already.

By Jason Meadors

**THANKS TO JASON AND HIS FAMILY FOR SHARING THEIR BEAUTIFUL, LOVING STORY.
QUIN WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF HER FAMILY AT COUNTRYSIDE.**

COMMUNITY CORNER

Larimer Animal People Partnership

Therapeutic animal service in Northern Colorado encourages both connections and education for all ages in our communities, furthering the bond between people and animals. **The Larimer Animal People Partnership (LAPP)** is a local organization, certified through Pet Partners and the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, which provides such opportunities to serve the community through animal-assisted therapies.

LAPP strives to:

*Promote awareness about the human animal bond

This bond is an essential and powerful part to both human and animal health and well-being. Emotional, psychological, and physical interactions all prove greatly beneficial in creating close relationships between animals and humans.

*Be a source of education

LAPP works by owners and teams sharing their animals and themselves through enriching community visits to libraries, schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers and senior care facilities. The organization also participates in community events, workshops and seminars. They created popular events such as the **Doggie Olympics** as a way to reach out to different communities.

*Support other similar organizations in the community

Through networking efforts and donations, LAPP can continue to strengthen the value of the human animal bond by working as a team with other local advocates.

*Be an ambassador for responsible pet care

LAPP emphasizes being a role model in the community to teach necessary and humane pet care as well.

The animal and human teams, which can include dogs, cats, and other animals, undergo extensive training and screenings before serving the public. LAPP stresses the importance of choosing

LAPP Sunday Animal Afternoons at the Library

LAPP teams visit Fort Collins libraries on Sundays for children to read books to story-loving animals.



The libraries include Old Town, Council Tree and Harmony Libraries.

Be sure to check for times and specific meeting locations at www.colapp.org.

LAPP library events are open to the public with no need for registration.

volunteer locations based on the personality and needs of the animal partner versus what the person may prefer. **The animal's likes have to match the venue!** For example, pairing a dog who gets very nervous and overwhelmed around children may not be the best match at a boisterous elementary school. At the same time, a cat who loves to cuddle and be around people of all ages may enjoy the calm ambiance of a library visit.

Check out more information at www.colapp.org for ways to get involved in the Fort Collins animal community! Whether it be with or without your own pet, the LAPP is always looking for volunteers and members. Feel free to contact LAPP via email on their website with any questions or attend an upcoming event!