

# Pets, natural disasters to be discussed

Sixty-two percent – nearly two-thirds of U.S. households – include an animal.

And, while pets are part of the family, they're not always part of the family's emergency plan, said Ronnie Elmore, associate dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University.

When disaster strikes, a beloved pet can easily become separated from its family, said Elmore, who is teaming with animal scientists, veterinary medical, family life professionals, extension educators, emergency management specialists and survivors, including one who can literally "bark" from experience, to offer a free one-day seminar titled: "Natural Disasters:

What about the Animals?"

The 2011 Human-Animal Bond Conference is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. The session will be held in the K-State Student Union on the Manhattan campus, and will also be webcast at <http://ome.ksu.edu/webcast/human-animal-bond/>.

While no one plans to have an emergency or for such separations to occur, Elmore noted that, in the '93 flood in Manhattan, about 160 small animals and family pets were displaced and sheltered at K-State's veterinary school until homes could be found.

A number of horses and larger animals also were sheltered during the disaster, he said.

The seminar is free and will provide information about natural disasters and how to protect animals during such events.

Animal owners, public safety personnel, such as police, fire fighters, emergency management, staff of pet-related organizations, educators and students are encouraged to attend. The seminar includes a continental breakfast and gathering time, with the program beginning at 8:30 a.m. The schedule includes:

- Welcome and introduction by Emily Lehning, assistant vice president, New Student Services, and Kansas State Book Network Committee member.
- Book review: "Zeitoun," by Dave Eggers will be reviewed by Greg Eiselein, professor and distinguished teaching scholar in the English Department at K-State. The book focuses on the plight

of residents of New Orleans and animals during Hurricane Katrina, and is required reading for incoming freshmen at Kansas State University this year.

- "First hand account of handling animals following Katrina," presented by Joseph Taboada, associate dean for student and academic affairs, and a professor of small animal internal medicine at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine.
- "Invisible pet owners: lessons learned from Katrina," presented by Lisa Greenhill, associate executive director for Institutional Research and Diversity for the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, Washington, D.C.
- "Lessons learned following the Greensburg tornado," presented by Christen L. Skaer, a graduate of K-State's College of

Veterinary Medicine. Skaer has practiced small animal medicine in Wichita for 11 years, and has advanced training in veterinary disaster management, serves as the director of the Sedgwick County and Kansas State Animal Response Teams, and manages the Kansas Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps.

- "Personal experience at Greensburg," presented by Pam Muntz, Greensburg resident and K-State Extension family and consumer sciences educator in Kiowa County. Muntz' cocker spaniel rode out the tornado in a wire kennel as the home around her was destroyed, and now provides life lessons for the family.
- "How to be prepared," presented by Christen L. Skaer.

To attend in Manhattan: Space is limited. Registration is requested to ensure conference materials

and refreshments. Register online, at [www.vet.ksu.edu/CE/Conference.htm](http://www.vet.ksu.edu/CE/Conference.htm); or by downloading a registration form and mailing it to the address on the form. The deadline for registration in Manhattan is Friday, Sept. 16. Information about the conference also is available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state, and by calling (785) 532-5773.

Kansas residents also are encouraged to check with local extension offices or to join the webcast at: (<http://ome.ksu.edu/webcast/human-animal-bond/>). Web viewers will be able to e-mail questions to the conference site.

The conference is sponsored by K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine, K-State Research and Extension, and eXtension, a national effort to support educational outreach.

## Bataan Death March: oldest survivor, 105, dies

By Jim Suhr  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) – A doctor once told Albert Brown he shouldn't expect to make it to 50, given the toll taken by his years in a Japanese labor camp during World War II and the infamous, often-deadly march that got him there. But the former dentist made it to 105, embodying the power of a positive spirit in the face of inordinate odds.

"Doc" Brown was nearly 40 in 1942 when he endured the Bataan Death March, a harrowing 65-mile trek in which 78,000 prisoners of war were forced to walk from Bataan province near Manila to a Japanese POW camp. As many as 11,000 died along the way. Many were denied food, water and medical care, and those who stumbled or fell during the scorching journey through Philippine jungles were stabbed, shot or beheaded.

But Brown survived and secretly documented it all, using a nub of a pencil to scrawl details into a tiny tablet he concealed in the lining of his canvas bag. He often wondered why captives so much younger and stronger perished, while he went on.

