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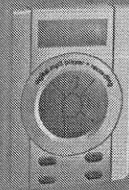


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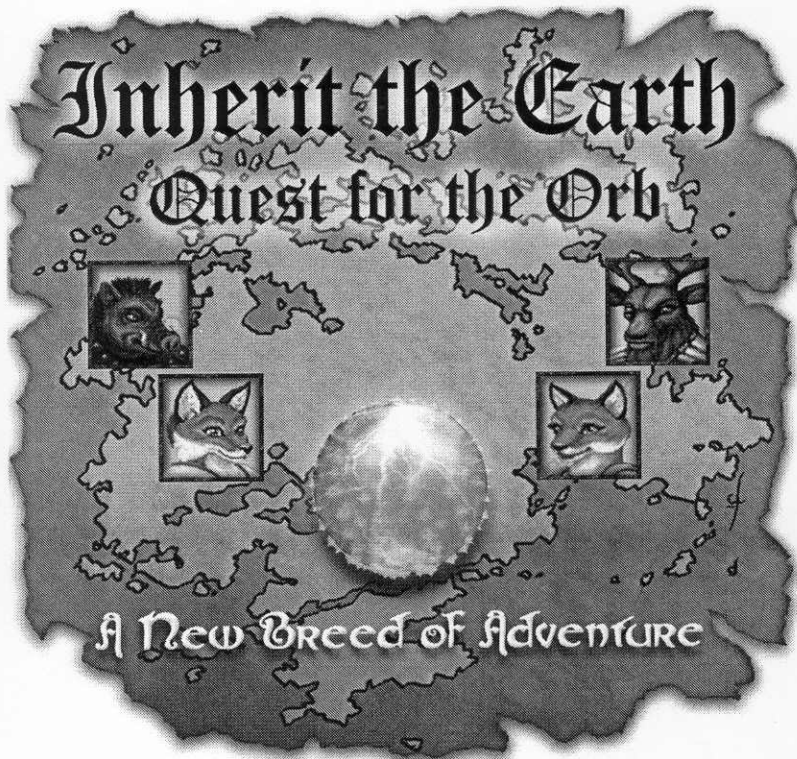
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Megaplex 3 Convention

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The Sheraton Studio City Hotel

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19 – 21 March 2004

User's Guide

Welcome

Welcome to the MegaPlex 3 Convention (referred to as the MP3 in this manual).

Your MP3 comes with two sources of information:

- User's Guide (this guide)
- Posted bulletins at various locations around the convention rooms

Before enjoying your MP3, read this guide for an overview of features, setup, and safety guidelines.

Your MP3 should enable you to have a fun filled weekend, focusing on independent and amateur entertainment featuring puppets, costumes, artwork, games, variety shows, dances, movies, improvisational comedy, and more.

Your MP3 can also be used as a gateway to other fun activities in the family resort capital of the world. You can enjoy the local forms of wildlife, from animated mice to performing whales and from actual reality of Wekiva Springs to the virtual reality of Downtown Disney. Don't forget the technological wildness of the Space Coast.

Once you have set up your MP3, be sure to load the Guest of Honor module, featuring Trace Beaulieu, the Music module, featuring Toxic Audio, the Charity module, featuring CARE, and the Magic module, featuring Clarke "AcesWild" Braudis.

Support contacts

Convention staff:

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Thank you for attending MP3.

Best wishes for a safe and fun time!
— The MegaPlex staff and directors

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The convention is organized in part by independent fans, and endorsed by *The Funday PawPet Show*.

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Follow the safety and care instructions found later in this manual to get the most enjoyment from your MP3.

The safety and care instructions are provided to ensure everyone has a safe, sane, and fun Convention. In general, if you show respect and good manners toward your fellow MP3 users and the host facility, then you and they will have few, if any, problems. Let's have a fun time with our MP3's.

When you are using your MP3, you agree to abide by the policies of the convention.

The senior members of the convention staff will resolve any disputes or questionable events. Their decision will be final.

The convention security staff will issue warnings if they observe violations. Serious or repeat offenders will have their MP3 usage revoked without refund and will be asked to leave immediately.

