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et Safety & Wellness is a theme that we all know well and sometimes dread. How much is this going to cost me now? Couldn't we just skip it this time? Don't let Fido's care fall to the wayside ... he's your best friend. Right?

The cover photography (by In-Focus) beautifully illustrates our newfound ability to stay abreast on Fido's needs in a digital world. Apps anyone?

Mia is this issue's cover model. She is middle-aged and in good health. She is cared for. But with her indirect eye-contact and with the black and white filter, she leaves us questioning ... "What's wrong with Mia?" In reality, nothing. It's a representation that activates our need/desire to care for her in return.

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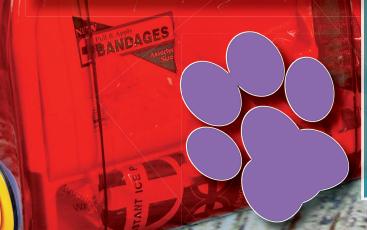
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# **FETCH** Cover Photographers



any subjects come through the doors of St. Francis-based IN-FOCUS Photography to have their photos taken, but none have wetter noses or more hair than the furry-four-footed pets accompanied by their owners.

As IN-FOCUS Photography celebrates 25 years in business this year, we look back to see our photography journey together which began with animals. Our first date as 19-year-olds was a trip to the zoo with our new 35 mm cameras. We found a passion photographing animals that didn't exist at the electronics manufacturing plant where we both worked, and it wasn't long before IN-FOCUS Photography opened shop in 1991.

We were not always known for our award-winning pet photography. In fact, our first ever pet session that kick started the popular niche was in 2006. Penny Wagner wanted her three Jack Russell's photographed. Without prior pet photography experience, we rose to the challenge of photographing the high-energy dogs. This session resulted in our first cover photo on FETCH Magazine and a newfound knack for photographing pets. This was just the beginning of many cover photos for FETCH Magazine.

IN-FOCUS began offering pet photography which quickly took off as pet lovers of all kinds discovered that we could capture images of their pets that they never dreamed possible. Their pet's charm and personality created images clients could never take themselves but could cherish forever.

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A pet session at IN-FOCUS is never predictable and sometimes not easy. But as pet lovers ourselves, we realize the value of the pet photography we produce and continue to excel at it. Our images allow pet owners to remember and cherish their pet for years to come. Inspired by our own energetic Golden Retriever, August, we gain fresh ideas for our next pet session. August, or Auggie for short, loves spending time at the beach splashing in the water (never wanting to leave) and playing catch with Jerry in the field behind IN-FOCUS. She follows us both around the house and even gets jealous when she sees us kiss! The joy we get from spending time with August gives us the energy in the studio to keep going until we get "the shot(s)" our clients are looking for. August gives us inspiration to adapt new ideas, methods for making the pet session better and more fun. We haven't found a pet we could not photograph, and we are always eager to photograph new types of pets or breeds.



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If you are anything like the "average pet owner", you know the one I'm talking about, the one that tries to feed their pet a decent food on a budget or gets the basic vaccines without "breaking the bank", then we have much in common. I don't have the luxury these days to buy Fido a fancy new leash and matching new collar. With two toddlers in tow, I'm lucky I remember to eat let alone buy dog food before I'm scraping the bottom of the bin.

And that's ok. You don't need to be the Mother Teresa of dog owners to be a good pet parent. You just need to be vigilant and have some commonsense. It also helps to be open-minded to new techniques while still putting aside a few bucks in case of an emergency. We aren't perfect, we're human and we make mistakes. But at the end of the day who's there to comfort you? Doesn't your four-legged foot-warmer/snuggle buddy deserve at least the basics in pet safety and wellness?

So stop justifying your actions (or inactions) and don't feel guilty over the past ... just get informed and do your best! You're worth it! Your pet is worth it!

