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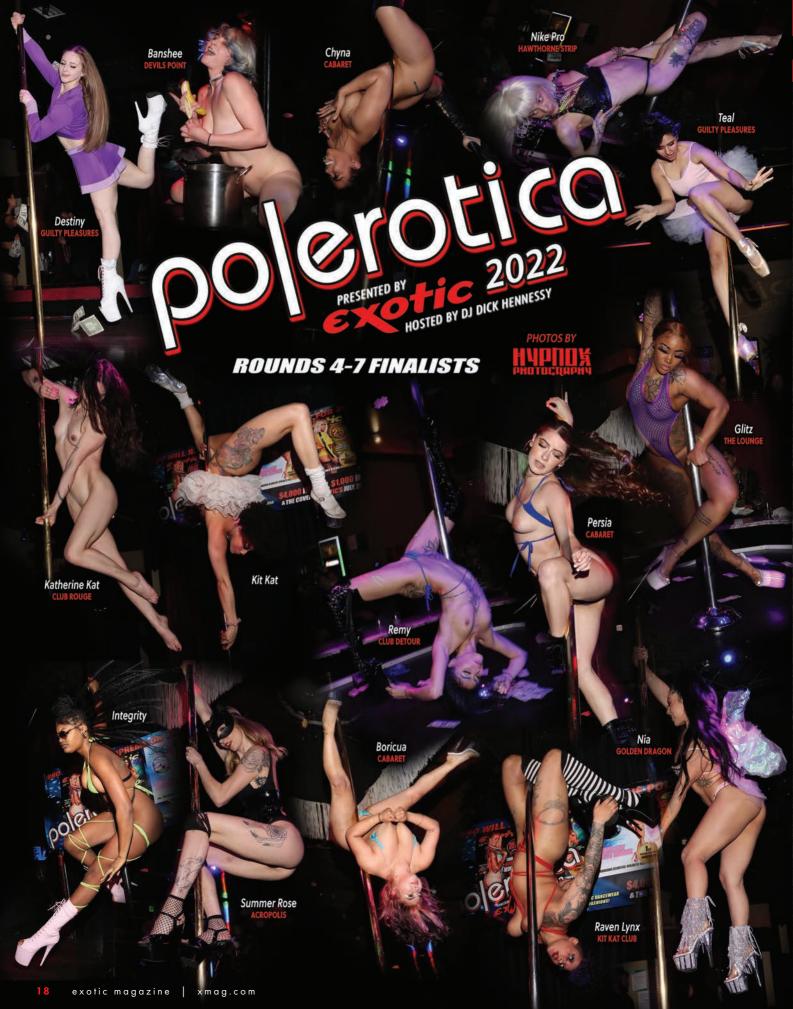
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Well, folks, it's official. I've been truncated. Due to months of rambling and carrying on, *Erotic City* has been smashed into this single, measly column. It's almost Carnal Knowledge-esque, but a lot less entertaining (only our most-seasoned readers will understand).

Yes, our former fearless leader from the days of yore did some really cool shit, and measuring up is no small task, indeed. For example, ever heard of Frank Miller? Daredevil? Batman? 300? Sin City? Yeah—that Frank Miller... Only the closest Exotic groupies know that he once scribbled a cover for us. In fact, 26 years ago to this very month, the Frank Miller Exotic cover filled our racks across the Pacific Northwest.



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Alas, some truly huge Giuseppes to fill! But when I get my full page-and-a-half *Erotic City* back, I'm going to do some fucking cool shit, too! You just wait!

POLEROTICA 2022 UPDATE

Actually, the update is that there is no update... At the time we sent this to press, the finals hadn't even happened yet. But fret not; we will have full coverage in our 29th Anniversary Issue next month.

Until then, appreciate the lovely finalists to the left, from rounds four through seven.

Alla prossima—ciao!

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WOMBSTRETCHA THE MAGNIFICENT

THE GRITTY GRAFFITI OF ANCIENT ROME

When we conjure images of ancient Roman culture, we think of gladiator fights, togas, warriors with funny hats, giant mosaics, huge public baths, mind-boggling architecture, and emperors getting stabbed. We also think of Pompeii: the city swallowed by a volcano when Mount Vesuvius erupted around 79 AD.