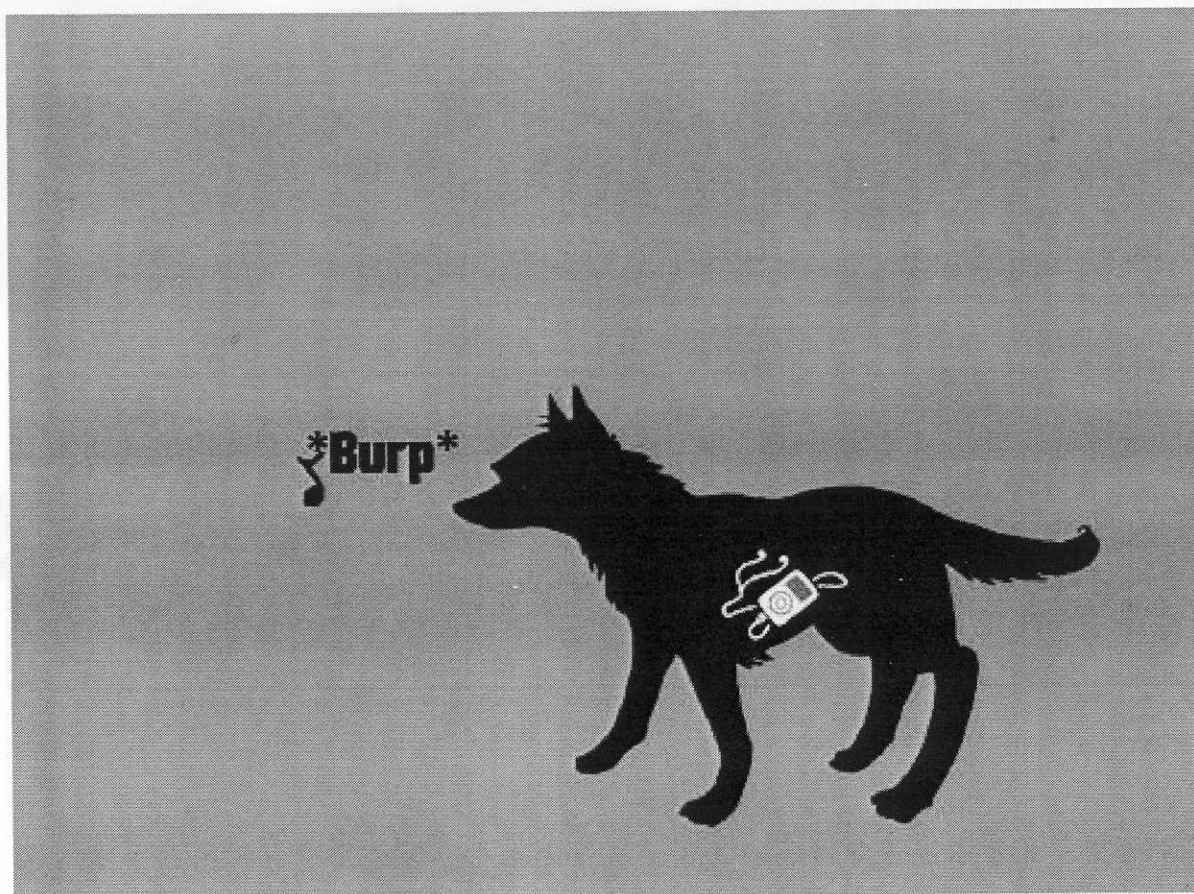


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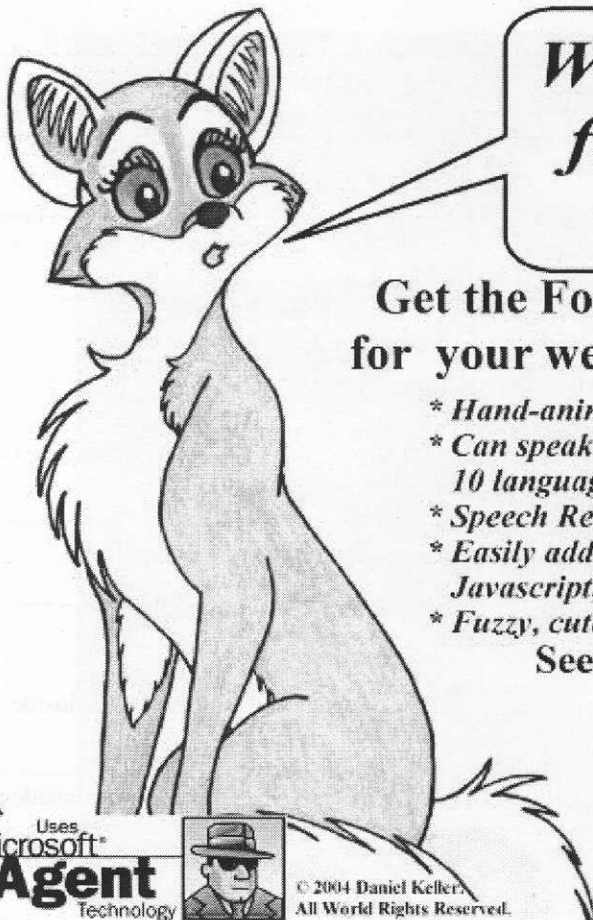
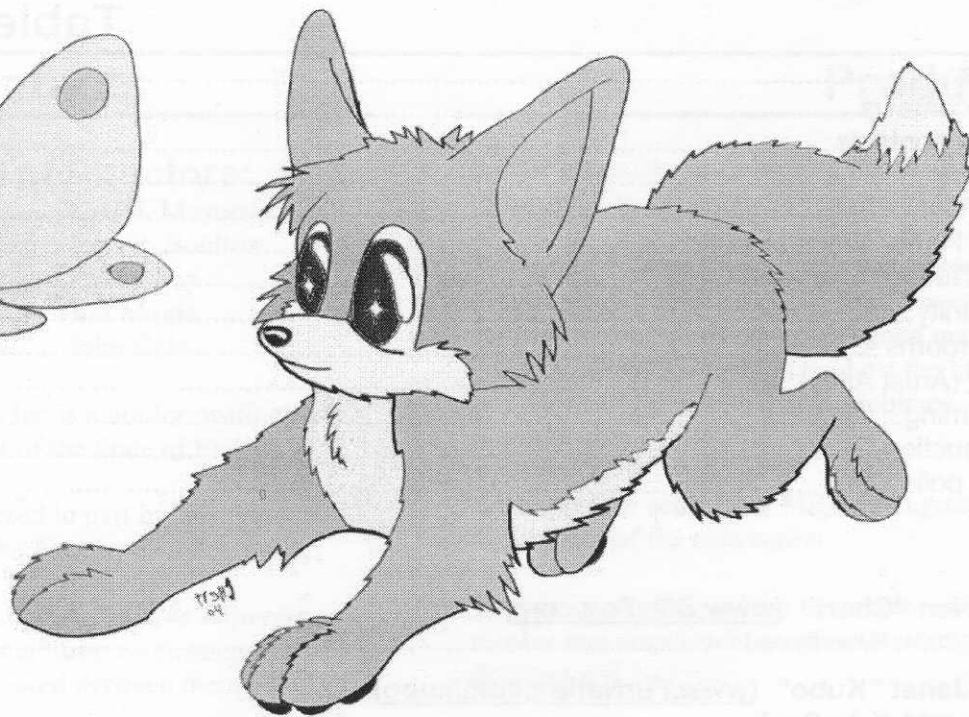
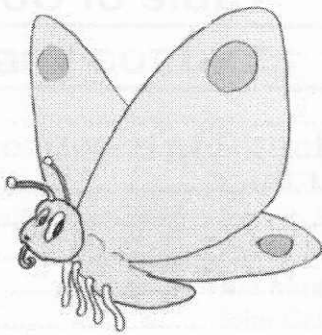
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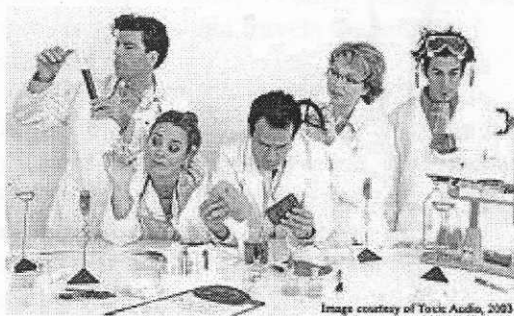
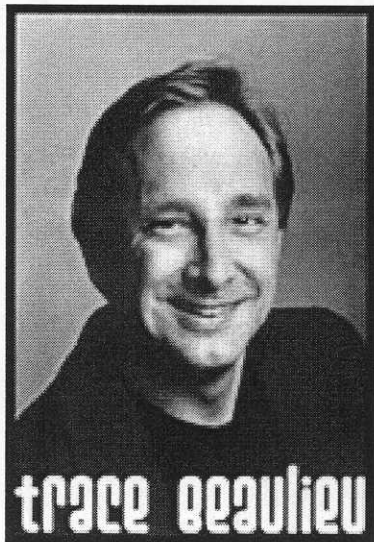


