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Finding My Home issue

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When designing this issue, I kept replaying that old saying in my head, "Home is where the heart is." Because, honestly there is no other place one would rather be. That feeling of being at home and at peace in your surroundings is taken for granted everyday. The grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence. And until we experience a real loss of peace and security, we don't really appreciate how extraordinary it is to feel at home and serene.

These four "mutts" on the cover are all in their happy, forever homes. They represent real hope for all pets in our community to find their forever homes and live in harmony with their human counterparts. Each dog is an individual and deserves to be treated as such. Your furry friend doesn't want to wake up cold, alone and neglected anymore than you do. He or she prefers to wake up on a warm comfy bed with your arms wrapped tightly around them. Beautiful isn't. Complete bliss.



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FETCH XTRAS



When I'm not at home snuggling with my dog, I teach first and second grade special education students for Milwaukee Public Schools.

All my students can tell you that I love teaching, the color green, Snoopy, the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Blackhawks and above all, my family, which includes my dog Dagger and two cats Cork-E and Halas. Before becoming a teacher, I spent almost twenty years in sports journalism. I was a copy editor, page designer and occasional writer for several newspapers. I loved being able to get to know people and tell their stories.

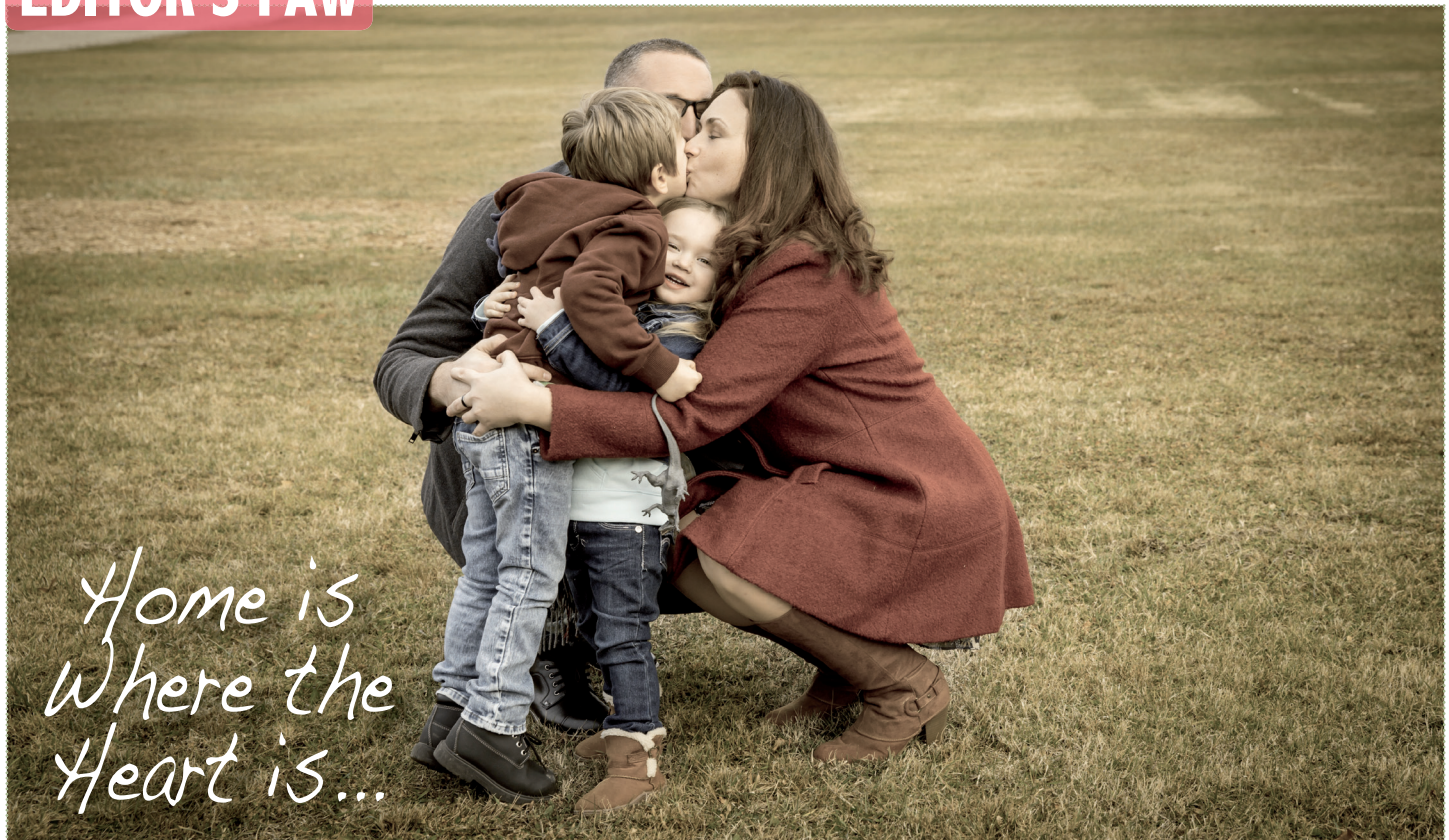
When fate sent me on a new path in 2009, I was able to write a few stories for FETCH Magazine as I prepared for my new adventures in teaching. But then, I took a break from writing to focus on my new career. Being able to write about the endearing "Heinz 57" on page 11 for this edition was just the catalyst I needed to dive back into writing.

Since I was a child, there has always been a dog in my life - always mutts, always rescues, always loved. They were there for all the good times, bad times and everything in between.

As I wrote this article, I thought of Dagger and all the others who have been part of our family - Wrigley, Montana, Striker, Lucky and Princess. I hope this article would have made their tails wag.

ANA MENENDEZ, FREELANCE WRITER

MEET ME



Dear FETCH Friends:

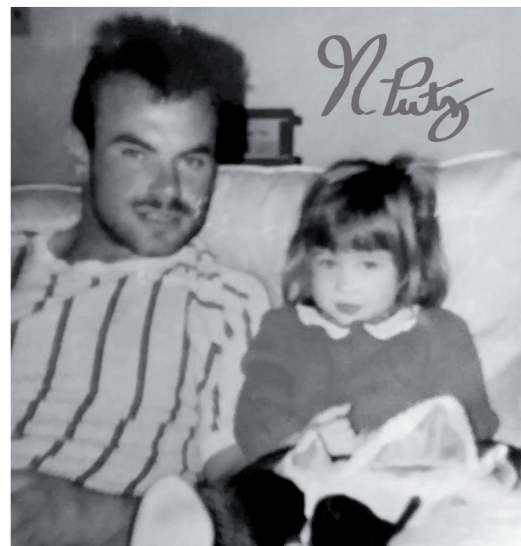
Feeling helpless and in a constant panic is how I would describe being "homeless." And not just in the tangible sense of the word but rather the notion of not having a family. As I sit here writing this, both my kids are sick and my dad is in the ICU dying from cancer. I've never watched someone close to me die this way. My dog Tess and my other dog Gracie were both so unbelievably dear to me that watching them be euthanized will forever be trapped inside my heart and head. The pain I felt in those circumstances is now once again surfacing as I watch my father struggle to breathe. I feel like my heart is dying.

And then just like that, I snap back and remember to breathe. My daughter takes my hand and says, "Come on mommy, let's go read a book." I sigh in relief because for a moment I am present again and the joy in her voice takes precedence over the horrible stuff going on in and outside my home. The constant internal struggle between wanting to be by my dad's side and wanting to be with my sick kids is very real and present. No matter where I am right now, I feel guilty and sad that I'm not with the other. But what I keep forgetting is that even though I am not physically present with everyone, my heart is.

When I'm with my kids, my heart and head are still with my father and vice versa. My home doesn't only include everyone and every pet that is in close proximity to me.

It includes my dad in the ICU, it includes my sisters who live an hour drive away, it includes my dogs who have died and so on. A "home" encompasses a whole lot more than four walls and a door. It's the individuals and animals that bring love and joy into our lives. And bring so much pain and sadness when they leave us. This conglomerate of emotions and experiences is what makes life worth living. Every being deserves a home.

To having a sense of "home" no matter where life takes you or your loved ones,



My dad died on February 19, 2018.

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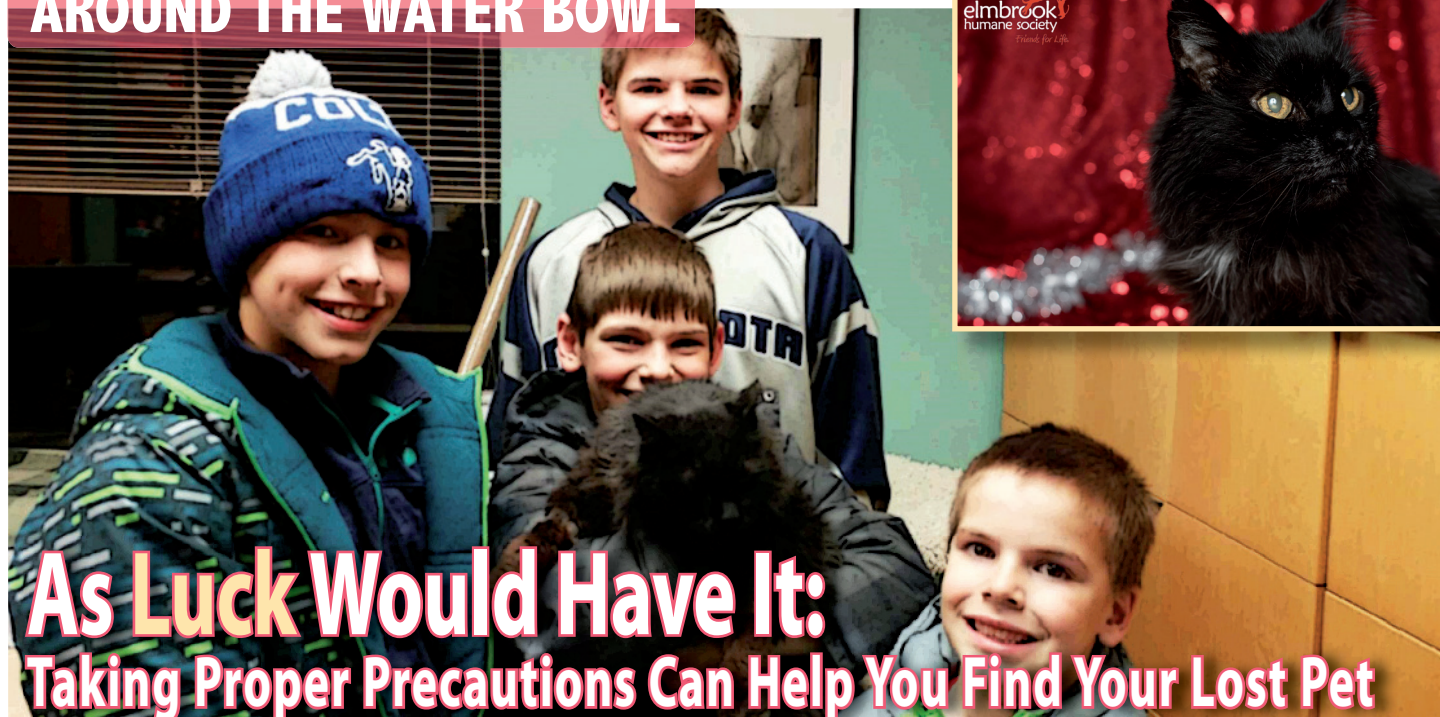
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AROUND THE WATER BOWL



As Luck Would Have It: Taking Proper Precautions Can Help You Find Your Lost Pet

Mistakes happen and our beloved 4-legged family members sometimes get lost. Whether they slip through a door or window that is accidentally left open, a leash or collar breaks or is not securely fastened, or one of many other unplanned, unintentional accidental situations, how you react to your pet being lost is critical!