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# **Gettin' Hip on Heat Stroke**

BY KERRI WIEDMEYER, DVM, WISCONSIN VETERINARY REFERRAL CENTER

iving in Wisconsin, summer often feels like it may never come; but it is that time of year again and with summer comes heat. Nothing beats that first warm, sunny day! Everyone heads outside with his or her pets for a walk or a run. It's time for endless hours of fetch, swimming or time at the dog park. But as pet owners we have to remember how that heat can affect our furry friends.

#### LET'S TALK HEAT STROKE!

Animals can overheat from numerous circumstances; however in summer we think of excessive exercise, extreme outdoor temperatures and being left in non-ventilated locations such as cars. Dogs with short noses, underlying respiratory issues or overweight animals can overheat more rapidly as they may not be able to breath adequately and dissipate heat. A normal temperature in a dog ranges between 99.0-102.5F.

If the core body temperature exceeds 105F the animal is at risk for internal organ damage.

#### WHAT HEAT STROKE **LOOKS LIKE?**

Dogs that have heat stroke may excessively pant, be lethargic, vomit or have diarrhea, become disoriented and collapse. In severe cases, bleeding, bruising and seizures may occur.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOUR DOG **IS OVERHEATED?**

If a situation occurs in which you think your animal has heat stroke, a veterinarian should evaluate him or her immediately. Ideally a rectal temperature should be taken to assess how high the temperature has gone. Active cooling should be started as well. This consists of using cool water or cool wet towels

on the entire body of the pet. It is very important to NOT use ice or very cold water on your animal as this can cause further complications such as clotting and bleeding issues. Once the pet's temperature has come down to 102.5-103F, the cooling process should be stopped.

#### WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT AT THE VETERINARY CLINIC?

Every pet can react differently to heat stroke. A veterinarian will perform a thorough physical exam to assess how your pet has been affected. Blood work will likely be done to see if your pet has complications such as clotting problems, low glucose, and kidney or liver dysfunction or electrolyte imbalances. In critical cases, pets may require several days of hospitalization with intravenous fluids and multiple medications. We all like a little sunshine and fresh air in the summer time, just make sure that your furry friend does not overheat!

# **VetSpecialists.Com Urges Pet Owners to Educate Themselves** About Pet Cancer

n support of the seventh annual "Pet Cancer Awareness Month," recognized in May 2016 by several pet organizations, VetSpecialists. com is encouraging pet owners to learn more about pet cancer, its symptoms and treatment. Navigating a cancer diagnosis can be frightening for a pet owner, and it's important and helpful to have access to information. VetSpecialists.com hopes to empower pet owners with online resources about common canine and feline cancers and courses of action, which can help foster conversations about cancer between pet owners and their primary care veterinarians.

"Cancer treatment involves a lot of communication between what we refer to as the 'triad of care' - the pet parent, the primary care veterinarian and the specialist," says Gerald Post, DVM,

MEM, DACVIM (Oncology), practice owner of The Veterinary Cancer Center located in Connecticut and Long Island and one of the organizations sponsoring Pet Cancer Awareness Month. "For example, the pet parent needs to be aware of any unusual lumps or bumps a pet may have. The primary care veterinarian will aspirate those bumps to find out if they are cancerous or be-nign, and the specialist will develop a tailored treatment plan for that pet patient based on the information received from the owner and primary care veterinarian."

According to a recent survey, 63 percent of pet owners weren't aware that veterinary speciality medicine even existed. Due to those statistics, the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) and the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) launched VetSpecialists.com as part of a joint national awareness campaign to educate the public about veterinary specialty medicine. The website is a valuable resource to owners of both small and large animals.

"In human healthcare, it's important to see a specialist upon a diagnosis of cancer, and the same concept holds true for pets," explains Sue Ettinger, DVM,

DACVIM (Oncology), who practices at Animal Specialty & Emergency Center in the Hudson Valley of New York. "A board certified veterinary oncologist brings expertise and can provide the pet owner and the primary care veterinarian with a plan of treatment options and anticipated outcomes."

