nearly 90 degrees that day, Gus seemed yards away from Gus. Although it was baling hay on a ridgetop a few hundred Nevertheless, one day in July, I was castrated goat. Gus seemed happy too. wanted. Seemed like a real good life for a red apple-flavored candy a goat could all the fresh air, weeds and hand-deliv ter, even though we thought that Gus had to the conclusion that Gus deserved bet But as you can imagine, someone came to the fence at the Piergallini farm every concerned citizen about a goat who gets tied cated she had gotten a call from a con and I inquired about the note and the visitor. There was. It was a note from the County Humane Office indicating that the owner of the tethered goat needed to call their office. I made the call the next morning from my law office. If the County Humane Office had caller ID, I wanted them to see if something was left there by the visitor. There was. It was from the County Humane Office indicating that Gus had no shade. Perplexed, I asked why. The officer relayed that she checked on Gus and that he was sitting on top of the hay wagon, in the sun, instead of under if and she deduced that Gus did not like wagon shade, but would prefer tree shade. At that point, I verbally confronted the offi continued on next page

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