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TO: Letters to the Editor, Southern California Living Section
Los Angeles Times

RE: Michele Serros' column, "The Problem with Weezie"

I failed to see the humor in Michele Serros' pathetic column about some children putting a home-made flea remedy on a dog that turned out to be so toxic that the poor thing's hair all fell out--although the father in the story seemed to get a good laugh out of it. Was this supposed to be funny?

Ms. Serros is obviously unaware that writing stories intended for children carries with it a certain obligation of responsibility and wisdom that she is sorely lacking. Children are very impressionable and liable to imitate something they've read, and the last thing we need is more insensitivity towards animals in this already cruel-enough world.

I can see, however, why Michele Serros is writing a children's column, as her writing style (or lack of it) is incredibly infantile. Surely there are plenty of other talented, responsible authors of children's books you could have selected instead of her to write a column...ones who actually have something worthwhile to say while entertaining and teaching children at the same time!

Signed,



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