"Pets frequently recover more rapidly and are home with their owners more quickly than would be expected following surgery," adds Nicole Ehrhart, VMD, MS, DACVS, a surgical oncologist at The Flint Animal Cancer Center, Colorado State University. "If the veterinary oncologist deems a pet a candidate for surgery, the surgical oncologist will discuss potential benefits, risks and costs of treatment, as well as alternatives to surgery in some cases.'

All three specialists agree that there are many new, effective treatment options on the horizon for pets and pet parents shouldn't assume the treatment options will be too aggressive. "Our goal is to provide a quality of life that wouldn't be possible without treatment," says Dr. Ehrhart. "Pet owners are often surprised at the number of options available that will provide an excellent quality of life. We don't want the treatment to be worse than the disease.

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# Patience is Not Just a Virtue, It's Being Responsible

atience is a virtue long lost to the average American. In an era in which everything we want to know can be gained as quickly as we can type a few letters in a search bar or delivered to us within two days if we are members of Amazon Prime, why do we need it? Today, it's all about speed: faster Internet, faster checkouts in real stores, faster deliveries from online stores, faster weight loss, faster, faster, faster. The faster, the better, and the list of things that need to go faster keeps growing.

Unfortunately, one of the things that's been added to the list is dog training. We want our "best friend" to be on his "best behavior," and we want it pronto! We want to speed through the pain of puppyhood and create a no-biting, nojumping, no-going-potty-in-the-house, no-chewing-on-my-stuff and no-waking-me-up-in-the-middle-of-the-night great dog. On top of that, is asking for it to be done in less than two weeks unreasonable? We hope not because in less than a month, we want him to also be sitting, lying down, walking with us, staying where he's put, and coming to us when called; and we want it all to be done "OFF LEASH!" That's right: skip the leash. It's too much of a hassle to hold onto while texting! Certainly this can't be too much to ask. After all, professional dog trainers everywhere are

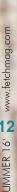


guaranteeing they can train our dogs to do so. Sadly, because we've become addicted to speed, we want to believe them, and we sign our dogs up for one of their misguided programs faster than we can select the "add to cart" button.

Life comes hard and fast to a wolf cub. They don't ask for this speed or for things to be so hard, but they're both there because that's the way of things as a social predator in the wild. Merciless winters, predation by humans, and the ever-present competition of pack members or alien wolves for territorial rights and access to limited food sources create a fast survival learning curve. Even so, wolf cubs are sheltered from many of the "hard and fast" parts of life by the adult pack members who feed them, protect them, and tutor them until they're old enough to be able to do so for themselves, usually at about one year of age. These adult wolves are patient and endure the pain of feeding, protecting and teaching the young for their first year because they instinctually know the cubs are only able to retain so much input during specific developmental periods. Mistakes made in the wild often lead to death, so teaching is slowed just enough to allow the cubs time to develop the needed knowledge and skill set that will keep them alive as a productive member of the pack.

Life doesn't come so hard and fast for our dogs, which are domestic wolves. There's no need for them to be self sustaining at nine to twelve months of age because we protect them, feed them, shelter them from the elements, and provide for them a safe territory to dwell in. The only knowledge and skill set necessary is what's needed for them to conform to our human existence, which is far less dangerous and stressful than that of their wild ancestors. Over the course of thousands of years, our beneficence has increased the lifespan of our dogs and, subsequently, has prolonged the early developmental periods in comparison to a wolf who ages physically, emotionally, and developmentally at a rate of twice that of our dogs.