The curious thing about Pompeii, and its sister city of Herculaneum, is that the volcanic ash very nearly perfectly preserved things as they were nearly 2,000 years ago. People and animals fixed in place, like slightly morbid statues, to serve as memories of times nobody can recall.

From this, we learned about their culture, their habits, their general way of life, and the city they built for themselves. We also learned about some other things... You see, when excavating this wondrous find from antiquity, unearthing artifacts and buildings to learn about these people, we also found antique graffiti.

On the walls of the city, the walls of taverns, brothels, shops, and even government buildings, there was graffiti.

A reminder that yes, we may have come a long way, though even when we live in a cyberpunk dystopia instead of ancient Rome, our humanity endures in the same style, so we shall examine what they were doing.

I will list some of the best ones I can look up. An interesting thing about many of these is that Pompeii and Herculaneum were so very well frozen in time that we actually know the names of many of the places which had graffiti put on their walls. To write and draw, the people mainly used charcoal, chalk, or even chisels to carve into the stone because apparently, people used to tote chisels around for...reasons.

Oh, and in addition to actual words, there is a historical record of them having drawn an astounding volume of dicks on things. The people of Pompeii were absolutely prodigious cock-related vandalism experts.

Let's take a look at what they had to say about things going on. I will provide locations where I can, in case you want to time travel.

The list, not ranked or in any particular order:

- From the Tayern of Verecundus: "Restituta. take off your dress, please, and show us your hairy pussy."
- Behind a musician's house: "Amplicatus, I know that Icarus is ass-fucking you. Salvius wrote this." (Damn, Salvius didn't play.)
- From the Bar & Brothel of Innulus and Papilio: "Weep, you girls. My dick has given you up. Now it penetrates men's buttholes! Goodbye, wondrous women!"
- Bar of Athictus (just to the right of the front damn door): "I fucked the barmaid."
- · A brothel called the Lupanare: "On June 15th, Hermeros fucked here along with Phileterus and Caphisus."
- House of the Centenary: "Secundus took a shit here," written three times on one wall. Not sure if he took three shits or just wrote about it three times. The historical record is unclear on that.
- By the sailor's baths and a bar: "Two friends were here. While they were, they had completely bad service from a guy named Ephroditus. They threw him out and spent 105 and a half sestertii* most agreeably on whores."
- · House of Pascius, by the side door: "To anyone shitting here, beware of the curse! If you look down on this curse and shit anyhow, may you have an angry Jupiter for an enemy!"
- Outside an eatery: "The finance officer of the emperor Nero says this food is poison."
- Some banter outside a tavern:

"Successus, a weaver, loves the innkeeper's slave girl named Iris. She, however, does not love him. Still, he begs her to have pity on him. His rival wrote this. Goodbye!" (From a man named Severus.)

"Are you jealous? Why do you get in the way? Submit to a better man, and one who is being treated very wrongly, though he is very good looking." (Answer by Successus.)

"I have spoken. I have said all there is to say. You love Iris, but she does not love you." (Clap back by Severus, who is pretty much calling him a simp.)

- At the gladiator barracks: "On April 19th, I made bread." Why do people boast to this day about making bread?
- · Also at the gladiator barracks: "Antiochus hung out here with his girlfriend Cithera."
- · Outside a guy named Vibius' house: "Atimetus got me pregnant."
- Outside a brothel called the Lupanare: "I fucked a lot of girls here."



- On a government building: "Phileros is a eunuch!"
- On the wall of a business: "A copper pot went missing from my shop. Anyone who returns it to me will be given 65 sestertii. 20 more will be given for information leading to the capture of the



- On a government building: (Virgula to her friend Tertius) "You are disgusting!"
- Outside a wealthy man's house: "Apollinaris, the doctor of the emperor Titus, took a good shit here."