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Guest of Honor Trace Beaulieu

Trace Beaulieu is an established writer, director, puppeteer, and visual effects artist for both the big and small screens. He's most known for his writing and performances as "Crow T. Robot" and the evil "Dr. Clayton Forrester" on Peabody-award winning television comedy *Mystery Science Theater 3000*. He has also made guest appearances on "Freaks and Geeks" as "Hector Lacovara."



Toxic Audio

Musical Guest Toxic Audio

Hailed by critics as "a musical experience unlike any other", Toxic Audio, the 5 member theatrical vocal experience, was formed at the 1998 Orlando International Fringe Festival. Their interactive show, which combines tight harmonies, improv comedy, vocal sound effects and unique visuals was hailed by critics as "an act so polished, it seems ready-made for Leno or Letterman".

The show caught the attention of Disney executives who hired Toxic Audio to perform at the Disney/MGM Studios. There, they spent over a year performing six shows a day for crowds of over 3000.

Since then, the Toxins have opened for such national acts as: Tony Bennett, Ziggy Marley, and Wayne Brady from ABC TV's "Whose Line is it Anyway". Toxic Audio has also lent its unique style to the corporate world, turning Tupperware and Newell Office products into percussive musical instruments.

And though it's easy to see Toxic Audio as electrifying singers, it's difficult to define the group's musical style. Their repertoire is an eclectic mix of almost every musical style including pop, jazz, hip-hop, and even country.

As they continue to explore the boundaries of the human voice, the high-energy performers of Toxic Audio are always unexpected, wildly off-the-wall, and utterly entertaining.

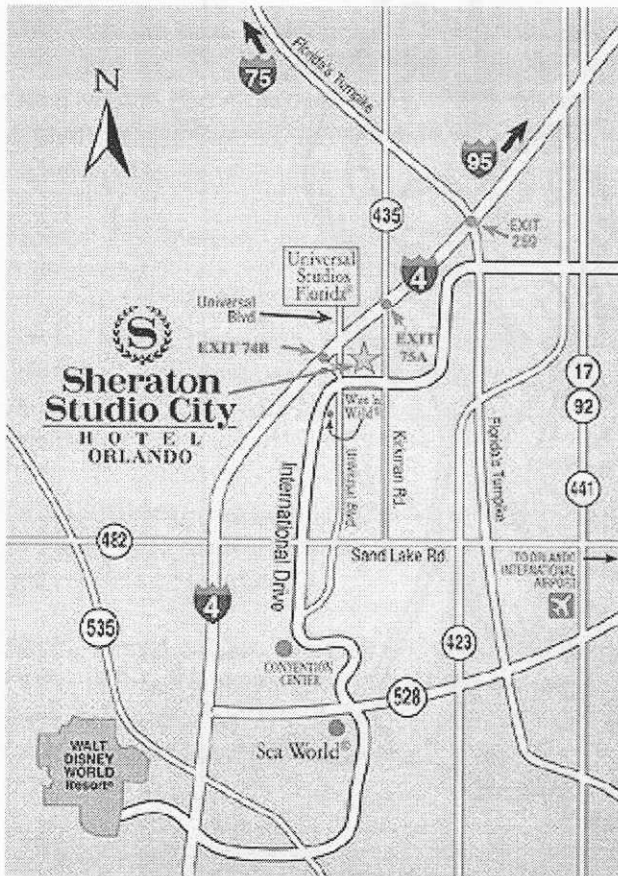
The members include:

- Soprano -- Michelle Mailhot
- Alto -- Shalisa James
- Tenor -- Paul Sperrazza
- Baritone -- Jeremy James
- Bass -- René Ruiz