Is it possible to train a dog to perform a set of cues "OFF LEASH" before the age of one year? Yes, it is, but is it sustainable and at what cost? Competing motivators such as other people, other dogs, squirrels, cats, bicycles, etc., may not be much competition when your "OFF LEASH" trained dog is six months of age, but they certainly can be at two years of age! Your "come when called, 'OFF LEASH'" command could fail you just when your dog, who used to not care about squirrels, sees one on the other side of a busy road and must children? I remember when my son was seven, he didn't give as a glance in a girl's direction. Howev- 11 er, when he turned seventeen, I had to threaten him with life-long grounding to keep him away from the girls long \( \hat{\pi} \) enough to concentrate on his school &





he Beauceron is such an elegant dog and how can it not be with a French name like, Beauceron? Until fairly recently this breed was only commonly known in France, and more specifically, northern France. According to the American Beauceron Club - "a membership association comprised of dedicated Beauceron fanciers" with the goal of educating the public on Beaucerons and providing a forum for breed lovers - it's "a very old breed developed solely in France with no foreign crosses." In France they are the Bas Rouge which translates to "red stockings" or a Berger de Beauce (sheepdog from Beauce) noted for their red hued legs in an otherwise dark, nearly black coat. However, they can also have a harlequin colored coat in gray, black and rust which is gaining in acceptance and popularity. The breed is mentioned in

a Renaissance manuscript dating back to 1578. However, some references take them as far back as the Stone Age. More lineage shows the Beauceron to be an ancestor of the Doberman.

This occasional red stockings wearer is a member of the herding group of dogs and their primary job has been to herd flocks of sheep and also cattle. It is believed the Beaucerons were used as war dogs during the Napoleonic wars and then again during WWI and WWII. Their main job was to sniff out mines and to perform sentry duties and to act as messengers. They have a very keen sense of smell and are excellent at following directions. Unfortunately, due to the nature of their work, they nearly became extinct during their service. Fortunately, the breed was revived after WWII "... primarily from approximately 50 select specimens."

The Beauceron is a large breed dog, standing up to 27 inches at the shoulder and weigh from 70 to 110 pounds which lends to their commanding look and demeanor. When they enter a room their presence is felt rather than heard.

#### **TEMPERAMENT**

The Beauceron is ideally suited for an individual or family that has considerable space for him to exercise. This breed is very intelligent and consequently, likes to have a variety of jobs to do like nose work or agility. However, do keep in mind they "... are not well suited to competition..." according to the American Kennel Club, but they do enjoy the physical and mental challenge. The Beauceron is also very well-suited to be a family dog. They are very loyal and protective of their home and people of all ages. Cover dog owner,

Robin Chartier says, "Mia is a beautiful, sweet, loving and loyal dog." Chartier notes her dog's protective nature but says Mia is extremely gentle with her disabled daughter. "People often stop me and ask questions about her when we take walks." Beaucerons also play well with other dogs if you happen to have another dog at home.

#### **TRAINABILITY**

Due to their intelligence and need to work, they are highly trainable. This makes them excellent search and rescue dogs, service dogs and military and police dogs for instance. The ABC recommends that if you are not an experienced trainer and you really desire a Beauceron, then "... stay away from high drive males." Furthermore, dominant male puppies, although cute and easy to handle, will grow up to be dominant male adults that can be a lot of dog for even the most experienced dog handler. So keep in mind the size of your home, yard and ability to train your Beauceron so that everyone is happy.

#### STAYING HEALTHY

Just because a dog is a pure breed does not mean he comes without propensities for certain genetic ailments. The Beauceron is no different. The most commonly known are "looseness of the hip joint, ... partial dislocation of the hip joint, and severe arthritic change..." Heart disease, eye problems, allergies, either food or environmental, gastric dilation and bloat and lastly, osteochondrosis desiccans which is a "... defect in the cartilage overlying the head of one of the long bones," according to the ABC. As you can see, these ailments are not necessarily any more unique to the Beauceron than to any other breed.

#### **GROOMING**

The Beauceron is very low maintenance when it comes to keeping their coat looking great. A bath once a month is about all they need to keep their coat looking and feeling handsome. Because they have more natural oils in their coat than other breeds, their coat repels water and dirt more readily and acts as insulation. Washing your Beauceron more often will remove these protective oils. When you bathe your Beauceron it is recommended that you either brush or blow-dry his hair in order to thoroughly remove the loose hair. But don't use the same blow dryer you use for yourself. Blow dryers for dogs have a lower heat setting and a more powerful force of air. You don't want to burn your pups and you will more assuredly blow out all the

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loose hair. Keep in mind that dogs turn over their coat and they will shed more than normal usually in the fall and early spring. You will want to brush at least two times a week or give your dog a blow out to facilitate the shedding process.

