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What is a Leucism?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Every animal admitted to our Center is special and every one gets great care but occasionally we get one that is just a little different and very rare. This happened recently when a white baby squirrel was admitted. We posted pictures on our Facebook page and I, like others, wondered if it was an albino. Because the squirrel has dark eyes it is most likely leucistic. Leucism is a partial loss of pigmentation but the eye color remains unaffected. Albinism is a congenital disorder and the eyes would appear pink or red.

White squirrels are actually a mutation of the eastern gray squirrel. It is believed that white squirrels are the result of pet white squirrels that either escaped or were released into the wild. Brevard, North Carolina, seems to have the largest population of white squirrels and goes back to 1949 when a resident received a couple of them as gifts. They escaped and began breeding and now it's estimated

that one in three squirrels in Brevard are white. They have become a tourist attraction and are celebrated every year during the White Squirrel Festival.

Another rarity is the black squirrel. Like the white squirrel, black squirrels are actually eastern gray squirrels with a genetic condition called melanism. This condition can occur in many species.

Regardless of the color, a squirrel is a squirrel and the color does not affect its behavior. Right now, squirrels are busy finding and storing food for the winter months. This behavior is called "caching." One interesting study published by the "Royal Society Open Science" says that squirrels actually organize their nut stashes by quality, variety and maybe even preference. Some scientists call this "chunking." The study's senior author, Lucia Jacobs, compared it to the way we organize our groceries, "You might put fruit on one shelf and vegetables on another. Then, when you're looking for an onion, you only have to look in one place, not every shelf in the kitchen."

In order to avoid predators, squirrels will zigzag back and forth. I think we've all seen squirrels trying to cross a street. Instead of running a straight line to safety, they will zigzag and the result often leads to an unhappy ending for the squirrel.

A squirrel's tail not only serves as a blanket in the cold days of winter but is also used as a way to communicate. It can warn other squirrels of danger, is used to help with balance and climbing and is also used during the mating season to attract potential mates.

Gray, brown, black or white, we love them and are fortunate to be able to care for fox squirrels, eastern gray squirrels and flying squirrels.

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LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

The Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization dedicated to connecting women through monthly luncheon meetings, social activities and various interest groups. Our next luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 16, from 10:00-12:30 at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive in Humble, Tx 77346. The cost of the event is \$17 per person and includes lunch and entertainment.

Our theme this month is Healthcare and our guest speaker will be Lee Ann Hyatt, RN, BSN. Her topic will be Live for Today, Let's Make the Most of It! Lee Ann states, "Many of us struggle to live in the present. We find ourselves thinking about our happiness in the past or believe that we will be happy in the future when we accomplish something or reach a certain milestone. As a result, we may be missing the opportunity to truly feel happy...now, in the present moment." She will discuss this self-defeating behavior and give several suggestions on how we can learn to truly "Live for Today"!

The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Many interest groups are available including Game Day, Shooting Club, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Lunch 'N Look, Tea Time, Movie Group, Supper Club, Hand Knee and Foot, Girls Night Out, Mexican Train, Reader's Choice and Bridge. There are also events during the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends.

Please join us. New members are always welcome. For more information about the club and for luncheon reservations, please go to the club web page at <http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com> or call Karen at 281-900-5584 by Tuesday, October 9.



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Hi Lakeshore Neighbors! Todd Womack here, your Lakeshore Neighborhood Real Estate Broker and Realtor®, with tips that can save you money on your home sweet home and keep our Lakeshore neighborhood looking great.

I wanted to clarify a few items of concern in our Lakeshore community so we can each do our part to make improvements. Our community is only going to stay a top-notch community to own property and live, if all of us do our part to keep it looking well maintained.

First, wood fence repairs and staining are the responsibility of each homeowner. Lakeshore HOA does not repair or maintain any wood fencing. Please inspect your wood fences, especially the sections that face the public streets, and make needed repairs. Cedar fence pickets are the preferred materials, using treated frames and posts. Repairs and Staining need to be ARC approved, using a semi-transparent stain, of medium brown color. Please submit the online form for ARC approval of your proposed repairs and stain color in advance, on the Lakeshoretexas.org website.

Keep your lawns maintained weekly and trim the tree branches that overhang the street so limbs will not hit vehicles passing by.