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Hotel vicinity

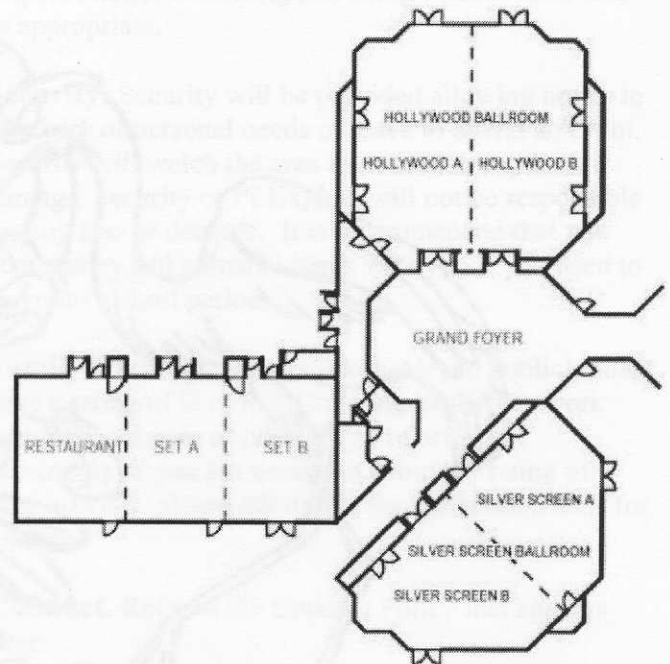


See the hotel concierge or information booth for details about amenities and attractions near the hotel.

An inexpensive way to explore the International Drive area is the I*RIDE Trolley. A small daily fee will get you access to the bus that travels the length of International Drive.

Some attractions along International Drive include: Congo River Golf, Discovery Cove (Sea World), Fun Spot Action Park, Guinness World Records, Islands of Adventure (Universal Studios), Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf, Ripley's Believe It or Not, SeaWorld Adventure Park Orlando, Skydiving Wind Tunnel by Sky Venture, Titanic The Exhibition, Trolley & Train Museum, Universal Studios Florida, Wet 'n Wild, WonderWorks, Vans Skate Park, World Bowling Center.

Meeting rooms



Most events will be held in the Silver Screen rooms and the Hollywood Ballroom.

Refer to the posted schedules in the Grand Foyer for times and locations of the events and performances.

Con-ops

Got a question? Have an issue? Need to know where the stuff's happening? Then, ask the folks in con-ops! They can usually be found in The Mall or Registration.

Sponsor and Guest of Honor Lounge - Sinatra Suite (top floor)

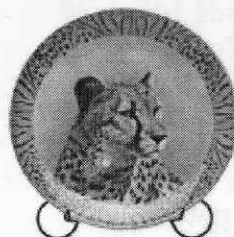
A suite on the top level of the hotel has been set aside for staff, sponsors, and our special guests.

A staff member will need to escort guests, as needed, to the suite because hotel security requires a properly enabled key to access the top floor via elevators.

Snacks and soft drinks are planned to be available in the lounge.



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The Mall (Artist Alley)

MP3 does not have a common artist alley or dealer's room. Instead, we present: **The Mall!** Just like the Open Market Square or mall – it is where anyone and everyone come to meet, to exchange, to socialize, and so forth.

Hours. The Mall will be open all hours of the convention.

Artist Alley. The mall is open for artists to sell their artwork and do sketches. Bring your sketchbooks, show off and trade your cartooning, comic, and other artwork.

Marketplace. The mall is open for the selling, swapping, or creating of items or artwork that is anthropomorphic related.

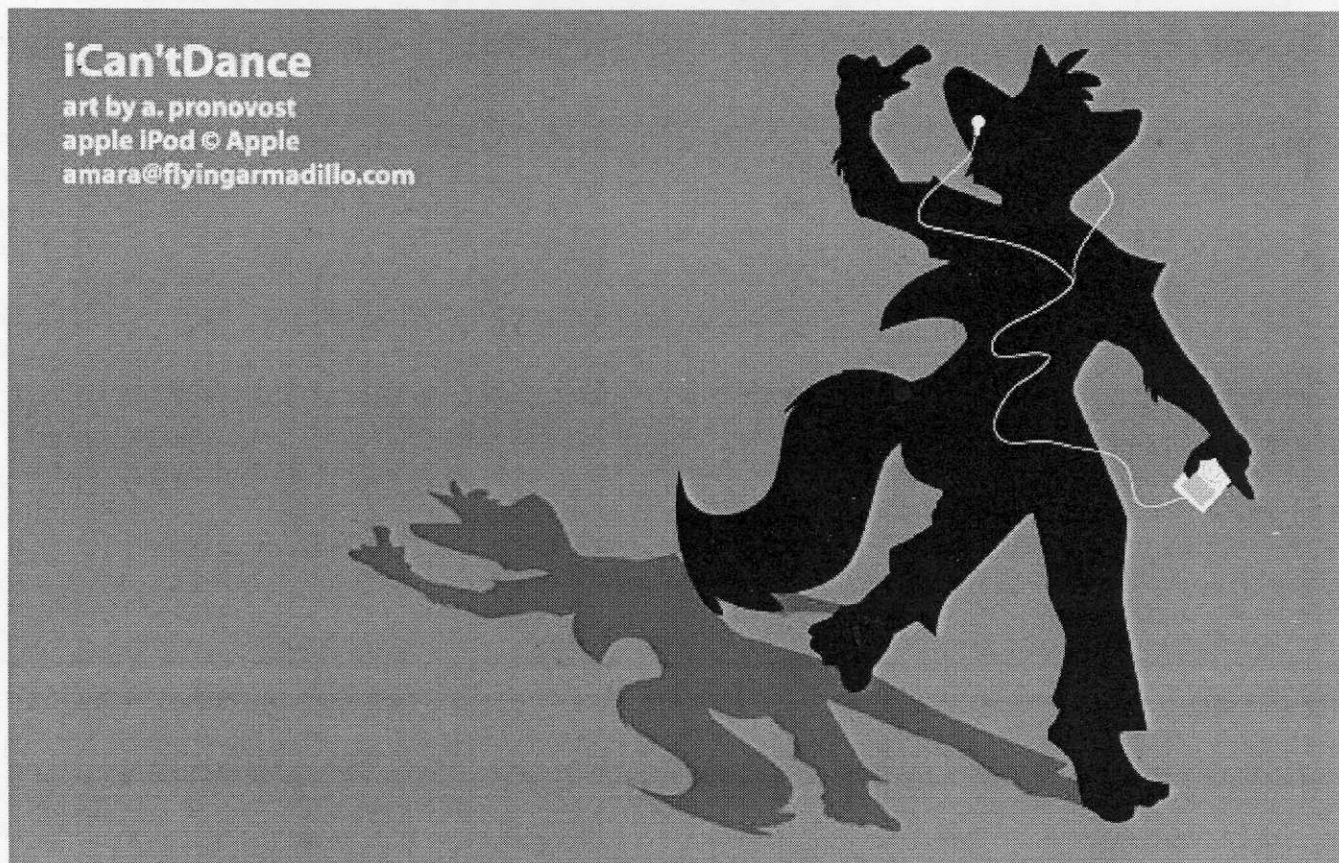
No reserved tables. Tables are provided on a first come, first served basis each day. If you vacate the table during the day, it will become available for someone else to use.