Of special note about the Beauceron are their double dewclaws on the rear legs. These are a must if you plan to show your dog. But even if you choose not to show your Beauceron and you choose to keep the double dewclaws, keep in mind they also need to be trimmed just like the rest of his claws. Chartier confirms that many people do notice her dog's double dewclaws, but she says that almost no one knows about the breed.

"I'm very proud to show off Mia, who not only is beautiful, but a rarity in this area."

The Beauceron has gained popularity outside of France in recent years. And, they have been accepted into the American Kennel Club as their 157th breed.

If you are interested in owning a Beauceron, a good place to start is the American Beauceron Club that also posts listings for rescues. (beauce.org)



BY LUCIE WINBORNE, FREELANCE WRITER

ne of the hardest things pet owners ever have to face is knowing when it's time to say goodbye. The decision to "let go" can be filled with dread, and most of us hope our four-legged friends will simply pass in their sleep - yet that is, unfortunately, rather rare. No matter how long our companions are with us, it's never quite long enough.

But thanks to pet hospice, many are discovering that sometimes the gift of a little more time can be theirs even while keeping their dogs' wellbeing foremost in mind.

#### **Ease Suffering, Retain Dignity**

The word "hospice" comes from the Latin hospes, meaning to host a guest or stranger. Before the development of hospitals, caring for the sick or dying was normally the responsibility of family or members of religious orders. Today, when both people and pets are living longer thanks to medical advances, there is an unprecedented willingness to spend large sums on an animal's healthcare. What was once the sole province of humans is now being extended to our canine companions, with the same philosophy in mind: to ease physical and emotional suffering.

The concept has been around for several decades but is still relatively uncommon, though as California veterinarian Dr. Alice Villalobos points out, the International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care, a 200-member group formed in 2009, "has been growing over the last five years."

As with our human loved ones, both palliative care and hospice focus on symptom relief. But while the former is not dependent on a prognosis and can be carried out alongside curative treatment, the hos-

pice approach involves ceasing aggressive medical treatment in favor of administering drugs and occasionally dietary changes in the final days of a terminal illness while recognizing that death is a normal part of life and can be carried out with dignity.

Another vital aspect of pet hospice, according to practitioners, is relief of the guilt many may feel when confronted with the necessity of choosing between an aggressive (and correspondingly expensive) form of treatment and euthanasia.

#### Treat & Cure

Dr. Dani McVety, founder of Lap of Love in west central Florida, notes that her undergrad volunteer work with human hospice "really helped me have a conversation with people about end of life" that veterinary school, which "teaches you to treat, treat, treat and cure, cure, cure" didn't provide. And while in recent years some schools, such as the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, have taken steps to remedy this by including courses on pet loss and bereavement, her experience was echoed by Dr. Kristi Arnquist of Homeward Bound Veterinary Services in Westport/Waunakee, WI.

"When I went to vet school, we didn't get any training at all" on how to counsel clients, Arnquist says. "I do know those of us who do this kind of work are working on developing programs and training curricula in this area." But end of life issues and euthanasia are "part of something we sign on for."

#### Is Hospice the Right Option?

One of the challenges of recognizing when a pet is suffering comes from the fact that the outward signs we associate with pain aren't



always present. But changes in breathing, such as unusual panting or gasping, a tendency to "hide," disorientation and reluctance or difficulty in moving are clues that an examination is in order. On her website, Dr. Arnquist provides a Quality of Life Scale for her clients that allows them to review criteria including pain levels, hunger, hydration and mobility, which she believes "gives them a lot of comfort."