After years of exhaustive research since this was unearthed, we pretty well understand that the walls in ancient Roman towns and cities were basically early social media. People calling each other assholes, talking about the meal they just had, bragging about sex, talking smack, and lamenting their lives. Thankfully, we modern types don't discuss our bowel evacuations as much as the ancient Romans seemed to, as that would come with pictures these days.

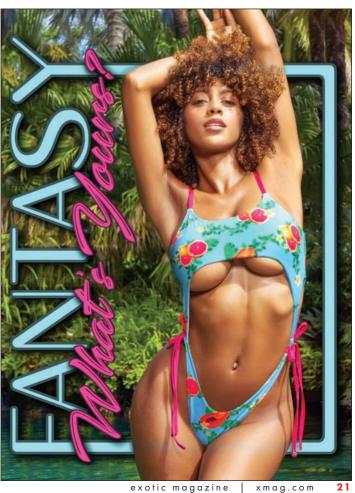
Habere fun et salvus erit!

-Wombstretcha

*The aureus was a standard gold monetary unit of ancient Rome and the Roman world. It means "gold money" and was equal to 25 silver denarii; the bronze sestertii were equal to one-quarter of a denarius, so they basically banged the equivalent of a couple of fifty-dollar hoes if anyone's wondering.

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I feel like last year, I was revving up for this sort of article to help us break out of the dark shadow of the dystopian nightmare that was the world-crippling plague. We needed a hot girl summer on fucking steroids to help undo—or at least distract us from—worldwide trauma, deaths, loss of livelihoods, etc. For like five seconds, it looked like it was safe to crawl out of the cave and wave our genitals at the sun. But alas, too many folks thought the vaccine would make their dick fall off, and COVID came back with a righteous left hook. It didn't knock us out, but it did put us down for a spell. Before you know it, holy crap, here we are at the second summer where we're coming out of the haze of an unprecedented global health crisis. Like, didn't we just do this?

I stand by my idea last year of having an all-nude music festival out on Collins Beach on Sauvie Island. That still needs to happen. However, if this is indeed the end of COVID-life, I think it'll take more than just one bareback, sandybutts-and-boobs fest to help celebrate the end of a truly shit era.

Summer is festival season, and this is the time when every city is trying to do its own regionally-flavored Coachella. Since Sasquatch died and Coachella has basically become an Instagram content generator for fashion, there's definitely room for another city to pick up the torch. Why not Portland?

Before you @ me with South By Southwest, Bumbershoot, or Treefort, I think

those are their own animal of festival with tech, film, and other stuff. I'm talking specifically music (and obviously, skimpy outfits.) We need a Pacific Northwest Lollapalooza. An urban answer to Pickathon.

Obviously, I stand by the wangs-out jamboree at Sauvie Island, but I also think we need to start working on repairing the image of Portland's rather... tarnished image. Between these ideas and my socialist takeover plan from last month, I think we can successfully rebrand Portland as America's Upper Left Corner's Music Hub (that's not Seattle).

Bridgefest

Bridgetown, Bridge City, we got a lot of bridges here. There's this big fuck-off

river that splits the city in two, and it is a somewhat iconic part of the city. Sure, San Francisco and New York have like... more "famous" and "visually stunning" bridges, but Portland has like...a lot of them. Well, ten. But get this—Bridgefest actually takes place on the bridges. We float the poor bastards who agreed to play this half-baked idea out on barges under each of Portland's iconic bridges, and the poorer bastards who agreed to attend this thing can watch from their favorite bridge/stage. Quick! We gotta get to the Tilikum Stage to catch Billie Eilish's set. Fuck! But then we gotta run all the way to Steel Stage if we're gonna catch Run The Jewels. I know I'm aiming high with the talent, but you gotta shoot for the moon. Ideally, we'd get Phoebe Bridgers to headline. Sorry. The best part: curfew would be easy to en-



force. We just raise all the drawbridges to get people to go the fuck home. Might be some legal issues there, but whatevs, we're firing from the hip. World War III is just around the corner, and time isn't real.

