



Rat Rap

By Rat Rapper, Leona Pasley

Gerri Hauser

Gerri Hauser, for those of you who don't know her, is our secretary and mother of our founder, Karen Robbins. She also allows us to keep our Association home office at her house.

Now when it came time for me to interview Gerri for this article, I was very excited. I figured I could find out the real scoop and get some exciting information. So here it is, this is what I found out.

First of all, Gerri was raised on a farm in Illinois. She said that it was way out in the country, way out. It was so far out that they rarely had visitors, or did any visiting. I guess that would explain why Gerri is so quiet.

She and her husband of 38 years, Harley, moved to California in 1963 when both of their girls were small. I forgot to find out where they first settled, but I know they lived in Garden Grove for a while before Riverside.

I asked Gerri when the girls began their adventures with animals. "Well lets see, I think Karen was about 8 or 9," and as usual, it started with a cat. She went on to say that she had been living with animals for over 25 years now, but I'm sure she wasn't talking about the girls.

Debbie, her younger daughter, and three grandchildren live in Las Vegas. Ah ha! "So, do you like

to gamble?" I asked, waiting anxiously for her to answer. "No, it's boring. You win a few nickels here, you put them back in, you win a few more there. I want to win a lot of nickels, you know."

So let's see, my next question, "What other interests do you have besides AFRMA?" as if anyone could actually have other interests. Gerri said she enjoyed reading but rarely had time for it. But her real love was hanging out at the mall and "Shopping till she dropped!" I knew I could find a wild side to her if I asked enough questions. She also said that a trip to the mall wasn't complete without stopping to get some cookies.

Now when Gerri isn't hanging out at the mall or taking care of things for AFRMA, she is tending to her own brood of rats which include such varieties as Jumbos, Rexes, Dalmatians, Blues, and she is currently working on Blue Agouties.

Thanks Gerri for all your help with the club and for the interview.

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