As for the monetary aspect, though many pet owners will consider the potential costs of palliative care irrelevant in comparison to the peace of mind gained from knowing they've done all they could to give their animals a peaceful transition, Dr. Villalobos notes that, "In many ways palliative care is less costly because the symptoms are treated directly."

#### **Feeling Blessed!**

Winston, a Rottweiler rescued at the age of six months, spent the next 11 years as the beloved "only child, so to speak" of Lynn and Jody Cook. As he aged and arthritis set in, daily anti-inflammatory medication provided relief, but not long afterward, an antibiotic treatment prescribed for a nasal infection interacted negatively with the first drug, and Winston became immobile.

The Cooks called their regular vet who recommended taking him to an emergency clinic, but at 152 pounds, "he was not transportable. We were running out of options quickly," says Lynn. Several calls later the couple was referred to Dr. Arnquist who told the Cooks to stop Winston's medications "and became our coach from that point on."

Though Winston was soon almost his old self again, and his owners "felt very blessed to have three extra weeks to love him," it was also clear the end was fast approaching.

"Hospice granted all of our wishes the last few days and minutes and beyond," says Lynn. "We knew Winston needed to leave us in the home he grew up in and in a very calm setting with the dignity he deserved. It was very peaceful and bittersweet. Winston had a savior, and it was the gift of hospice. Ironically, little did we realize that hospice was our savior as well. Hospice is still there for us; we are now family."

Though the concept of hospice care for animals is now viewed with increasing acceptance, formal standards for such care still don't exist and stories abound of well-meaning souls "collecting" aging, sick or special needs animals, even to the point of hoarding and emotional/financial stress. Others, not seeing a need for medical intervention, have unwittingly ended up doing more harm than good, and there is debate in some circles as to whether euthanasia should ever be a considered option.

But Dr. Villalobos believes that when hospice is conducted "under the care and supervision of a veterinarian, the pet will have the best pain management and palliative medical support to avoid unnecessary suffering and to assure a peaceful and painless passing with the gift of euthanasia."

It's a worthy consideration for the creatures who bless us with the priceless gift of their unconditional love. As Dr. McVety puts it: "I can look in the mirror and say, 'I did a good thing."

#### **HOSPICE CARE FOR YOUR PET?**

Some of the signs dogs give when the end is near include unusual lethargy, loss of appetite or other changes in eating and drinking habits, incontinence and a lack of coordination. Here are some providers who can assist you in making an evaluation for hospice care:

- Homeward Bound Veterinary Services, LLC (608-695-1110), homewardbound. co. "My goal is to be the family's vessel. If they want to have a ceremony, or prayers, or people there, I try to honor that." Kristi Arnquist, DVM
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TAILYNN is a 5-year-old female Pekingese Mix. She adores attention & affection from people of all ages & would make a great family dog. She loves toys, especially those with squeakers that she can hunt! She always keeps her kennel clean enjoys time outside in the sun. Tailynn does not tolerate other dogs or cats & cannot go to a home that already has them.

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## **HOLISTIC REMEDIES**

# Chinese Remedies for Your Pets:

# Confused or Hungry for More?

BY JEAN JAHNKE, CPDT-KA, FREELANCE WRITER

raditional Chinese Medicine (also referred to as TCM) can help a vast array of health and behavioral issues by examining the whole animal and recognizing an imbalance before it becomes a disease.

Dr. Rebecca Mc-Cracken of PAWSAbilities Veterinary Rehabilitation looked to TCM when Western medicine was not helping her own

dog. She says she didn't care if they "wore grass skirts and waved snakes" over her dog as long as it helped. And helped it did. Mc-Cracken now adds TCM to her own set of tools for improving her patients' quality of life.

Alli Troutman, DVM and owner of Integrative Veterinary Service, was introduced to TCM while attending a local lecture about acupuncture. Troutman realized that TCM is no less scientific or evidence-based than Western medicine – just explained differently. For example, Troutman says, "In TCM they may call it 'heat'; in western medicine we call it inflammation." Once she learned acupuncture she was hooked! Her practice now incorporates Western, Eastern and complementary modalities to create the most individualized, effective and comprehensive wellness plan for every animal.

