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eautiful Belle is our fall cover dog. As she stands tall in this urban setting, she embodies the courageous spirit that is potentially inside every dog regardless of breed, age or gender. Courage is one of the most important traits in society today. So please take a look into the world of our Courageous Canines & Their Owners and let us know your thoughts.



I'm John Theisen, and I've been delivering Fetch magazines in southeast Wisconsin since the Fall Edi-

tion of 2009 when Ginny (my wife) and Marie Tubbin (our friend) bought Fetch from the original owner

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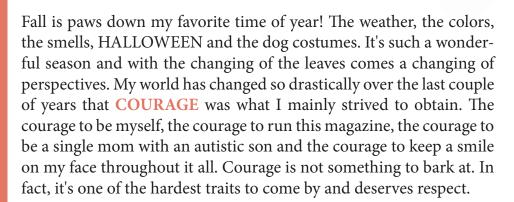
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EDITOR'S PAW

My heart goes out to all of those dogs that have had the courage to risk their lives for their humans and those with the courage to endure pain and suffering and still be kind, loving dogs. We are not the only creatures of God that struggle to live in a society that can work against us. So many dogs are in a constant state of survival and don't get the opportunity to just be a dog! We so often take for granted our comfy beds and three meals a day. Some dogs are just lucky to be alive as are some people. My hand extends to those of you who have had the courage to rescue a dog in need of a home (Just One Tail) or fight for your own survival with a furry angel in tow (Boston Strong). You are the true example of what this world yearns for. You are courageous in spite of it all, and I wish there were more of you out here!

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- She has been patiently waiting at the Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee Campus & is hoping to find her family soon!
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- Could she be your perfect match?

- ...is 5 years old, weighs 15lbs & loves to crawl into the first lap he sees.
- He's intelligent, curious & affectionate, making him an excellent companion. Sobaka has shown signs of separation anxiety & is in search of a quiet home without kids under 13, cats or other animals. He's got so much love to give & just needs to find his match. Stop by the Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee Campus to meet Sobaka today!



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- ...is a 5-year-old sweet Bull Terrier Mix.
- She is a very mellow lady & knows her basic commands.
- She gets along with kids & other dogs.
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- Jax does require a special home.
- He needs a fenced-in yard.
- Jax has a heart murmur, so he is looking for a quiet home as he doesn't like other kids & dogs bugging him at this time.
- Jax walks well on a leash & does great in his crate.
- Contact us to see if Jax is the life partner you've been looking for.

With Bomb Threats and Terror Attacks Becoming the New Norm, a Local Organization is Advocating to Include Police K-9 Units in Every Wisconsin Municipality

his year, the MECA Wisconsin Police Canine Vest Foundation (MECA Foundation) introduced its new program, Community SafeZone©.

Community SafeZone© will bring local businesses and individuals together to raise funds for their neighborhood police k-9 unit.

"It is my sincere belief that every community should have a police dog, and I'm extremely passionate about helping make that happen," says Dr. Lichtenberger founder of the MECA Foundation and the owner of the Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals.

"Almost every day you're hearing about one of our schools evacuating because of a bomb threat or learning about a terrorist attack that happened overseas. Now they're hitting our homeland! It's time we get proactive as a community and start doing our part to protect our communities, our families," Lichtenberger added.

K-9's play a vital role in the community. According to PennLive, a Lansing,

Michigan study proved that a single K-9 team was able to complete building searches seven times faster than a team of four officers. The K-9 teams had a 93 percent success rate, while the human team lagged behind at 59 percent.

"Most police k-9 units are not funded by the government they serve. Many of them only exist because of donations and grants from generous businesses and individuals. I'm flabbergasted when I think that every police department is not required, and funded, to implement and maintain a k-9 unit," noted Lichtenberger.

"There are simply not enough funds for most agencies to include the cost of K-9s and their up-keep in the general budget."

According to the National Police Dog Foundation, K-9s are considered a specialty unit, which means technically they could run a department without them, unlike police cars, police officers, and their training. 80-plus percent of a police department's budget goes toward

salary, and the remaining 20 percent is needed to acquire equipment and training for the officers. There are simply not enough funds for most agencies to include the cost of K-9s and their up-keep in the general budget.

A K-9's duties include street patrols, drug detection, search and recovery, tracking suspects, searches for suspects or missing people, weapon detection, explosives detection and more. The cost of a police K-9 can vary from \$8,000 - \$20,000 fully trained.

Community SafeZone® expands on the MECA Foundation's mission which aims to provide total wellness for Wisconsin police k-9's offering early veterinary care, raising funds to help purchase and train police K-9's for police departments, providing police K-9's with protective vests, supplying the police K-9 units with various equipment.

Through our Community SafeZone© program, the MECA Foundation will assist in appointing a "community ambassador", aid in implementing the program with local police departments, and certify each municipality as a Community SafeZone© once their police k-9 unit is up and running.

"To say we're enthusiastic about this program is an understatement. To think of the impact it will have on communities throughout Wisconsin, and the possibility of expanding from there - it's limitless. Every neighborhood deserves to be protected. I'm honored to help make that happen," added Lichtenberger.

Businesses and citizens interested in implementing a Community SafeZone© in their area, or seeing how they can participate, are encouraged to contact the MECA Foundation.





To Serve & Protect:

KIAH Overcomes All Odds

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCE WRITER

oughkeepsie Police Department's newest rookie tips the scale at 75 pounds, has a silky tan coat, a steady stream of giant spit bubbles dangling from her mouth and a chance to take a bite out of the Pit Bull stereotype: an inherently vicious beast only fit for the company of gang members.

Rewind one-year. Kiah (pronounced KY'-uh) is the one that needs to be saved from a real, bone-a-fide criminal - her former owner who smashed her in the head with a hammer and left her to die behind a Texas convenience store. After she was found stumbling through the streets of Kirby, Texas, bloody, she was whisked away to a local animal shelter, where she received extensive vet care and recovered.

The only reminder? A permanent bump on her forehead. "She wasn't holding a grudge," says Stacey Coleman, the executive director of New York-based Animal Farm, a nonprofit working to secure equal treatment and opportunity for Pit Bulls. Unfortunately, "the Pit Bull label comes with some baggage," she says, pointing out that there isn't a legal, genetic or kennel club definition for "Pit Bulls".

Half a million Pit Bulls - dogs with chiseled, square bodies and wedge-shaped heads - are euthanized in U.S. shelters each year. It was Kiah's "sweetheart", goofball personality coupled with her toy drive, "the willingness, the satisfac-



tion, the desire that comes from playing with a ball or favorite toy" that saved her from such a bleak fate. "She'll do whatever you want her to if that means you'll throw a tennis ball for her," Coleman says. "She's always full of energy." Case-in-Point: Brad Croft, the director of operations for Universal K9, first spotted her leaping five feet into the air inside of her kennel, completely unfazed by the flurry of activity surrounding her.

Animal Farm provided the funds for Universal K9 to train Kiah, making her the first Pit Bull cop in New York—and one of only nine Pit Bull K9s in the country. "Brad Croft adheres to training methodology that aligns with our humane mission," Coleman says. "In other words, what we are looking for and what we've found in Brad, is a trainer that doesn't come with biases based on what a dog looks like and doesn't assume that a dog needs to be yanked and pulled and punished for behavior that is not appropriate.

The K9 Detection Program rescues pitties from the Austin Pets Alive! shelter system, "proving to the world that these dogs can do the same job traditionally reserved for purebred dogs," typically German Shepherds or Belgian Malinois, which costs taxpayers as much as \$15,000 per dog.

After 18 weeks of training, the threeyear-old pitty was partnered with Officer Justin Bruzgul, who's been on the force for 14 years. Kiah helps Bruzgul with the "everyday running of calls," such as burglaries and 911 hang ups. She is also a dual-certified canine, able to sniff out drugs and missing people. When other officers see what Kiah can do, "Their mouths just drop," he says. "They can't believe it."

This American Dog Awards' Nominee and her handlers have shown their skills off at many local schools. "Our demonstrations consist of obedience," he says. "Depending on [the students'] ages, we'll do narcotics searches, if they understand the concept. We'll do article searches where we'll throw items we've had the kids hold onto for 10 to 15 minutes ... into a field. Then we'll send Kiah out, and she'll locate the items by downing on them or pointing her nose."

On and off of the clock, "all she wants to do is play." Kiah loves infants, kids and her doggie siblings: Cosmo, a Jack Russell, and Cody, a German Shepherd. Her paycheck comes in the form of hugs, window rides, and of course, Penn tennis balls. Wherever Officer Bruzgul goes, everyone wants to meet her. "People love the idea that a Pit Bull can be a K9," he says.

Kiah proves that a dog's breed or past circumstances really don't matter. With an open mind and a little tender-lovingcare, shelter dogs "can become valuable assets." After all, it pays to give Pit Bulls a second chance, saving lives on both sides, human and animal. "Kiah's not just a stray we picked up off the street," Office Bruzgul says. "She's actually my partner [and my family]."



nna Nirva, co-founder of Coonhound & Foxhound Companions Inc. - an advocacy organization and shelter hound vet fund started in 2010 - and proud owner of a rescued American English Coonhound, makes a great case for the recognition and rescue of Coonhounds. "It's their time," she says, just as it happened with Pit Bulls and Greyhounds before them. Generally speaking, Nirva says people don't know enough about homeless Coonhounds to seek them out for adoption. But she hopes to change this by raising public awareness and knowledge about Coonhounds or "coonies", the only breeds that were bred and developed in the United States.

What is a Coonhound?

There are six types: American English, Black and Tan, Bluetick, Plott Hound,

Redbone and Treeing Walker. These breeds were developed in the eighteenth century by American settlers who needed dogs that could hunt over a variety of terrains, including heavily forested areas. The Plott, however, has some German ancestry. Each of the Coonhound breeds look a little different, but they all share the distinction of having soft, long ears. They are also all highly prey-driven, with a superior hunting instinct.

Coonhounds were bred to be rugged, determined, brave, fearless, tenacious and vocal in the pursuit of raccoons, bears, boars and other game. But they have also been described as sweetly gentle, loving, even-tempered, amiable and mellow.

Nirva says that although all Coonhounds are born with specific traits, not every breed exhibits all of these traits. She emphasizes that much like the variety of coat colors and patterns that occur in Coonies, there are more differences between individual dogs than between breeds. There are Coonhound tendencies, but there is no one Coonhound template.

Because they are pack-oriented however, Coonies are good around both people (including kids) and other dogs. They have good social skills and can adapt well to various indoor and outdoor environments; but they do require patient and kind training. Coonies can be used in agility, therapy, search and rescue, conformation and obedience. They also have an "on/off" switch meaning they are not 24/7 goers. Although they are more than happy to participate in activities, when the "job" is done, they are quite ready for leisure time!





