

Did pet's sunny disposition disappear? Blame the clock!

This "Pet Set" is about doggies in the dumps. Cats in a slump. Party animals and parties for the animals. And finally, a few lines about felines. So read on.

Daylight doggies: Is your dog in the doldrums as the days get darker? Is your feline more listless, perhaps close to cat-astrophic?



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Some two-legged creatures may be feeling a bit down because of the earlier sunset, and it could be happening to our four-legged creatures, too.

The Daily Mail newspaper wrote

that some of its English readers say that since the time change, their canines are becoming well, dog tired. Like humans, they said, some pets may suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder because of the decrease in light levels. SAD, as it's called, can cause pets — as well as people — to sleep longer or be less active and playful.

So be grateful we're down here where it's lighter a bit longer than there and give your fur family some extra love and comfort during this season.

Party animals: Another reason to give your pet pals more care and comfort right now is because the balls and parties are starting. And the social seasons can be open season on your pets.

If you're having a party, and people are entering and leaving, keep Fido and Fluffy in a closed, separate room, wearing updated tags.

If they're afraid of loud noises — like the popping champagne corks — put the air-conditioning or radio on in the room to drown out the outside sounds.

And put a sign outside the room warning guests to open the door carefully, so you never have to ask: "Who let the dogs or cats out?"

Pet parties: It's time for the annual Peggy Adams Animal Shelter League's Black-tie Christmas Ball. It's Dec. 11 at the Scottish Club, but you must RSVP by Monday, so call 407-8872 now.

Gift gathering: Another way to help the animals — well, herd cats at least — is to get a nice gift together (worth at least \$50) and go to the home of Pam and Mike Ilvov from 4 to 9 p.m. Dec. 4. They're having a "gift-gathering



Four-year-old Kendal, named by Nick Kindred, lives on Kerlyn Road and that is why this Welsh terrier is sometimes jokingly called "Kendal Kindred of Kerlyn." He got his name in a strange way. "My wife has memory loss and her favorite wine was Kendal Jackson, so I named the dog Kendal to make it easier for her to remember the dog's name. She does — but now she can't remember the wine that she likes," he chuckled.

reception" to benefit a later PD-Cats silent auction. Call 887-2287 for details.

Dog day afternoon on Worth Avenue: "A dog day affair with a holiday flair" is what they're promising at 11 a.m. Dec. 8 in the Green Courtyard. This free event will feature the winners of America's Top Dog Models, plus "pawtographs" (your pet's paws printed on clay tiles), refreshments and gifts, all benefiting the Palm Beach Zoo.

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