By the time he died Sunday at a nursing home in southern Illinois' Nashville, Brown's story was well-chronicled, by one author's account offering an encouraging road map for veterans recovering from many wars.

"Doc's story had as much relevance for today's wounded warriors as it did for the veterans of his own era," said Kevin Moore, co-author of "Forsaken Heroes of the Pacific War: One Man's True Story," which details Brown's experience.

"The underlying message for today's returning veterans is that there's hope, not to give in no matter how bleak the moment may seem," added Moore, whose nephew just returned from military duty in Afghanistan. "You will persevere and can find the promise of a new tomorrow, much like Doc had found."

Brown, recognized in 2007 at an annual convention of Bataan survivors as the oldest one still living, couldn't muster the strength to talk about his experiences until about 15 or so years ago, said his granddaughter, Susan Engelhardt of Pinckneyville, Ill.

"I'm not a big military buff at all. But just reading the story about the death march and the situation in the Philippines, it's an incredible story. And incredibly sad," Engelhardt said. "He's an incredible man, and he had an incredible legacy. He came through horrible times and came out on top, rebuilding his life. But so many of those

men and women triumphed."

Brown's account described the torment that came about every mile as the marchers passed wells U.S. troops dug for natives but weren't allowed to drink from once they became prisoners. Filipinos who tried to throw fruit to the marchers frequently were killed.

Brown remained in a POW camp from early 1942 until mid-September 1945, living solely on rice. The once-athletic man – he lettered in baseball, football, basketball and track in high school – saw his weight whither by some 80 pounds to less than 100 by the time he was freed. Lice and disease were rampant.

Despite hardships, Brown focused on bright spots, including a prisoner called to fix Japanese soldiers' radios. The prisoner managed to steal radio parts, scraping together enough to build a unit. Brown helped craft a listening tube for the device, which brought the captives news from San Francisco that the U.S. actually had won a battle the Japanese were celebrating as a naval victory.

### On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE**  
**Wednesday**

4:53 a.m. – Checked on several subjects and vehicles at Fike Park.

6:09 a.m. – Unlocked building at Fike Park.

9:07 a.m. – Tipper can knocked over. Helped turn it upright.

12:32 p.m. – Recovered bike left at west end of bridge in Buffalo Park.

1:33 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew.

2:23 p.m. – Assisted Social and Rehabilitation Services.

3 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle going northbound in southbound lane at Range and College. Not found.

3:07 p.m. – Caller wanted subject removed. Subject spoke to.

3:30 p.m. – Provided ride.

9 p.m. – Caller to 911 had information in reference to Amber Alert for Colorado. Everything OK; not the vehicle in question.

9:37 p.m. – Officer requested due to harrassment. Spoke to subjects.

10:18 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew.

11:01 p.m. – Locked building at Fike Park.

11:22 p.m. – Security check at Twisters.

11:30 p.m. – Alcohol violation

report filed on incident.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**Wednesday**

8:56 a.m. – Caller reported damage to fence, sign and pole at 1105S. Country Club Dr.

12:08 p.m. – Caller reported trailer house debris blowing all over. All subjects spoken to.

3 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle going northbound in southbound lane at Range and College. Not found.

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Early Bird • Every Tuesday at 9 a.m.  
Starts September 6th  
Ladies Night Out • Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
Starts August 31st  
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**Men's Leagues and/or Coed**  
Firstnighters (Ladies eligible) • Mondays at 8 p.m.  
Starts September 12th  
Pinbusters • Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.  
Starts September 6th  
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Starts September 1st  
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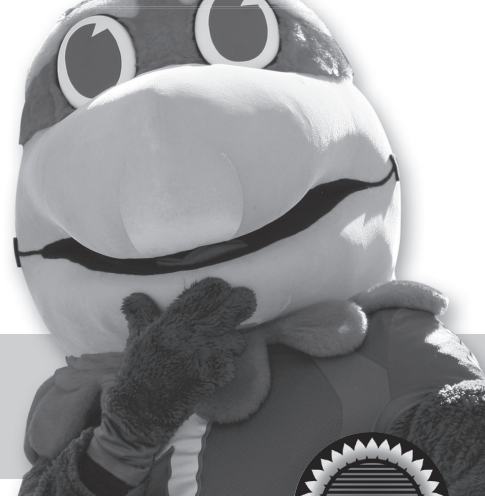



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