Lakeshore is experiencing numerous sidewalks that are broken and unlevel that may pose a trip hazard. Sidewalks and driveways are the responsibility of each individual homeowner, not the HOA or the MUD District, or Harris County. The builders usually only warrant such elements for 1 year. Most of these needed repair areas are a result of settling of the subgrade under the sidewalks or drives. It appears that some areas are near storm sewer manholes, which did not sink or settle, as those manholes were encased in cement stabilized sand when originally installed. The surrounding sidewalks were typically formed and poured on semi-compacted soil, which over the years, settle and shrink. This causes areas to crack and have elevation differences. Please request ARC approval for these repairs of broken or trip hazard sidewalk areas to be removed and replaced if on your property. Local concrete subcontractors can be hired for this labor intensive job. The storm sewer system in Lakeshore is under the control and maintenance by Harris County Precinct 1, and not the MUD District. The HCMUD District #412 is responsible for water and sanitary sewer. If a storm sewer is blocked or not draining properly, please report it to Harris County, Precinct 1. Feel free to contact me about real estate questions at 832-647-9871, or get my feedback at todd.womack@yahoo.com.



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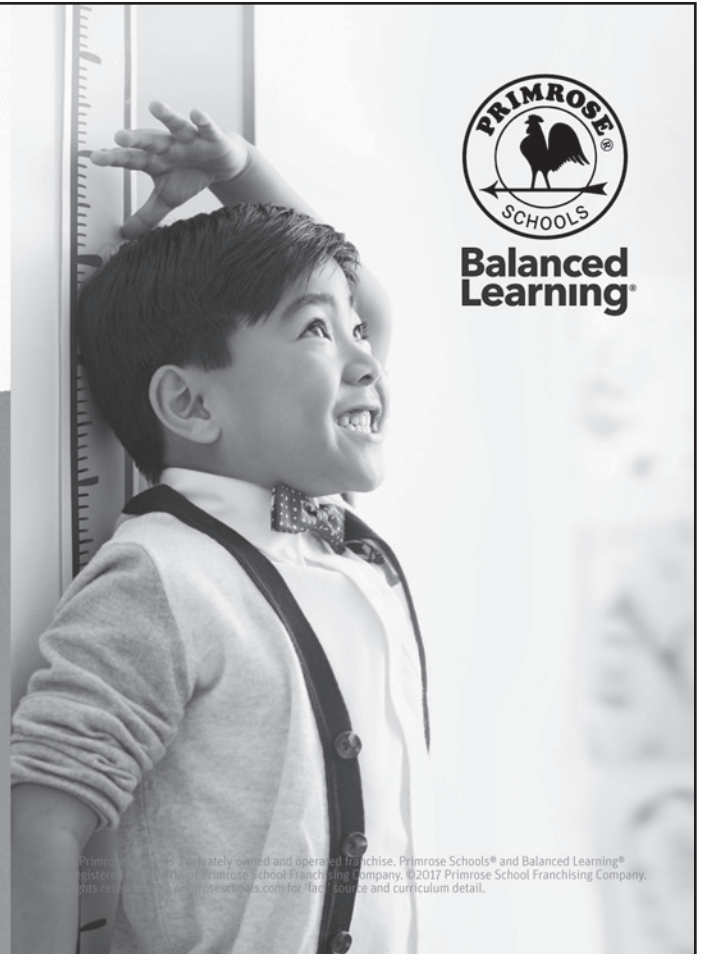
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Owners of Primrose School at Summerwood and Primrose School at Lakeshore, Brandi and Larry Muse, demonstrated their commitment to giving back this week, donating \$3,000 to local Elementary Schools. Last April, parents and community member came together to support each schools annual fundraiser, Spring Fling. The funds raised are split between local Elementary Schools and

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the Primrose Children's Foundation, the not-for-profit organization of Primrose Schools® that supports national charitable partners like Save the Children.

"At Primrose, we're committed to teaching our students about helping others and giving without expectation," said Brandi Muse, Owner. "This week, Larry and I had the great pleasure of presenting three \$1000 checks to Lakeshore Elementary, Summerwood Elementary and Groves Elementary. We love being able to support the teachers and students of our local community schools."

