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GREENSPRING PETS VOTE BRAD HIBBS "PETS' BEST FRIEND"

During a special meeting of the cats and dogs of Greenspring near the fire hydrant in front of Town Center, Fitness Manager Brad Hibbs was enthusiastically voted "Pets' Best Friend" for his participation in the annual **Greenspring Pet Parade**.

"Without Brad," remarked one dachshund, "I couldn't even get up onto the platform." A cat from the Oak Hill neighborhood quipped, "He is the purrfect Master of Ceremonies."

Though he has no pets of his own, Hibbs speaks fluent Cat and Dog and some conversational Parrot; and he is often seen driving onto the campus with his head out the window, looking for his little friends. "I had an ant farm when I was a kid," Hibbs said, "but it was very difficult finding a tractor that small."

The annual **Pet Parade** is an opportunity for non-pet-owning residents to appreciate the many talents of our Greenspring pets. For example, one Jack Russell terrier (whose owner asked not to be identified) has taught itself not to chase cars. The dog now quietly sits on the curb and takes down license plate numbers.

A Maple Creek resident who owns two dogs pointed out that one of them says, "Woof!" and the other says, "Moo!" The latter dog is trying to learn a foreign language. A Hampton Court resident proudly displayed her pet rottweiler, adding, "I feel very safe and secure; however, no one has visited me in over three years."

Some residents readily admit they spoil their pets. A Jackson Court dog-owner said, "For his birthday, I bought my dog Hector a \$300 European feather bed. Then one day he said to me, 'I'll take a cappuccino with that kibble.'"

A new entry in this year's **Pet Parade** was a generic cat who has only five lives.

For his many contributions to Greenspring's **Pet Parade**, all the campus cats and dogs have presented Brad Hibbs with a special plaque declaring his work environment "The Brad Hibbs-Milkbone Glass-enclosed Fitness Center."