BRAVE BREEDS

TOP Brave Breeds

BY JESSICA PAIRRETT, FREELANCE WRITER

ur beloved dogs show us their multi-faceted personalities everv day. Displaying unconditional love, acting silly, stubborn & playful are just a handful of their signature characteristics. But when you talk bravery & courage, certain breeds may stand out from the pack.

Here, take a look at five of those fearless breeds...

ST. BERNARD



HISTORY: Hailing from Switzerland, the breed once guarded that country's Hospice Saint Bernard. The dog is perhaps better known as the iconic rescuer, searching for those in danger, like those victim to an avalanche.

PERSONALITY: Friendly, outgoing, patient, calm, sweet and affectionate.

HERO: Barry, one of the Hospice dogs, is recognized as the world's most successful rescue dog. Fearless Barry took on the treacherous Alpine pass, bravely saving more than 40 people despite freezing weather and blizzards. Barry may be the most famous, but other Hospice dogs saved travelers-more than 2,000 over three centuries.

TODAY: The breed enjoys a life with his family, including children, and is successful in both the show ring and obedience trials.

GERMAN SHEPHERD



HISTORY: Farmers in Germany and throughout Europe used these dogs to drive and protect their herds. Centuries later in the 1800s, the modern-day shepherd developed, a dog still used for herding but also for military and police work.

PERSONALITY: Extremely courageous, devoted, smart and adaptable.

HERO: Chips, a decorated war hero, was honored with a Silver Star for valor and a Purple Heart for his wounds. He had many courageous deeds during his World War II service, such as alerting soldiers of an impending ambush. He is most famous, however, for launching himself at a hidden pillbox after he and his handler came under fire. Enemy soldiers surrendered and Chips, although injured, later that night returned to duty and aided in the capture of additional enemy troops.

TODAY: Chips is but one of many brave German Shepherds on record. Nemo served in Vietnam and selflessly saved his handler during an attack one night. Appollo was a search and rescue (SAR) dog with the New York Police Department and the first K-9 unit to respond to the World Trade Center attack. Valdo, a bomb-sniffing dog in Afghanistan, bravely shielded four troops from a rocket-propelled grenade; he survived.



BELGIAN MALINOIS AMER. PIT BULL TERRIER LABRADOR RETRIEVER



HISTORY: Developed in Belgium for herding, they were also guard and draught dogs. This was the first breed to be used by Belgium's police force.

PERSONALITY: Confident, protective, intelligent and hardworking.

HERO: Lucca was hailed as a U.S. Marine Corps hero. After training and becoming a top search dog, Lucca served in Iraq and Afghanistan. She led more than 400 patrols, uncovered myriad explosives and helped apprehend four insurgents who were major IED manufacturers. Lucca was injured during her final mission yet her first response was to turn and protect her handler.

TODAY: The breed continues to serve as police and protection dogs, and as family pets. Layka is one such dog, who lost her leg after saving her handler from gunfire; he paid it forward by adopting the dog. "These dogs are just like our brothers," handler Staff Sgt. Julian McDonald told National Geographic. "Our hats go off to them."



HISTORY: Although created for bulland bear-baiting in England, those who immigrated to America became farm dogs that hunted, guarded and provided companionship.

PERSONALITY: Brave, smart, confident & playful.

HERO: Sergeant Stubby, highly decorated and the most famous dog of World War I. His accomplishments are many, including the capture of a German spy and surviving a gas attack. The gas made Stubby's nose more sensitive and he went on to save countless American soldiers from other potential gas attacks. Georgetown University even made Stubby their official mascot.

TODAY: These dogs don't need to serve overseas to show bravery. Take Dboy, who saved his family from a frightening home invasion, later receiving the People's Hero Award. Peaches, a therapy dog, brought comfort to those affected by the Boston Marathon bombing. Lilly saved her person from being hit by a freight train. And there's Elle, awarded 2013's American Hero Dog, a therapy dog who is helping to reverse misconceptions about Pit Bull-type dogs.



HISTORY: From Newfoundland, these dogs were companions and helpers to fishermen.

PERSONALITY: Energetic, outgoing and super friendly.

HERO: Roselle, a yellow Lab who led her blind person down 78 floors of the World Trade Center's Tower One on 9/11. Roselle and her handler emerged from the tower just moments before it collapsed. She went on to be honored with 2011's American Hero Dog award.

TODAY: The Lab is America's most popular dog, and it's not hard to see why. Their personality allows them to serve as assistance, SAR, hunting, drug/detection and therapy dogs.

he St. Bernard, German Shepherd, Belgian Malinois, American Pit Bull Terrier and Labrador Retriever are only five examples of brave dog breeds from the hundreds out there - not even counting all the wonderful mutts.

Which is your top pick and why? Share your story on FETCH's Facebook page.





here's no denying it, dogs and humans have a special bond. We've all had our hearts warmed by stories of courageous canines literally saving someone's life. From the dog that sacrificed itself to stop deadly cobras from getting to his owners to dogs alerting their owners of a dangerous fire, there are many stories of mighty mutts getting their humans out of harm's way.

Courage is facing dangerous situations with confidence and determination to face the situation. Dogs are courageous when they go out of their way to help humans avoid harm. Most people call a dog courageous when the dog acts on its own in extreme circumstances.

Dagny McKinley, author of "Wild Hearts: Dog Sledding The Rockies", shares the story of how her dog, Alma Rose, courageously saved her twice from wild moose.

"The first time I was in an open meadow when I heard a noise. I turned and happened to catch the eye of a bull moose several hundred feet away. He began charging. I had nowhere to go. Fortunately, my dog spotted the moose and charged at him." Afterwards McKinley reports that the moose turned around and left.

McKinley and her dog were hiking the second time Alma Rose saved her. Mc-Kinley's dog was behind her, trying to catch up, when she caught the attention of another bull moose. Instead of letting the moose chase after McKinley, Alma Rose ran at the creature to force him to pay attention to her instead of her owner. "Each time he turned back towards me, she came back and lured him away. He ended up following us and we had to crouch in a bush for twenty minutes while he circled us before he slowly wandered away."

McKinley isn't alone in having a dog that protected her from danger. Gill Lacey works with several charities that train hearing and medical detection dogs. When she was 19, her dog Trudii saved her life. Each time she would come home, Trudii would lick and nibble a mole on her leg.

It wasn't until Lacey had read "Plague Dogs" where the dogs describe cancer as having a bad smell that she knew why Trudii was licking her mole. Lacey immediately had the mole removed and went back in for a wider excision before the cancer could spread any further.

What makes some dogs leap to their owner's rescue while others cower in fear when danger strikes?

Dog psychology is still a new field so there aren't any definite answers to this question. But, there are plenty of ideas. Dog behavioral experts have differing theories on what makes a dog jump to a human's rescue. We've included the top theories below.

Training:

Some dogs, like search and rescue and police dogs, undergo special training to help save people, whereas others learn how to identify and attack dangerous people. Both of these types of dogs undergo rigorous training and do not behave like the common housepet.

Pack Mentality:

Dogs descended from wolves and have inherited the strong pack instinct. Wolves do everything together: hunt-



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ing, raising pups and finding a place to live. When humans decided to domesticate dogs long ago, they became a part of this pack. Because of this history of domestication, dogs have the instinct to help those they see as part of their pack ingrained into their genes.

When we live with dogs, they tend to see us as part of their pack. Dogs may then defend us in times of crisis because they believe they are protecting their family.

Kelli Doughman, certified Wisconsin Dog Trainer, believes that a dog's decision to help someone in danger comes down to pack dynamics that have developed over thousands of years.

"While that instinct can be harvested to create a police dog or a gentle giant around children, most dogs are born with the basic instinct to protect their pack." Doughman says that breed and environment do play a role in how well dogs tap into this pack mentality. "While some dogs are naturally able to effectively tap into their protective instinct, others need to be trained and carefully raised."

She explains that breeds known for their sensitivity and protective nature can be confused as to what role they play in a pack. Trust issues from abuse or events from their puppyhood can cause them to be unsure of how they fit in. Dogs that aren't stable in their pack order are less likely to realize when someone is in trouble, making them less likely to come to a human's rescue.

"Dogs who understand their role in a pack and have trust in their owners are much more likely to have the confidence to understand danger and have the trust in themselves to effectively tap into their survival instincts."

Emotional Connection:

We've all heard the saying that Dog is Man's best friend. There is something special about the bonds that owners make with their canine companions. Dogs have a special ability to know who their people are, and they notice when their people aren't around. Although dogs and humans don't speak the same language, it's clear that they are able to form deep emotional bonds with each other.

Jennifer Prill, from Side Kick Dog Training, believes that this strong emotional bond will make the difference in whether or not a dog decides to come to his owner's aid. "When we have a good relationship with our animals, they are willing participants in training, in interacting with us, in creatively offering behaviors we haven't asked for or trained! Therefore, I think it's entirely possible that the relationship between a dog owner and their dog could influence a dog to act (or not act) in an uncertain situation." That isn't to say that your loving companion will jump to your rescue no matter what. "Just like not all humans jump to action to help strangers or loved ones in an emergency, not all dogs are brave enough, strong enough or confident enough to make the snap decisions needed," says Prill.

Breed:

Mary Jackson from K-9 Perfection believes that a dog protecting a human has a lot to do with their breed. She says, "Dogs are extremely loyal and will do anything to protect their family. A dog will focus on what needs to be done."

Jackson explains that some breeds have been bred for hunting, working and protecting people while others tend to be more skittish. German Shepherds and Rottweilers tend to be more protective of their owners while Chihuahuas and Maltese tend to be more anxious and shy.

But she does have some advice for owners that don't think their dog will save them in dangerous situations.

"Just because your dog doesn't protect you doesn't mean they don't care about you. They might not be a dog with a protective nature. They might be looking to you for protection. Some breeds are very unlikely to become protection dogs; it is not in their nature."

Because dogs have been bred for different traits throughout the years, their natural tendencies equip some of them to be defensive better then others. Some breeds were bred to work better with humans, while others were bred for looks and other traits.

After hearing from all of these experts, it's clear that there isn't just one factor to consider when it comes to dogs protecting their people. Each dog and situation is different.

Has your dog proven his worth in a scary situation? Let "FETCH" know via Facebook.



BREED CONTINUED

A Coonie might not be the dog for you if you cannot provide adequate exercise time and space, or if you cannot ensure that he won't take off. As a Scent hound, a Coonie can climb a tree or fence if his nose picks up something appealing. And they can be loud! Coonhounds were bred to let you know when they have found their prey. "The Bay," as it is called, can consist of a variety of tones from soft and subtle to a loud, prolonged song. Again, every individual dog will be different!

Health Concerns

Coonhounds are still very popular today with hunters, especially in the South, and in a sense that heritage has kept Coonies pretty healthy. They are not prone to hip or joint problems, but may suffer from allergies.

