

Internet Interpet

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In our last issue, we ran through a number of hilarious YouTube videos that caught our roving eye. This time we can share a new music creation under the guidance of an 'animal communicator', the latest new job specification in the pet industry.

"Songs to Make Dogs Happy" was created by Skip Haynes and Dana Walden of the L.A. based Laurel Canyon Animal Company (www.petcds.com the only record label that creates music about, for and with animals), who utilized the talents and expertise of intuitive animal communicator Dr. Kim Ogden to translate for them," according to the press release.



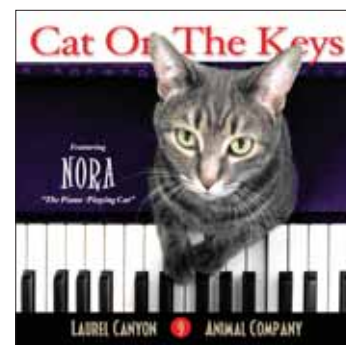
"Canine focus groups selected from over 250 dogs nationwide were assembled and questioned by Dr. Ogden as to their preferences in music and content. The dogs' responses were then used as guides for the music and lyrics resulting in a CD of songs that dogs love."

The CD, apparently, has already yielded a hit, "Squeaky Deaky" -- which is accompanied by possibly one of the best videos EVER. People on YouTube have already posted vids of their dogs reacting to the music. Just go to YouTube.com and type in Squeaky Deaky

The company has also produced "Ugly Dogs Need More Love" featuring "Leash Lambada (La La Bow Wow)," "Doin' It Doggy Style", "Dances With Dogs" and "Dogs In The Hood", this CD fulfills Laurel Canyon Animal Company's motto as being "music for people who love pets".

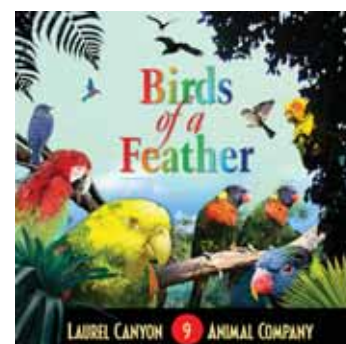


And yes, there is a feline album too "Cat on the Keys", which came about when Skip and Dana utilized Nora's special musical talents in Nora's Song - a unique human/feline musical collaboration. "Nora: Practice Makes Purr-fect" has had eight million views and its sequel more than two million views. Just type in those titles to see.



When they saw Nora on YouTube, they immediately contacted Nora's guardians, artists and musicians Betsy Alexander and Burnell Yow with the idea of signing Nora to their label. Nora became Laurel Canyon Animal Company's first and only feline recording artist. Listen to her tasty licks on Nora's Song and purr along with 10 other tracks that are Nora's favorites.

Nora was adopted as a kitten in 2004 from a cat shelter and showed an immediate interest in the piano during Betsy's lessons with her many private students. One day Nora jumped up on the piano bench, sat in perfect posture with both paws on the keys, and began to play notes. She was just a year old. She has played almost every day since then, and loves to play duets with Betsy's students.



And for parrot-heads, there's "Birds of a Feather" which features the vocal styling of a double yellow head Amazon parrot named Carla singing her signature song - "Zippidee Doo Dah, I'm A Green Chicken!" It also contains 9 songs for people who love birds, including - "Parrot On My Shoulder" or the "Parrot Song", "Birds of a Feather" - an anthem for bird lovers, "Here, There & Everywhere" - the theme song for bird rescues and organisations world wide, "Two Crows" - a love song about being lovers for life and "Yellow Bird" - a traditional Jamaican bird song.

Laurel Canyon CDs has its own webcast radio station online too at: <http://www.petcds.com/RADIO.htm>

Looking for even more hilarity on YouTube? Check out the bust-a-move bunny at "U Can't Touch This Rabbit!" Or you can also check out the furry moves of "Easter Bunny Boogie".

Fortunately we have been spared singing fish or rapping reptiles but I'm sure they're still to come.

And this edition's bizarre pet product of 2008 (1st quarter) is... The strap on Dog Poop Catcher, Taiwanese invention at: <http://www.neatorama.com/2007/01/21/dog-poop-catcher/>

Since we're going to the Global Pet Expo in February, we'll be sure to report back to you on great new websites, hi-tech toys, treats and gadgets for animals and other scoops from the Bizarre Bazaar!

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