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About Crazy for Critters



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Pet lady: That's my role in the Miami Herald newsroom. I've been here since 1989, during which time I've had eight dogs, a ring-necked parakeet, a chicken, and a lizard named Lance. At the moment, I've got four dogs, two step-dogs, and two cockatiels. A native New Yorker, I came here from Louisville, Ky. I'm a graduate of the University of Arizona, and had a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard in 1988. I have written 233 stories containing the word 'dog' in the past 17 years.

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We are fortunate to have three SVFMA board certified veterinary ophthalmologists participating in this program. Thank you **Dr. Karl A. Schmidt, Jr.** (Animal Eye Specialty Clinic, 305-652-0448), **Dr. Lorraine G. Karpinski** (Pinecrest Veterinary Hospital, 305-278-1300), and **Dr. Teresa Tucci** (Veterinary Specialists Incorporated, 305-246-1701) for your dedicated service.

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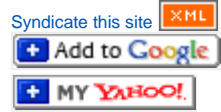
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