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Thu, 2012-11-08 08:38 — Robin Olson

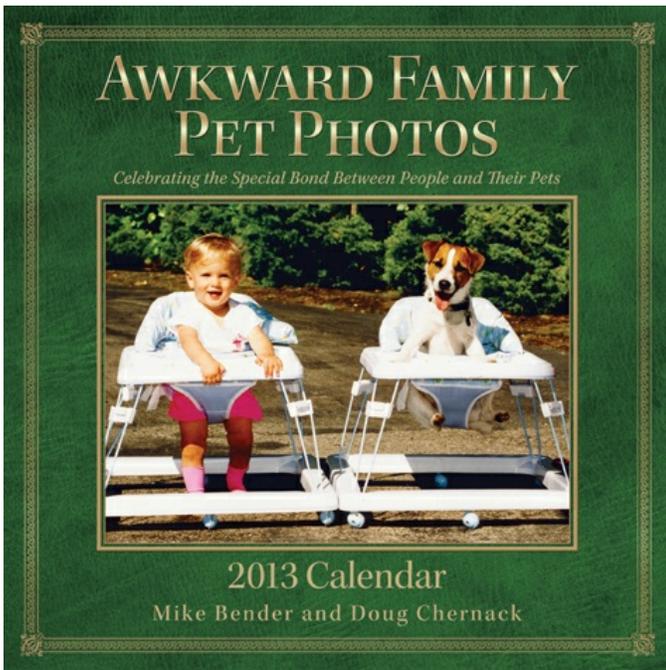
Last year I reviewed Mike Bender and Doug Chernack's wonderfully warped book, *Awkward Family Pet Photos* [1] which hit the market on the heels of their New York Times Bestselling book: *Awkward Family Photos*. [2]



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Awkward Family Pet Photos 2013 Wall Calendar

This year the purveyors of preposterous are back, just in time for the Holidays, sporting a dazzling duo of 2013 Calendars. One is a well designed, colorful, 12-month Wall Calendar whose message, "*Celebrating the Special Bond Between People and Their Pets*" is achieved in the most twisted and sometimes downright creepy fashion. Each month celebrates a particular species. The year begins with dogs. In April, they celebrate bunnies or animals dressed a bunnies. One month features monkeys but I won't spoil it by telling you which month it is. Can you guess which one it is?



©2012 By Awkward Family, LLC. I hope they get matching cars one day, too.

I'd like to know the criteria Bender and Chernack use to choose their photos. **The process must be a delicate one, walking the fine line between photos that make you shudder with delight versus photos that are simply vintage images including pets.**

Perhaps they have an inner guidance system that recognizes they're on the right track when scrutinizing a family's precious photos? They might wonder aloud; "Why did they do that to their hair?" or **"Did they really wear that sweater with the image of the cat rear ends on it, then send it out as their Holiday card?"**

If Bender and Chernack ask themselves **"What were they thinking?"** I'm guessing it seals the deal and the photo is accepted into their collection.

Clearly the people and pets featured in this calendar never asked themselves these sorts of questions and we are all the richer for it.



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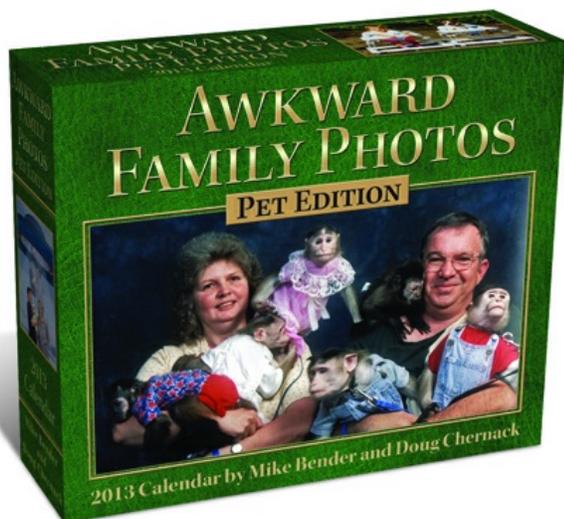
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©2012 By Awkward Family, LLC. Well said.

The beauty in projects like Awkward Family Pet Photos 2013 Calendar is that it reminds us that we're not as cool as we think we are. Everyone has a photo (or in my case albums full) tucked in a drawer somewhere they'd rather no one else ever see... and no, I don't mean *that* kind of photo!

