

Felines Reign

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"After many days of research and studies, we have proved conclusively that people who live with cats are way ahead of the game than dog owners," he said. "It appears to follow the phenomena of people living together in long term relationships who begin to look, talk, think, act, eat, sing and walk alike."

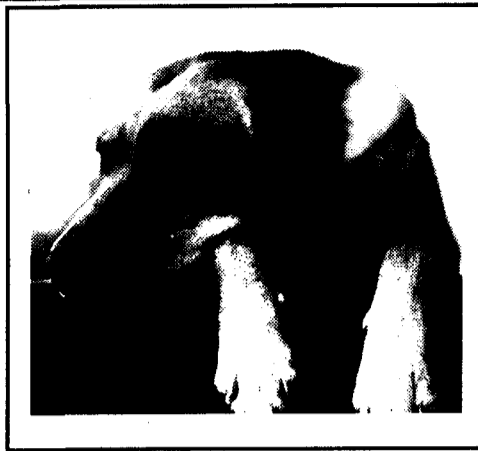
One of the studies was conducted in a gas station. Using hidden cameras, occupants of the cars were observed while pumping gas. According to Stuffit, dog owners pulled into the station, screeched to a halt, leapt out of their car, bounded around the car several times, and then sniffed out a spot to stand while pumping the gas.

What followed next is termed as the crucial "acting-out" phase of nonverbal evidence, according to Stuffit. The dog owner anxiously looked over every person who pulled in to pump gas beside them; sneering

at some, drooling at others and barking at those who got too close to their space. He did not reveal if there was any territory marking with raised legs.

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Cat owners, on the other hand, first aloofly observed car patterns at the pumps before pulling in the opposite direction of every one else. They made no attempt at eye contact with anyone, except to occasionally bate the dog owners by moving too close to their space. If they spent a long time at the pump, according to



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Stuffit, many would spend the time grooming themselves in their car's side mirror or simply nod off for a quick snooze.

The driver then filled out a questionnaire to determine whether they owned a cat or dog. "We pretty much knew who owned what just by what we'd observed, even without the questionnaire," said Stuffit.

Reactions from the public were varied. The White House immediately released the news that Buddy had "run away." "We'll miss him," said the President. "but I favor Socks."

Casino

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of the entertainment! I've always wanted to see Wayne Newton!"

When asked about the present lack of legalized gambling in Pennsylvania, a Caesar's Palace spokesperson said, "We have ways of dealing with this. Look for the grand opening next year."

Not everyone is optimistic on the campus. "Frankly, I'm shocked and dismayed," said Ima Professor. "I was looking forward to more office space, and now the old library stays where it is? We'll just see about this."

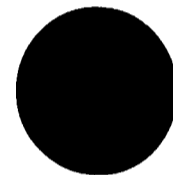
Most students were apathetic. "I'll believe it when I see it," said Matt Outahere. "I'm

just glad I'm graduating soon and can move to another state that won't use my money for their whims. Um, I mean country."

The casino is expected to garner five trillion dollars for the state, college, and the casino in the first month alone, since it will be the first in the state.

The Mayor of Harrisburg is reportedly looking into the possibility of altering the Susquehanna's table bed to create a link with riverboat gambling. "It would be nice to float gamblers to the campus casino starting in Harrisburg," said a spokesman for the Mayor. "From the riverboat to the airport, then by private helicopter to Caesars- it would be a great package. We are trying to sign on Wayne Newton for the riverboat," he added.

The nearby town of Middletown is expected to be razed to make way for parking and more casinos in the future



Black Hole

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polaroid attached to their application. The applicant's weight will not be considered in the review process.

Any applicants possessing a prior relationship with Linda Tripp absolutely need not apply.

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Feaser captures 1st Place at Penn State Bowl

The honor of one local school was entrusted into the sweat soaked hands of five seventh and eighth graders.

Overcoming their nerves, the students from Middletown's Feaser Middle School pulled together to capture their second consecutive victory at the Penn State High Achievers Academic Bowl.

Held at Penn State Harrisburg, the event featured 63 students representing nine mid state elementary schools.

The purpose of the academic bowl, sponsored by the university and the Harrisburg Area community Recruitment Center, was to create greater awareness of multi-cultural issues among students, said center director Barbara Thompson.

Feaser survived seven greuling rounds of questions to outscore Swatara Junior High School, 30-22, and earn a \$50 gift certificate and a plaque donated by Nancy Curley, di-

rector of Penn State's Downtown Center.

Lingelstown Junior High School took third place. "This presented a very good challenge to us," Feaser team member Jessica Clouser said. The contest is designed to build relationships, strengthen students' presentation skills and build their knowledge of various cultures while introducing them to PENN State University.

"These students learn a great deal, not just about the diversity that surrounds them, but they also learn about themselves," said game announcer Vera Cornish. "We are a multi-cultural society and the more prepared a person is to deal with that the better off they will be."

"This really is a chance for us to observe the capabilities of a large amount of students at once," PSH provost and Dean John Bruhn said.

The Jeopardy-style game was started by

staff members at PS-Mckeesport's pep program more than 10 years ago. Thompson said it was originally designed to encourage elementary school students to become aware of multi-culturalism within their communities. The contest consisted of seven, ten minute rounds with a shortened three minute final round.

Students were quizzed on various topics including geography, politics, world cultures and sports. The questions, provided by PSH researchers, were pulled from a variety of sources, including the Black Americans Achievement Board Game, African-American Answer Book Facts and the school's African, Asian, and Hispanic collections.

Many bowl participants, such as Steelton-Highspire School District eighth grader Tony Perez, began preparing for the contest in early

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"Balderdash!" howled Ken L. Ration, head of the Dog Seeders and Breeders Club of America. "This institute is obviously run by people who own cats, and I hate cats. My dog hates cats. What is so great about those furballs? Can they leap in the air after a Frisbee?"

This is the type of example that Stuffit points to as evidence in their findings. "A dog will chase after anything, because they are hyper motion-sensor machines. A cat, however will sit thoughtfully and ponder the evidence: what's in this for me? What else is there to do? And most importantly, they will consider the last time they groomed their own fur, something a smelly dog will never do."

There is only one exception to the findings, however. "People who own aardvarks seem to be the smartest of any pet owners, while all other types of pets did not seem to matter," said Dr. Stuffit.

In households with both cats and dogs, the effect is canceled out by just a hair," said Dr. Stuffit. "This means that the stupidity of dogs is greater than the power of a cat's intelligence to have a positive effect on the owners. A cat just doesn't care. The dog and its owners exist for the cats entertainment."

egates to the event, said Dr. Callem Gilpin, coordinator of PSH's social science department. Once selected as a delegate, each student is assigned a specific country to research. At the conference, each person than represents that country.

Gilpin emphasized the importance of preparation.

"During a session you can't throw out any idea because you have to be able to defend it. You need to be prepared."

Northern York juniors Heather Frampton, Hollie Hawk, Jessica Spangler, and Nick O'Connell spent one hour each day preparing for the conference as part of their United Nations club. Every week they discuss key international topics.

"You gain what you put in, but it's a good experience because it allows you to step out of the US point of view, if only for a little while, and adopt another country's views on issues," O'Connell said.

"It's great because students get to learn about procedures and become more open-minded," said Northern York teacher and club advisor Dave Ramsey.