

CLANCY'S CLICHES

Love. Harmony. Heart. Three simple words that make all the energy in your body go berserk—in a good way—and inspires a true joy in our lives. It's a great way to live! (BTW-you should see these pictures in color online!)

What inspires *you* to really live? Pawnder these three reasons: ...because I love you ...because you love them ...because they love you.

I love you. I love people. So much so that I abandon my "home base" and go into areas where I could be hurt or taken to the pound. I've been really bad lately but Fr. Jim is always patient and thankful that nothing more happens. The folks who find me are gentle and kind, too. Some even give me treats! I love them all. And I love my master for always enduring my habits. I love *you* all.



You love them. In Candid Camera mode, I see YOU—volunteers, nurses, passersby, grocery store clerks, Bob, gentle people—all reaching out to help others and enhancing an otherwise dull day of my napping with sights of love. I see it out of the corner of my eye. Whether it be with a smile, opening the door, picking up someone's dropped item, or sharing a cookie, the camera tells all: love in action.

They love you. A thanks, a return smile, a hug in gratitude or solidarity, loud belly laughs over a misunderstanding, a "thank you", a fun pun between two of you here in the office, is when I see peace and goodwill in the hearts of all. Them loving you, you loving them. Back and forth, forwards and backwards: it's a *dogmatic* reaction.

So love, love, love, love! Love keeps the world going 'round and it starts with the little seeds in each of our own doggone hearts.

FEBRUARY FINDINGS & FOOTNOTES:

- 1) *Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?* BECAUSE: In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.' Don't cha just luv it?
- 2) *Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?* BECAUSE: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.
- 3) *My food is in the shape of hearts so I not only get to dream heartwarming thoughts, but chew on them, too!*
- 4) *If you receive candy for Valentine's Day, watch out for extra calories—they're those tiny creatures that live in your closet and sew your clothes a little bit tighter every night!*
- 5) *February's "National" days:* 4th-Thank your Mailman Day; 11th-Make a Friend Day; 17th-Random Acts of Kindness Day; 20th-Love Your Pet Day (!!!); 23rd-Dog Biscuit Day (!!!!!); 28th-Public Sleeping Day (I'll be outside!).



Howlin' is hootn'; Growlin's not gooten! XOXOXO -Clancy



CLANCY'S CACKLES



Knock-knock. Who's there? Willoughby. Willoughby who? Willoughby my Valentine?

1. What do you get when you cross a groundhog with a pistachio?

A green beast who predicts the weather and acts like a nut!

2. What do you call Punxsutawney Phil's laundry? **Hogwash!**

3. Why do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day? **They're very scent – imental!**

4. What did one cat say to the other? **You're purr – ect for me!**

5. What did one pickle say to the other? **You mean a great dill to me!**

6. What did one light bulb say to the other? **I love you a whole watt!**

7. What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day? **Forget-Me-Nuts!**