Stripperpalooza

Same gimmick as Treefort, Bumbershoot, or the ill-fated Musicfest Northwest—but instead of bars and smaller venues, each stage is at one of our beloved strip clubs! All of which you'll see mapped out in this very magazine. It might be wise to keep it localized to downtown since we are trying to rebrand an admittedly destroyed reputation. Also, these kinds of urban festivals should be at least somewhat walkable. I understand not every nudie bar has the space or resources to accommodate live music, but come on, we can make do. I've seen shows in shoeboxes downtown. We'll make it work. This music festival might have to lean more towards electronic, hip hop, and DJ sets since the booth is already set up, but I know there are clubs that have a corner that's just as workable for a live band as some house shows I've been to. We do strip club haunted houses, so why not this? It's no less cheesy.

Homeless Man

I recently saw yet another news story about the "homeless" problem in Portland. And as usual, the only people interviewed were several Super Karen homeowners upset that the view from their overpriced house in the Pearl District was ickier than usual. Usually, my eyes glaze over at this classist hogwash, but I noticed a striking similarity amongst the complaints from these American Dream Seekers. No shootings. No murders. No cop cars. Across six insufferable, nosy neighbors, the only thing they were bitching about was that these mentally ill unwashed folks were sleeping in tents, doing drugs, and having sex out in the open. Then, it hit me. You just described Burning Man! We need to stop looking at these tent cities as a problem to be solved and start looking at them as an audience to exploit. Until we do something like lynch all the landlords to lower housing costs or simply put these folks in the metric fucktons of housing simply sitting around unused, these shanty towns aren't going away. If you shoo them away, they'll just pop up elsewhere. I say build a goddamn music festival around them! We'll find the biggest hotspot downtown, near the park blocks, and build a stage. It will literally look identical to Burning Man, except without the sand. Same vibes. Less privilege. And we don't even need to build a giant, faux-pagan effigy to burn down. Inevitably, one of these houseless folks will burn down their own tent—probably with them inside. It'll be more authentically pagan than Burning Man, 'cause we'll actually be sending a real human sacrifice to the Old Gods! Summer Is Icumen In!





















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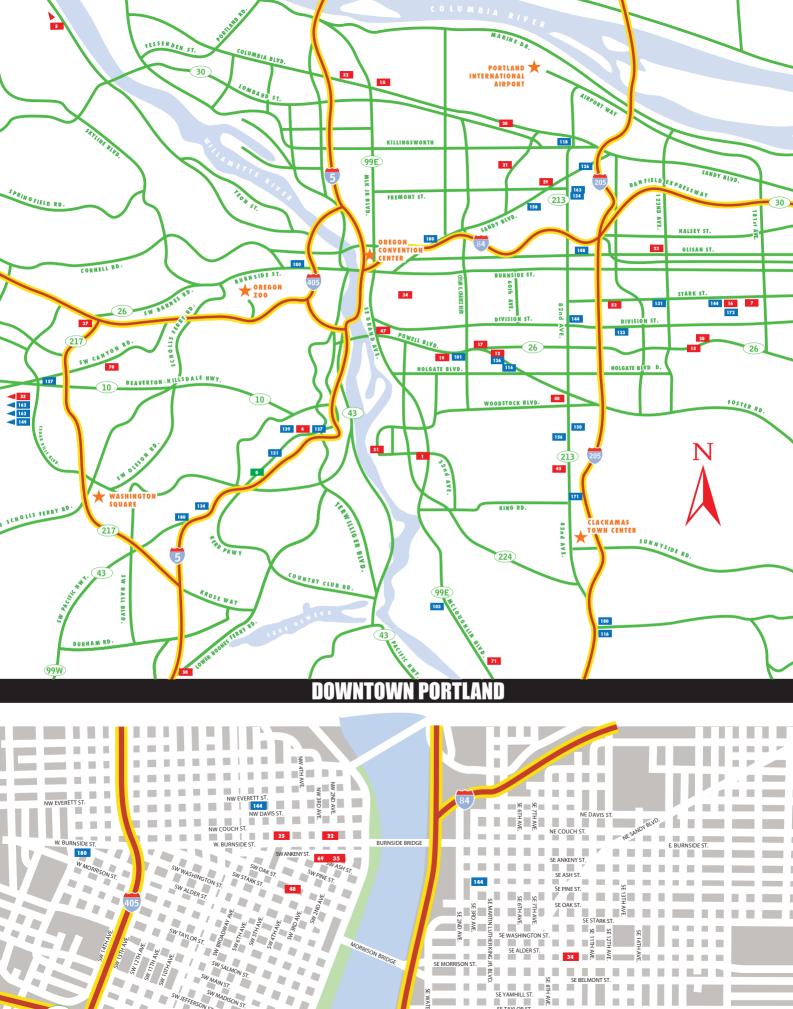
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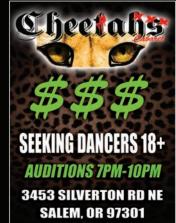
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BY HANNAH ONE CUP

