



# The Keynote Chronicle

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## Cats Versus Dogs

I recently rescued Figphyllis, a cute little Shih Tzu dog mix, about a block away from a busy street. The street was called Figueroa, so I named her “Fig” but that didn’t really fit. Then I called her “Phyllis” (after Phyllis Diller) but I didn’t like that either, so it morphed into “Figphyllis” – a match! After five days, I found Figphyllis’s owner... who lived a block away from that busy street. Turns out I “rescued” Figphyllis from her driveway. Rescue/Kidnap...my intentions were good, anyway.



Scan for a 2 minute clip of Jan’s family vacation comedy!

But I liked Figphyllis so much that I rescued another dog—this time from the animal shelter just to make sure the dog really needed rescuing. That’s how Dalilia arrived in my life! Full disclosure: I am a cat person. I don’t know anything about dogs, including how to spell Dahlilia’s name (Figphyllis was easier!). The learning curve is steep, but now that I’m a “duel-species owner” (a term I just now made up), I’ve been trying to figure out which side of the dog-versus-cat coin I’m on.

Here’s what I’ve learned:

Dogs sleep just as much as cats, but because they are so happy to see you when you come home, with all their jumping and tail wagging and panting, it just *appears* that they are more active. They have fooled us all. Score one for the dogs.

## Spotlight

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### The Work Lady

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The latest plastic surgery for women is rear-end implants! If you’re thinking of doing it, it costs \$5000 dollars. A box of Twinkies is three bucks. ©2015

I used to care if my neighbors saw me in my nightshirt with uncombed hair, flip flops and worn out sweatpants. But now, when the dog has to go to the bathroom at 4 a.m., (and I haven’t quite fixed the gate on my yard), I really don’t care if photographers from the Enquirer are outside. I grab the nearest piece of clothing and head out. Cats handle their bathroom needs privately. Score a BIG one for the cats.

Which brings me to my next revelation: dogs don’t inherently know *where* to go to the bathroom. I bought some of those blue “pee pads” so the dog would go in the house when I’m gone. So far the only one using them is ME. It’s not what you think...I step from pad to pad to avoid the surprise wet areas on the floor. Cats were practically birthed in the litter box. Score one for the cats.

Dogs are great conversation pieces though. At my last party, since adopting Dalalhia, much of me and my friends' conversation revolved around stories about our dogs eating the garbage, what our breed likes to do, and how we adopted our dogs (I play down the whole "it started with kidnapping Figphyllis" thing). Conversations about cats are limited to "I've got a cat." "Me too." Rarely do we even discuss the color or "breed." Score one for the dogs.

Cats have pride. They will claw your eyes out before they let you put a Halloween costume on them...ask me how I know this. Dogs will let you do it, sort of. Delalila was not thrilled with the baby seal outfit I bought her... I ended up turning her into a horse complete with Barbie doll rider. She was better with that...it lasted 10 minutes. So I'd have to say it's a draw on Halloween costumes. The only species that really likes them is little human kids or adults trying to be funny.

So what's the verdict? Am I a cat person who loves dogs or a dog person who loves cats? Maybe I'm both: a DAT Person? (Dog-cat = DAT. Another term I just made up.) I'm not sure as I'm still doing "research" as we speak (while writing this article, I've gotten up twice to walk the dog...and while I was gone the cat scratched up my favorite chair).



**Baby Boomer Comedy Show**

Jan McInnis co-stars with Kent Rader in this hilarious clean comedy show. Check out their schedule and book them for your event at [BabyBoomerComedyShow.com](http://BabyBoomerComedyShow.com)



I guess you just get attached to whatever animal stumbles into your life...which probably means I'll never be a hermit crab person. But if you do decide to choose a species, I encourage you to adopt from a shelter if you can...it gets the animal out of the shelter AND keeps you out of trouble. Ask me how I know this.

*Jan has shared her customized humor keynotes with thousands of associations and corporations, and she is the author of 2 books: "Convention Comedian" and "Finding the Funny Fast." She was also featured in the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post.*

**Quote from a recent client:** "Jan's recommendations on including humor in communications were a real "duh!" moment for me - of course that would help ease tension! I found myself analyzing every other session at our conference for ways to increase buy-in through using humor. I belly-laughed through Jan's performance, and internalized her easy methods for communicating with humor, too - can't wait to try them out."

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