Why the Need for Rescue Now?

There are a lot of Coonhounds in the South, and they are tremendously valued there as hunting dogs. However, because they are all individuals with differing abilities, they don't all turn out to be great hunters. There are few, if any, no kill shelters in the South, and there is a lot of overcrowding.

In his story "Northbound Toward Home" on bittersoutherner.com, Cy Brown specifically chronicles a rescue trip by Peterson Express Transport Services from Tennessee to shelters in the North East. Brown says that in the South "more than a million healthy, adoptable dogs are put down every year." He says that there is less municipal money for animal control and care there, and there is a resistance to spaying and neutering. The bottom line is that the supply of dogs needing forever homes far exceeds the demand for them. Using big rigs and teams of truck drivers and dog walkers, P.E.T.S. regularly delivers Southern dogs to better homes in the North.

Closer to home, Chris and Daphne Roy work in the Midwest, and as the founders of Doobert.com – a software that helps individuals plan transports and fundraisers, find fosters, photographers and much more – they oversee animal transport to rescues and shelters locally, nationally and internationally. Nirva is full of praise for Doobert, and she works with them often.

She volunteers tirelessly for Coonhounds in Wisconsin through education, advocacy and shelter work. Locally, she is especially involved with the Elmbrook Humane Society, which has been particularly receptive to Coonhound arrivals and adoptions. Anna was happy to say that "word is getting out" about Coonhounds in need, but that rescue efforts still need to be stronger. And isn't it about time for our only truly American breeds to take center stage?

Please pause and take a few minutes to remember all of the victims of 911 and all the courageous folks and canines called to service after that very dark moment in our history.

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From the Writer:

On April 21, 2015, my beloved Afghan Hound (and previous Fetch cover boy) Digby died. He had suffered congestive heart failure fifteen months earlier, and at that time his future looked bleak. He was the last of our three Afghan brothers and a real survivor.

My care giving right up until the day Digby died was intensive to say the least. In addition to being closely watched by his cardiologist Dr. Jamie Fleming, Digby received excellent food, many supplements and essential oils. I did Reiki and said affirmations. But of course as we know, when the end time comes we must do what is best.

Two days after my "heart dog" died, I was taken to the emergency room with all the signs of a heart attack. Fortunately, even though I really did have a heart attack, it was not because my heart was sick. I had experienced stress cardiomyopathy, or broken heart syndrome, a condition associated with intense stress, grief or fear. Yes! For three months I was without a dog - for the first time in almost twenty years. I was really lost.

Enter Tazi! A full brother to our previous dogs, although two years younger, Tazi needed a home. His owner had died, and he had gone back to the breeder. But she didn't want him. On July 24, just two hours before he was to be euthanized, my husband and I brought Tazi home.

Here was another brother to love! A little shy, Tazi nonetheless adapted well to city life and cats. On our first walk together, a neighbor commented that I was just glowing! At age twelve, Tazi is both well loved and cared for, and I am delighted that he is in our lives. We saved each other!



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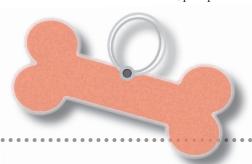
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1.	Moti is a German who was
	shot by an intruder who then ran off
	without harming her family
6.	Shelby saved two adults and two children
٠.	from carbon monoxide poisoning - she
	them from sleep and got them all
	outside unharmed
10	Gold symbol
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	Medical title (abbr)
	Opposite NE
13.	Rocky is a police dog who took a
	in the paw and still chased down the
1.0	burglar
	"Do you want to go?"
	I'll be back minute
	Between D and G
20.	Shana is half wolf, half German Shepherd
	who saved an elderly couple from a
	treacherous, digging out a
	tunnel and pulling them back to their home
	Arranged in lines
	ER worker, perhaps
	Football pos.
28.	Comes between re and fa
30.	Particular poetic contraction
32.	The rocks
33.	Nyla led her owner out of the house
	when it caught
34.	Kankuntu saved his family from
	hijackers when they tried to take their
	41-foot yacht
36.	Symbol for tin
37.	Smelled really, really bad
38.	Close by
	Type genus, shortened
41.	Ave. cousin
42.	Short for British thermal unit
43.	It's raining and dogs!
	CA city
47.	Denver state (abbr)
48.	Toby is a golden retriever who leapt hard
	onto the chest of his owner who was
	on an apple
51.	Already there
	Apiece (abbr)
	Cabbage-like plant
	Shade of blue
	Comes before sect or cycle
	Northern Territory, shortened
	Short for United Kingdom
	Not Mac
	Animal doc
	Ginny sustained severe cuts on her paws
	to find an injured cat in a box of glass

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DOWN
1. Neo, a husky, went for help when
his owner went into hypoglycemic shock
2. Buddy
3. Tints of color
4. (see 41 across)
5. Katrina is a black Labrador who saved a
man from rising flood waters
6. Zoey, a Chihuahua, rescued a one-year-old
child from a three foot
7. The two of
8. Napoleon, an English bulldog, defied the
poor skills of his breed to go far
out into a lake to rescue six kittens in a
burlap sack
9. Belle was taught to 911 by biting on a
cell phone, saving her diabetic owner who
was having a seizure
14. Piloted by an ET
15. Nashville state (abbr)
17. United States, shortened
21. Either partner
22. More than eight hrs.
24. Kaze located a missing who was
found under a bridge in a coma
25. Prophet
29. Irritate
31. Short for rod or round
33. Between mi and sol
35 Junior is a ship tru who saved his family

as well as visiting _____, from a fire

36. Hero, a golden retriever, saved his para-
lyzed owner who got his wheelchair
in a muddy field by pulling him free with a rope
40. Blue, an Australian blue heeler, took on an
alligator when it tried to his 85-year-
old owner
42. Patty, a yellow lab, saved her owner from
drowning when his had capsized in
freezing water
43. Shade
14. Symbol for titanium
45. Brutus, a golden retriever, saved a young child from a deadly coral
46. Nellie, a black, detected an intruder in
the house and alerted the whole family
•
47. Roselle, a yellow lab, led her owner outside to safety through the smoke from the World
Trade
19. Half a laugh
50. Gentlemen's Quarterly, for short
55. Skyward
58. Small stringed instruments, shortened

61. School district's web address ending

62. Sis relation

70. About (abbr)

63. Short for operation

64. Las Vegas state (abbr)

67. Short for audiovisual

66. Falkland Islands, shortened

65. Formally surrender

69. Utterance of hesitation

68. Physical education, shortened

71. Trakr dug through 30 feet of unstable

debris at the "ground zero" site to locate

the last human _____ of the attack

__ her owner from

66. Quite a distance

72. Maya, a pit bull, _

a vicious attacker

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- 1. Alertness
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hen we think of courageous dogs, we tend to think of dogs like Balto and Rin-Tin-Tin: police dogs, military working dogs, dogs that get their owners out of burning houses or drive away vicious wildlife. But I'm pretty sure dogs don't see it that way. To a police dog, chasing a bad guy is fun! If dogs could make nominations for courage among their own species, I think the list would look a little different. Following is a list of challenges that can call for true grit in a dog.

- Of course, the classic test of courage is the veterinarian's office. This includes the veterinarian him- or herself and everything associated, from thermometers to needles. But some staff-owned pets come to the office on a regular basis and aren't scared there. I am pretty sure they brag about this to other dogs.
- Loud, sudden noises. Frankly, fireworks and thunder sound to a dog as if heaven were growling at you. There are lots of dogs who take to their basements or closets when the summer skies get noisy. There are lots of dogs who take medication to help them get through the scary times (ask your vet if you think your dog should be one of them). And then there are the hunting dogs who will stand there calm as a cucumber while their owner fires a gun. It's partly breeding, partly training and all nerves of steel.
- Slippery floors and stairs. No dog is particularly fond of treacherous footing. Agility dogs who can handle obstacles

like ramps and teeter-totters must seem to other dogs as if they have superpowers.

- Being alone. It is not a normal state for a dog and some of them find it terrifying. Dogs in the throes of separation anxiety have been known to cause themselves serious harm in their frantic attempts to rejoin their pack. And then there are terriers, who seem to find the existence of other dogs offensive and will fight a much bigger dog to get some much-needed personal space. These dogs, apparently, have never heard of fear.
- Intruders seem to trigger archaic instincts in most dogs. Garbage trucks, UPS drivers, meter readers, landscapers and assorted others who don't belong in their territory set off alarms in dogs' heads. Many dogs, however, find they can banish these trespassers by barking at them; once they learn that trick, they can be very brave indeed.
- Car rides seem to take some getting used to, and some dogs never manage to get used to them. There is a loud, irregular roaring noise. The floor vibrates and shifts under one's feet. The world rushes by at sickening speed. There is a weird smoky smell. A sensitive dog finds this terrifying. And then there are those dogs (they are usually Labradors) who shove their heads out the window and love every second of it. Apparently the line between terrifying and exciting is a pretty fine one.
- Water. Lots of dogs find baths scary. Maybe it's the slippery tub; maybe it's the roar of the faucet; maybe the water is too cold, or too hot, or too tickly

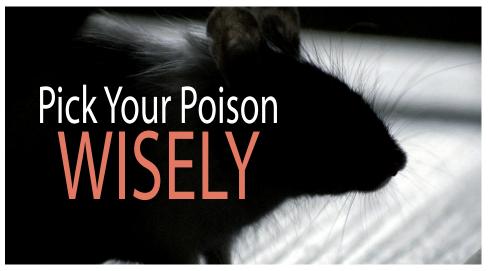
or something. To many dogs, a bath is torture. And then there are those dogs (Labradors again, more often than not) who don't care whether the water is cold or muddy; if it's not frozen solid, they're going in it.

- Cats. A full threat display with puffed tail, bared teeth and irritable hiss has caused many a dog to reconsider how badly he or she wanted to play with the kitty. For those who didn't learn quickly enough, a set of claws in the nose or lip has sometimes made the lesson crystal clear. Now, there are certainly dogs whose prey drive is enough to spur them to attack cats in spite of the obvious dangers. But the ones I have to admire are the ones who have been put in their place by a cat but who make friends anyway.
- Lastly, and most terrifying of all: The Vacuum Cleaner. ... Never mind, I don't know any dogs who aren't scared of the vacuum.

Courage is the ability to do what is needed even in the face of fear, pain or grief. It can be argued that some of these dogs aren't as much courageous as they are reckless, if perhaps it just doesn't occur to them to be afraid. But I think most dogs are well aware of the hazards they face. They just aren't going to let them stand in the way of a good time. They especially aren't going to let scary things keep them away from their people. That's what courage is made for.