# What is Traditional Chinese Medicine?

TCM was developed centuries ago when agriculture was the primary occupation. The bond between humans and the earth was much stronger and clearer compared to today. The irony is that TCM appears complex to a newcomer, yet it is based on nature and simpler times. To comprehend the intricacies of TCM, just step outside the boundaries of technology and Western culture.

A TCM practitioner explains the internal arrangement of our body according to these elements: earth, water, wood, fire and metal. Each element in the Five Element Theory is linked to an organ system: earth with digestion, water with plumbing (kidneys and urinary bladder), wood with the tree of toxic processing (liver and gall bladder), fire with circulation of blood, hormones and

food and metal with meticulousness and cleaning up as in the lungs,large intestine and nose. Each element is comprised of a pair of internal organs; one is a yin

partner and one a yang partner. The proper interaction of these partners facilitates how well they work as a whole.

The elements must maintain a harmonious circular rhythm through checks and balances. A practitioner will assess the relations of the different organ systems with one another in terms like windiness and dampness. For example, a TCM practitioner may prescribe a Chinese formula selected to "dispel wind and clear heat" for a dog with seasonal allergies.

A TCM practitioner's goal is to bring your pet's body into balance by treating and preventing. Diagnosis is made by assessing the Five Elements as well as:

• The Eight Principles, which include four

opposite pairs. These opposite pairs are the yin and yang; cold and hot; internal and external; and excess and deficiency.

- How the pet's energy (Qi) flows through his/her body following the meridian system and circadian clock. The energy flow has more focus in certain parts of the body during certain times of the day or night according to the circadian clock. And the meridian system is the pathway for the energy. Each pathway follows aspects of the circulatory, lymphatic, muscular and nervous systems.
- Additional relationships with the Five Elements are called affiliations. These include but are not limited to: climate, season, sound, emotion, odor, food, color, direction, body opening, secretion and body part.

Treatment incorporates the use of:

- Acupressure, acupuncture and massage: Acupressure and acupuncture effect change by stimulating or fatiguing acupoints along the meridian. With acupressure, a TCM practitioner uses a finger-tip technique, whereas acupuncture uses a needle. Massage increases blood flow to an area, stimulates muscles and relieves pain.
- Food therapy: TCM practitioners evaluated food over many centuries studying the origin of the food, where the food flourishes, and how the food interacts in the body (for example, making us warmer or cooler). From these studies food therapy evolved culminating in recommendations to improve a variety of conditions and maintain good health.
- Herbal therapy: Herbs are used to bring the body into balance, resulting in relief. According to Chris Bessent, DVM, founder of Herbsmith, Chinese herbs address the root causes of underlying disharmonies. Signs and symptoms are translated into pattern(s) that correlate to specific conditions. The Herbsmith website claims that results of the herbs can be seen within a few weeks.

Hungry for more information? The book "Four Paws Five Directions: A Guide to Chinese Medicine for Cats and Dogs" by Cheryl Schwartz, DVM was recommended by Dr. McCracken for it's clear, comprehensible language. It gave me a better understanding of the treatments Dr McCracken was using on my dogs. Jill Wanie, another dog lover, looked to Chinese medicine to help her dog. She says, "I didn't want to manage my senior dog's arthritis with a harsh drug that had potential side effects. We were prescribed Corydalis (Yan Hu Suo) by Shawn Mulvihill, DVM at Animal Doctor Holistic Veterinary Complex and found it very effective."

So if you're not satisfied with the results Western medicine or if you'd like to try other options, talk to your veterinarian about the possibilities of Chinese medicine.



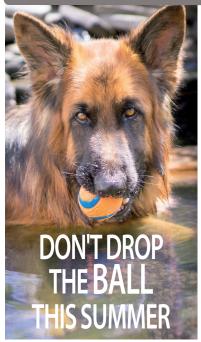
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## **CANINE WATER SAFETY: 101**



BY PATTI MURACZEWSKI, APDT, FREELANCE WRITER

s we are literally diving into our biggest recreational season for people and dogs, it is important dog owners become aware of some uncommon safety issues connected with this time of year.