Far too often, we hear from pet owners who have lost their pets days, even weeks, after the incident. Why so long? Because in these situations, they think their pet will return home. Often times, they do not, and making sure you begin the process of actively searching for them is vital. Like Christopher, a senior cat who found his way to Elmbrook Humane Society this past fall.

Christopher was found by a good Samaritan in late October. EBHS knew his name thanks to his family making sure he was microchipped.

EBHS followed up on his microchip only to learn that his owner's contact information was not up to date. EBHS then proceeded with their typical process of sharing Christopher's photo on the "lost and found" page of our website, caring for him during the state of Wisconsin's stray hold period and administering an intake exam to ensure any needed care was provided.

During Christopher's stay, he charmed staff with a loud purr that could be heard from rooms away. However, the purr also prompted staff concern that he could be dealing with a health problem. In fact, the "purr" soon became a wheezing noise that continued to worsen. A trip to the vet for some X-rays led to a diagnosis of laryngeal paralysis, a disease that is rare in cats. He also had an enlarged heart, which is something he has regulated on his own. While surgery to address the laryngeal paralysis was an option, it was deemed too risky, and we got to work finding a home for Christopher.

Fast forward to the end of December. EBHS received a call from an individual who believed Christopher may be their family cat. After comparing notes about him and a visit to see him, it was confirmed that this was indeed their cat of almost 20 years. Christopher had gotten loose, and his family thought he would come home. When he did not, they began to search for him on local humane society websites but did not find him. They did not think of looking at animals available for adoption, which is where EBHS's computer software placed him after he was set up for adoption.

Feeling they never would find Christopher and missing the companionship of a feline, they began to look for a cat to adopt. During this process, they found a cat named Christopher and could not believe what they saw. Christopher found himself back with his family just in time for Christmas, and his family received the best present ever—being reunited with their furry family member.

"If you lose your pet, it is so incredibly important to report it with local humane societies and other organizations such as Lost Cats of Wisconsin and Lost Dogs of Wisconsin," says Heather Gehrke, executive director of EBHS.

Gehrke says that humane societies and other animal advocate groups can help you search for your pets both by matching stray animals brought to them and providing resources and advice to aid in the search.

The joy that came from finding their forever pet is something words can't even begin to describe. So the moral of the story is protect your pet, your family and yourself from such heartache and take all appropriate precautions to ensure your pet is found if lost.

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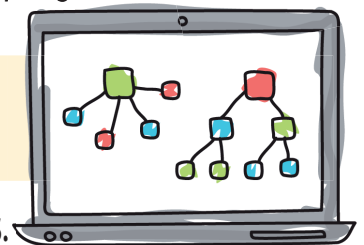
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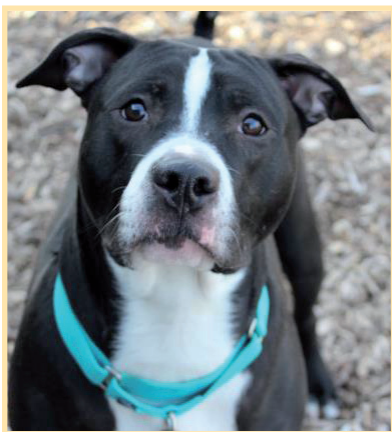


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MICK

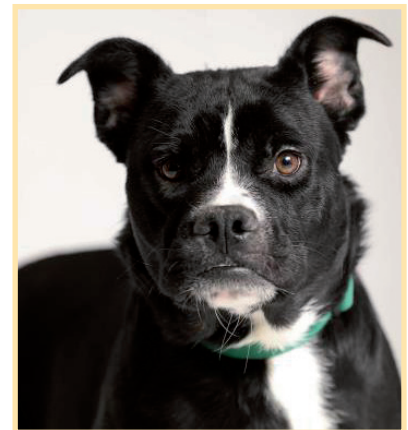
With lots of energy and intelligence, Mick is ready to take on any task! This adventurous 1-year-old is all about the action and is looking for a family who is just as fast paced as him! Love running, looking for your next agility dog, or a dog to make you move? Mick is your man.

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SARGE

Ridiculously handsome and as laid back as they come, meet Sarge, a 4-year-old couch potato. This big guy thinks he is a lap dog and is looking for lots of belly scratches. Sarge's favorite things are hot dogs, being silly, and snuggling. He knows "sit" and is ready to learn some new tricks!



SQUEAKS

Oh, sweet Squeaks! This precious angel has won the hearts of everyone at WHS! Squeaks is a 1-year-old goofball who loves hopping into laps, chasing after squeaky toys, and going for fun walks! She enjoys making you smile and laugh as she tries to decide between play time and snuggle time.

BREED PROFILE



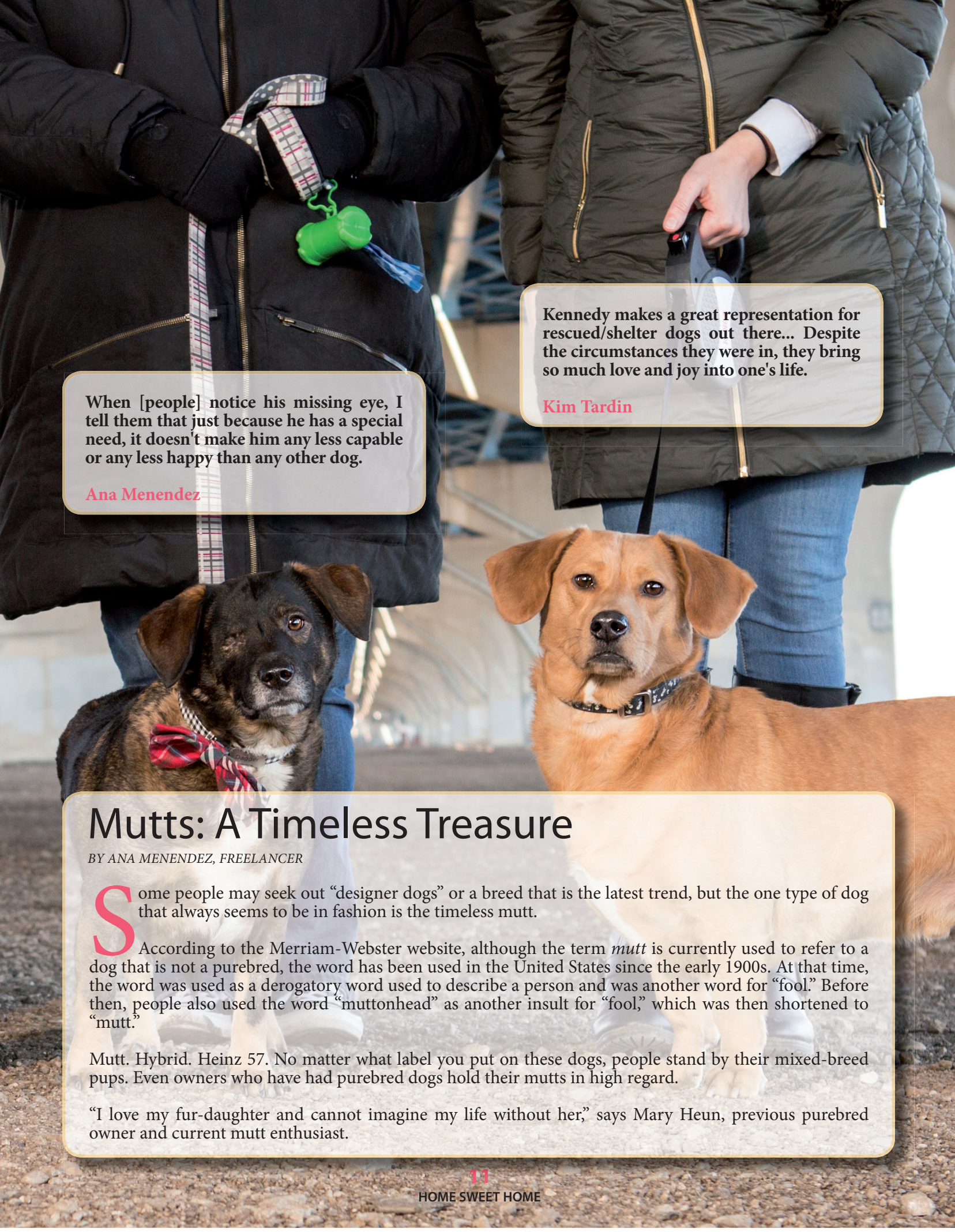
Despite his little stature, he loves adventure; whether it's going to the dog park, training in agility and scent work, going on hikes or paddle boarding/kayaking and then coming home to cuddle with his favorite people, he does it all.

Bailey Post

My dog looks like a designer dog, but she was a rescue. We don't know what she is made up of except that she definitely has Poodle in her.

Molly Hare





When [people] notice his missing eye, I tell them that just because he has a special need, it doesn't make him any less capable or any less happy than any other dog.

Ana Menendez

Kennedy makes a great representation for rescued/shelter dogs out there... Despite the circumstances they were in, they bring so much love and joy into one's life.

Kim Tardin

Mutts: A Timeless Treasure

BY ANA MENENDEZ, FREELANCER

Some people may seek out “designer dogs” or a breed that is the latest trend, but the one type of dog that always seems to be in fashion is the timeless mutt.

According to the Merriam-Webster website, although the term *mutt* is currently used to refer to a dog that is not a purebred, the word has been used in the United States since the early 1900s. At that time, the word was used as a derogatory word used to describe a person and was another word for “fool.” Before then, people also used the word “muttonhead” as another insult for “fool,” which was then shortened to “mutt.”

Mutt. Hybrid. Heinz 57. No matter what label you put on these dogs, people stand by their mixed-breed pups. Even owners who have had purebred dogs hold their mutts in high regard.

“I love my fur-daughter and cannot imagine my life without her,” says Mary Heun, previous purebred owner and current mutt enthusiast.

Heun, of Milwaukee, has had her mutt Frankie for about two years. Previously, the family had Cody, a purebred Golden Retriever. After Cody passed away at the age of 12, one of Heun's daughters saw Frankie's picture on the Woof Gang Rescue website.

It was love at first sight. After filling out an application and undergoing a home visit, the family was able to bring Frankie home roughly three days later. Since then, Heun's daughter Sarah has been the one training Frankie, and Sarah is the one that Frankie listens to and obeys the most.

Heun says Frankie has started to calm down from her puppy-like behaviors and is starting to snuggle more. "She follows me around 24/7 unless she is looking out the front windows protecting the neighborhood," she quips.

Heun notes the difference in cost for purchasing a purebred dog and adopting from the rescue was about \$600. Although the cost was higher for a purebred, Heun says she is happy with her decision to adopt Frankie for other reasons.

"It's the right thing to do," she says. "You're saving a dog's life when you adopt from a rescue."

While the Heun family chose to adopt from a rescue group, others seeking to adopt a mutt can check out their local humane society.

According to Angela Speed, vice president of communications for the Wisconsin Humane Society, of the approximate 10,000 animal adoptions from their three locations, about half of those are dogs. Although the shelter no longer keeps track of breed specifications for their dogs, Speed says the majority of the dogs that come to the shelter are indeed mixed breeds.

The WHS stopped posting breed specifications on July 14, 2016, as a pilot test.

