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Providing for pets after we're gone

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What a touching story about Kenneth Munzert, who made provisions in his will for his dog ("Bequest for man's best friend," March 11).

Some people may think it is frivolous or silly to provide for animals in an estate. I think it is wise that the Maryland legislature is considering a bill allowing owners to establish trust funds for their pets so their wishes are met ("Trust-fund Fidos," editorial, March 3).

Pets become like family to many people, and can be the most devoted companions. It can mean a lot, especially later in life, to have such company.


I commend pet owners who plan ahead for their pets' care and commend the legislature for addressing an issue that benefits both animals and people. Aileen GabbeyBaltimore

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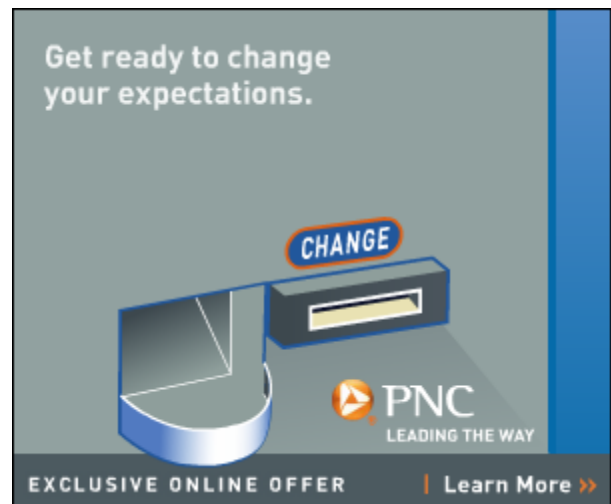
Thank you for a wonderful tribute to a great lover of animals.

Brought together by a shared love for the German language, Kenneth Munzert and I became good friends. He cared deeply for abandoned and abused animals, always ensuring his own aging dog's welfare.

Everyone does not have the financial means to provide for an aging pet the way Mr. Munzert did. But his efforts do remind us to be concerned with the safety and well-being of our furry friends when their better days are past. Irene HeathBaltimore

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