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Books! Books! Prepare for your winter reading

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Why is summer reading such a big deal? Winter is when I get all my big reading done. When the weather is warm and the days are long, there's always something great to do,

usually with the dogs. Like hike along the river, work in the garden — all the animals help

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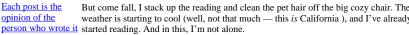
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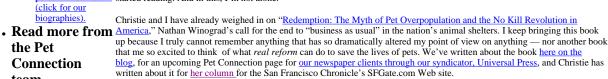
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o Each post is the But come fall, I stack up the reading and clean the pet hair off the big cozy chair. The opinion of the weather is starting to cool (well, not that much — this is California), and I've already



with that — visit with friends on the patio over pizza. Who wants to sit still when the



It gets ugly real quick when you start talking about the no-kill revolution, since it threatens the fund-raising machines that are many national animal-advocacy groups, and will make even the most dedicated and caring shelters directors and staffers look at and Gina Spadafori: their hands and see blood on them. No wonder they're lashing out, and who can blame them for it? Group think is powerful Pet Connection with stuff. Christie and I both have had lots of mud flung on us - during the pet food recall we sure got used to it - but I can't even imagine what Nathan Winograd's e-mail inbox looks like. Hate mail out the wazoo, no doubt.

o Christie Keith: Your In the last couple of days, two of my favorite, most thought-provoking bloggers have picked up on "Redemption." On Whole Pet Terrierman, Patrick takes a point by point look at the issues and Winograd's arguments on how and why things must

 Kim Campbell Thornton: Creature Comforts

o -Dr. Marty Becker

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The other great read of the season (so far) is "The Dog Wars," Donald McCaig's splendidly written and utterly fascinating look o Pet Connection gear at the fight of working border collie owners to get the American Kennel Club to leave their breed alone. The working

change. It's long, but good to the last word. Luisa on Lassie Get Help takes just the aspect of "Redemption" that deals with the

particular challenges of pit bulls. Read 'em both, but don't settle for the short takes, no matter how worthy. But the book. Buy.

Susan and Dr. Rolan BC crowd lost, and so now we have working stock dogs and what the working stock dog folks call "Barbie Collies." (They're gorgeous and still smarter than the average dog, but they are not working dogs.) Luisa and Patrick have written about the book, AnimalBehavior.Ne Las has Christopher at Border Wars (his take is a bit different, and he and Patrick curled lips at one another earlier in the week). Christie says she has already finished it and promises to blog about it soon. I'm three-quarters through and loving every word.

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The. Book.

And, um, folks, please don't forget that Dr. Marty Becker and I have three new books out, too. I think they're pretty darn wonderful, too, but I may be a little bit biased. They're in the "light read" category, but they are jam-packed with the results of months and months of research and interviewing the top experts in every field.

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1. I highly recommend "Merle's Door – Lessons from a Free Thinking Dog" by Ted Keracote (sp?)

It is non fiction describing the life of a dog he found (or maybe found him) on a rafting trip out west. The author relates





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