"What we found out is that less than one percent of a dog's genes determines what they look like," Speed says.

Many times, volunteers and staff would be guessing at a dog's breed just upon its looks. By guessing breed based on looks, it was putting expectations about personality and behavior based on those labels.

However, losing the breed specifications allows "every dog to be an individual," Speed says.

The program has been very well-received and although they still have clients who would like them to guess at the breed, it allows the WHS staff to have conversations with potential adopters about looking at what dog is best-suited for them.

Adopting an animal from WHS ranges from \$25-\$349, but the average adoption cost is \$140. When a dog is adopted from WHS, the cost includes primary vaccines, microchip, spay/neuter, a certificate for a free vet exam, a bag of food, and a collar.

"It's a great deal," Speed says. "Everyone should be able to enjoy and experience the joy and the love a dog brings into their life... We always encourage people to rescue. There are certainly wonderful breeders in our area, but there are thousands of homeless animals that we care for."

When considering a mutt or purebred, it is important to note that some purebred dogs might have certain health issues associated with their breed.

Dionne Harrell, owner of Cherished Companion Mobile Vet Service, has been a vet for nearly two decades. She also works part-time out of Norwood Animal Clinic in Milwaukee. In her work, she sees a variety of purebred and mixed-breed dogs.

Harrell says even with good breeders, purebred dogs tend to experience some health issues. For example, Pugs have more eye conditions and issues with the folds of the skin. However, when a Pug is mixed with a Beagle, many of those issues are not as common.

"A majority of the time, you knock out the bad of a breed [with a mixed-breed dog]," she says. "With the mixture of a 'Heinz 57,' you get the good of both breeds is what I've seen."

When certain breeds become trendy, some people are quick to purchase a dog that may not be well-suited for them. Often, many of these dogs are then surrendered.

Harrell recommends those considering a purebred dog to do their research first. "Make sure you look at the breed,

your lifestyle and the activity level of the breed," Harrell says.

Although mutts may not always be the fanciest or trendiest, they will always be in fashion.

"The cool thing about a mixed breed dog is that your dog isn't going to look like any other dog," Speed says. "They are definitely going to be an individual."

Did you know?

Mutts are so nice, they get celebrated twice? Created in 2005, National Mutt Day is celebrated on both July 31 and December 2.

Famous Mutts

Laika: A stray dog found on the streets of Moscow. In 1957, she became the first animal to orbit the Earth. Although she did not survive the flight, she is credited with helping advance human spaceflight.

Higgins: Found by animal trainer Frank Inn at the Burbank Animal Shelter when he was just a puppy. He is best known for being the original "Benji" and the dog on "Petticoat Junction." Higgins enjoyed a 14-year career in show business in the '60s and '70s. He died just a few weeks shy of his 18th birthday.

Faith: Born with her two hind legs and one deformed front leg that later needed to be amputated. Although advised to euthanize the dog, her owner Jude Stringfellow was able to teach Faith how to walk on her hind legs. Faith visited more than 2,000 wounded veterans in hospitals and inspired others with disabilities.



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PUPPY DESTRUCTION

Dealing with Puppy Destruction

BY LAURA YEAGER, FREELANCER

I knew puppies liked to chew, but this was ridiculous. First, came the paper. Since I was a writer and a teacher, there was a lot of paper lying around. Chloe loved to chomp down on paper and chew, chew, chew. The result of this was hundreds of pieces of debris all over the carpet.

Next, she moved on to books—library books to be exact. She enjoyed gnawing on the thick cardboard of each paperback novel she devoured. Pencils and pens were tools of my trade. They were also sometimes on the floor for Chloe to access. Our puppy enjoyed chewing the wood of pencils—perfect little teething sticks. But pens were more problematic because when Chloe chewed these, ink burst out of them.

This caused the ruination of several bedspreads because our puppy's favorite place to chew anything was on our brand new king-size bed. I had to get rid of our hot pink floral bedspread because it was covered in blue and black ink spots. Then, I bought another king-size spread, and this too was soon ruined. This bed covering was “decorated” with neon-colored orange magic marker. Luckily I could turn the spread over. Chloe hasn't ruined the other side yet. But she probably will. (This is why I bought a duplicate bedspread. It's stored in my closet.)

Besides getting ink on spreads, Chloe also liked to chew up the material of bedspreads. She chewed a large hole in my son's navy blue bedspread. Instead of throwing this one away, though, I sewed up the hole, turned the thing around, and it's on his bed right now. (I can't keep throwing stuff away. I have to start repairing what she damages or we'll go bankrupt.)

But all of this is small change when it comes to her desire for shoes.

Chloe must have chewed up at least a half dozen of my shoes. She likes to wrench the soles out of them. If they're thongs, she chews the piece of toe leather away from the shoe. Cork-soled shoes are chewed into a million little pieces. And if they're rubber, watch out! (I was deeply saddened when Chloe gnawed on my favorite pair of black leather thongs with leather flowers at the arch of the foot. These shoes were super comfortable, and I thought they were very hip-looking, but they were goners. Into the trash they went.)

Chloe destroyed other things, not by chewing, but by other methods. She liked to “mark” new rugs and make them hers with her urine. She also liked to relieve herself (#2) on the basement carpet. She was basically potty-trained, but if she didn't get out in time, she'd let go on our rugs.

And if she wasn't let in in time, she barreled right through our patio screen, leaving a big hole in it. We got the screen fixed three times, and every time, she rammed herself through it in a hurry to jump on our king-size bed, no doubt.

How did we deal with all this destruction? We had to find ways or our house would have become a pigsty.

We solved the problem of chewed-up paper by simply keeping all paper out of Chloe's reach. The only time she came in contact with it was when she got into my son's wastebasket and procured a Burger King cheeseburger wrapper. She loved to chew those. But this didn't happen very often so we essentially solved the problem of paper shreds all over the carpet.

We did the same thing with pencils and pens. No writing utensils were allowed in her reach. If one dropped, it was quickly picked up and put away where Chloe couldn't get it.

For the bedspreads, we simply kept the bedroom doors shut.

And shoes—also picked up and put away. After about six or seven ruined pairs of shoes, some brand new, we all learned to store our shoes high off the ground.

For the carpets, my husband just cleaned them with the carpet cleaner a bit more frequently.

And finally, with the screen, we learned that they make puppy screen—screen so heavy that dogs can't go through it. We're planning to get this put on our patio door as soon as possible.

So there are fixes to puppy destruction problems, but there is also a learning curve. It takes a while to get the hang of preventing the destruction before it happens. My advice is to keep all stuff off the floor. (Oh, and I haven't even mentioned how Chloe likes to chew my 12-year-old son's toys. How many Lego figures have been ruined? How many plush toys disemboweled?)

You can also purchase products that taste bad to dogs and spray these substances on objects you don't want chewed.

Or there is always puppy school.

Oh, and don't forget to supply your puppy with toys and chew bones that belong only to her. Encourage her to play with these things instead of your own personal belongings.

A friend told me that her puppy chewed up her kitchen floor. I guess it could be worse. Much worse. Puppies might be destructive, but they are members of the family. Take action to curb their destructiveness. And love them just the same.

TOP DOG SUBSCRIPTIONS

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

Don't hog all the mail wealth: treat your pooch to one of these five subscription boxes. Stuffed with mouth-watering treats, cuddly plush toys and adjustable accessories, they're gifts that keep on giving—in licks, cuddles and tail wags.



1. BarkBox

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NATURAL DISASTERS

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

It's said that disaster comes when you least expect it, but according to the World Meteorological Organization, the first decade of the 21st century brought 3,496 natural disasters—five times the number of droughts, floods, heat waves and storms than were reported during the 1970s. Last year, the US was crippled by 16 billion-dollar disasters. In historic firestorms, monster hurricanes and 5-year-long droughts, roughly 364 people lost their lives.

When the worst happens, we often focus just on the human toll. “However, most animal deaths occur within the first 24 to 48 hours of disaster onset,” says Dick Green, the senior director of disaster response for the ASPCA. “[About] 80 to 85 percent of these animals are never reunited with their owners.”

Against the odds, many pets survive the unthinkable. From dogs to cats to pigs, here are five true stories about animals that managed to make it in the midst of some of the 21st century's record-breaking natural disasters.

Boots survives Katrina to become a 'kitten nanny.'

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina roared through New Orleans, bringing 27-foot storm surges and sustained winds of 140 miles per hour. In the wake of this Category 3 storm—the costliest hurricane in US history—Arizona Humane Society (AHS) rescuers waded through chemicals and other gunk while pulling a canoe, plucking 278 cats and dogs from the rising flood waters.

“[In the St. Bernard Parish area]...on Team Four, that's where I met Boots. He had already been rescued and they were treating his feet—that's why his name is Boots because of the bandages that were on his feet,” says owner Susan Juergensen. One of the most severe medical cases at the AHS camp, the 3-year-old Golden Retriever-Chow Chow Mix had lacerations and chemical burns on his stomach, and his paws had nearly been degloved.

On November 4, 2005, after her Golden Retriever named Ladybug passed away, Juergensen adopted Boots. When this perfect gentleman arrived at his new home, he immediately ran over and started licking his cat siblings, Lala, Betsy, and Mick, and his owner's litter of foster kittens. “Boots is the Daddy,” she says. “I can't explain it. He came this way.”

In 2015, AHS hired Boots to work in their nursery looking after 5-week-old kittens. As they learn to socialize with their foster dad, they're also exposed to riding in cars, the sound of vacuums and laundry machines, so they're more likely to be adopted. “For him to be able to not only rebound,” says Liz Truitt, a Feline Welfare Specialist at AHS, “but also be able to give back to the community that saved him has just been a really beautiful circular story.”

Ban endures three weeks at sea after Japan's 2011 tsunami.

On March 11, 2011, a magnitude-9 earthquake rocked northeastern Japan, unleashing a savage tsunami that destroyed 726,000 buildings and killed 15,894 people. (As of January 18, 2018, 2,500 people are still missing, according to the Missing Person Support Association of Japan.) As the costliest natural disaster in world history, it also caused a cooling system failure at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, resulting in a level-7 nuclear meltdown.

Because there are 23 million cats and dogs in Japan—they outnumber kids under 16 by some six million—thousands of pets also died each day. “Dogs in Japan could be tied up, especially in rural areas,” says Isabella Gallaon-Aoki of Animal Garden Niigata. “They had no chance of foraging for food or anything.”

So, it was a miracle when the Japanese Coast Guard found Ban, a 2-year-old mixed-breed dog, drifting on a roof a mile from the Kesennuma, Miyagi prefecture—one of the worst-hit areas along Japan's northeast coast. She survived for three weeks on just sea water. Found without collars or tags, her 50-year-old owner (who preferred to remain anonymous) recognized her dog while watching national rescue coverage. During their reunion, the owner told the press, “I am happy that she seems healthy. I want to cherish her when I take her back.”

Protect Your Pets During Natural Disasters

Decide on a pet-friendly destination ahead of time.

If you must evacuate, take your pets with you, using a pet carrier or crate if possible.

Make a mental note about where your pets like to hide in your home. Finding them quickly will help you evacuate faster.

Prepare an emergency box of supplies and place it in an area that's easily accessible like a closet or by the front door. Emergency kits should include:

- A contact list that includes your veterinarian's information
- Current photos and written information about your pets' feeding schedules, medical conditions and behavioral issues in a waterproof container
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- A five-day supply of food, water and medications for each pet
- A manual can opener for wet food
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- Leashes, harnesses and crates

If you can't get home to evacuate your pets, contact someone who's reliable to check on them and get them out if possible.

