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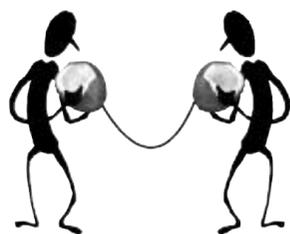
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Editorial:

Will the Truth Come Out? Whodunit? As the Turd Turns...

Everyone knows that I am a cat lover. Ask the Humane Society in Key Largo, mile marker 106, who I donate a 1/2 page to every month; or ask the one at mile marker 102 where I recycle left over papers; or ask Helping Homeless Cats who I helped organize a benefit for several years ago and raised over \$3,000 from the Bartender of the Year contest. Or you can just ask my cat Suki.

Last year, my love for cats even influenced my Halloween costume. Four friends and I dressed up as felines. What started out to be just a few girls being the "Key Largo Cougars" changed when two of my married friends decided to bring along their husbands. One hubby dressed as the Cat in the Hat and another went as a veterinarian. We brought along a box of treats, tootsie rolls in a box of oatmeal resembling a kitty litter box. We thought this was clever and hysterical.

During the night, in our costumes, we went to three

local establishments and everyone had a great time. Then we received letters, which would have been better written by a Fourth grader. Mine was addressed to "Brother Denise Malefyt." The correspondence informed the five of us we were suspended from the Key Largo Moose!

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one of the Moose members had previously been gifted with a box of cat poop in her mailbox. What a "cat-tastrophe!" A paranoid alcoholic would naturally blame everyone within miles that owned a cat and, I guess, our expression on Halloween put us in that category.

The Key Largo Moose went ahead and told Moose International that our group had sent the cat "crapola" and so they would not do anything for us after we sent numerous letters trying to straighten the situation out. Not that we really cared that much because we all felt that there was too much corruption going on at that particular lodge hence we had all transferred our memberships to other lodges long before this incident happened.

I personally transferred to the Islamorada Moose Lodge because I was impressed with the countless things they do for the community, the clean safe building and the quality of the membership. It only costs \$10 to transfer and it is well

worth it.

Now here is the problem. The person who actually did send the poop package has confessed to our wrongly accused group of five, and he has been kindly asked to speak up and clear our names. This man is a cat lover himself and probably had a good reason or just did it as a joke. Perhaps the offended "poop-cipient" is ailurophobic (the persistent, irrational fear of cats); or maybe has had Inoculation Lymphoreticulosus and Subacute Regional Lymphadenitis (cat scratch fever); or just has a huge litter of enemies. She will never suspect that the poop shooting boogie sender is right under her whiskers. So the question is, if the guilty person doesn't hack up the furball of truth should we just rat him out? Personally I'd like to high-five the guy and buy him a beer, but will my name be tarnished forever? P.S. The poop-cipient was wearing a white garbage bag with a sign that read "Key Largo White Trash" at the same Halloween party yet WE were offensive?

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