Dr. Megan Tremelling, Lakeshore Veterinary Specialist



BY LINDSEY FOSTER, DVM, MILWAUKEE EMERGENCY CENTER FOR ANIMALS

magine you're sitting in your house, and you hear a scurry across the floor. You brush it off thinking you're hearing things, but then you hear it again. Then you see it: a mouse in your house. You also know when there is one, there is probably many more. So what do you do? You go to the store to get the famous rodenticide called D-con that will get rid of the problem quickly because it has worked for generations. It's what your parents did and their parents as well. When you get to the store you don't see it, but you do see a brightly-colored box with a dead mouse on it, and you hope it works just as well. You would be wrong.

The rodenticide products available today, though they are more nature-friendly than past products which were anticoagulants, are now neurotoxins. In 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made new regulations that rodenticide manufacturers should phase out the use of anticoagulants to make them safer for children, pets and wildlife. The EPA makes very good points for the shift away from using anticoagulants for children and wildlife, but it is leading to a potentially disastrous, unintended consequence for our pets, making treatment for those who ingest them different.

What consumers don't realize is that the new formulations have a sweet taste that is appealing to your dog. You may not know he has eaten it until he seems a little lazy and is acting funny. Then seizures start. An examination at the emergency vet would reveal all the signs of him getting into the mouse poison you put out the day before.

Treatment requirements are now different. Poisoning by the old rodenticides containing an anticoagulant was fairly easy to confirm with a test for blood clotting time. If it was caught within 3 to 4 days of ingestion, treatment was simple and curative: oral vitamin K could be given to replace the vitamin K that was taken away by the rodent poison.

There was still a chance of much more serious complications requiring blood transfusions, hospitalization, and there was still a chance of death. But there was a better chance at diagnosis and treatment than with the new formulation.

The new rodenticides contain a neurotoxin called bromethalin. It is very fast-acting, and signs can appear within 2 to 24 hours after ingestion. It causes brain swelling and central nervous system disturbance. Symptoms vary depending on amount ingested and can include unsteadiness, weakness, muscle tremors, depression, vomiting, high fever, stiffness of the front limbs and seizures. Once an animal is showing neurologic signs effective treatment becomes more difficult and costly. There is no test for bromethalin poisoning, and more importantly there is no treatment. The only thing that can be done is to induce vomiting early to get the poison out of the body and offering supportive care. If the symptoms have not progressed to neurologic signs such as tremors and seizures, the animal has a chance at recovery. There have been reports of animals having progressive neurologic signs for months that eventually lead to paralysis.

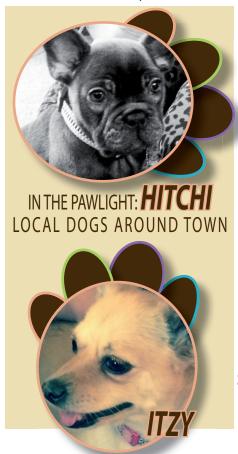
D-con had voluntarily agreed to stop distributing 12 of its anticoagulant products by March 31st of 2015. So the D-con you see on the shelves now are the last that are being made. There are still anticoagulant products by D-con that will be sold, but though they will be contained in packages that are allegedly child and dog proof, I have seen otherwise in the Emergency Room.

So the next time you see that mouse running across your feet late at night when you're watching a scary movie, think twice about how you're going to get rid of them. Do not forget that many people put these rodenticides outside their house to get rid of chipmunks that are tearing up their yards as well. If you are out for a walk with your dog and



you see him chewing on something, always be weary that it could be mouse poison set out to get rid of those pesky rodents that are making homes under your neighbor's stoop.

If you are worried about your dog potentially ingesting one of these toxins, the best thing to do is have him seen by a veterinarian right away. Even six hours could be the difference between life and death for your best friend.



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WHEN FEAR BECOMES REACTIVITY

Help! My Dog Was Attacked & Now Hates Other Dogs!

BY JEAN M. JAHNKE, CPDT-KA, FREELANCE WRITER

hinese Crested attacked by Golden Doodle! Vizsla attacked by German Shepherd! Mini-Aussie attacked Golden Retriever! It doesn't matter what breed or size; any dog can be victimized by another dog.

Marcia Kilpatrick, who competes with her Chinese Crested in agility and barn hunt, recalls: "I had Spike for about two weeks. He liked all dogs big and small. We were walking on the beach with my other dog Madra. They were both on leash. They started playing, so I dropped the leashes. There was absolutely nobody else around. Out of nowhere, a Cocker Spaniel appeared and started playing chase. Everything seemed fine. Then a Golden Doodle appeared and started chasing Spike. Spike became very scared, running and screaming a highpitch shrill scream. The Golden Doodle chased him down the beach, knocking him down. Somehow Spike got up, and continued to run towards the street, screaming all the way."

Gwynne Napientek, who competes in agility with her Vizsla relates: "Sam was about two years old when he was attacked by a German Shepherd at an obedience class. The dog was walking by and just jumped on Sam. The owner thought it was funny. There were some bite marks, but no serious injury. Sam was always very social with other dogs prior to this. In fact at day care the owner used him as her greeter dog for new dogs coming in. After the attack, Sam became very reactive and defensive around dogs he did not know. If they even glanced his way, he would snarl and lunge at them. It was as if he was trying to show them that they should not mess with him."

My own Mini-Aussie Theo, who competes in agility and nosework, was attacked at a training facility by a Golden who left her crate and charged him from the rear, grabbing his neck. He, too, became reactive.

According to Nicole Wilde, author of "Help for Your Fearful Dog", dogs may develop intense fear issues after a traumatic experience. A dog who has been attacked "may feel that another dog is not to be trusted." This results in reactivity.

What is reactivity? Dr. Patricia Mc-Connell's definition of reactivity: "barking, lunging, snarling, snapping, stiffening etc... doing things we humans don't like that makes us nervous that the behavior might be followed by aggression or trouble of some kind. It's not a great term, but it's better than 'aggression', since so much of behavior that we consider problematic is not aggressive at all."

Is this PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)? Karen Overall, Ph.D., DACVB, CAAB, keynote speaker at the Pet Professional Guild (PPG) Summit, November 2015, "Dogs get PTSD exactly in the same proportions as humans." Janice Huntingford, DVM, agrees in her IVC Journal post that "horrific experiences can cause dogs to develop PTSD, and this can include household pets as well as military

How do you help dogs that have been traumatized? According to Dr. Nicholas H. Dodman, director of the animal behavior clinic at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, "It is more management," he says. "Dogs never forget."

In the PPG "Barks from the Guild," July 2016 issue, Cecelia Sumner, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KSA, PCT-A writes, "The first part is management. We need to prevent rehearsing ... Every time he reacts, cortisol is released in his body and it can take several weeks for this to disperse. If the dog keeps practicing his unwanted behavior, cortisol continues to be released and the dog cannot return to normal."

Kilpatrick: "Since that time Spike has disliked large dogs, gold dogs and exuberant dogs. We have worked diligently on this, and he is able to co-exist with these dogs, but certain dogs will still trigger a reactive, lunging response. He is fine with small dogs. It is heartbreaking that one episode can change a dog forever."

Napientek: "I have worked very hard over the years to retrain this behavior, and now Sam is much better with other dogs. I still watch him very carefully when we are around new dogs, but there is very seldom a problem now. He handled himself beautifully at Nationals with all the chaos and other dogs. The only concern was the last run of the last day when a Border Collie was staring him down. Sam got a little grumpy, but it was a minimal reaction."

So do we isolate these dogs from others? No! Spike, Sam and Theo (victimized dogs) all successfully compete at a national level in agility. As a certified professional trainer specializing in helping shy and reactive dogs, I use behavior modification, environmental management and calming tools for Theo.

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Houndin' It Up with Holly Lewis, CPDT-KA

Fears Associated With Dogs



hobias and superstitions - we all have them. I have a strong fear of needles and haunted houses. Needles can cause an extreme reaction in me, and I am grateful haunted houses are mostly seasonal. Both fears are irrational and illogical.

Cynophobia is defined as an irrational fear of dogs according to Dictionary. com. Fear is a normal and natural emotion. One could even argue that without some fear, a species would not survive. A healthy amount of fear is essentially what keeps us safe and alive.

How does a fear of dogs begin? It could come from a poor experience with dogs at an impressionable age or period of life. It could be a lack of exposure to dogs. Even media exposure can create a fear. There are a lot of possibilities. When I was younger a certain breed bit me, so I am always extra cautious when I am around that breed. That fear is based upon my experience and nothing else.

What about the fear people have for their own dogs? Many people fear their dog aging and passing away, falling ill or being injured. I would argue that fear on a reasonably precautionary level is a good thing, but I have seen many beyond a healthy fear. We cannot protect our loved ones in a bubble around the clock, as much as we may try.

So how does one handle these fears? A good start is learning canine body lan-

guage. Body language can tell us a lot about a dog's emotional state, stress level and intention. There are a lot of good resources available to help you learn about body language. (https://drsophiayin.com/blog/entry/free-downloads-posters-handouts-and-more/)

If you know what the dog is communicating, it can help you know if you should be concerned or not. Understanding body language is not just one signal, it is looking at the whole picture in order to gain the clearest view. Take some time to observe the dogs around you, at a safe distance, to learn what the dogs are communicating.

Another option is to go for a walk with a trusted friend who has a calm, mature, dog. Spending time with a calm dog on a regular basis, at a distance where you are comfortable, can go a long way to reducing the fear and concern. Many repetitions of the situation will be needed to help reduce the fear.

When you see dogs, even at a distance, practice focusing on taking deep breaths and keeping your muscles loose. At a recent seminar I attended, the facilitator had an attendee practice walking with dangling arms and loose legs. It helps to practice the "posture" before it is needed. Once the posture is practiced, it can be put into play with a trusted dog.

What is the final option? Do your best to avoid dogs. Our community is full of dogs, but if your fear is strong, it may be best to avoid canines while you seek help for the fear. A professional can help you work through your fears on an emotional level and help you set up techniques to handle the fear.



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CELEBRITY PAW PROFILE

Tula The 'PhoDOGrapher'

BY MANETTE KOHLER, DVM

escues and shelters know how important it is to get great photos of their animals. "Good photos can help pets get adopted faster and can also attract more potential adopters to the shelter," says petfinder.com. Getting those great shots, though, isn't easy. As soon as the human moves into position and points the camera at the dog, all they're likely to capture on film are appeasement gestures (ears back, looking 'away' from the camera, lip licks, etc.). I remember reading a blog by Patricia McConnell, Ph.D. a few years back where she likened that "big round black lens" to "big round threatening eyes" and how scary this could be for shy or nervous dogs.