Purchase a pet rescue decal and display it on your front door or window. It'll let first responders know there are cats, dogs, birds, etc. in your house.

Make sure that your pets are microchipped and wear harnesses or collars with updated contact information.

Charles the pig survives Gatlinburg wildfires by burrowing in the mud.

On November 18, 2016, after four months of drought, a historic fire rolled through the Smoky Mountains, eating alive one of the most diverse temperate rainforests on the planet. The massive firestorm—started by two teenagers playing with matches at the Chimney Top trails—also damaged more than 2,460 structures. Fourteen people didn't make it: one person died after a heart attack and another died in a car crash while fleeing the inferno.

"The trees snapped, and the power lines dangled over our driveway," writes Robert Holmes on Facebook. "We could not get the cars out, and the smoke was so bad that our 18-month-old son Wyatt was having a hard time breathing." When the flames started lapping at their house, they scooped up their four dogs and cat and fled to a hotel—unfortunately, they weren't able to take their pet pig, Charles.

The next day a neighbor called to tell them the unthinkable: their house had burned to the ground, but Charles had burrowed into the mud and survived. Although the Great Gatlinburg Fire reached 800 degrees—hot enough to melt the alloy rims off of the family's car—Charles was just dehydrated and a bit singed. Treated at the University of Tennessee Veterinary Hospital, "the smart pig" became a symbol of Smoky Mountain resilience. In March of 2017, he also "co-wrote" the picture book *The Miraculous Story of Charles the Pig: Wildfire Survivor*.

Odin protects baby goats in Sonoma County, California.

Last October, as the Santa Anas—dry, dust-bearing winds that can gust up to 100 miles per hour—fanned embers, they created a firestorm that engulfed full-city blocks. The most destructive wildfire in California's history, the Tubbs fire charred over 36,000 acres and killed at least 22 people.

"These fires burn into anything that's in their path," says Chief Daniel Berlant, assistant deputy director the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "A wind-driven fire is like a freight train, and stopping a freight train on a dime doesn't happen." Fueled mostly by chewing tobacco, coffee and adrenaline, some 9,000 firefighters battled the blaze with just two to three hours of shuteye.

However, these everyday heroes weren't the only ones pushing their limits. Despite the sounds of exploding propane tanks, twisting metal, and the possibility of being separated from his dog-sister Tessa, Odin, a Great Pyrenees named after the Norwegian god of war and death, refused to leave his family's eight bottle-fed rescue goats. "I made a decision to leave him," writes owner Roland Hendel. "I was sure I had sentenced them to a horrific and agonizing death."

But, the next morning Odin and his herd—which now included several baby deer—emerged from the swirling smoke. "Odin's fur was burned and his whiskers melted. He was limping on his right leg," Hendel says. While the family's 35-acre property, including their fresh water pump and barn, was completely destroyed, Odin taught his human counterparts to value life over material possessions. "Odin risked his life to save those goats, and that's a big part of the lesson," Hendel says. "Life is so precious."

5 Pets Who Survived Record-Breaking Natural Disasters

Hemingway's six-toed cats ride out Hurricane Irma.

Last September, Hurricane Irma reduced Barbuda to rubble. It turned Puerto Rico's streets into rivers. It flipped cranes in Miami. The longest Category 5 hurricane since satellite storm tracking began, it also claimed 134 lives.

While an estimated 6.3 million people were ordered to evacuate Florida—making it the largest evacuation in American history—Dave Gonzales, the curator of the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum, opted to brave the monster storm with the estate's 54 six-or-seven-toed cats.

Despite actress Mariel Hemingway's desperate plea for staff to "get in the car with the cats and take off," they decided to put their faith in the limestone fortress's 18-inch-thick walls. They also reinforced its windows. Though the building lost access to fresh water and the internet, ten employees—one for every five cats—stayed behind. "We're comfortable with them; they're comfortable with us. We love them. They love us," Gonzales says.

The staff relied on three generators to power basic appliances. However, they didn't have to wrangle in the famed feline descendants. "[As the barometric pressure plummeted], some of them actually ran inside, knowing it was time to take shelter," Gonzalez says. "Sometimes, I think they're smarter than the human beings."

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Cheeky Pieces of Home Decor for Dog Lovers

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

Calling all dog lovers! Whether you've got your own dog pack or find yourself visiting the local shelter on a weekly basis and mulling over which puppy to adopt, we've got some decor that you're going to love. From Jack Russell pillows to English bulldog cookie jars, here are ten cheeky pieces of dog-themed decor.

1. Our Name is Mud
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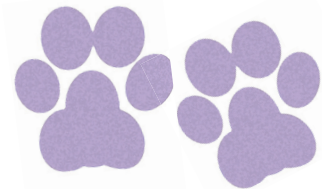
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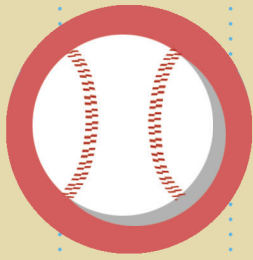
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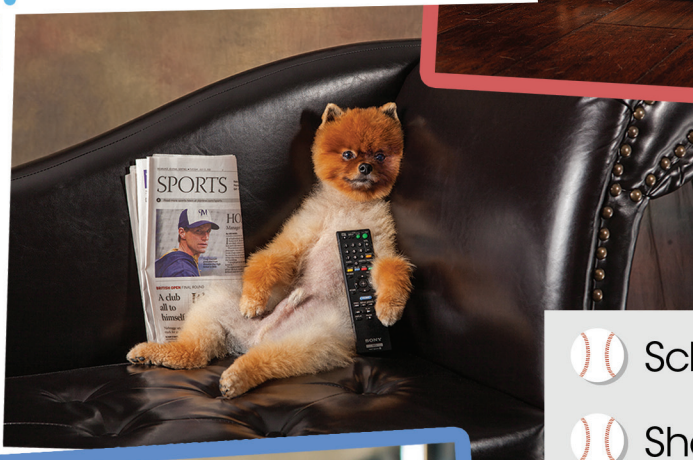
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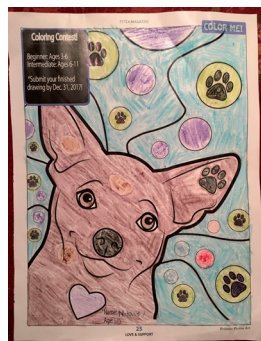
A dog's tail has functional purposes such as helping a dog keep its balance on land and as a rudder in water. But a dog's tail is also an indicator of their emotions. Often, I have heard someone relating how they were bitten by a dog when it was wagging its tail. After all, isn't a wagging tail a sign of a happy dog? Not really. Studies have proven that dogs have many ways to wag their tails and each way can relate a different emotion. When dogs wag their tails to the left, their heart rate increases, and they show more signs of stress and anxiety. When a dog is relaxed, it is more likely to wag its tail to the right.

So next time you meet a new dog, check to see which way its tail is wagging. If it is wagging to the right, the dog probably likes you, but if the dog wags it to the left, proceed with caution. Don't you wish it was just as easy to read people?

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THE VET IS IN



Making Your Dog Feel at Home in the Hospital

BY MEGAN TREMELLING, DVM, LVS

To some people, leaving your dog at the veterinary hospital for any reason sounds harsh, like leaving a child at one of those ghastly orphanages in Dickens books. There's no doubt that most dogs would rather be in their own homes, but we do our best to make them feel at home with us. So what are the accommodations really like at the hospital?

A comfortable bed is step one, and we have bedding in a variety of thickness and layering options. Some dogs want to have enough blankets to burrow under. Orthopedic mattresses are a great thing for older dogs whose joints get creaky. There are a few dogs that simply cannot tolerate being in a kennel at all, and though I strongly recommend teaching all dogs to accept a kennel for this reason, we have worked out ways to confine the kennel-phobic without them feeling trapped.

Many owners bring a blanket or article of clothing that smells like home. I think this is a great idea for a pet that is wary of novelty. Once a pet has settled in, of course, their own smell is on their bedding. Most dogs are quite willing to go back into their kennels after they've been out for tests or treatment; they recognize it as their own safe space.

Nobody wants to sit in bed all day, even if they're sick, so all dogs are walked several times per day if their condition allows. There are a few small dogs that are trained to use pee pads, but even those are given the opportunity to take a little exercise. (Exception: When I had a 5lb puppy hospitalized overnight and it was

-5°F, I did not take the little mite outside; she would have frozen solid.)

Boredom can be a problem even with pets that are ill enough to be hospitalized. Visits from the owner help to pass the time. We keep a supply of stuffed animals around, carefully chosen for safe construction, and provide them to any patient who looks like they might want something to snuggle. If snuggling turns to chewing, unfortunately, the dog loses stuffy privileges, but we can resort to treat-stuffed Kongs if the patient's condition permits.

Speaking of food, the phrase "hospital food" takes on a very different meaning when you're talking about the animal hospital. It isn't bland, boring, cafeteria-style stuff like you might see in an old-fashioned human hospital. Since many of our patients are feeling too sick to eat properly, we stock a variety of delicacies to tempt feeble appetites, along with several therapeutic diets for those that are ready to take more substantial meals.

Some of the dogs that visit us are really excited to see that there are other dogs on the premises. They would love to make friends with everyone. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, we can't allow playtime among the patients, but if they want human friends, they're in luck. Everyone who works at our clinic loves dogs madly. No matter how tired or grumpy we might be at the beginning of our shifts, the sweet faces of our patients help us to focus on the positive. It's all we can do to get our work done when there are so many ears to be scratched and tummies to be rubbed. When things are slow at the office... well, there may or may not have been a few patients who spent part of their hos-

pitalization sleeping on my lap in the office. I'm not saying.

Some people go a little bit overboard with the comforts they provide their pets at home. I'm pretty sure no dog ever suffered for lack of a \$30,000 wedding chapel doghouse (for, of course, dog weddings), a Marie-Antoinette style brocade dog bed (complete with ostrich plumes), or a microvelvet Chesterfield dog sofa (with nailhead trim, naturally). The accommodations at the veterinary hospital will be a bit more spartan than that. (For one thing, everything we use is 100 percent machine washable). But, for all that, I think we do all right at helping our patients to feel at home.

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CASANOVA

Casanova here! I'm almost two years old and am a happy, fun-loving pup! I enjoy the simple things—running, playing fetch, eating more food than I should! I LOVE kids and I'm working on my manners with other dogs. For now, I'd like to be your only animal. I'm perfectly happy that way! I love everyone I meet and would make a great addition to any family!

puppy proofing 101



BY KERRI WIEDMEYER, DVM, WVRC

Getting a new puppy is a very exciting time in anyone's life! It can be such a fun time with much to consider and learn: when to vaccinate, how to train them, what to feed them, etc. But before you even bring that bundle of joy into his or her new forever home, you may have to do some puppy proofing.

ENVIRONMENT

It is very important to make the puppy's environment safe, and it is similar to baby proofing your home. Use baby gates to keep the pup in or out of rooms. Hide electrical cords, and keep them out of reach. Consider crate training your puppy to keep them both safe and as a potty training tool. Puppies should never be left unsupervised with toys or bones as they may choke or swallow them. Puppies may also try to chew or eat non-edible items in the house, such as clothing items, furniture, carpet, etc. Proper training is very important to avoid such problems.