The things you can be arrested for are constantly growing. It's not surprising since people are always doing idiotic things and finding new, stupid ways to get themselves attention from the cops. However, sometimes, there are laws that make their way into the books (somehow) and never, ever leave. They remain intact in the law books for generations, and no one says boo. For example, in the state of Washington, you could still (technically) be fined for buying meat, of any kind, on Sunday. Does this still happen? Do people still get fined for buying a steak for their grill on Sunday? No... but that doesn't stop the law from still sticking around. Just in case a cop was, I guess, really bored one day or had to meet quota, the law stays written as fact. Also, it apparently takes a really, really, really long time to remove laws from the books, which is funny as it doesn't seem to take as much effort to put them there in the first place, no matter how absurd it is.

So, with that said, let's go into some strange laws in both Oregon and Washington that are still, to this day, written in stone.

- 1. In Washington, it is illegal to pretend one's parents are wealthy. I really tried digging for this one and almost didn't include it. Apparently, this was a classism issue. One which actually remained in the books but is not a crime anyone is arrested for any longer. Shame on you, James (Jimmy), for lying your way into the McCallister's mansion by saying you had a well-to-do mummy and daddy!
- 2. Also in Washington, in the town of Wilbur, you cannot legally ride a horse that is considered ugly. Whether the decision on the attractiveness of the horse was decided by a

collective or by one lone soul is not defined, but unsightly equines were a serious matter, apparently.

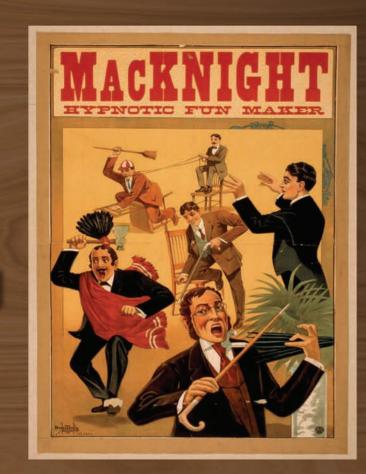
- 3. In Oregon, in the county of Marion, it is illegal to eat a donut while walking down the street backward. I mean, honestly, this just makes sense. I feel like I would be unable to properly enjoy a donut if I was run over or continuously bumped into by people on the sidewalk. Just sayin'.
- 4. In the city of Portland, which stole the slogan "Keep it weird," it is considered illegal to be married on a skating rink. I guess it doesn't really matter since there is really only one skating rink left, and it's at the mall, which is also not really a thing anymore. Does anyone even still ice skate, anyway? Really?
- 5. In Oregon, it is illegal to use canned corn as fishing bait. Now, this actually isn't the whole truth. You can use canned corn, so long as it isn't creamed. It also can't be used in chumming. I don't know why I know this. Just don't be an asshole and dump a whole can of creamed corn in the pond you're fishing in.
- 6. In Hood River, Oregon, it is illegal to juggle without a license. A city representative said this is a legitimate law, but one which is not enforced and couldn't be found in any city documents. So, why this representative knows this knowledge for a fact is beyond me.
- 7. In Oregon, a law was needed to stop people from carrying their children on the hoods, fenders, running board, or any other external part of a motor vehicle. I remember when this law was put into effect because I was no longer able to ride in the back of our

friend's pickup truck to get to the ice cream store. I also remember a story about a family having too much shit in their car when going camping, so they put the car seat—with the baby—on the roof of their car. This ended as you think it would have. Like I said, people are—and always will be—stupid, and looking for attention, even in the worst ways.

