



GREEN

By Tracey Johnson

Does the thought of going green make you warm and fuzzy? Then you will thoroughly enjoy the recently published book by Colorado's sole canine author, *Doggone Green, A Call to Action to Save Our Earth*. Written by Cedar, who lives in the Denver area with her human mom/transcriber Kathy Deitsch, *Doggone Green, A Call to Action to Save Our Earth*, hit bookstore shelves on April 22, 2008, which happened to be Earth Day! Deitsch and Cedar have written a book chock-full of tips designed to encourage readers to apply simple steps to go green, such as using tap and/or filtered water rather than the ubiquitous plastic variety to encourage all of us to do our part to protect our world's precious resources. Cedar's easily executed ways to raise eco-awareness are designed toward making the world a "greener" place.

Deitsch and her loyal companion Cedar were alerted to some of the principal problems facing our communities while serving together on a Denver area animal commission. Cedar accompanied Deitsch to her commission meetings and learned that tremendous eco-damage is done by the widespread problem of feral and/or homeless cats. Cedar opens the book talking about homeless pets that include cats and dogs.

"The thoughtless use of toxic personal care products and household cleaners are harmful to the health of our pets, they are toxic to people and to the environment and many are petroleum based", says Kathy. You'll find many more easily implementable suggestions among the chapters of *Doggone Green*. The overriding theme is to do simple doggone green actions (which Cedar has in each chapter), so as to better care for pets, their people and the earth. Cedar promotes buying local and organic when possible and advocates sustainability through reducing, reusing and recycling. Doing so creates conditions conducive to reducing our use and waste, and increasing our recycling and reuse of commodities whenever possible. These are steps that are truly fit for man AND beast!

The twosome was originally inspired by former Vice President Al Gore's Academy Award-winning documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."



Cedar and Deitsch were no longer willing to sit idly by while the earth's natural resources dwindled, so Cedar set about creating her helpful guide to greening pets' and their parents' world. Cedar's resolve produced *Doggone Green*. The book also features whimsical illustrations of Cedar in action saving the world, illustrated by the talented Vickie Leigh

Krudwig. It's a quick and wonderful read with a heart of gold, er, green. For more information Cedar's Headquarters (303) 274-4930 or cedar@petsgonegreen.com

For more information on Cedar and her new book, visit www.petsgonegreen.com. You can also attend an upcoming "book-signing" on August 8, 2008, at the Maude Jellison Library's "Yappy Hour," 3-4 pm at Estes Park's YMCA of the Rockies. This event will no doubt be a howling success...especially if you're more than a little green around the ears! Another event coming soon in September is the Mile High Animal Care Affair & Blessing for more information 720-974-2234.

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