TOXINS

Foods. This is not an all inclusive list, but these are some of the more common foods that are either toxic or cause problems in our pets

- Chocolate and coffee can cause GI upset, arrhythmia, seizures, potential death
- Grapes/raisins can cause kidney failure
- Xylitol products (sugar-free gum and other sugar-free products) can cause hypoglycemia, liver failure
- Macadamia nuts can cause lethargy, lameness, CNS depression

- High fat foods can cause GI upset and pancreatitis
- Fruits with pits can cause GI obstruction
- Chicken/turkey bones can cause possible GI perforation and upset
- Moldy garbage can cause GI upset, tremors, seizures
- Onion/garlic can cause anemia

Medications/Drugs. Alcohol, marijuana, over-the-counter human medications and prescription medications should never be given to dogs or cats without consulting a veterinarian. Also, animal medications should never be given to an animal that they are not prescribed for as this could result in unforeseen complications or illness.

Household products. Once again, this is not an all-inclusive list, and these are items that commonly are ingested, as they may taste good.

- Rat poison. There are several different kinds: Anticoagulants can cause bleeding, Bromethalin can cause severe neurologic problems, Cholecalciferol can cause Vitamin D toxicosis
- Antifreeze can cause kidney failure
- Household cleaners. The effects vary depending on the product

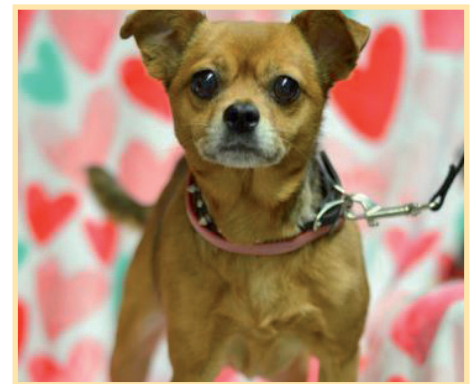
House plants: All plants should be investigated if your pup is going to be around them. This is just a short list of common plants.

- Sago Palm can cause GI upset and liver failure
- Oleander, Foxglove, Lily of the Valley, Milkweed. These are a few that can be toxic to the heart.
- Rhododendrons can cause GI, cardiovascular and neurologic signs

- Araceae family can cause oral irritation, GI upset, rare respiratory disease

As stated above, these lists are the most common items that we see causing problems. If there is any concern about something a new puppy gets into, please contact your veterinarian to be certain. Now that you have a better idea of how to maximize the safety of your new addition to the family, do not forget to have fun and enjoy every minute with your new puppy!

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CARLOTTA

Carlotta is a Chihuahua Mix who is close to 5 years old. She is super sweet and affectionate with her favorite people. She is very dog selective and prefers small, non-dominant dogs. She is good with cats but not children. She loves toys, walks, and naps. Carlotta has been looking for a home for almost a year.

JUMP PAGE

SUBSCRIPTIONS CONTINUED
FROM P. 15



4. PupJoy

Cost: \$26 per month

Shipping: Free shipping to the lower 48 states

What's Inside:

"A finalist for the 2018 Purina Pet Care Innovation Prize, PupJoy has a very transparent charitable donation model to help support animal rescue, in partnership with the BISSELL Pet Foundation," says Dustin McAdams, the founder and CEO. "We donate \$2 on every order and 100 percent of the donated money goes directly to help over 3000 rescue organizations that they work with." PupJoy also has the most personalized model available for dog parents. After choosing an Uno or Grande (small or large) box, you can specify the type of items that you want: accessories, toys and treats, including

all-natural and organic options. Depending on what stage of life your dog is going through, you'll get five to seven products valued at over \$40. For example, if your dog is a chew-inator, you'll get virtually indestructible chew toys, or if your dog is in potty-training mode, you may get extra pee spray. "PupJoy's toys are the kind of stuff I would expect to see in an expensive dog boutique in New York City," says Amanda, the owner of Shiloh Shepherd's Luna Rae and Nova Mae. "The treats...have straightforward ingredients and a small business vibe. They all have ingredients that would be edible for us humans too!"



5. Bullymake

Cost: \$39 per month

Shipping: Free to the US and \$8 to Canada

What's Inside:

A monthly subscription box for power chewers, Bullymake never sends plush

toys or rawhide, which can cause choking, blockage and diarrhea. Instead, the team sends two to three extremely durable toys and three to four treats, chews and healthy edibles. While the treats are hand-selected based on your dog's allergies and size, you can opt for a "toys-only" box. "While I wish that it [the default subscription box] was more heavily weighted on the toy-side rather than the treat, I also appreciate that Bullymake always sends one long-term chew treat—it's a good way to occupy one of my dogs for a few hours," says Christine Massey, a long-time Bullymake customer. Even if your ruff and tuff pup continues to turn his or her adorable toys into ripped-up rags, under the Bullymake 100 Percent Guarantee, they'll ship you a replacement that's rougher and tougher for free.

Did your favorite dog subscription box make the list?

Let us know at info@fetchmag.com



DOG DECOR CONTINUED FROM P. 19



9. Dog Faces Neoprene Oven Mitt

Baby 'N' Toddler; \$17.95

baby-n-toddler.com

Ouch! Your fingers brushed a pan of homemade dog biscuits just out of a 350-degree oven. If only you had a second layer of defense, say a

neoprene oven mitt covered in paws and different dog breeds including chihuahuas, dalmatians, rottweilers, dachshunds, and mastiffs. On a square label with a maroon ribbon, the company will even add your dog's name. Heat-resistant up to 500 degrees.



10. Jack Russell Pillow

LiLiPi Brand; \$39.99

lilipibrand.com

As soon as you leave, your dog heads straight for your couch, where it isn't allowed (of course) for a playful romp. Worst case? Your sofa is strewn with fur or mud. Best? You secretly think it's cute. Either way, now you can give into doggy disobedience—well, sort of. LiLiPi offers puppy-shaped pillows made of soft velvet-polyester. Jack Russells, Australian Shepards, Basset Hounds: there's dozens of breeds available, so you're sure to find one that resembles your four-legged friend. Machine washable.



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zelda

Zelda (Formerly "Scrappy") • 6 years old • Adopted August 2012

According to Zelda's owner, Kelly, Zelda was her first true love. Zelda came from a less than ideal situation. Finding her through a friend of a friend, Kelly was informed that Zelda was being abused and neglected and that the owners were going to take her to the animal shelter later that day. Kelly immediately jumped at the opportunity to go meet her. "It broke my heart for a few months looking at this cute puppy I was lucky enough to save and thinking back to her bad past, but she landed in the right hands. Today, you would never guess she had such a past, as she's living the dogs dream." Zelda's favorite things to do are cuddle and burrow under as many blankets as possible, go on car rides (always riding shotgun), and trying to keep up with her sister Lily when they race around the dog park (despite her short legs). "Zelda changed my life for the better. We rescued each other," she says.

Photos & Story By Britney Kruesel, Lost & Hound



lily

Lily (Formerly "Glory") • 3 years old • Adopted June 2016

After Kelly and her boyfriend combined households, they quickly decided one dog was not enough. Adoption has always been important to Kelly so they didn't think twice about rescuing their second dog. They actually picked out Lily's name and had a dog tag made a week before finding her on Petfinder.com. Lily came from a foster family in Minnesota, and the first few months of her life are a mystery. All they knew was she was living with her three siblings outdoors in Iowa for the first four months of life with little to no human interaction. This did not stop Lily from being a loving pup. She is a sweetheart with humans and enjoys playing with other dogs. Lily is known to start howling and yipping when she sees another dog out on a walk or anywhere in public. After they brought Lily into their lives, Zelda became a completely different dog. Kelly explains, "She found her best friend and to this day, we look at them, and I swear we can see them smiling. They are our world, and I can't imagine a day without them. I will continue to always choose adoption first – it has brought more happiness into our lives than I ever imagined possible."





tucker



Tucker • 7 months old • Adopted September 6, 2017, Shelter intake date: 08/31/2017 from Knoxville, TN

When Tucker's owners Maddie and Jake were thinking about adopting, Jake's father told them that every dog owner has their "it" dog, that one dog that is extra special, that one dog changes your life completely. After seeing a photo of Tucker laying on a pile of stuffed animals sleeping in the middle of the chaos his litter-mates were causing at the humane society, they just knew he was their "it" dog. Maddie and Jake took one look at the spot on the top of his head and knew they had to adopt him. Over the first several months of him being part of their family, they've been able to watch his personality completely blossom. Maddie wrote, "We love how he howls when he wants more attention and how when he's tired he sits by the couch and whines until we pick him up and put him on it (even though he could easily get up there on his own). We love how friendly he is to both humans and dogs, as well as the immense amount of love he radiates. It has been a fantastic experience learning and growing with him, and his crazy long tongue and wild ears are just an added bonus."





Leo • 2 years old • Adopted February 2016

Leonidas was named after King Leonidas of Sparta, but is called Leo for short. Leo was adopted in February of 2016 by his perfect match, a man named Sam. Sam was in a rough spot in life and quite frankly, so was Leo. Both had anxiety. Leo was looking for a home and Sam was looking for a companion.

Previously, Leo was found in an alley, malnourished, fighting Parvovirus and worms. He was taken to a high-kill shelter and then rescued by Jr's Pups-N-Stuff. One month later, on Sam's 25th birthday, Leo met his match.

The struggles from Leo's past have left him with some permanent damage. His malnutrition and fight against Parvo kept his eyesight from fully maturing, leading to the development of cataracts and an inability to see far away. Although he can only see close up, his future is bright. Leo and Sam are currently living life to the fullest, spending much of their time exploring nearby dog parks and being the support that each of them needs.



Barney • 10 months old • Adopted June 13, 2017

According to Barney's DNA results, he is a Border Collie/Collie/Chow Chow/Great Pyrenees/Mix (the perfect mutt!). His owner, Krista, and Barney found each other in the summer of 2017 when she was working as a certified veterinary technician at the Wisconsin Humane Society. Krista and her husband Kyle had recently lost their Collie and didn't think they were ready for another dog until Krista saw Barney in a kennel with his two sisters. There was an immediate connection, so she brought Kyle back to the shelter that same evening to meet him. They agreed it would be best to simply try fostering him, but two weeks later, on June 13, they adopted him.

Barney loves swimming and being outdoors - rain, snow or shine. Since adopting Barney, Krista and Kyle live a more active lifestyle by hiking together on the trails near their home in Milwaukee. Barney's future plans include becoming a registered pet therapy dog so that he can visit nursing homes and hospitals, beginning agility classes, and backpacking with his owners in the spring.





home sweet home

Stella • 5 years old • Adopted October 15, 2014
Murphy • 3 years old • Adopted October 10, 2016

Stella and Murphy's owners chose to rescue and adopt because it saves lives. Stella and Murphy bring so much joy and light and laughter into their home. They couldn't imagine it any other way.

Stella is a sweetheart who would happily spend all day burrowed under a blanket with you. Oddly enough, her favorite treats are raw veggies! Her docked tail is a sad part of her past, but an endearing part of her personality now. You can always find her when she's napping by calling her name and looking for which blanket starts wagging.

Murphy is an absolute lover. The first thing their owners noticed about him was his hilarious hair. His favorite trick is to throw soft toys up in the air for himself to try and catch. Murphy hates bedtime—he's like a toddler! Murphy is also well known for being an escape artist. His owners eventually had to set up a camera to find out how he kept getting out of the gate while they were away at work.

Stella was an only dog for a couple of years, but got along with Murphy from the minute they brought him home. He sat down right next to her on the couch and didn't budge for the rest of the night. When relaxing at night he always needs to be touching her in some way. He loves to give her love bites and licks.

They can be such opposites, but are a match made in heaven.