Susie Kixmoeller, a high school senior from Minnesota, came up with a solution to this problem in February of 2016. With a love for photography and a desire to help rescue dogs find homes, Susie decided to let her friendly rescue dog, Tula, take the pictures. She attached a Go Pro camera to Tula's harness, set the camera to snap pictures at set intervals and turned Tula loose to play with the dogs. After a "photo shoot", a.k.a. "Tula playing with other dogs", Susie spends many hours of her time going through the endless photos to find those priceless shots that really highlight the rescue dog's charm and personality. Tula, a 4.5 year old, chocolate brown mixed breed dog with goldenbrown eyes and wavy hair (possible Lab or Chesapeake Bay Retriever Mix), is a very willing participant for the photo shoots as she romps around and plays.

"Tula was adopted through Second Chance Animal Rescue," says Susie's mother, Kim. "She and her littermates had been stuffed into a birdcage and abandoned at the side of a road." Now it is Tula's turn to give a little back to the rescue that found her forever home. Kim explains that they meet "Second Chance" dogs available for adoption at dog parks and have Tula take photos and videos of them. The rescue group is then given the photos and videos to publish on their own social media and websites.

The Kixmoeller family started an Instagram account for Tula so they could share her photos with the various dog owners whose

dogs were captured on film at the dog park. It wasn't long before Tula and her photo collection were noticed by the press.

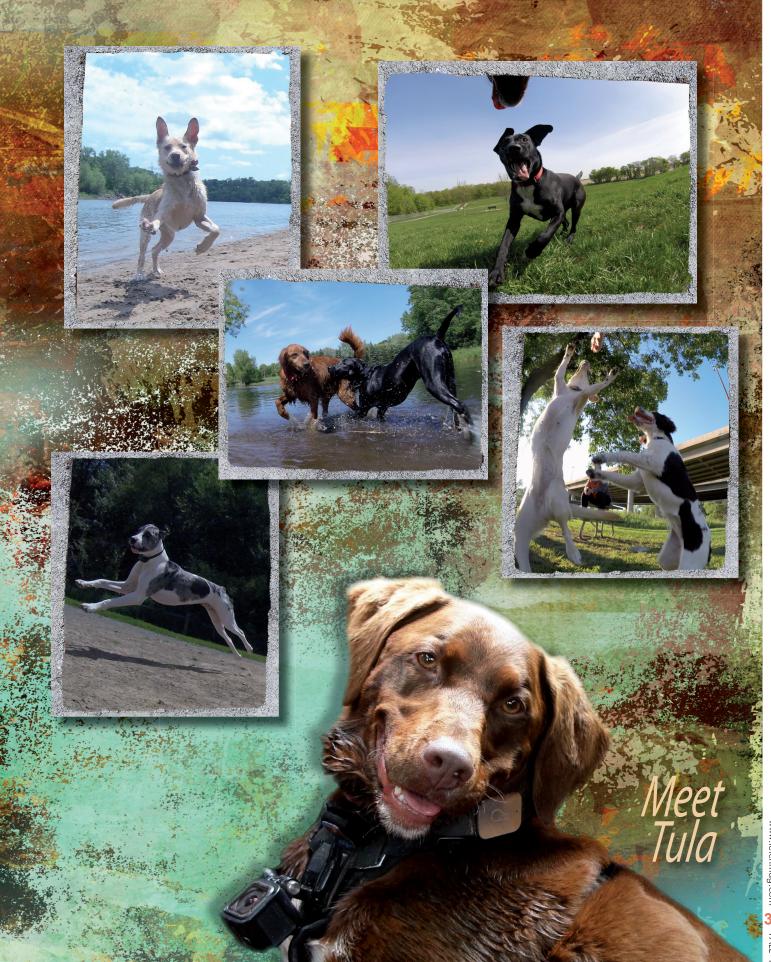
"Before we knew it, Tula and her photos had been featured throughout the world," says Kim. "It's been quite a ride!" They have amassed hundreds of amazing photos taken by Tula and it's been suggested by many that the Kixmoeller family publish a book. They are considering the book idea and, if successful, they would love to donate a large portion of the proceeds to animal rescue.

Photography is only one of Tula's many talents. She is also a registered therapy dog. Susie's dad, Ken, takes her to Children's Hospital of St. Paul each week (called PAWH, Pets Assisting With Healing) where they "make the rounds" of the kids' rooms. Kim takes Tula to the University of Minnesota as part of the Pets PAWS program (Pet Away Worry and Stress) and, last-butnot-least, Susie takes Tula to the White Bear Lake, MN, Library each week where children read to her as part of the "Paws to Read" program.

Tula's family is always looking for opportunities to photograph dogs available for adoption. "We hope Tula's photos help the dogs find their forever homes a little sooner," says Kim.

While she does have a full schedule, there is always time for doing her favorite things like hanging out at the lake where she lives and snuggling with Susie on her oversized beanbag. For more info and to see Tula's collection of photos please visit her website (www.caninehappyhour.com), Instagram and Facebook page (caninehappyhour).





 $Photos\ Courtesy\ of\ Canine\ Happy\ Hour$



you ever really thought about what motivates you to wake up in the morning and stumble out of bed? For me it's coffee and my kids. For Michelle Serocki, it's helping dogs in need. Twenty years ago, she might not have imagined that her days would consist of tackling such a feat but today that is exactly what she does. "I started the Brew City Bully Club after years of difficult ownership of my Pit Bulltype dog. People crossing the street out of fear and yelling obscenities. Dealing with discrimination from both the general public and the business world," says Serocki. These experiences opened up a whole new world of "abuse, neglect, overpopulation and dogfighting". Serocki not only runs the BCBC, she also is an animal control officer at the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission. "I was also very interested in having the first hand knowledge and experience of the day to day operations at MADACC. I wanted to know first hand about the volume of animals, the types of animals and the situations they were coming from," Serocki explains.



I don't think there is such a thing as a typical day. I work 1st, 2nd or 3rd shift depending on what's needed for MADACC. I work for BCBC whenever I'm not working for MADACC. And fit family and friends in the cracks.

How often do you see dogs coming in from dog fighting situations? Not often at all. Dogfighting isn't a huge problem in the Milwaukee area. I've been trying to educate

people of this fact for years. People unfortunately want the drama and a sensational story.

What are these dogs like? Are they able to be adopted or rehabilitated? All dogs are individuals. Some dogs can't come back from abuse - some seem like they could care less. Some starved dogs are food aggressive - some don't care who's face is in their bowl. Some dogs show no signs of every being fought - others can't let it go. Each and every dog needs to be evaluated as an individual dog WITHOUT regard to their back story - which is typically 100 percent fabricated.

What kind of cases do you see most often? As an ACO I remove animals from their current situation, take them to an unfamiliar place with unfamiliar people and place them in a kennel where they're surrounded by unfamiliar animals. Most animals come from situations where their owner couldn't care for them, and most in average, normal condition.

What would you like to share with the public? Oh my gosh, where would I begin? I do a 5-hour seminar and only get to share a tiny bit of what I'd like to with the public. What's most important for Fetch readers to know... probably that we all need to slow down, stop judging and find compassion. Never ever stop educating yourself. Don't believe what you read or hear until you've checked into it (not even this story - email me personally if you have questions) Back stories are just that - made up stories. Embrace the fact that Milwaukee isn't the worst place in the world for animals and that should be a GOOD thing. All animals are individuals.



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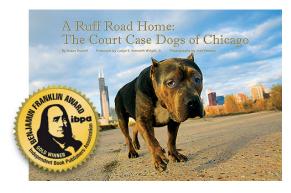
This snack is not only delicious but is also filled with fiber, vitamin A, betacarotene, potassium, & iron.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 4 tbsp molasses
- 4 tbsp water
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2. Mix pumpkin, molasses, vegetable oil & water together in a bowl
- 3. Add the whole wheat flour, baking soda, baking powder & cinnamon to the mixture & stir until dough softens
- 4. Scoop out small spoonfuls of dough & roll into balls (wet hands work best)
- 5. Set the balls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet & flatten with a fork
- 6. Bake approximately 25 minutes until dough is hardened



A Ruff Road Home: The Court Case Dogs of Chicago

Written By Susan Russell

This award-winning book recounts the stories of dogs once caught in Chicago's court system after being confiscated from neglect or abuse,

and their journey from the city shelter into loving and supportive homes. It also tells the stories of the heroes, rescue organizations, and volunteers that helped the dogs get a second chance at a great life, thanks to the first-in-the-nation Court Case Dog™ Program of Safe Humane Chicago. Purposefully written and beautifully photographed, A Ruff Road Home will tug at your heartstrings and instill a necessary sense of hope.

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anines have served the noble purpose of standing guard over our persons and property since ancient times. Roman poet Virgil praised the Laconian and Molossian breeds, both native to Greece and used to watch over houses and livestock, in 29 B.C.: "Never, with them on guard, need you fear for your stalls a midnight thief, or onslaught of wolves, or Iberian brigands at your back." And the poet Horace labeled them "the shepherd's dangerous friends."

Centuries later, the Lhasa Apso, a breed originating in Tibet, proved such an effective lookout at Buddhist temples and monasteries that it earned the additional moniker "Bark Lion Sentinel Dog." Still later, the Schipperke, from Belgium, was lauded by a Belgian writer: "An indefatigable watchdog, he rests neither day nor night, always on foot, weary of inspecting the house from cellar to garret and as soon as he observes anything amiss he warns his master by his piercing barks."

Then as now, intimidation was the name of the game. A proper watchdog "should be big and have a loud bark," noted Roman soldier and farmer Columella, adding that color was another important consideration, since an all-black dog was not only less likely to be seen by nighttime intruders, but more likely to alarm trespassers in the light of day.

Watchdog Vs. Guard Dog

While the terms watchdog and guard dog are sometimes used interchangeably, their roles differ. Watchdogs don't need to be large, strong or even particularly brave, since their purpose is to call attention to intruders rather than scare or attack them. That's the province of the guard dog, which in addition to warning its owner protects property by not just frightening but sometimes biting anyone it perceives as a threat. These animals are typically big, strong and courageous as well as persistent.

What Breed Fits You?

Good watchdogs offer a welcome sense of assurance to a family, but excitable canines won't fit the bill too well. Nor will calmer, "less reactive" temperaments such as a bloodhound or Newfoundland. Breeds known for their alertness and barking vigorously when alerted to unusual activity range from Chihuahuas and Dachshunds to Rottweilers and Great Pyrenees.

Male guard dogs tend to be better suited to property protection due to their more territorial nature, and typical breeds in this type of service include the German Shepherd, Bullmastiff and Doberman Pinscher. Epi Gumatay, of Glendale K-9 Inc. in Glendale, CA, trains dogs for protection, police work, therapy, detection and family obedience and notes that one reason he likes working with German Shepherds is that they are "easier to handle for an average dog owner," while Jessie Smith, of Jessiffany Canine Services in Iron Ridge, WI, favors the German Shepherd, Dutch Shepherd and Malinois "to take advantage of their prey and hunt drives for detection, tracking and protec-

Still, teaching these animals to tell the difference between friend and foe can be tricky. A dog aggressively defending its territory carries the potential for danger and requires highly skilled training, especially since owners can be held responsible if someone is harmed while the dog runs loose.