8. In Washington, X-rays cannot be used to fit shoes. This was interesting. In the late 1890s, a device called the "Foot-o-scope" was created to measure your feet accurately. All with only 7,000 times more radiation than is considered safe today, placed into your body. Anyway, yes, Washington made this illegal, finally. Sometime in the 1970s.



- 9. In Washington, it is mandatory for a motorist with criminal intentions to stop at the city limits and telephone the chief of police before he enters the town. This was apparently set up to curb the increasing crime rates in the area, but because this law is so stupid, it (of course) affected nothing.
- 10. In Everett, Washington, it is illegal to display a hypnotized person in a store window. This was apparently a huge ordeal in Everett and is still watched for. How diligently people are on the lookout for this, I would know not.



- 11. In Spokane County, strippers may not come closer than 4 feet to any customer. Don't have too much fun at Déjà Vu Showgirls, ya hear?
- 12. In Oregon, it is illegal to whisper dirty things in your lover's ear during sex. Who wrote this? How do they know when Kevin is whispering "penis" in Debbie's ear? Perverts!
- 13. In Oregon and Washington, it is illegal to place a container filled with human fecal matter on the side of the highway. This needed to be written as law, yes.

So, there are the facts. True facts, bizarre, even educational. What would we do without the law? I suppose you'd find me hypnotizing people and displaying them as models in weird places. Like maybe, in an aquarium, next to the shark tank. Or, on the Ferris wheel—or the morgue! I would also definitely be caught juggling in Hood River (where it's also illegal to smoke a cigarette... anywhere in Hood River, yet they sell cigs at the Shell station). What even is that if not attempting to assist in breaking the law right out the door? Just be safe, don't have too much fun in Spokane, and please don't throw poo out the window when driving. Set it down gently on the sidewalk, like everyone else is doing.

Hannah One Cup can be found attempting to buy Foot-o-Scopes online because she really wants to get a good look at her bones and doesn't really care about radiation poisoning (it's not real). She will NOT be found calling the chief of police the next time she heads into the city with the intent of possibly robbing a bank. Where's the fun in tattling on yourself so soon? She hopes everyone rips this article out after enjoying the magazine and keeps it folded for safekeeping the next time you think of doing something stupid or...having too much fun in Spokane.









Diary of a Pet Fiend Memoirs of a Veterinary Assistant [Part 3]

BY ESMERALDA M. RUPP-SPANGI



Welcome, friends, to the final installment of my harrowing tale of mammalian mischief and avian antics. If you're just arriving, I'll preface simply by saying this journal of the bizarre experiences I was lucky enough to live through is about two decades old but, in many ways, as fresh in my mind as though it was all yesterday. Being a vet assistant was probably the best and worst job I've ever had—certainly the most memorable.

Apr. 18

All about Blackbelt:

Blackbelt is a heroically ugly 11-yearold black terrier mix whose list of medical grievances and maladies is like nothing I've ever seen before. He has cataracts in both eyes, liver damage (from all the late-night benders, I assume), an enlarged heart, a collapsed trachea (past tense), and pancreatitis. He's been hit by a car, electrocuted twice (I didn't ask), and was pronounced dead at the scene of a fire. He's subject to a bizarre and strict food and medication regimen to retain his rather tenuous grasp on this mortal coil. Blackbelt was apparently despised for many years by his owner, who ended up with him after his previous person died. However, after Blackbelt was pronounced

dead, the new owner was wracked with guilt and had a change of heart, which is what she claims made him begin beating again. Like a hideous, cantankerous, ancient, sickly Cinderella. Heartwarming.