TABLE SCRAPS

with Chef Patti



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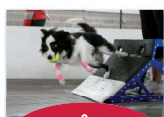
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Controversial Ingredients for Dogs

Like human nutrition, canine nutrition can be somewhat debatable. In recipes in past issues, there have been some questions asked if certain ingredients are safe for dogs. I would like to address a few of the most common ingredients that people wonder about.

Garlic as an additive in treats or food.

Cons: According to ASPCA Poison Control Center, garlic can cause gastrointestinal irritation and could lead to red blood cell damage. Dogs are at risk if a large enough amount is consumed.

Pros: Holistic sources (for example "Dogs Naturally Magazine") feel garlic has many benefits to dogs when given in low doses. Benefits include the prevention of blood clots, decreased cholesterol build up, blood vessels widening, helps preventing the formation of tumors and stimulation of the lymphatic system. Also, it is believed garlic is a natural antibiotic, antifungal and antiparasitic.

Known: Large amounts of garlic given on a regular basis are toxic to dogs. According to the AKC, studies have found it takes approximately 15 to 30 grams of garlic per kilogram of a dog's body weight to produce harmful changes in a dog's blood (an average clove at the supermarket weighs between 3 to 7 grams). Some dogs are more sensitive to garlic toxicity than others, and even a small amount may have a negative effect.

Coconut oil is now falling from grace as being helpful in dog nutrition.

Cons: Coconut oil may cause high cholesterol, hardening of the arteries and weight gain in some dogs.

Pros: Coconut oil has properties that serve as an anti-inflammatory, antifungal and antibacterial agent. Some vets believe it can aid in digestion, weight loss, arthritis and bone health, as well as improve brain energy and mental function in older dogs. The topical benefits can help alleviate skin conditions.

Known: There are no credible studies proving that coconut oil aids in thyroid dysfunction, weight loss, gum and teeth diseases, or cancer prevention in dogs.

If you plan to give coconut oil to your dog orally, you must start with small amounts and build up the dosage gradually. If your dog tends to gain weight, has pancreatitis or metabolizes fat inefficiently, you're better off using coconut oil topically or in very small doses.

Experts also disagree on the use of oats in the diet of a diabetic dog.

Con: Oats raise blood sugar.

Pros: Fiber (including oats) helps to slow down the rate in which glucose is released into the blood stream. Fiber makes it easier to manage your dog's glucose levels safely. Oatmeal can also promote heart health.

Known: Consistency in the diet of a diabetic dog is key to stabilizing blood sugar. A diabetic dog needs a meat-based high protein food that is moderately low in fat and carbohydrates. Any carbohydrates should be low-glycemic ones. Always be sure to consult your vet, or even a veterinarian who specializes in nutrition, when in doubt, and do as much research as you can from reliable sources. A good mantra is "When in doubt go without."

OFF-THE-LEASH



Q & A with Lynn Mitchell, BRATS

**Lynn Mitchell,
Co-Founder & President of BRATS**

I started in rescue in 2000 when I adopted my first rescue dog. At the time, rescue organizations were far and few between! I spent the next 8 years helping to re-home Golden Retrievers. The later part of that was spent doing transports. That is when we realized that the rural shelters were having a hard time adopting out anything other than a purebred dog. The connections made during the years in rescue helped get BRATS off the ground. We had connections with almost all of the shelters in Wisconsin, many of the rescues and with local breeders. My husband and I have 2 dogs that we transported but ended up staying with us. One is a Boxer Mix and the other is a Pitbull.

What is BRATS?

BRATS is a Wisconsin-based animal rescue transport service. We started this in 2008 to help rural Wisconsin shelters get their animals to areas of the state where they had a better chance at adoption.

At the time their kill rates were high. The big thing holding them back was

a reliable transportation system to move animals around. Fast forward 10 years and most of these same shelters are now finding themselves in a position to bring IN animals.

Do you help more than just dogs?

We learned early on that it wasn't just dogs that needed to be transferred. There were cats, birds, small animals, rabbits, reptiles and occasional farm animals. Wisconsin has a rescues for all of these so we adjusted our business model to include all of them.

What programs do you have?

1. We have our ambulance service to pick up sick and wounded animals at the shelters to get them to Spay Me in Madison. That led to our work with UW Vet School in Madison. We also run a chuck wagon service that moves food and supplies between shelters. So nice to see everyone sharing!

2. During the busy times of the year we help MADACC get their animals to Wisconsin Humane Society's Spay/Neuter Clinic.

3. BRATS has worked with breeders in Wisconsin since the beginning. We move their retired breeder dogs to rescues and shelters that know how to work with them. Some are seniors, but most of them are in the 2-8 year range. We would prefer to see them living out their lives as pampered pets vs never knowing a loving family. Most find homes in a few weeks. Some take longer to adjust. Occasion-

ally breeders will call with puppies that have gotten too old to sell. We work with breeders of big dogs like Golden Retrievers and Golden Doodles to the cute little fluffy dogs. They all deserve a home, and we do our best to make sure they get that.

4. Two years ago we started our **Wisconsin Junior Heroes For Animals** to recognize kids making a difference in the lives of animals. That is what BRATS does right now. It will be interesting to see what we look like in 5 years as we are always adjusting to what our partners need. Junior Heroes are nominated by shelters, rescue groups, family members or friends. Some of these kids have overcome some pretty substantial hardships in their lives but find a way to help animals. One young lady raised funds for vests for police service dogs. Some of them help bottle feed kitties and puppies. Some spend a lot of time at their local shelter reading to animals and helping in ways only kids can. There is a BRATS youth volunteer this year that reads to the animals on the transports to help them de-stress. We want to recognize these wonderful kids and their good deeds. It really helps to keep them motivated. Kids who are kind to animals are generally kind to humans!

How can the public help?

The public can help by spaying/neutering and microchipping their animals and keeping them safe so they don't end up in shelters.

BRATS does not charge for our services. There are no paid positions. Everyone pays for their own vehicles and their own expenses. Many of the people that drive during the week are retired or on some type of fixed income. A gas card helps them tremendously.

BRATS is pretty complex for an all-volunteer organization nobody outside of rescue knows about. We prefer to have the spotlight on our shelter/rescue partners who are doing the heavy lifting.

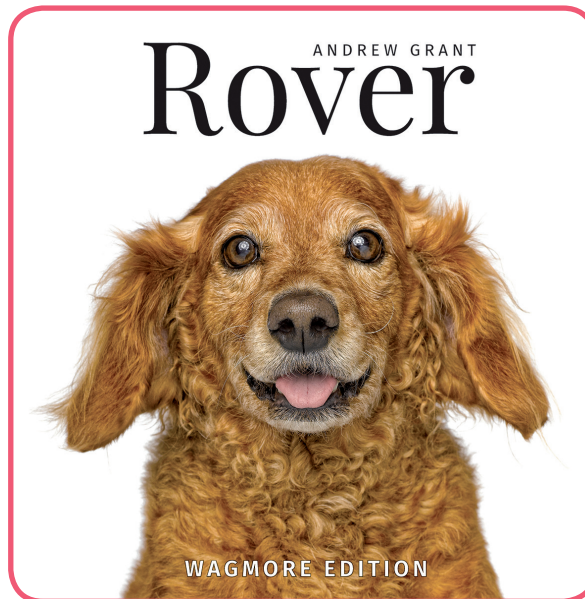
CELEB PAW PROFILE

ROVER: WAGMORE EDITION

BY MANETTE KOHLER, DVM

William Shakespeare once said, “The eyes are a window to your soul.” Photographer Andrew Grant allows us a glimpse into the beautiful eyes and souls of hundreds of dogs, many of which are shelter and rescue dogs awaiting their forever homes, through his stunning photography in “Rover: Wagmore Edition.” This beautiful coffee table book, published by Firefly Books, Ltd., is the sixth edition in a series of Rover books and is a collection of some of his most heart-warming and soulful dog portraits. Now in their ninth year, the Rover project’s (RoverWorks.org) mission is to raise awareness of the millions of pets (dogs and cats) that enter shelters and rescues and to promote the adoption of these deserving animals. “After visiting a few shelters, I quickly learned that their greatest challenge is raising money for spay and neuter programs, health care for the animals they take in, facility operations, overhead and the list goes on,” explains Grant. “Our biggest goal is to raise more money for the best and most effective rescues in the country,” he adds.

This project came from humble beginnings. Andrew is a commercial photographer and was on a shoot in a friend’s large kitchen showroom. “My friend’s two French Bulldogs repeatedly strolled through the set,” shares Grant. “We began to include both dogs in a few of the shots. They sat right where we wanted them and peered straight into the lens,” he adds. He later mentioned that perhaps he should do a book of dogs—someday. “I soon learned that every year, millions of cats and dogs enter shelters in America and are in need of new homes, so ‘someday’ became ‘next week’ and I began photographing dogs for Rover,” says Grant.



During the first nine months, Grant had much serendipity in his life. He conceived the project, photographed all the dogs, edited and designed the entire book, and contracted an overseas printer and saw his book featured on the “Ellen Degeneres Show” as her favorite new book. “Watching everything fall into place so easily assured me that I was on the right path,” says Grant. The first book “Rover” was followed by four more limited edition books and were all self-published.

Early on, Grant launched a program that enabled pet lovers to have their dog photographed and included in the next Rover book when they made a donation of \$5,000 to a pet rescue. “That program has now generated donations of over \$2 million for over thirty rescues across the country,” shares Grant. “Most of the dogs in “Rover” once lived in a rescue or shelter,” he adds. Both purebreds and mixed breeds are depicted, and Grant wishes to highlight the fact that purebreds account for over 30 percent of the dogs awaiting new homes.

They also feature dogs currently living in rescue or shelter through a “sponsor a homeless animal” donation. “These images are also given to the rescue to share on their website and social media platforms to help increase their chances for adoption,” explains Grant. Photographing these homeless dogs is very rewarding for Grant, seeing them enjoying themselves out of their cage and on the receiving end of a constant flow of treats as Grant tries to capture compelling shots of their true personality, knowing this may help them find their forever homes.

Grant has definitely grown as a photographer since embarking on the Rover project. This project remains his focus today but he still continues to pursue some commercial photography as he travels around the country. The fifth book, “Rover: Haute Dog Edition,” came out in November 2017 and retails for \$125. Grant partnered with Firefly to produce a smaller, more affordable version of the book, “Rover: Wagmore Edition,” for \$40. “Firefly is able to share our combined message and efforts on a much larger scale,” says Grant. This book is truly stunning and would be a welcome addition to any dog lover’s coffee table.

“When you adopt a cat or dog, you are not just saving the life of one animal but also are clearing the space for so many others to be taken off death row to be adopted,” Grant adds. To find out more and see Andrew Grant’s work, go to RoverWorks.org.



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ANIMALS: OUR HEALING PARTNERS

We've already established that animals are sentient beings. They see and know everything that's going on in our lives, from our emotional instability to the energetic chaos from the home or work environment to disruptions in our schedules. Everything that affects us affects them.

More and more people are consciously becoming aware of this and these patterns, which is wonderful. The gap between our awareness and the animal's perspective is connecting us closer together. We sense how our animal is feeling or even thinking. And this is often based on how the animal is acting.

So how do we deepen that bond and enhance the communication? We must be very clear and specific on our daily happenings, who is coming over to our house and any health changes/concerns we are having for the sake of both parties.

Animals age much quicker than us humans, so we tend to go to the caretaker role rather fast in a health crisis. Animal communication can help with identifying the details of a new health regimen. Are you giving them shots every day now? Is there medication to be given once or twice daily? Was there a sudden change in their food? Will there be more frequent visits to the vet? Or maybe meeting a new vet for a new treatment is needed.