Finances. All monetary transactions are the legal and financial responsibility of the seller. The seller is responsible for collecting and filing Florida sales tax, as appropriate.

Security. Security will be provided allowing artists to take care of personal needs or leave to attend an event. Security will watch the area to minimize any loss or damage. Security or PLEx, Inc, will not be responsible for any loss or damage. It is recommended that you take money and valuable items with you if you need to leave for a short period.

Family friendly. All artwork displayed publicly must have a rating of G or PG. Covering explicit artwork with a post-it note or other pages of art is not acceptable. If you are uncertain about the rating of your artwork, please ask one of the convention staff for a ruling.

Conduct. Refer to the Conduct Policy that appears later.





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Programming

**All events are subject to change.
Times and locations will be posted
in the public meeting areas.**

Meet our GOH: Trace Beaulieu. Stop by for an interactive session with one of the creators, set designer, puppeteer, actor, and director of the Peabody award-winning program *Mystery Science Theater 3000* -- Trace Beaulieu. Mr. Beaulieu will be recounting some of his experiences from the show, and fielding questions from audience members.

Musical Event: Toxic Audio. The spectacular group Toxic Audio returns for their second straight year. Join the Toxins for an hour-long performance that will be filled with fun, laughs, and the power of the human voice! **No unauthorized audio or video recordings will be allowed during this performance.**

The Magic of Aces Wild. Magician Clarke Braudis makes his debut this year in a display of prestidigitation and magical escape. Clarke will perform many stunning and dazzling magical feats, culminating with a straightjacket escape!

Uncle Kage's Story Hour. The storyteller from Pennsylvania returns for his third straight year! Dr. Samuel Conway, affectionately known as "Uncle Kage" (pronounced Kah-gee), will spend an hour telling amusing and touching stories from his travels.

2's Rant! Watch out! '2' is back, and he's got a bone to pick with someone! Matt Davis, known to his friends as '2', the Ranting Gryphon, is returning for his third straight year, and is performing one of his celebrated rants before a live audience. He doesn't believe in getting mad. He gets mad, and then rants about it!

CARE Foundation Animal Presentation. The CARE foundation will be bringing several live animals to help generate an interest in local wildlife, and to help raise funds for their facility in Kissimmee. Among the animals they will be bringing is a live Florida Panther, the most endangered mammal in North America! After the presentation, a photo session will be available with the panther.

Charity Auction. All proceeds are to benefit the CARE foundation. Our guest auctioneer: Dr. Sam Conway. If you have an item to donate to the auction, please see the convention staff for details.

The Megaplex Mascot Games. Helping to raise money for the CARE foundation, characters and mascots from anywhere and everywhere are welcome to join this fun-filled madcap series of events. Megaplex is happy to welcome special guest Jaxson Deville, of the Jacksonville Jaguars, as a special team captain for the games! Due to the nature of this event, we request that participants pre-register with programming to confirm a place in the games. Donations to the CARE foundation will be thankfully accepted prior to and during this event.

Megaplex Game Show -- The Not-Ready-for-Hollywood Squares. Host David Piccola will be pulling members from the studio audience to participate in this year's game show. A variety of Megaplex personalities will be the "Squares".

The Comedy Improv. Hosted by Dave Piccola and Terry Sender, the Improv players will give a demonstration of their improvisational abilities, and then give the audience a chance to try it themselves!

The Comedy Improv SIG. "Want to improve your improv? Make your off-the-cuff delivery more on the ball? Then be sure to attend this SIG hosted by Dave Piccola for some sure-fire exercises and games to raise your skills in quick-thinking comedy!"

The Megaplex Variety Show. Attendees are encouraged to participate in the Megaplex Variety Show. There will be a mandatory rehearsal and act screening Saturday for this event. If you would like to participate, please contact the programming staff at the convention.

