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Every year more people are killed by donkeys than airplane crashes.

There wasn't one pony in the Pony Express, just horses.

In Cleveland, Ohio it is illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

Koala fingerprints are so similar to humans' that they could be confused at a crime scene.

As we enter 2011 and submit ourselves to the demands of our New Year's Resolutions, we might consider whether our furry friends can join us on our journey. If weight management or a new fitness regime are on your list (since they're always one of the top three most popular resolution, I figure there was a good chance that one of our readership could relate 😊) your best buddy will gladly assist you on your quest for health!

Weight management is important for animals, as it is for humans, in preventing future medical conditions. So, if it's a diet you're starting then you and your pet can both benefit from eating more vegetables. Carrots, celery, broccoli, or asparagus are often recommended as a substitute to other snacks. If you find that pet is still giving you those "pleading" looks, try distracting them with a little extra attention: playing a favorite game, a good scratch between the ears, or even a walk work wonderfully. Taking them out on longer, or faster-paced, walks can also play into a new fitness goal. By the end of the year you will both be happier with yourselves and your closer relationship!

A couple in Boise have always rescued the animals they've owned, but this rescue turned out to be more than just saving an animal.

Bea's mother had just passed away from a prolonged illness when she found him. He was limping along the side of the interstate and Bea stopped to help him. As soon as she caught up to him she knew that even if he had tags she wouldn't contact his previous owners. He was emaciated, favoring a hind leg, and covered in cigarette burns. When they took him to the Veterinarian they found that he was a five month old Doberman, only nine pounds, and his leg had been broken. It just confirmed that this puppy needed them. So, for the month of December, Bea and the new puppy helped each other. Helping that poor puppy, and letting him love in return, was exactly the emotional balm that Bea needed to help her get through the holiday season.

I am happy to report that Casper, the friendly White Doberman, has gained twenty pounds, grown four inches, and loves everybody to excess. He is extremely happy to be where he is now and one could never guess that he had such a troubled beginning.

