

Puppy Tails And Christmas Tales

(NAPSA)—A new book may set many tails a-wagging. That’s because this book is all about pets and the first motel to cater to them.

The book, *Love Is A Four-Legged Word* (Epic, \$24.95), author Robert Leeds tells the story of the American Pet Motel, where dogs slept on brass beds and talked to their owners on Snoopy telephones.

At this motel, animals had midday cookie breaks and listened to piped-in music.

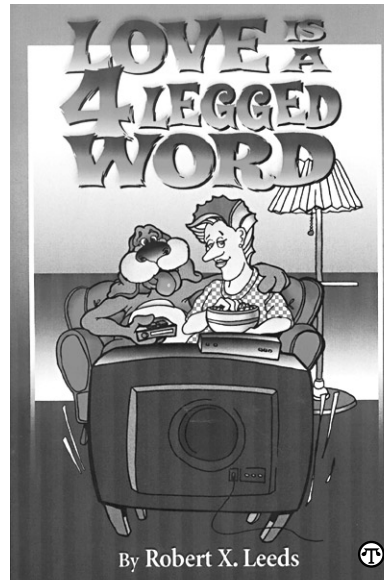
If a German shepherd normally had a half glass of beer at bedtime, beer was provided and, if bacon and eggs was a St. Bernard’s breakfast fare, that was what it had as a guest at this motel.

The motel, which boarded pets that walk, creep, crawl, swim, fly, slither or hop, was started by the author, a former General Motors engineer. The creation of the motel was triggered by the death of his pet through the carelessness of a kennel. Since then deluxe digs for pets have sprung up around the country. For many pet lovers Leeds remains the leader of the pack.

Since its creation in 1973, Leeds has cared for more than 250,000 pets and accumulated dozens of wonderfully funny and endearing stories about his guests and their owners.

In *Love Is A 4 Legged Word*, Leeds tells his story and theirs. Although the book contains many anecdotes, it is also the story of a couple that set out to change the world of pet care and, to a large degree, succeeded. Without any training or experience, but with a great deal of motivation and love, they gave up their jobs and security to fight for pet care industry reform in America.

Leeds is also the author of *Christmas Tails* (Epic, \$14.95), a fully illustrated children’s book. This fanciful fable proclaims the virtues of loyal friendship and our



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responsibilities to the world we share.

The book has been described as a beautifully illustrated parable; an allegorical narrative intended to give young readers respect for life.

It is the story of Santa Claus and his dog, Snuggles, which takes place in a year in which there was almost no Christmas. When Santa’s reindeers become ill, dogs volunteer to pull his sled, but Santa denies his own dog a chance to help because of his age and breeding. When a friend reminds him that his dog did not judge him, Santa sees the error of his ways.

Among the book’s fans was the late actor and director, Orson Welles, who said, “This story should be made into a film so everyone could see it.”

The books are available in book stores or by calling toll-free 1-877-620-3742 or by logging onto [www.epicpublishing.com](http://www.epicpublishing.com).