It may sound silly but specific communication and visualizations work wonders. Try visualizing in your mind giving them this new pill or powder in their food and showing your animal friend that it will make them feel better. Try telling them how much you love them and that even if they don't like something, it's only temporary.

This gives you the ability to compromise as well. With animal communication you can help your furry companion understand why you have to do certain things for their care and then offer them something they want in return. Like a special treat, a trip to the dog park, a nice ride in the car, a visit to grandma or grandpa's house, or an extra walk may help make this new transition easier. Most animals will compromise where others might need more coaxing. Keep in mind that animals have free will and choices just as we do. They may not be able to pay bills but they deserve to be respected for their wants and needs too.

Some animals will communicate with their humans that they're ok with this new routine, treatment, pill or person that is helping them on their current journey. A lot of animals want to stay with their humans and aren't ready to give up, so they become willing participants in the healing regimen. Most animals will do their part

and then ask for something else instead of the stinky stuff or the nasty tasting pill etc.

And some may say "no" to the treatment, for instance having a leg amputated. Why? Because an animal's physical body is tired and won't make it through the additional surgery. There are some elderly animals that don't have the energy for any invasive treatments. Sometimes we realize this but need the validation or confirmation of our animal's wishes.

So instead of trying to hide the pills or be sneaky, you will see your animal give you a sign or feeling of surrender, ease and even peacefulness when you share the important details of each scenario with them. It will help ease our worries and give them a clear understanding of the appropriate next steps.

Animals should be our partners in the healing process so that there aren't any doubts, questions or concerns. If fears and worries arise for either party, communication will help ease them. Communication is the key to a happy, healthy and connected household.



BY STACY KRAFCZYK, ANIMAL COMMUNICATOR

A DOG'S LIFE

Camps/Classes/Seminars

Friends of HAWS Monthly Meeting
2nd Wed. each month: 7 to 8PM
Waukesha, hawspets.org, 262-542-8851

WHS Doga—Yoga with your Dog
March 25 & April 22: 4 to 4:45PM
Milwaukee Campus, Wihumane.org
414-264-6257

Barks And Blooms Spring Break Camp
March 29: 9AM to 3PM
4500 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Wisconsin Humane Society, MKE
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(Also available in Ozaukee)

Canine Massage Workshop
April 11: 6:30 to 8:30PM
WHS, MKE campus
Wihumane.org

Junior Vet Camp
June 20-21: 9AM to 3PM
4500 W. Wisconsin Ave.
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Pet Telethon (WHS)
March 23: 6-10AM
Live, FOX6 News

Polka for the Pets
March 24: 6 to 9PM
Humane Society of Jefferson County
W6127 Kiesling Road, Jefferson
Hsjc-wis.com, 920-674-2048

Purina Dog Day Afternoon at the Admirals
March 25: 5 to 8PM
UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena, MKE
Milwaukeeadmirals.com

2nd annual Dog Easter Egg Hunt (WHS-Green Bay)
March 31
Brown County Dog Park,
1000 Pleasant Ln. in Hobart
920-448-6242

Canine Cupids Photo Event
April 7: 10AM to 4PM
April 14: 11AM to 3PM
Bark n' Scratch
Bentley's Pet Stuff
caninecupids.org

Petlicious Bakery HAWS Dog Wash Fundraiser
April 8: 11AM to 3PM
Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery
2217 Silvernail Rd, Pewaukee
262-542-8851, hawspets.org

Hambingo for Elmbrook HS
April 12: 8 to 10PM
Hamburger Mary's
734 South 5th Street, MKE

Fundraisers/Gatherings

WBAY-TV Pet Expo
April 13-15: Hours vary (see ad)
ReschCenter.com

Sheboygan County Humane Society UNLEASHED Gala
April 28: 6PM
Pine Hills Country Club
4914 Superior Ave., Sheboygan
myschs.com

Sauk County HS PAWS Pledge Walk and Fun Festival
May 5: 9AM to 1PM
Sauk County Fairgrounds
700 Washington Ave, Baraboo

HAWS 35th Annual Romp 'n Rally
May 5: 10AM to 3PM
Sussex Village Park
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Second Chances Charity Dinner
May 11: 6 to 10PM
The Abbey Resort, Fontana
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Furry Friends 5K
May 19: 9 to 11AM
Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson
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WCHS Rummage Sale
June 1 & 2: 7AM to 4PM
June 3: 7AM to Noon
3650 State Rd 60, Slinger
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Adoption Events

Shelter from the Storm
Every Saturday, 10AM to 2PM
PetSmart Madison East
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Greyhound Meet 'n' Greet
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HAWS, hawspet.org, 262-542-8851

Woofgang Rescue
March 3: 11AM to 1PM
Havahart Pets
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Woofgangrescue.org
See website for more adoption events

Sit, Stay and Play Pet Adoption Event with Watertown HS
March 24: 11AM to 2PM
Y's Way Flooring
500 Milford Court, Watertown
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HAWS Petco Delafield Mobile Adoption Event
April 7: 11AM to 2PM
Petco Animal Supplies
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Kenosha, 262-694-4047, Safe Harbor
Milwaukee, 414-649-8640, MADACC
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(local advocacy group for shelter animals)
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Puppy & Small Dog Party
Saturdays 11:30AM to 12:30PM
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800-581-9070, forpetssake.cc

Puppy Social
Sundays: 5:15 to 5:45PM, Hartland
Half-pint Social
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Puppy Parties (HAWS)
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Playgroups At Tabby & Jacks
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Mixed Size Dogs Saturdays 10AM
Fitchburg 608-277-5900
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Puppy Playgroups
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Puppy Den, Madisonpuppyden.com
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HAWS Saturday A.M. Recess at Central Bark
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hopesafehouse@gmail.com

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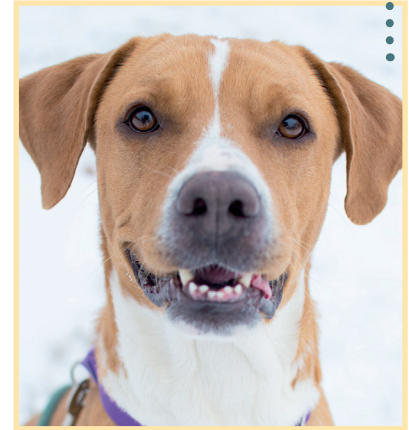
BUCKEYE

Meet Buckeye, a handsome gentleman who has learned human laps are a pretty good place to be! He does not turn down cuddling in your lap with some petting and love from you! He is the kind of fella who does ask for a little patience in getting to know you. If you provide this, he will be your loyal companion for life! Do you have room in your heart and home for this sweet guy?



LITA

Lita is a lovely girl who'll be your constant companion after a little time to get to know you. She'll rest her head on your lap, lean in, and give a few kisses. She loves walks, but cold weather is not her favorite. Once inside again, she is content cuddling up to you with a warm, cozy blanket. Lita loves car rides and she's been touring in a car exploring new places.



RUBY

Looking for a well-rounded dog with a sweet personality? We have a great match for you – Ruby! This girl is loving, goofy, and has a zest for life! She likes taking walks or a run to start or end the day while making new friends along the way and spending time with her loved ones playing or simply getting some snuggle time. If you are looking for a wonderful girl to add to your life, Ruby is it!

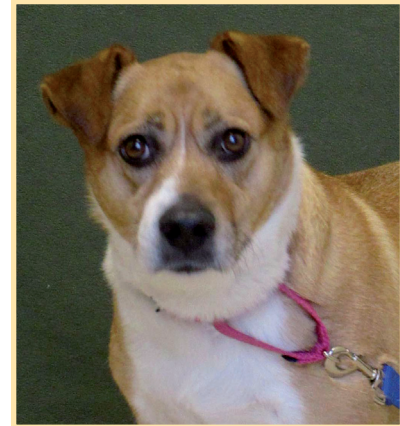
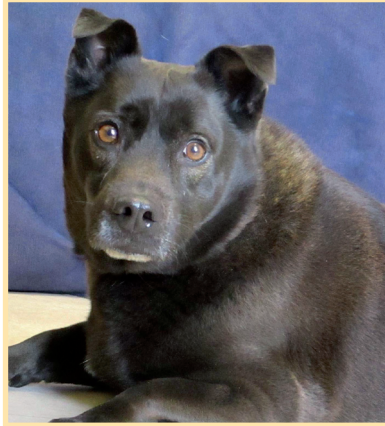
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ACE

Ace is Aces in our Book! Ace is the perfect name for this youngster because this boy is an ace at playing! He is energetic and loves to run and catch his toys, and he enjoys playing tug-of-war! He has learned cues, too, like "sit" and is learning good leash skills. Ace has beautiful markings and a great attitude towards life!



PANDA & PARIS

Perfect Pair Panda & Paris!

Panda is a 3-year-old Corgi and Beagle mix; Paris is a 5-year-old Corgi and Beagle Mix. They love to walk outside and use their noses. Their names are tied to their personalities—Panda enjoys lounging while Paris is an independent and busy dog. A home with teens and older would be best as they can be unsure of new people initially. They do not like to be separated so they have to be adopted together. Because of this, you get two dogs for the price of one!



ATLAS

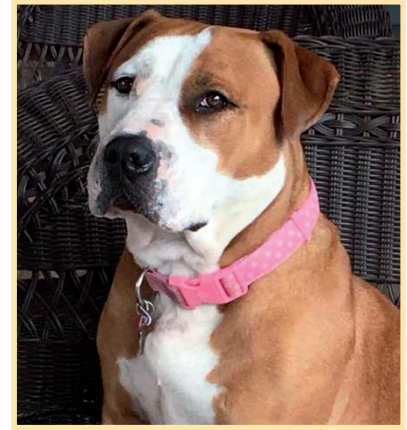
My name is Atlas, and I'm a 4-year-old Akita weighing in at 91lbs! With a proper intro, I'm ok with other dogs but not small animals. Also, because of my size, no small kids please. Even though I look big and bear-like, I have a heart of gold. I love to go on walks and runs, and a fenced-in backyard would be perfect.



BOOGIE

I'm Boogie, a 6-month-old, 38lb brindle Plott Hound Mix who is good with people, dogs and cats. I'm house trained/crate trained. Who's a big goofball who loves to cuddle, run around and play with my toys? I am!

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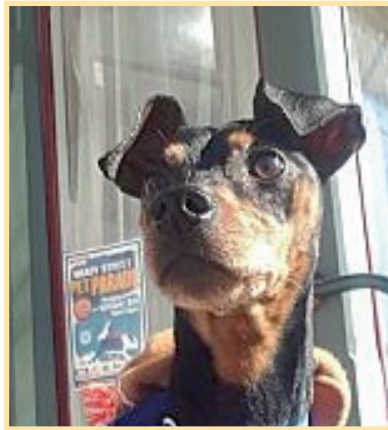
SADIE

Meet me—Sadie! I'm a 2-year-old spayed American Bulldog Mix. I am a happy dog that adores people. I am also curious about new places, people and animals. I love to play and am very active. Of course, I'm kennel trained and have had no accidents in the house. I learn super-fast and listen well.