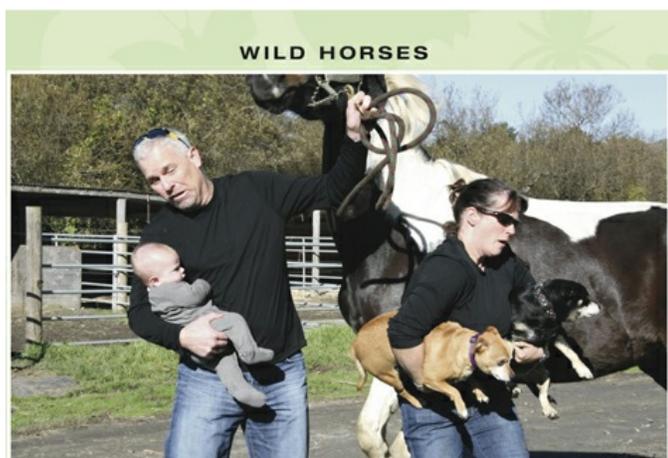
Awkward Family Pet Photos 2013 Day-to-Day Calendar

If you can't get enough Awkward Family Pet Photos, then check out the 365 days of screwy-louie-weirdness in their 2013 Day-to-Day Calendar. Each day reveals a new image of the curiously clueless. I love it. **Unlike some desk calendars, this one is in full color** so you can appreciate the awkwardness even more. **The only thing lacking is that it should be in 3-D and come with a pair of glasses. Maybe they'll do that next year?**



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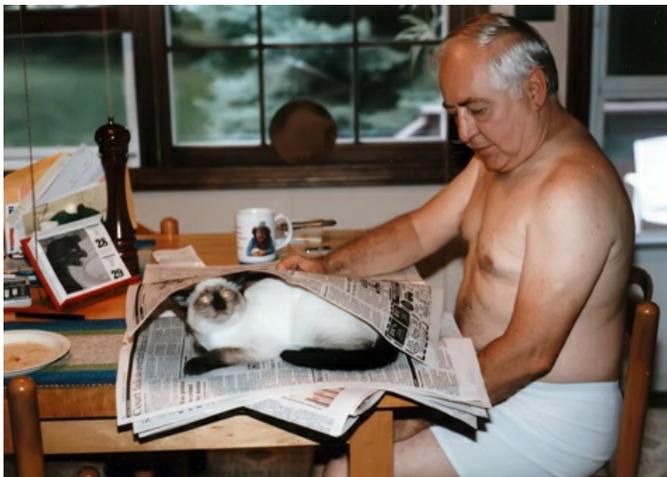
If you'd like to WIN a copy of "Awkward Family Pet Photos 2013 Day to Day Calendar" simply leave a comment below and tell us about an awkward moment (with pets). Increase your odds by emailing me an awkward pet photo at info@coveredincathair.com. Share your awkward photo if you dare! ONE comment or photo will be selected to WIN! You can only email me ONE photo for one chance to win OR make ONE COMMENT HERE describing an awkward family photo. Voting ends NOVEMBER 15, 2012 at 11:15 AM EST and is open to residents of the USA, only (sorry guys-licensing issues!). Rules subject to change without notice.



©2012 By Awkward Family, LLC. I want to see the photo that was taken 30 seconds after this one.

Oh, and make sure you check out May 16th if you get a copy of the Day to Day Calendar...I'm just sayin'...

In honor of Awkward Family Pet Photos, I thought I'd share a special one with you from my archives.



©1992 Judith K. Feminella. My dad in his underwear reading the Sunday paper---if Blue the cat will let him.

If you want an even bigger Awkward Family Pet Photos fix, visit their Webby Award winning web site [HERE](#) ^[3] or Like them on [Facebook](#) ^[4] and let them know Covered in Cat Hair sent you!

After careful consideration, from time to time I write a product reviews. If you see it here, it's because, at LEAST I think it's worth you knowing about even if I have an issue with it and, at BEST, I think it's amazing and we should all have one, two or more of whatever it is I'm reviewing. **I get NO reimbursement** for writing these reviews, though to write a review I am supplied with the item, as I was in this case. **This review is MY OPINION, ONLY.** The result you experience using this product may differ.

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You should post all the photo submissions you get on the blog or FB! =P

I sent my photo in!

Thu, 2012-11-08 16:35 — [jmuhj](#) (not verified)

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Judith's dad and Blue are priceless. The monkeys and their "pet parents" are indeed quite unsettling. I'm dog-phobic in the extreme, so I won't comment about those. ;)

Tue, 2012-12-11 00:32 — [anxiety attack \(not verified\)](#) ^[23]

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Way cool! Some extremely valid points! I appreciate you writing this article plus the rest of the website is also really good.

Wed, 2017-03-08 09:48 — [Alex T](#) (not verified) ^[25]

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i honestly had no idea! but i agree with you: we aren't as cool as we think we are, or as cool as we want to be. wow.

i can think of several people i need to gift this book to. but i'll give it a really good look through before i send it on. . . just to be sure. and thanks for the resource list. big help.

[Best Vacuums for Pet Hair](#) ^[27]

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