What most people seeking a protection dog really want is one that will treat family like friends and friends like family while recog-

nizing that a home invader isn't there for a game of fetch. "Something has happened in their past - a break-in, etc.," says Ashley O'Byrne, of BlackJack K-9 in Albert Lea, MN. "Usually, that's when people call me."

The Right Match Is Key

As with any instance in which you bring a new animal into your home, both parties should get to know each other before a purchase is made.

"I do an intensive interview over the phone, email, chat and possibly in person to find out about their family, pets, history of owning dogs, etc.," says Gumatay. "My business is made to order. Finding the right match is the key—what would be great for a police department won't necessarily be great for an elderly couple."

Smith, who has placed more than 75 dogs across the U.S., agrees. "The way we have become successful is by matching the right dog with the right customer," he says. "We do that by learning as much about the cli-ent, their family situation, work schedule and overall activity levels. By getting the answer to those questions we can help the family select the perfect dog for them. I normally tell the family to give me a size and color of their dream dog and let me make sure he performs to their desires."

Jessiffany client Suzy Bond attested to the efficacy of Smith's process. "Jessie is really good about finding a dog that fits your lifestyle," she says. Her Belgian Malinois, Barty, goes everywhere with her, including on planes, where he lies at her feet as she travels to horse shows. Bond suffers from PTSD and "if I start to have a panic attack, he licks me." On one occasion, Barty also alerted her to possible stranger-danger when he began bumping her as she walked back to

her trailer at a show while talking on the phone, not noticing "a weird-looking guy" watching them both. "He said, 'I don't think your dog likes me,' and I said, 'I don't think he does either," adding that she felt the same way herself. On another occasion, the sight of her veteringrian bushand's Dutch sight of her veterinarian husband's Dutch Shepherd, Daisy, was enough to scare off a bothersome vagrant who'd been hanging around and leaving trash outside the clinic where Daisy's master is employed.

Both dogs, Bond says, "know friend from foe." She frequently has to decline requests from strangers to pet Barty while he's in service dog mode, but at horse shows he's showered with attention, though only after receiving the "it's okay command" first.

Training Your Dog

"I got hooked on dogs that bite. Their on/ off switch intrigued me." O'Byrne raises puppies "from eight weeks old, all the way up," and if she doesn't see that switch by about age ten months, she lines them up for another type of duty, such as police work. It takes her about one to three years to fully train a dog, after putting them through various types of screening. For example, "I'll take a pan or pot and drop it in front of a litter - if they run, I can't use them." If a pup comes toward a noise with curiosity, however, it's "more likely a candidate."

"Back in the day, training was really harsh," she observes, adding that her own methods are more positive, involving food and toys when that's what motivates a particular animal. "The dogs dictate how I treat them."

Smith ensures that his clients' dogs are good with small children and other animals, housebroken, stay off the furniture and out of the trash, and won't beg from the dinner table, in addition to their protective duties. "We do all phases of training, from positive to compulsion to e-collar training when necessary. [E-collars use an unpleasant but not physically harmful shock to teach avoidance of negative behaviors.] Once the dog KNOWS the task but then refuses to perform, we have to move to the compulsion or e-collar training to finish out the desired behavior."

Ongoing training is also important. Gumatay usually gets "partially trained dogs that are between 12-20 months of age. Then, once the dog is trained to the specific requirements the client wanted and what I consider a trained protection dog, [it] gets delivered to the client and I conduct a handler's training course consisting of advanced obedience and protection. Every dog I provide for a client, I stay in contact with them for the life of the dog."

Serious Investment

Potential buyers should thoroughly research brokers before moving ahead, since, as trainer David Harris of Protection Dog Sales cautions on his company website, "Anyone can open a business with a catchy



name, pay someone to build a state-of-theart website and target someone like you to buy a 'fully trained level 3 dog' with many guarantees." Prices will vary by dog, but you should expect to pay in the range of \$8,000 to \$60,000.

"Some [buyers] want puppies, others want fully trained dogs with capabilities of handicap assistance work, too," says Gumatay. Most of his expenses arise from travel costs to Europe and "the days and weeks it takes to find their perfect dog."

O'Byrne says her lowest price is about \$10,000 and can go up to three or four times that amount, noting that these prices include veterinary services and food, while Jessiffany offers three packages—Silver, Gold and Platinum—that start at \$15,000 and go up to \$25,000, including "three days of one on one transitional training with a trainer at your location."

Questions To Consider

If you're seriously researching buying a guard dog, you can expect to be asked why you need one. The answer may seem obvious, but points to take into account include the types of threats you foresee and how realistic they are, as well as the possibility of a lawsuit in the event the dog injures a harmless visitor or playing child - or even a burglar. For some, a good home security system, alterations in their routine or even self-defense classes might be just as workable a solution.

But for people like Suzy Bond, the assurance that comes from knowing her fourlegged friend will always have her back, combined with the unconditional love and loyalty humans have cherished since dogs were first domesticated, are a priceless combination. As she says of her Barty, wherever she goes and whatever she might face, "He's there for me."



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BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCE WRITER

ward-winning singer-songwriter Lynn Julian dominated the music industry as Cookie Cutter Girl, a modern-day superhero who packed her girl-empowering pop and rock with a punch. Dubbed "Nashville's version of Fiona Apple" by Rolling Stone, she also shattered the perception of the female pop star releasing 30 international CD's and appearing on over 500 television and radio stations nationwide.

However, behind the scenes, Julian struggled with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome or EDS: a rare, genetic disorder responsible for overly-flexible joints that can dislocate

and translucent, elastic skin that bruises easily. She also battled bouts of fibromyalgia and Epstein-Barr, a human herpes virus that causes crippling, longlasting fatigue. Naturally shy, her jam-packed promotional schedule and non-stop touring plunged her into a deep depression.

The solution: Julian decided to adopt a Maltese, "the laziest, small dog breed", because it was guaranteed to be happy on her sardine can of a tour bus. She scoured shelters in Massachusetts, Maine and even Canada, but she could not find one. Out of options, Julian reluctantly turned to breeders who sold the dog reserved for her to someone else. "I was so disappointed. For about a month, I went back to all the shelters," she says. "I called back a month later to see when the next litter was coming, and they had taken ... my dog back because he was abused." Even though he had ripped all the fur from his own tail and back, she was thrilled to be able to adopt him. Julian named him Lil' Stinker, after a name tag she spotted on the side of a local pet store's cash register.

Broken Together

In October 2006, less than two months after bringing Lil' Stinker home, Julian had a

career-ending stage accident. It damaged her head, neck and spinal cord leaving her disabled. The feminist pop icon also experienced seizures caused by extreme stress and strobe lights. "We healed together," she says. "He didn't trust anybody. I was bedbound at that point, so he learned to trust me."

With spare time on her hands, Julian trained Lil' Stinker to be a medical alert dog. Armed with his favorite snacks, liver chips, she would fake seizures, hyperventilation, and panic attacks. Julian would get him to lick her feet. "That's a Maltese thing," she says. "You try to go with what the dog does naturally. When he licked my feet, he'd get a treat." Lil' Stinker slowly licked higher:

knees, chest, and face. "Eventually, he got the word "kiss", and he would kiss my face if my if I breathed funny or started to cry. He surprised me noticing the things I didn't notice ... [like] when my voice went up."

Over the course of the next five years, Julian endured grueling, forty-five-minute physical therapy sessions. She also lived on her couch eventually getting strong enough to stand in front of a chair for a few minutes at a time. Her medical alert dog was priceless to her recovery. "Most days, he was my only reason to get out of bed at all. Stinker



Photos Courtesy of Lynn Julian

With the support of her partner, Douglas Julian, and her service dog, she became a one-of-a-kind force to be reckoned with. Rather than relying solely on a porta potty, she would crawl up the stairs to her bathroom. She would even "wall crawl" to get her own glass of water. She eventually transitioned from a mobility scooter to a cane to walking on her own. "I realized now that my self-consciousness - the fact I looked a little drunk - probably extended the time I used a cane," Julian says. "I had to come to grips with the fact that I couldn't go back. I will never be my old self again."

Tragedy Strikes Again

On April 15, 2013, Julian and her boyfriend attended the Boston Marathon. As they sat on the edge of a sidewalk cafe, Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev placed two pressure cooker bombs packed with shrapnel and other materials and hidden in backpacks near the finish line. At 2:49 p.m., the first bomb exploded. "The sky turns orange and the ground turns red. Smoke went up five stories like a big wave," Julian remembers. The crowd surrounding her remained frozen. She heard muddled voices screaming for everyone to stay calm because the sound came from a blown transformer. She was terrified, shaking and lying helplessly on the ground. "[Lil' Stinker] just starts scratching at my chest and clawing me. He caused me to [sit] up," she says. "I had to straightjacket him with my arms and my shoulders came partly out of their sockets."

Then within seconds of standing, the second bomb exploded. Sound waves horizontally bounced off of the finish lines' twentyfoot wooden barrier hitting Julian straight in the head. Completely disoriented, she searched for a safe haven amid the chaos. She knew she could not go to the right or the left where the bombs went off. She could not go forward because of the twostory barrier. Julian says, "I had to move big, long tables with my hips, so I had a herniated disk and sciatica." She stumbled to the doors of a bar. "Everybody was drunk. They thought [the sound] was a cannon or some sort of firework," she says. "They wouldn't let me in." The screaming crowds sounded like they were underwater. They pushed her from behind into the crowded bar. Like a ping-pong ball, her neck was jostled back and forth. She was "squished and shoved and stepped" on to the point that her feet were completely covered in bruises.

A Body at Ground Zero

After the Boston Marathon Bombing, Julian felt like a shadow of herself. She was diagnosed with a traumatic frontal brain injury, tinnitus, post-traumatic stress disorder and agoraphobia. Her "invisible" injuries and able-bodied appearance made her feel like she was on trial, even among other survivors. "We got judged as if we were fakers ... which felt scarring," Julian says. "[The One Fund Center and The Resiliency Center] was helping people with external injuries. We didn't get the funding we needed." She began carrying a stack of medical papers as proof of her injuries everywhere she went.

The worst part: Julian functions in slow motion spending hours hunting for words and the names of objects. "I'm mentally steps behind everyone all the time," she says. "I still have a lot of memory problems. I have troubling walking ten feet to my kitchen and remembering why I'm there."

Her hearing loss is also a catch-22. Because of her EDS, her one-ounce hearing aids inflame the collagen inside her ears, leaving them red and scarred. In addition, the more she uses her hearing aids the worse she hears without them, so she never wears them at home, which has put a strain on her personal relationships.