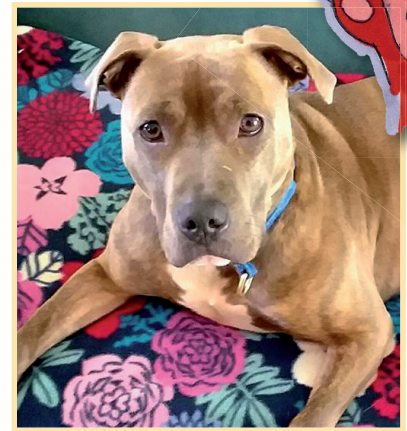
LOLA

Lola is a sweet, energetic, snugly, curious dog. She loves going for walks, toys, playing with her people, and exploring. She is still learning trust and can be shy. The best home for her would have older children. Meeting other dogs calls for well-managed introductions. Food is a huge motivator, and she already knows sit, stay, come, and is working on down. Her favorites are blankets, pillows, fluffy slippers, and your lap. Within minutes of meeting her, you'll know how much love Lola has to share!



CYPRESS

Cypress is a 7-year-old, 9lb Miniature Pinscher. He currently lives with other dogs and cats in his foster home. He is working on his basic commands, leash skills and some food aggression and resource guarding issues. Cypress prefers a home that's quiet and that has people who are patient with him and willing to help him continue his training. Cypress will "work" for a snack and is quite the social butterfly when he's out and about. Who has an open home and heart for this little cutie?



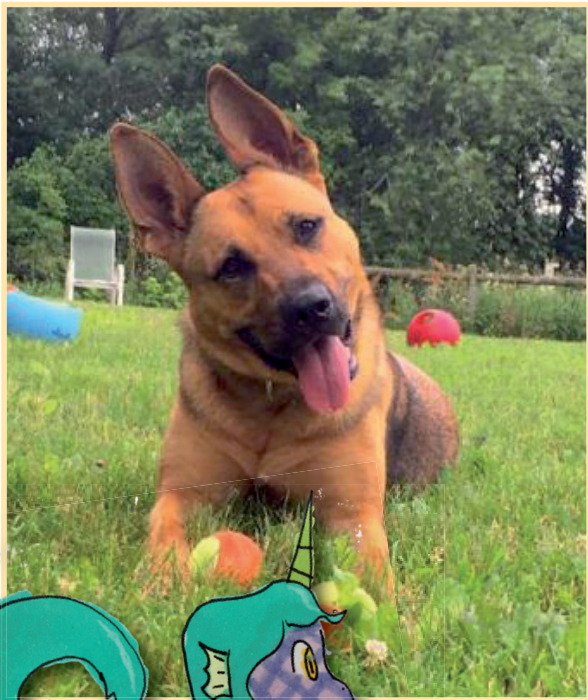
ADDY

Addy is a 1-year-old, 45lb shy girl at first but eventually becomes all love, cuddles and loyalty. An overnight kennel sleeper, she may remind you with a bark to let her outside for a bathroom break in the morning. Otherwise, she waits by the door to be let out, and on rainy days, she'll wait for you to dry her paws. She walks on a leash, sits and comes when called. Oddly enough, Addy photographs differently than she actually looks so come meet her in person. You won't want to leave without her.



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CASEY

Casey is a beautiful 3-year-old "Special Needs" German Shepherd Mix! She was brought to the shelter at the end of 2015 after being pulled from an overcrowded shelter and was pretty frightened when she first arrived. Since then, she's warmed up to people here, but Casey still hasn't been able to find her forever home. It is not known what happened to Casey before she got to the shelter. She would do best in a home with no other pets or children because she is fear aggressive. Her ideal home would be a quiet one with few visitors and with a single person or a couple who have experience with shy/fear aggressive dogs. Ideally, it should have a fenced yard for ball playing, possibly in the country. The adoption process for Casey is lengthy. Expect to visit her 5-6 times before actually getting to interact with her, and we have not been able to successfully befriend her to a man. We believe the right person is out there as she waits for her new best friend, and she will have your back no matter what!



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DRAKE

I am a 2-year-old male Cairn Terrier Mix. I love going for walks and do not mind getting dressed up! If you have endless treats and a couch for snuggling, then I am your guy. I am available for adoption through MADACC's Pre-Select adoption program.



STITCH

I am a 1-year-old male Pit Bull Mix. I am super sweet and playful, and I love treats. I certainly have the head tilt down! I would love an active family, but can definitely be down for a good cuddle session.

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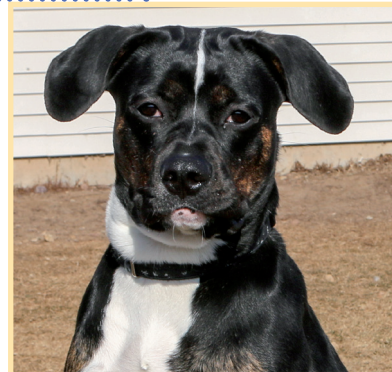
A Plott Hound Mix, I am a handsome young man with lots of energy. I walk well on a leash, know several commands and like to play with rope toys in the yard. I would do best with another dog, if it is a female. No cats in my home, please. I am very playful so another dog would need to meet my size and activity level. I love attention and will work for treats!

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DAISY MAY

A Bulldog/Terrier Mix, I am a small and compact bundle of energy! My favorite activity is to run and bounce in the play yard with a toy in my mouth. I love to go for a walk and know some commands. I can be dominant with other dogs. No cats, please. Children should be over 12 due to my energy level. I do love to cuddle, give kisses and have my back scratched.



SADIE

A Lab/Pit Mix, I am a young, bouncy, active girl with energy to spare. I like to bounce on my walks, play tug with a rope toy, and I love attention. I had a home with children, but I might need to have older children due to my high energy level. I am dominant with other dogs. No cats, please. In my previous home, I was able to be left alone and was house trained.

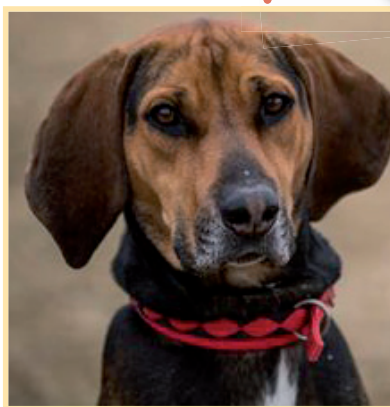
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CHOCHO

Chocho came to us as a breeding dog from down south from people who no longer had a use for him. We suspect he had very little human interaction so he is a little nervous around new people. Through some TLC by our staff, Chocho has come a long way in learning to trust and befriend humans. He would do best in a home with no other pets. He is looking for the perfect family to give him a chance to let his true personality shine.



DUKE

Duke is a 2-year-old Conhound Mix. He is a BIG sweetheart...this boy is huge! Like your typical hounds, he loves being outside and always has his nose to the ground. He has very good leash manners and listens well. Duke would do best in a home without cats or small dogs, but he loves people.



MITTENS

Our staff is baffled how Mittens is still with us. This sassy 10-year-old lady is one of our staff favorites. She is extremely sweet and loving and just loves attention from people. She needs to be the only cat in her home, but she is ok with small dogs. Mittens has been here since August and would love to finally meet her forever family!

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MOZART

OMG! Those ear tufts! Those cheeks! That crazy meow! Mozart is so so SO soft, and petting him will be a little bit of heaven for you. In profile Mozart, looks like a lion...roar! That is kind of hilarious when you hear his meow in person. This gorgeous guy can be a bit feisty so he needs to be in a home without kids or other pets. Feisty humans are okay, though.



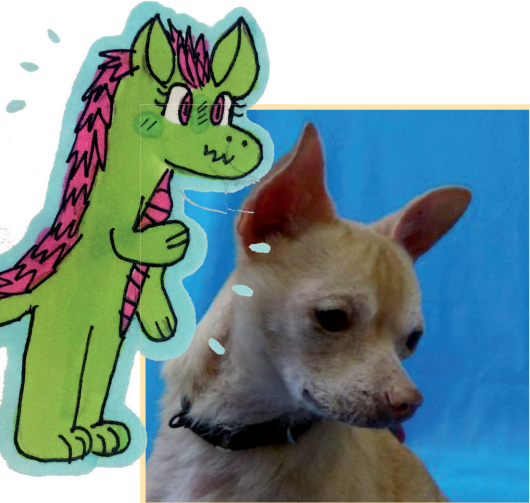
PARKER

Parker is a beautiful, energetic Catahoula Leopard Dog Mix looking for a job. He displays his smarts by locating hidden treats. Parker has a lot of energy and would benefit from a large yard and a run or long walk daily. He gets along with most other dogs but does not care for cats. He could live with children 2 years and older. Parker loves to sit, lay down, come and shake. If you offer him attention he will respond gratefully.



ZEUS

Zeus is a handsome American Pit Bull Terrier Mix that was a stray. Zeus is highly food-motivated and is quite adept at catching treats in the air. With his energy level and natural talents, Zeus would make a great agility dog. He would prefer to be the only animal in the household but does tolerate some dogs. Zeus is smart and demonstrates it with several moves. He knows sit, down, stay, come, and recognizes his name.



DRAKE

Greetings, my name is Drake. I think I am absolutely adorable, and I am sure you will agree. I do well with other dogs so a dog buddy is possible; I am very tolerant. A feline and I could be roommates because I am respectful of cats, but truth be told, they frighten me a little. I would be good in a home with gentle children of all ages. So if you are looking for a charming and suave little guy, I may be the one for you.



SAMMY

I'm Sammy. In your home, I must be your only 4-legged critter as I cannot share my home with any other dogs or cats. Fast movements make me anxious, and I have some trust issues with people reaching over my head so any children in my new home should be 15 years or older. They must understand my idiosyncrasies. Stop by to meet me in person and discover how dynamic and effervescent I am - we are going to have a blast.



SOLOMON

My name is Solomon. I have a wanderlust spirit and a nose for adventure. That may be related to why I was a stray. I do enjoy romping with dog buddies but only the tolerant type because I can be a tad pushy. A kitty roommate is possible because I am respectful of felines, but children in my new home should be 6 years or older. I am a sweet soul who cannot wait to meet you.

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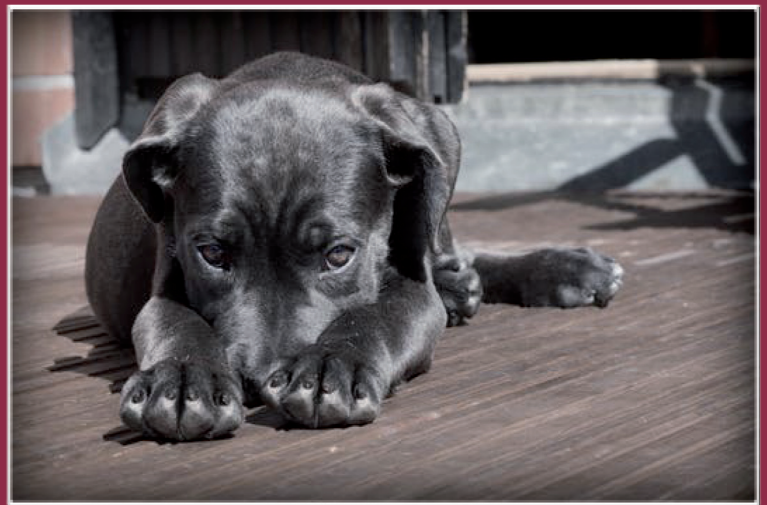
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1. Repeated vomiting and/or diarrhea
2. Not eating or drinking
3. Struggling to urinate/defecate
4. Overall restlessness, panting, lethargy, “just not right”
5. Difficulty breathing
6. Loss of use of rear legs, collapse, or profound weakness
7. Major trauma/severe pain
8. Toxin/poison ingestion
9. Continual coughing
10. Seizures

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