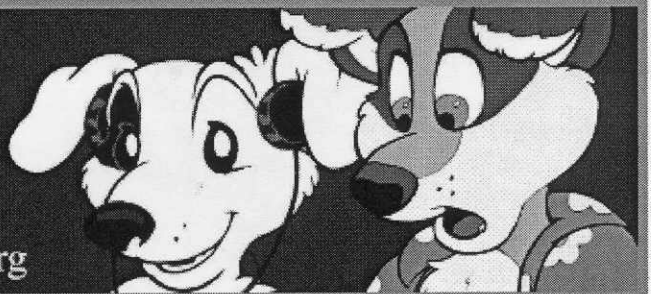
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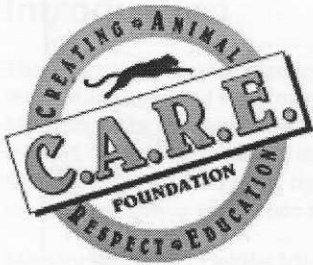
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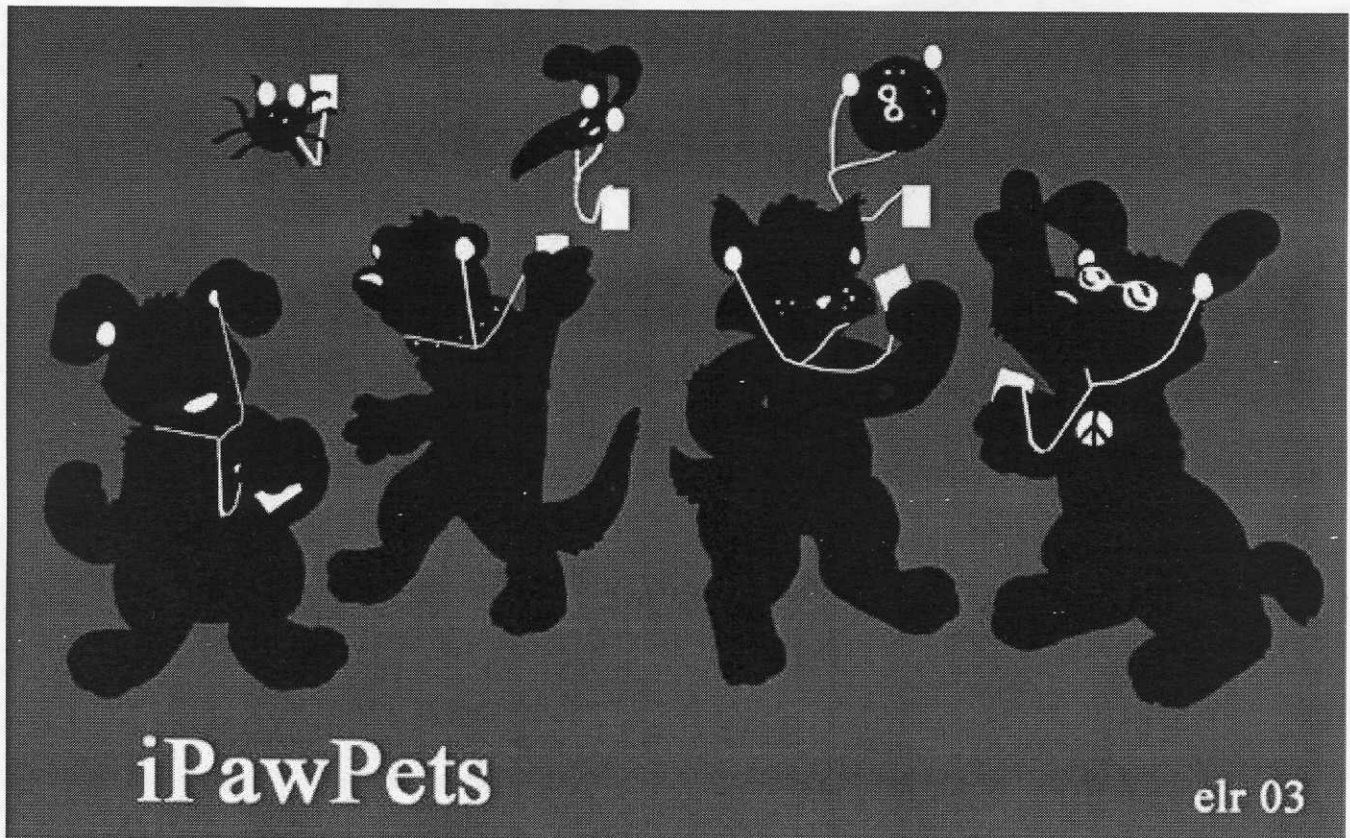
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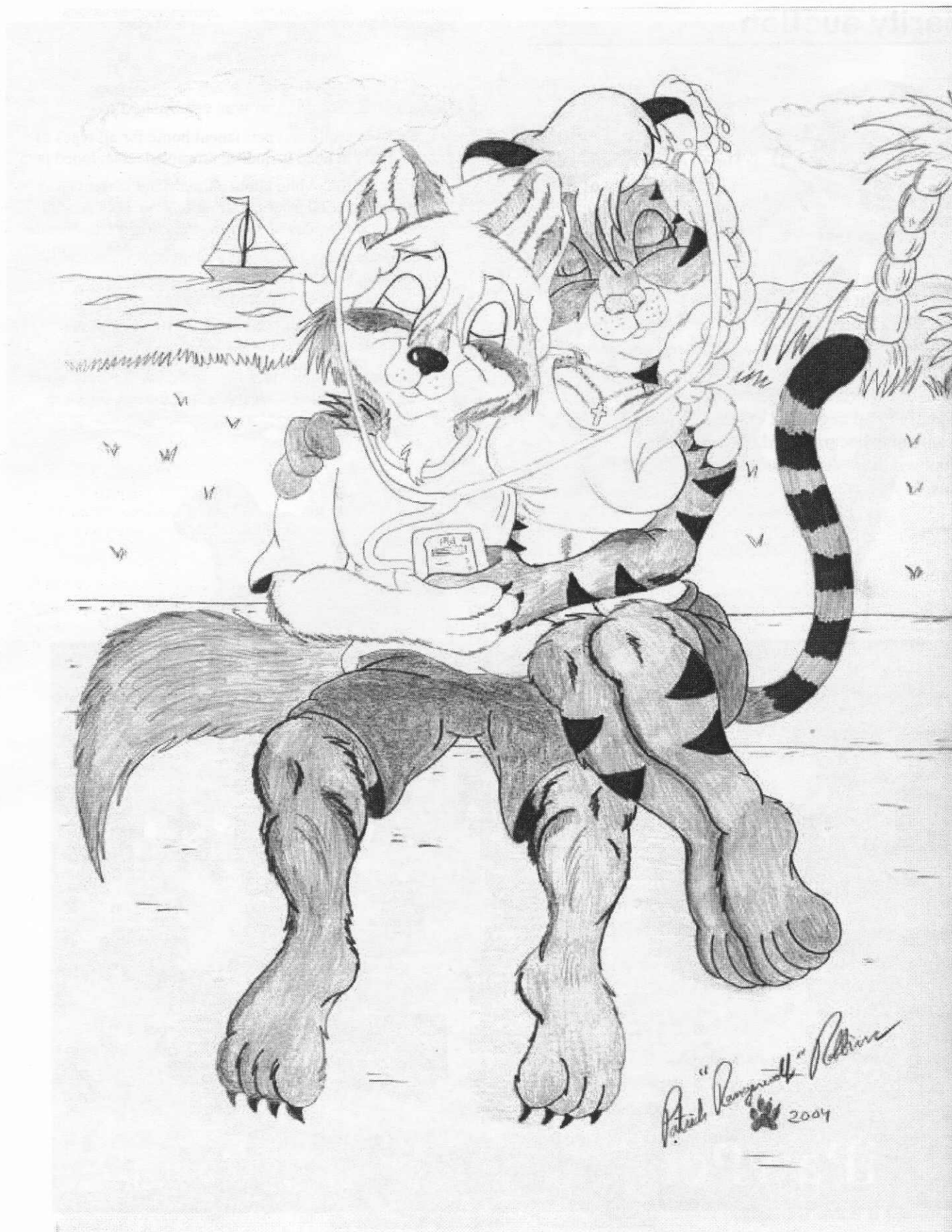
The C.A.R.E. Foundation is the beneficiary of the Pawpet Megaplex Charity Auction. They are a small, non-profit,

