

Wallflower says she is ready to bloom

DEAR ABBY: I am married, have a daughter I love and a fulfilling job as a teacher. But when it comes to socializing at parties and small gatherings, I have a problem. My husband loves to socialize, which is good because his job is in sales. I'm the opposite. I have a hard time making small talk and become very uncomfortable in social situations. I guess you could call me an introvert. I sense that people pick up on my discomfort, which makes them uncomfortable, too. Sometimes I simply have nothing at all to say to these people.



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

cleaner because the odor is drifting into the common areas and into your apartment.

If she does not do something about it immediately, for heaven's sake tell your landlord. There may be a limit on how many animals, and what kind, a renter can have in a unit. And if that doesn't do the trick, contact the health department. If you are describing the situation accurately, the health of all three of her neighbors could be affected by the filth.

DEAR ABBY: I saw something today that broke my heart. A woman who appeared to be in her late 30s was sitting in a restaurant with a woman who looked to be in her mid-70s. It may have been her mother. The entire time I was in the restaurant — about an hour — I saw not one sign of verbal or visual contact between them.

The reason? The younger woman was on a hands-free cell phone, talking office talk from the moment their orders were placed. The older woman sat eating her meal, clearly with little interest and no animation. When they were finished eating, the younger one paid the server, and then gestured "let's leave" by pointing toward the exit. She got up quickly, motioning for her mother to hurry.

I found the episode upsetting, and I hope she reads this: Life is so short. Take your mom to lunch whenever you can, but talk with her, laugh with her, connect with her. Show her the respect and kindness she's due. Your cell phone will be around long after your mother is gone, and there

will be no memories to bring you comfort.

— ALWAYS MADE TIME FOR MOM IN BALTIMORE
DEAR ALWAYS: I wish that what you saw was an isolated incident, but it isn't. For years, I have seen what appears to be an entire generation of people behaving similarly.

My husband and I were having dinner in a restaurant recently.

At the next table were a young woman (late 20s, early 30s) having dinner with a gentleman who appeared to be her grandfather. During the meal, he did not utter a word. She did all the talking — loudly — into her cell phone, making one business call after another. As he paid the bill and

they left the restaurant, the woman was still on the phone. She didn't even thank him for the dinner.

A few months before that, we were in another restaurant. A table away was a very attractive couple who were seated across from each other in romantic candlelight.

They spent their entire meal deeply involved in earnest conversation on their cell phones. But not a word was said to each other.

Is this the "new" intimacy? It seems that fewer and fewer people are connecting with the people they are with.

And this includes parents who are out with little children. How sad.

Pet Adoption News

Adoption

The Colby Animal Clinic has the following small animal ready for adoption:

• Baby kitten, 3-4 weeks old, all white with gray spots, similar to a Dalmatian's coloring.

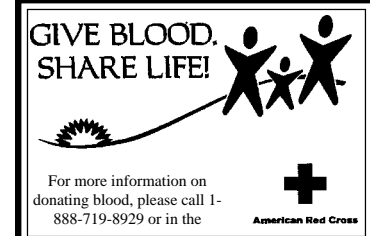
Found: German Shepherd mix

In addition to the kitten, the clinic also has the following animal that was reported "found." In the event no one claims this dog, he will need a home, clinic officials said Tuesday. His description follows:

• German Shepherd mix, male, 6-

8 months old, found 4 miles west, and 3.5 miles south of Colby.

Anyone with knowledge about the "found" dog or who might be interested in adopting the kitten is asked to call the clinic at 460-8621 or stop by the facility, 810 E. 4th.



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MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

DEAR ABBY: I live upstairs in a fourplex. My across-the-hall neighbor is a pleasant single woman who loves animals. She has two cats and two ferrets. The problem, to put it bluntly, is they stink. I don't think she keeps up with their hygiene needs.

The stench drifts from inside her unit into our common hallway, and too often, into my apartment — even with the door closed. I roll up a large towel and place it at the bottom of my front door to help with the smell while I'm home. But when I leave in the mornings to go to work, obviously I can't do that.

When I return home at night, the smell has crept under my door. It's very embarrassing when I have guests. I'm forever burning incense, but it doesn't help. It only makes the air thicker, especially in the hall, which has no air conditioning.

I have tolerated this for a couple of years and I don't know if I should speak with her or the landlord. How can I broach the subject and still keep harmony between us? I don't want to have to move.

I was here first. Please help me. I can't live like this anymore.

— HOLDING MY BREATH IN GEORGIA

DEAR HOLDING YOUR BREATH: You should have spoken to your neighbor when the problem first started, but it's still not too late.

She may not be aware of the odor because she is used to it. Explain that her animals — or their litter box — need to be kept

State fair officials glad with turnout

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Even with high gas prices keeping some people away early in the Kansas State Fair's run, officials were happy with this year's attendance figures.

Prices that had gone above \$3 a gallon when the fair opened Sept. 9 began to fall last week. General manager Denny Stoecklein said fair attendance rose as gas prices fell. He said crowds on Saturday and Sunday — the fair's final days — were large, although it will be several weeks before he has a final tally on the number of tickets sold.

"Overall, we're real thrilled," Stoecklein said.

"It's gone great. We couldn't have ended up any better."

Still, Stoecklein couldn't help but wonder what might have been.

"When you look at it, it's easy to ask, 'What if?'" he said Sunday. "What if we hadn't had \$3 gasoline?"

The biggest draw was a grandstand performance of Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," which packed in about 9,000 spectators.

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