Funding raised for the Primrose Children's Foundation will be used to support Save the Children, the world's top independent charity for children in need and national partner of Primrose Schools. The organization has robust and impactful programs in the United States, such as child sponsorship and emergency preparedness, that provide children living in poverty with the skills and resources they need to succeed in school and in life.

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

By Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fall celebrations like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times for children, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety.

Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

Going trick-or-treating?

- Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.
- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.
- Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests??

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For guests, offer a variety of fruits and vegetables.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could cause someone to fall.
- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

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Females lay eggs in an oval sac which can hold from 25 to over 900 eggs. Depending on temperature and time of year, eggs usually hatch after about 20 days. Spiderlings stay near the egg sac for several days where they consume their brothers and sisters. Survivors throw a thread of silk to the wind and are carried off in a process called “ballooning”. They eventually locate a sheltered spot where they build a loosely woven web and remain for the rest of their lives. As time progresses, widows build larger webs to capture larger prey. Males eventually leave their webs to find females for mating. In a natural setting, most females do not eat males after mating.

Widow spiders do not like being in the open. They can often be found outside in protected areas such as rainpouts, shrubbery, firewood piles or unused grills or BBQ pits. It is also possible to find them in garages, cellars, crawl spaces, attics, furniture, or electric or water meter boxes. Widows are shy creatures and often people are bitten when they accidentally disturb a web.

The bite of a black widow sometimes is not noticed, but when it is, it often feels like a pin prick. The bite location will have two red marks surrounded by redness and swelling. The bite reaction is systemic and intense pain usually occurs within 1-3 hours and continues for up to 48 hours. Other symptoms include tremors, nausea, vomiting, leg cramps, abdominal pain, profuse perspiration and rise in blood pressure. It is also possible for breathing difficulties and unconsciousness to occur. If bitten by a black widow, immediately seek medical attention.

When working around the house or in the yard, it is best to wear leather gloves to avoid being bitten by venomous arthropods.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Fall Clean Up: 10 Things to Purge Every Fall

Adding a fall clean up routine to your year is a great way to get the house ready for the holidays with less stress!

Fall Kitchen Decluttering

Spices & Seasonings - Take all the spices, seasonings, and condiments out of the cabinet and give the shelves a quick cleaning. Before putting everything back, check the expiration dates. Have a piece of paper handy to keep track of what needs to be replaced. You'll be all set for holiday baking!

Freezer - Sometimes our freezer becomes a black hole where things go in and never come out. The fall is the perfect time to get it cleared out and ready for winter.

BONUS: If you have a little extra time, purge the pantry/food cabinet as well!

Fall Closet Decluttering

Sandals & Summer Shoes - Be honest about what shoes were REALLY worn this summer. Now is the time to donate or sell the others. The most effective way to tackle this is to remove ALL the shoes from the closet and then put back the ones that you wear. That also gives you a chance to wipe down the shelves or shoe organizer.

Swimwear - Fall is also a great time to purge the swimwear. I seem to add swimsuits and cover-ups, but never get rid of any.

BONUS: Peek at the family's winter coats and donate any that have been outgrown or are no longer needed now before winter hits. Someone will be so grateful that you did this one!

Fall Garage Decluttering

Toys - Any big toys the kids have outgrown should be cleared out in the fall, before the

holidays. It's the perfect time to donate them.

Garden Tools & Products - Nothing kills my spring planting motivation faster than being ready to plant and finding everything a mess from the prior year.

Fall Living Room Decluttering

Magazines & Books - Do a quick sweep and lighten the clutter by purging outdated magazines. Look for books you know you'll never read again and pass them along to a new home.

Throw Blankets - At one point, I thought you could never have too many blankets around the living room. Then I kept adding new ones through both purchases and gifts and passed the saturation point.

Fall Bedroom Decluttering

Timer Challenge - I feel like everyone gathers different kinds of clutter in the bedroom, but that doesn't mean we can't address it. Set the time on your cell phone or microwave for 15 minutes, and try to find as many things as you can that can be removed.

Fall Bathroom Decluttering

Product Purge - Chances are you've got some beauty products that are never touched lurking in the bathroom. I'm definitely guilty of trying out products, not loving them, but not wanting to get rid of the. That is just crazy though! Keeping them around to clutter up the bathroom isn't doing any good.

I bet you and your home will both feel a bit lighter when you are done.



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