501(c)(3) organization made up of volunteers concerned about the environment and wildlife conservation. Currently there are more than fifty animals on property. A few were chosen and specially hand raised for the specific purpose of education in schools. Many were abandoned, unwanted, as well as even abused and neglected ex-pets. In addition to the daily maintenance provided, the volunteers also conduct wildlife educational programs in public forums.

The C.A.R.E. Foundation was established to:

- Provide a safe and permanent home for all types of animals in need including unwanted, abandoned pets.
- Educate the public about animals and current environmental issues relating to species of special concern, threatened species, and endangered species.
- Educate the public about current environmental issues relating to habitats of special concern, threatened habitats, and endangered habitats.
- Educate the public about the interactions of the animals and the environment in which they live.
- Educate and help dispel common myths about some of these wondrous creatures that inhabit our earth.





Conduct policy

Introduction

The following policy is intended to help everyone to have a safe, sane, wholesome and fun Convention. In general, PawPet Megaplex asks that you show respect and courtesy toward your fellow Convention members, the hotel and its other guests. Consideration for the safety, rights and feelings of others will help to create a positive experience for all.

Members attending PawPet Megaplex agree to abide by this policy while within Convention areas and while participating in Convention activities as a condition of membership. In any dispute over the interpretation or enforcement of any policy, the decision of PawPet Megaplex Staff shall be final. We reserve the right to refuse membership to any person.

Security Staff will issue warnings if they observe violations. Serious or repeat offenders will have their PawPet Megaplex membership revoked without refund, and will be asked to leave Convention areas immediately.

Appearance And Behavior

Members are expected to wear their official Convention badges at all times while in Convention areas or participating in Convention activities, and to display their badges upon request by Security Staff. Anyone found in Convention space without a badge will be escorted to Registration or asked to leave.

Personal dress, including Mascots and other costumes, should be "PG-rated." Dry clothes -- shirt, shorts and shoes at a minimum -- will be required in Convention areas. Public exposure of genitalia, buttocks or (female) breasts is not permitted. "Anatomically correct" costumes must be likewise clothed. Discreet wearing of collars, leashes, etc. is acceptable, but sexually oriented leather gear is not permitted in Convention areas. Security Staff may request a change of attire at their discretion.

Public displays of affection, regardless of sexual orientation, should also be kept to a "PG-rated" level within Convention areas. Holding hands, hugging, chaste kissing and similar activities are acceptable; anything more passionate is not. The Security Staff will ask you to stop or relocate if you get carried away.

To help ensure an safe and enjoyable time for our younger members, anyone under the age of 16 attending PawPet MegaPlex must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Harassment of Convention members by their fellow members will not be tolerated. We would ask that all attendees be civil and polite, respect the rights and "personal space" of others, and attempt to resolve conflicts in a peaceful manner. If you feel you are being harassed, please report to Security immediately. Anyone who, in the judgment of the Staff, grievously harasses or stalks any fellow member will have his or her Convention membership revoked immediately.

For the safety and comfort of persons and property, please refrain from excessive and inappropriate noise, profanity, or horseplay in the hotel.

Please observe all posted smoking regulations.

The use of alcohol by those under age 21, or the use of illegal drugs by anyone, will not be tolerated at PawPet Megaplex

Weapons

All Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances apply to the possession, carry, and display of weapons at PawPet MegaPlex. In general, Florida State law prohibits the open carry of firearms and the concealed carry of any weapon without a State-approved license.

For the safety and peace of mind of all attendees, all potentially deadly weapons, and realistic replicas that could be mistaken for deadly weapons, must be disabled, peace-bonded, or otherwise rendered inert while on display at the Convention. If a weapon or replica is part of your costume, please consult Security for direction before taking it into Convention areas.