May 2

Last evening, I was sitting in the lobby doing some paperworkhunched over, pen in hand, minding my own business. The office was dark; almost everyone had gone home. Out of the vacuum, a blood-curdling scream pierces the silence. It sounds close enough to reach out and touch. A terrifying chill runs through my body, and I sit upright, then spin my chair around



slowly, so slowly. Just a few inches from my face, I am greeted by the pointed beak of a great blue heron, at eye level with me, regarding me as though if perhaps I was smaller, I could be dinner. It screams again and I, being the rational person that I am, dive headfirst under the desk. Within seconds, Dr. B bursts out of the back room in a flurry, bath towel

outstretched in her arms, barreling after the wayward bird. Eventually, through much, much swearing, we managed to corral the bloody bird back to its enclosure and end the day without further incident—or lost fingers.

Jul. 15

Today, I learned that a "pack rat" is actually a real animal. Cute as the dickens, too. A flummoxed woman brought the creature to us—she'd captured it in a humane trap under her porch. She'd thought she had a skunk, though, as it was...well, odorous is a very generous way of saying it.

It stank like nothing I've had the displeasure of smelling before. Apparently, it was very fond of her garden and kept making off with what it could. It wasn't unwell, so we just passed it off to the wildlife rescue folks, but even when I got off work



and came home, I could still smell it on me—like a hobo died in a trashcan, then someone emptied a portapotty on top. If you then took all the armpit juice from every basement dweller in the world and mixed that in and further rolled the whole concoction in well-soiled gym socks, that might come close to describing it. How something so cute can smell so foul is a mystery indeed.

Dec. 23

That thing when someone asks for their cat to be put down, but there's nothing wrong with it, so you convince the owner to sign over the animal, and now you all realize someone has to take it, but you all have cats or dogs already, and this cat will straight up *body* any other mammal it meets. Now, there's a conundrum. Merry whatever.

Dec. 26

Please, don't blow dart sparrows.

If you do, I will be forced to fix it, then release it with advanced tactical knowledge and bloodlust.



Jan. 2

Cats can have dwarfism.

Jan. 22

Yesterday morning, I walked into the treatment room as I was opening for the day, and there was a cat who'd utterly *decimated* his cage—the towel was shredded to bits, soggy food everywhere, bowls tipped over with an air of malice. I approached



the feline with caution, as if it was as fractious as it was messy, I'd be in for a trip to the ER. I noted its fur was an ugly sort of wiry, greyish—and what a leathery tail, and why grandmother, what big teeth you have. Ah, well, that's no cat—that's an opossum. I would find out later that he'd been hit by a car and had a broken jaw. Part of my daily rounds will now be bundling this creature into a towel and attempting to feed it with a very large syringe filled with a highfat cat chow. The repulsive creature is oddly affectionate and will wrap his vice-like tail around you if you attempt to transfer him back to his cage. I don't expect he'll live long, but for whatever time he has, he'll be properly spoiled.

Jan. 27

Lyle, the cockatoo, finally has a solution for his er...ongoing issue. Several months ago, this spectacularly genial bird came in with a big problem. He'd prolapsed his cloaca (think urethra, asshole, and genitalia all in one...delightful, I know), and it had to be surgically repaired. Then it happened again, and then again. It was almost as though he was doing it purposefully—and the cost and strain of multiple surgeries were taking a toll on everyone. The owner, a

handsome gent in his 50s or so, was at his wit's end. Finally, the Dr. proposed a most-astounding solution. Lyle must be kept away from blonde women.

Often, birds raised in captivity tend to think they're people, or at least have what you might call preferences (likes and dislikes for various traits in humans, based on past experiences—or just because). As it happens, Lyle is currently in bird puberty, and the owner had a blonde girl he'd been dating. It seemed that Lyle would push his guts out whenever she was around, but why? Because he was attracted to her. He



was straining his muscles because he had a damn woody for this lady. He'd also done it a couple of times at the hospital when our pretty, blonde assistant was there. So, in the end, the owner ended up breaking it off with his gal-pal, as she wasn't up for dyeing her hair to tamp down the lusty urges of her boyfriend's bird.

This is the final entry in this journal. I will be moving in a week and leaving behind this group of weirdos. I wish I could take them all with me, and in a way, I suppose I have with this little notebook.

One final thought: For the love of God, don't name your pet "Lucky."

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