

Sewickley Spa welcomes 'pet reader'

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Editor

If Spike or Fluffy haven't been their usual congenial selves lately, Renee Takacs may be able to help.

Dorothy Andreas has invited her to do some brief "pet readings" at the Sewickley Spa on Light-Up Night, this Friday, from 6-8:30 p.m.

Takacs, who has practiced this intuitive art with all kinds of pets since 1997, hears, sees, and feels information.

"They tell me all kinds of things — what they like or don't like, something recent or in the past," she says.

The information may be about diet, health or an emotional state. She has worked with cats, dogs, horses and lizards.

First, she sets her attention on the pet, listens and then reports to the owner what she has learned. Creaturely concerns may even involve relationships with their owners.

"I get quiet, ask for permis-



Renee, Tommie & Wylie

sion to speak to the animal, and then ask if there is anything they'd like to tell me."

In a few moments, non-verbal communication takes place.

Owners have been surprised at what she reports to them, she says.

Ricochet, one client's cat, moved from cancer to health and through death, all in "conversations" with her.

Over the course of nearly

two years, she and that special feline developed an "incredible relationship," one that still continues.

For another client, a lizard complained about her young owner's rough play. Takacs was able to explain the need for gentleness to the little boy.

She has been invited to do readings at Bark in the Park, hosted by Animal Friends of Pittsburgh, for the last two years.

Animal Friends also will be on hand at Sewickley Spa on Friday night with a few of their ready-to-be-adopted dogs and cats.

As an intuitive consultant to people for 13 years, Takacs sees her intuition as a way of connecting and offering guidance to her many clients.

"This expanded ability happened spontaneously and naturally, for which I feel humble and grateful," she says. "It is a way to improve life and to help avoid unnecessary suffering" — for people and the creatures they love.