Julian and her service dog live in a constant state of fight or flight. Julian, a pillar at charity events and always up for a girls' night out, forces herself to leave her house once or twice a month. Although Boston refused to acknowledge Lil' Stinker as a survivor, he jumps at any sudden noise: "a door closing or a baby carriage going by on the sidewalk." The duo used to go to music concerts with 10,000 people regularly. "Now he doesn't like 100 people. He gets upset," Julian says.

A Silver Lining

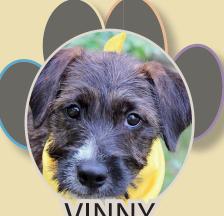
Embodying the term of Boston Strong, the bombings' littlest, animal survivor faces his fears daily as he leads Julian through Boston's bustling, boisterous streets to her slew of medical appointments. He attends annual U.S. Pain Foundation events with thousands of people. He also supports Julian in her newest creative outlet: stage and screen acting. Julian has appeared in shorts such as "Theory of Conflict", "Redemption After Death", and "Witch Hunt" and full-length motion pictures such as "Ted" and "Ted 2".

A Boston Native, Julian was determined to take back her streets, take back her security. She decided to run in the Mobility Impaired Division of the 2014 Boston Marathon on a mission to spread hope. "I'd never run in my life," she says. "I stopped walking with a cane in the summer of 2012."

Julian and her service dog banded together and trained with a group of 20 other terrorist attack survivors. Their team, 4.15 Strong, donning neon yellow shirts with "survivor" on the front and "Boston Strong" on the back raised thousands of dollars for the U.S. Pain Foundation - proving that unconditional love, selflessness, and courage can come in the tiniest of packages.



- Sweet, little Sadie was left at a shelter because she had a litter of unwanted puppies.
- A Texas rescue found homes for her pups & sent Sadie to Wisconsin to find her forever family.
- She is a Terrier Mix, who is approximately 6 years old & 13lbs.
- What makes her happy? A ride in the car, couch time & other friendly canines!



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- Rescued from the mean streets of Houston, Texas, placed in a foster home where he was nurtured & cared for, then lucky enough to be chosen to catch a ride in a private plane to find a family in Wisconsin.
- He is lively & friendly & has yet to meet a dog or person he doesn't like.

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A DOG'S LIFE

Friends of HAWS Monthly Meeting

2nd Wed. each month: 7:00-8:00pm Waukesha 262-542-8851 HAWS, hawspets.org

Training Help with Frank Allison III, APDT

Every Thursday evening: 6:30-7:30pm Every Sunday: 11:00am-Noon Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego 262-679-6776, petsupplies-n-more.com

Basic Manners & More

Tuesdays: 6pm Petlicious Dog Bakery 262-548-0923, poochped@juno.com

Impulse Control/Focus Classes

Tuesdays: 7:15pm Petlicious Dog Bakery 262-548-0923, poochped@juno.com

Baby Ready Pets

Sept. 20: 6:30pm Dane Co Humane Society, Madison 608-838-0413, Giveshelter.org

12th Annual Labor Day Doggy Dip

Sept. 5: 4:30-6pm Cool Waters in Greenfield Park milwaukeedogparks.org

Wagfest (EBHS)

Sept. 10: 11:00am-5:00pm Mitchell Park, Brookfield 262-782-9861, Ebhs.org

Glenns Brat Fry

Sept. 10: 10am-2pm Glenn's Meat Market, Watertown watertownhumanesociety.org

5th Annual Barktoberfest

Sept. 17: 1-6pm Estabrook Park Beer Garden, Milwaukee milwaukeedogparks.org

Fromm Pet Fest

Sept. 24: 10am-6pm Henry Maier Festival Park, Milwaukee petfestmke.com

Music Night at Voigt

Sept. 30: 7pm Voigt Music Center, Janesville, petsgohome.org Humane Society of So. Wisconsin

WHS Annual Run Walk Wag 5K

Sept. 24: 9am-2pm Riverside Park, Watertown watertownhumanesociety.org

Bark & Wine

Oct. 1: 7:00pm Dane Co Humane Society, Madison 608-838-0413, Giveshelter.org

15th Annual Brady Str. Pet Parade

Oct. 2: 11am-5pm Brady Street, Milwaukee

Dog Walk for Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin

Oct. 8: 9am-Noon

Riverside Park, Beloit 608-752-5622, Petsgohome.org

Art To The Rescue

Oct. 8: 5-10pm Taylor & Burton, Milwaukee Caninecupids.org

Move Your Mutt Run/Walk for HAWS

Oct. 9

Genesee Lake Road Park, Oconomowoc 262-542-8851, hawspets.org

Haunted Trail

Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22 & 28 Dane Co Humane Society, Madison 608-838-0413, Giveshelter.org

Hambingo for EBHS

Oct. 19: 8–10pm Hamburger Mary's, Milwaukee 262-782-9861, Ebhs.org

Stayin' Alive for HAWS

Oct. 21: 6-10pm Marriott West, Waukesha 262-542-8851, hawspets.org

Badger Suites' 2nd Annual Halloween Costume Party

Oct. 29: Noon-3pm Badger Suites. Janesville, petsgohome.org Humane Society of So. Wisconsin

The Roaring 20's Bully Bash

Oct. 22: 6-10pm Muellner Building at Hart Park, Wauwatosa Brewcitybullies.org

Trivia Night for EBHS

Nov. 4: 6pm New Berlin Ale House 262-782-9861, Ebhs.org

Friends of HAWS' Holiday Bazaar

Nov. 5: 9am-4pm, Nov 6: Noon-3pm HAWS, Waukesha 262-542-8851, hawspets.org

Holiday Pet Photos

Nov. 12, 13 262-542-8851, Waukesha, hawspet.org

Sporting Activities

Agility Run Thrus

3rd Friday of the Month: 6:30-7:30 pm Obedience Run Thrus 2nd Friday of the Month: 6:30-8:00 pm Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis 414-769-0758, cudahykennelclub.org

Adoption Events

Woofgang Rescue Havahart Adopt-a-thon

Sept 3: 11am-1pm 6500 Washington Avenue, Racine Woofgangrescue.com

Humane Society Of Southern WI Meet N' Greet

Sept. 10 & 11, Nov. 5 & 6: 10am-1pm Petco on Deerfield Drive, Janesville Sept. 17: 11am-2 pm Farm & Fleet, Janesville 608-752-5622, Petsgohome.org

Greyhound Meet N' Greet (HAWS)

4th Saturday of each month 1-3pm HAWS, Waukesha 262-542-8851, hawspet.org

Shelter From The Storm

Every Saturday: 10am-2pm PetSmart Madison East 608-284-7447, Sftsrescue.org

Meet the dogs of AdoptMe Rescue

Sundays: 10am-2pm PetSmart West, Madison Adoptmeforever.org

Services 4 Dogs

Microchip Clinic

Sept. 24, 25: Noon-4pm Janesville, petsgohome.org

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

MADACC, Milwaukee madacc.org/services, 414-649-8640

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

Spay Me Clinic, Madison spayme.com, 608-224-1400

Spay Me Clinic

Services offered in Milwaukee the 3rd Wed. of each month spayme.com/Milwaukee_clinic

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

Every Thurs., Sauk County Humane Society Baraboo, Saukhumane.org, 608-356-2520

Low-Cost Microchips

Watertown Humane Society, Watertown watertownhumanesociety.org, 920-261-1270

Pet Parties/Play Groups

Playtime at the Playground

Saturdays: 9:00am-Noon Oak Creek 414-764-PUPS Puppy Playground, puppyplaygroundwi.com

Puppy Small Dog Party

Sundays: 11:30am-12:30pm Large Adult Dog Play Party Saturdays 11:30am-12:30pm For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago 800-581-9070, forpetssake.cc

Puppy Social

Sundays: 5:15-5:45pm, Hartland Half-pint Social 1st & 3rd Fridays: 6:30-7:30pm, Pewaukee 262-369-3935 Best Paw Forward, bestpawforward.net

Puppy Parties (HAWS)

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Canine Cupids caninecupids.org, caninecupids@live.com

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Rescue Gang rescuegang.org, info@rescuegang.org

Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue 262-617-8052, tailwaggers 911.com, rescuedogs@tailwaggers911.com

Underdog Pet Rescue of Wisconsin 608-224-0018, underdogpetrescue.org, info@underdogpetrescue.org

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Little Buddies Rescue, 1-888-581-9070

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Chicago English Bulldog Rescue, Inc. ebullymatch.com

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ARF's German Shepherd Rescue Inc. arfrescue.com, gsd@arfrescue.com

WhitePaws German Shepherd Rescue 920-606-2597, whitepawsgsr.com, calspence@aol.com

Wisconsin German Shepherd Rescue 920-731-1690, CFilz@aol.com

Rescue A German Shepherd (RAGS) 414-529-4642, RescueAGermanShepherd.org

Mit Liebe German Shepherd Rescue 920-639-4274, mlgsdr.com ccgsds@aol.com

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888-655-4753, GRRoW.org, president@grrow.org

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Greyhound Pets of America - WI 414-299-9473, gpawisconsin.org

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The Labrador Connection 414-299-9038, labradorconnection.org

Labs N More

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IMPS (Internet Miniature Pinscher Services) 414- FOR-IMPS, minpinrescue.org

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Fluffy Dog Rescue, fluffydog.net

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THE DAY HE BECAME A DOG

n June 10, 2011, 25 dogs were seized in Milwaukee's largest dog fighting bust to date. One of the dogs, "Renato" - the Latin word for rebirth, is believed to have been used as a breeding dog. He spent 22 months at MADACC on hold as evidence for the criminal trial. During that time he had little interaction with people, other than to be fed or have his kennel cleaned.

The Brew City Bully Club rescued Renato on April 1, 2013 and took him into their facility in Pewaukee to begin his true rebirth. For 14 months they worked to rehabilitate him in hopes he would be able to live in a family environment. They spent many hours desensitizing Renato to sudden movements and teaching him the value of human touch. Under their care he learned what it truly meant to be a dog and be loved.

I learned about the Brew City Bully Club after adopting a Pit Bull/Boxer Mix from the Wisconsin Humane Society in Saukville. I became an avid BCBC follower on Facebook and one day, there he was ... a dorky, bigheaded white dog with a black and white spotted nose and huge perky ears. Renato was ready for adoption.

Renato really captured my heart, but my family wasn't ready to take on the responsibility of a second dog. I watched the BCBC 'adopt Renato' posts hoping someone would step forward. Months passed with no interested parties and Renato continued to call to me. We finally decided in early May of 2014 that we wanted to meet him and see if he would be a good fit for our family.

We made the trip to the rescue facility, and it was love at first sight for all of us. This crazy-looking dog was a giant lover who just wanted to snuggle and kiss everyone. We made plans for him to meet our dog and moved forward with the adoption process.

On Monday, June 30, 2014, Renato came home to live with us FOREVER!

