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Dear Friends:

It's only the beginning of June and already the month is going to the dogs.

Indeed, June 4th is International Corgi Day while the 21st is National Dachshund Day, and the following Friday, June 26th is National Take Your Dog To Work Day. If those are not enough celebratory days for you and your furry friends, June 21st is also National Dog Party Day – yes, that means lots of tennis balls and tug-of-war toys, tons of unconditional love hugs, and "Pup Cups" all around – which for me and my brood means mounds of whipped cream overflowing in the plethora of dog bowls strewn around my house.

So, I don't leave out my friends who prefer their pets to be of the feline genus, June is also a month to celebrate cats. With it being peak season for kittens, June is Adopt-a-Cat Month, the 4th is National Hug Your Cat Day (if you can actually hold them long enough before they hiss, jump out of your arms and scatter), the 24th is National Cat Domination Day (to all the cats I know, every day is their domination day), and the 24th is National Take Your Cat To Work Day.

For all of us who love our pets – whether they be dogs and cats or rabbits, gerbils, fish, horses, chickens, and others, the first week of the month is National Pet Appreciation Week, while the third week of June is National Animal Rights Awareness Week.

Assuredly, these designated days and weeks, and the entire month, are excuses to celebrate our furry friends with two and four legs, or even with wings or cotton ball tails.

With an homage to the famous song by Rodgers and Hammerstein from their hit show "Carousel," June is truly "bustin' out all over" with celebrations for our beloved pets.

Our friends at Tri County Animal Rescue, which, as you know, is home to the Lois Pope Pet Clinic, is here to assist pets in distress. The state-of-the-art center is the only facility in the region offering low-cost (and sometimes free), full-service veterinary care to pets from under-served families who otherwise would not be able to afford such care. From routine check-ups to spaying and neutering, from x-ray tests to life-saving treatments, the dedicated team there is ready to ensure that every dog, cat and other pet receives the expert and compassionate care they need to thrive.

I would expect nothing less since Tri County is led by my longtime, dear friend, Suzi Goldsmith. She and the doctors, vet and other professionals are the best and most empathetic in the business. It's easy to understand that since the clinic opened in 2019, thousands of pets have been successfully treated.

From routine checkups to life-saving treatments, the dedicated team at the Lois Pope Pet Clinic is here to help.

It is for these reasons – it is for every single dog, cat and other pet that have already received care there and will continue to do so for many years to come – that Tri County Animal Rescue and the clinic are beneficiaries of proceeds from LIFE's Annual Lady in Red Gala.

The 33rd Annual Lady in Red will be no exception. The affair will be a Masquerade Ball set for Sunday, March 14, 2027, at The Breakers Palm Beach and headlined by the incomparable comedians Jay Leno and Rita Rudner. As always, it promises to be a sold-out gala – the social/philanthropic event of the Palm Beach season!

While we are laughing until our sides hurt from Jay's and Rita's one-liners and observations on everyday life, let's remember that during June and the summer months, our beloved dogs and cats and other pets may be hurting from the immense heat and extreme weather conditions. That's why our support of Tri County Animal Rescue and the Lois Pope Pet Clinic, through the Lady in Red, is so urgent and essential.

I'm already accepting sponsorships and table purchases for the gala. Please contact me at the office, 561.582.8083 with your interest. I look forward to speaking with you.

In the meantime, please join me in showing that June is, indeed, "bustin' out all over" --with lots of hugs and treats for our dogs and cats. And, of course, with lots of....

Love Always,

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AND
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RITA RUDNER

Guests will also enjoy the Palm Beach Symphony performing Broadway hits during cocktails, a gourmet dinner, and dancing to music of the Danny Beck Band!

Reserve your tables and sponsorships early for one of the most anticipated philanthropic and social events of the Palm Beach season!

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