Due to the potential for eye injury and general nuisance, laser pointers and similar devices are not permitted.

Water guns, Nerf or other dart guns, Silly String, or other toy weapons capable of causing property damage are not permitted in Convention areas. Water guns and Silly String in particular can cause a lot of harm to Mascot costumes. Please do not use toy weapons in locations where damage to merchandise, artwork, costumes, hotel property, etc. is likely.

Convention Members observed violating weapons policy will be asked to return their weapons to their rooms or vehicles, or to store them in a hotel safety deposit box. Refusal to dispose of a weapon upon request will result in immediate revocation of Convention membership.

Displaying or using any weapon in a threatening, reckless or dangerous manner will not be tolerated.



Artists' Alley

As the Artists' Alley is open to Convention members of all ages, all items and materials on display there or in other public areas must be "PG-rated."

The exhibition of works that depict nudity (refer to the dress code above), sexual activity, excessive violence or gore, excessive profanity, drug abuse, or other disturbing subject matter will not be permitted. Applying labels or other coverings to a finished work in order to conceal its objectionable portions is NOT acceptable.

PawPet Megaplex requests that materials that do not meet these guidelines be kept private and shared outside of Convention areas.

Photographic, Audio and Video Recordings

All Members in attendance at PawPet Megaplex should be aware that they may be photographed or recorded at any time while in public areas. PawPet Megaplex reserves the right to allow authorized individuals to make photographic, audio or video record of any public event held in Convention areas, and to distribute these productions, in whole or part, free of charge, for historical or promotional purposes. Members agree that they are not entitled to any notice or compensation for the appearance of their names, nicknames or likenesses in such productions.

Photographic, audio and video recording at PawPet Megaplex is restricted. Members who wish to take pictures or make recordings for personal, non-commercial use while at the Convention may do so, however they must not take any video or photos of areas marked as non-recordable. Anyone taking pictures in those areas may have their con membership revoked. We would ask that photographers and videographers act with common sense and courtesy, and refrain from recording any unwilling individual.

Anyone may post pictures of the convention on personal, not for profit websites. However, If someone is in a picture by themselves or with one other person, in the focus of the picture, and they wish to have their photo removed, you must respect that person's request and remove the image. If the person is in a group of three or more in the photo, then it is considered a group photo, and would require objection from at least a 50% majority of the people in the photo.

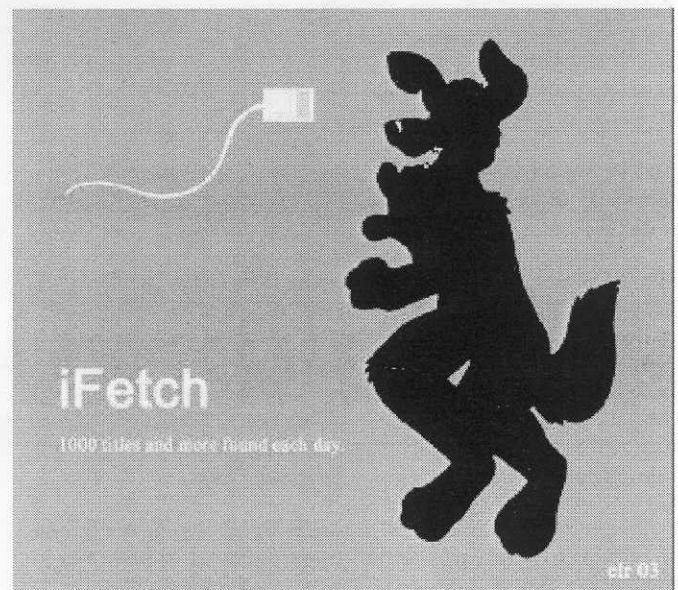
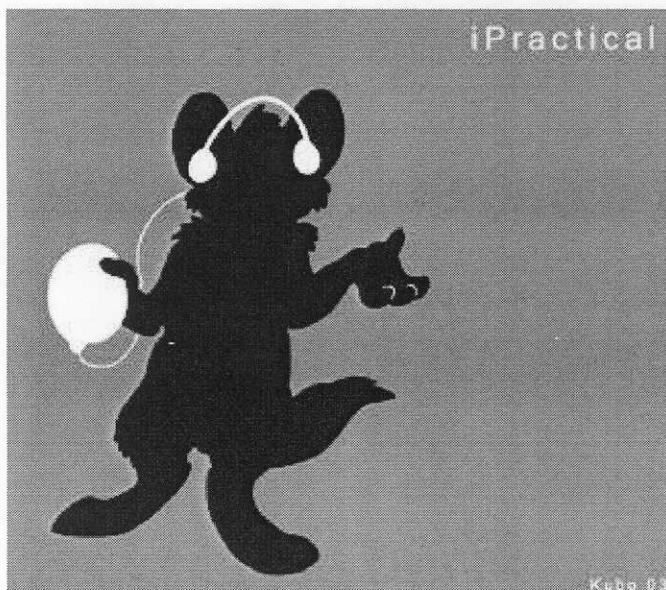
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PawPet Megaplex will not use the names or likenesses of corporately owned and trademarked Mascots, Puppets or other characters for any commercial or promotional purposes, except according to prior written agreement.

Press Policy

PawPet Megaplex is a private social function for Members only, and as such, is closed to all press and media members and organizations. Making photographic, audio or video recordings of any Convention event for investigative or commercial purposes is strictly forbidden.

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Product may attract artists, costumers, puppets, spotted Florida panthers, sunny weather, and working elevators. It may induce laughter, smiles, fun, insomnia, entertainment, and creativity within user all at the touch of a button.