It has been 2 years since we brought Renato into our family, and he is as happy as can be. He spends his time playing and causing

trouble with his doggy sister, Brulee, and is a whiz at figuring out new ways to chew through our backyard fence (tempted by bunnies).

While most dogs won't pass up the opportunity for a snack, Renato attacks food, wolfing it down with a vengeance. I suspect that behavior is the ghost of his past still haunting him. After the disappearance of an entire loaf of bread, we learned it's not safe to leave food unattended on the counter. Antics like that have earned him the nickname 'Renaughty'.

He sleeps curled up with my son at night and is my daughter's 'shadow man' showing an understanding of her emotions I can't even grasp. He gives everyone he meets a giant grin and then proceeds to cover them in his signature drool (envision scenes from the movie "Turner and Hooch"). We spend countless hours snuggling him, kissing his over-sized head and giving him more treats than any dog should be allowed. He loves to have his tummy and ears rubbed.

Renato has remained active with the Brew City Bully Club family and serves as poster dog and ambassador for their annual "Ride to End Dog Fighting". He also loves to make appearances at other BCBC functions throughout the year and is currently campaigning for the upcoming presidential election – although we're not sure if he's a Repuplican or a Dogmocrat. He has his own Facebook page (follow 'Renato Enchilada') where he stays in touch with all of his fans, old and new, posting photos and updates on his latest shenanigans.

We suspect Renato is 10 years old, but there is no way to know for sure. By becoming his family, we've accepted all that his is and isn't, and we've promised to fill his remaining life with love. For all of the care and affection we've shown him, Renato has given us so much more. He continues to show us every day just how wonderful a rescue with a horrific past can become when given the chance to just be a dog!





- ...is two years old & is the softest, friendliest pup around!
- Honey enjoys people of all ages, a long game of fetch & lots of petting!
- Honey always rolls on her back for a nice belly rub!
- Honey would like to be the only pet in the home. She enjoys ALL the attention to herself!

...was adopted out by BCBC as a puppy, & 7 years later she finds herself homeless & is back with the BCBC looking for that extra special forever home!

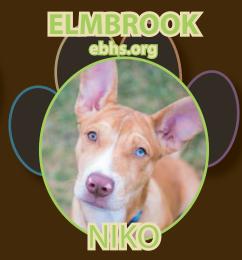
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- Maggie is one of the sweetest dogs we have ever seen!
- She lights up when she sees children & really only requires a comfy couch to lay on & lots of love!
- Maggie enjoys being by her people & just loves lounging around - inside, outside, wherever!
- Maggie is not a high-energy dog & has an old knee injury that her forever home will need to manage, just supportive therapy!
- Maggie is a shy dog so she will need a patient family that understands she needs some time to warm up to a new environment.

- ...is a nine-year-old Lab Mix looking for a forever home.
- Everyone at the shelter calls him the "marshmallow" because he's sweet and cuddly!
- Kilo walks very well on a leash & even knows sit, shake & down.
- He loves being brushed & getting his back and belly rubs.
- He would do best in a home with no other pets, & older children.
- Please stop by the shelter & meet him. When you do, don't mind his attitude in the kennel as the kennel is not his favorite place to be—he'd rather be at home sitting with you on the couch!



- This goofy, smart boy has everything going for him except ... a home!
- Henry is a pretty awesome dog he loves to play, loves to go for walks, loves to try new things - especially things that exercise his brain - & loves to just spend quality time with loved ones after a busy day.
- Maybe you can help him with this last need by considering adoption or sharing about him with family & friends.



- Growing rapidly is Niko!
- He has doubled his size in the last 4 months.
- Niko is just as full of energy as his age would suggest.
- He is gets along with most dogs & has lived in a home with young children & cats.
- With lots of attention & exercise Niko is bound to become a great addition to your family & polite member of society.



- ...is a petite, young girl weighing in at just a little over 20lbs.
- She has shown herself to be a spirited little girl who does not seem to mind other dogs & may not mind sharing her home with a cat.
- Her personality is bright she loves to get out & about whether it be taking walks, some play time or sitting quietly in the grass all the while enjoying life to its fullest!



- This sweet girl will win you over with her playfulness & affection.
- Kali is a young Pit Bull Terrier just over 1 year old.
- She will do best as an only child, in a household with adults & older children.
- She is a quieter girl, but she is quick to learn & eager to please!
- Kali would love to take training classes & learn along with her new forever



- ...has an adorable personality that will make you smile.
- He loves to learn & can "sit" & "shake."
- Puma loves to take walks & smell the flowers - he is a happy boy that is easy-going & fun to be with!
- Puma is a 9-years-young "Puggle" a Pug & Beagle Mix.
- His likes include plush squeaky toys, leaning in for petting & a grain-free



- ...is the perfect name for this girl because she is like the flower- happy, bright, pretty & cheerful!
- She loves to take walks & enjoys playing with her friends!
- Daisy is a young Beagle Mix only about 18 months old.
- She might do well with a doggie-sibling, but she definitely isn't a cat fan.
- She is looking for an active home!

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- ...is a funny, sweet & smart mixedbreed dog of about 3 years old.
- She has already learned a wide range of cues: sit, down, wait, quiet, paw & walks nicely with a leash harness.
- While Lyla is an exuberant & fun dog, she is a medium-energy pup & does best with a short walk & play time in the backyard.
- When meeting new people or in new situations, Lyla can be nervous, but she's working on confidence.
- She loves to snuggle with her foster people & keeps an eye on them with soulful, earnest eyes.



- This happy-go-lucky, 1-year-old guy has a charming personality & a big smile.
- He is in foster care with another dog but has not met cats.
- Spurts of energy come & go for him, but he's also great at snuggling on the couch.
- Flip is very food motivated & is working on basic cues & leash walking.
- Throughout the day, Flip is crated for very short periods of time, a couple hours at most, where he's learning to be comfortable.
- At bedtime, Flip sleeps very nicely in a dog bed in the bedroom.
- Flip loves every human he meets, is very trusting & a staff favorite at the vet clinics, the groomer, etc.



- ...is a medium-to-low energy dog who is a great couch warmer.
- This girl is adorable & has a sense of
- This girl is intelligent, quick to learn with clicker training & has exceptional house manners.
- She does pull on the leash & needs a harness for walking but tires out quickly & is ready for a cuddling session afterwards.
- Butt rubs are her thing.
- We are not sure of Dolly's past but she deserves a patient family who will love her unconditionally!

Lakeland Animal Shelter



- …is one handsome 2 & ½-year-old boy!
- He's great with meeting new people.
- He is usually good with other dogs (seems best with females), & he absolutely loves to play!
- A home with only adults who understand how to help a dog with some guarding issues related to specific things would help this boy reveal his potential & all the love he has to give.
- Chase is one handsome boy & would make a great addition to an active family!



- ...is a super sweet & loveable 2 & ½-year-old boy who just wants to cuddle & spend time with you!
- Vince would do best in a home where his owners are home the majority of the time because he really doesn't like to be alone; maybe a canine companion of the right personality would be a plus.
- He also really loves the outdoors!
- Vince is a low-maintenance guy who is kinda lazy & prefers lovin' to exercise!



- ...is a fun & energetic boy who would love to find his forever home with someone who has a stimulating & active environment for him to get out all of his puppy energy!
- He is super sweet & loves his people friends.
- Sometimes, he doesn't know his own strength & can sometimes play overzealously so Atlas really wants to find a family who is experienced with this who can give him the direction he needs to thrive.
- Atlas is so smart & eager to learn & loves other dogs so he would be thrilled to have a brother or sister to play with!



- ...is a playful 2-year-old girl.
- She loves to play games especially tug & keep away.
- She is a good hearted girl.
- Take her home; you won't regret it!



- ...is a healthy & sweet 10-month-old.
- He loves to play, & he is a staff favorite.
- He loves to run & has so much fun playing with the volunteers.
- He is waiting you meet you & your family!



- ...is a silly guy.
- He loves to run & loves people.
- He likes to walk with the volunteers
 & stop to get extra love.
- Wyatt is 1 year old & is still very young.
- He is a healthy, happy dog!



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- ...is only 2 years old & has been looking for his forever home for about a year and a half.
- Are you up for a good game of chase? A car ride? A walk?
- Would you like to share hugs & kisses? Cuddle?
- Chips has learned to utilize his body language very well & has unconditional love to share.
- All he needs now is a family to call his own that loves life as much as he
 does.

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- ...is certainly a very loyal, handsome, intelligent guy.
- At just under a year old, you can find him in the yard hanging out with his foster family chasing balls & frisbees.
- He is busy, athletic & would be perfect for agility.
- Are you a weekend warrior? Love to hike?
- Jasper does, too! Jasper is looking for a foster or forever home.

Sheboygan **Cty: Humane Socie**



- Guten Tag! My name is Liesel, & I am a simply elegant Schnauzer!
- I am 9 years old, gorgeous black & tan with the classic Schnauzer 'do.
- I am eagerly waiting for my new home & would love for you to come on in & meet me.
- A gem like me doesn't show up often in the shelter environment so I hope you are as excited to meet me as I am to meet you! Danke!

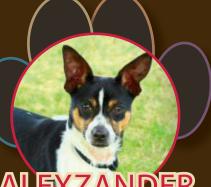


- Hi, they call me Tanner!
- Besides my handsome fawn coloring, I have gorgeous brown peepers.
- I am a Boxer Mix & 5 years old.
- I would fit in well in a household with children over seven years.
- I am a great mix of curiosity & attentionloving, am curious about my surroundings & like to be part of what is going on, with plenty of tail-wagging when petting is involved.
- I also like some independence.
- Please come check me out. I would be so much happier in my forever home, & I know I could make you happy also!



- Timberrrrrrr here! Hello & woof to you!
- Timber is the name, & playing is my
- I am a 3-year-old Siberian Husky Mix & as gorgeous as they come.
- My coat...my eyes...my smile...l am a great boy & can't wait for my new forever home!
- I am ready to be your best pal, playmate & snow-eater in coming months.
- Come on in & meet me soon. I will be here waiting!

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I'm Alexzander - well maybe you just

I'm looking for a home with children over the age of 8 – I just am a little shy around them & don't know what to think.

might want to call me Alex for short.

- I would do fine with cats & enjoy dog friends too!
- I maybe little but boy, I have a lot of love to give!





- Yup I want to be "Your Buddy!"
 - Come on in & meet me I a German Shorthaired Pointer - not quite sure what that all means.
- I've heard staff tell people I would be best in a home with no small children, cats - but do enjoy a respectful/calm dog friend.
- I am one handsome boy come on & check me out!



- My name is Oscar, & I am the compact complete package!
- I am a Doxie-Basset Hound Mix; being that I'm small I get a little nervous around small children.
- So I told staff I would rather be in a home with children over the age of 15.
- I do enjoy cats, but I really don't care for other dogs.
- Please stop by my temporary home is at WCHS!



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