Last year a friend of mine took his dogs swimming. He had taken them to this location numerous times before. But this time is was a bit different as the pond had an unusual smell and green algae that looked like pea soup. The dog's owner had a foreboding feeling, but before he could stop the dogs, they were in the water. In just a short period of time, one of three dogs was displaying signs of toxicity. This

dog, which just minutes ago was extremely healthy, was now vomiting and becoming very lethargic. Before he could make it home, the dog died in his arms. The other dogs were showing signs of illness as well, but hosing them down quickly saved their lives.

The sad determination was blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria or pond scum, was the cause. It is most often seen in years when lake levels are low and appears more commonly in late summer. Dr. Jennifer Coates, a small animal veterinarian, explains this in her article "The Toxic Effects of Pond Algae on Your Dog's Health." Coates states, "[blue-green algae] is non-filamentous; in other words, not the slimy gunk that grows in so many relatively still bodies of fresh water that you can pick up with a stick. This algae looks like a layer of paint floating on the surface of the water and is a bright, artificial looking green color. This fits the description of some types of potentially deadly blue-green algae blooms, but other colors are also possible, including blue-tinged, brown and a combination of red and green." The algae is toxic to both animals and people. Coates states that cyanobacteria can adversely affect the nervous system, liver, and skin, with symptoms like weakness, unsteadiness, muscle cramps, twitching and difficulty breathing within 15 to 20 minutes of an animal ingesting contaminated water.

Severely affected animals can develop seizures, heart failure, paralysis and die even with prompt and appropriate treatment. So if you have doubt stay away from any lakes or ponds with algae.

When temperatures rise, people often open their backyard swimming pools. This becomes dangerous when dog owners use the fenced-in pool area as an unsupervised dog yard. It is believed by many pet advocacy organizations that thousands of family pets drown annually - though there are no sound statistics.

We know that children are attracted to swimming pools but dogs are equally attracted to them. Dogs left unattended by water just isn't safe. Especially, dogs that are older or have medical issues. They really need to be supervised due to poor vision, tripping or seizures.

In the article "Swimming pool drownings 'on the rise" from perthnow.com, Dr. Ryan Ong, senior

registrar at Murdoch Pet Emergency Centre states, "In addition, unsecured solar pool blankets are a hazard as dogs falling into the water can get trapped under them and the weight of the blanket can push them under the water." One solution to preventing a drowning accident is active supervision, but it is also important to teach your dog how to swim and properly exit the pool. An alarm device that detects movement in the pool can save both animals and human lives.

Dr. Ong also stresses, "Veterinary assistance should still be sought for dogs that are rescued from the pool after having a near-drowning incident. Complications including hypothermia, pneumonia or fluid build-up in the lungs can occur."

As a dog owner who loves to take my dogs swimming, I was totally unaware until recently about the problem of water intoxication or hyponatremia this is when more water enters the body than can be processed and there is a dangerous shift in electrolyte balance.

Even though this condition is considered relatively rare as of late, I have talked to more dog owners that have lost dogs to this and it is usually fatal. Dr. Karen Becker, a proactive and integrative wellness veterinarian, explores this subject in her article, "Water Intoxication: Too Much of a Good Thing".

She states, "At highest risk are dogs that enjoy playing in water for long stretches. Even a lawn sprinkler or hose can pose a hazard for pets that love to snap at or 'catch' spraying water." Note: Dogs that retrieve and carry things in their mouths while swimming are more susceptible to water intoxication since they are taking in water while grabbing the item.

Be aware of the symptoms in your dog which include loss of coordination, lethargy, nausea, bloating, vomiting, dilated pupils, glazed eyes and light gum color. In severe cases, there can be difficulty breathing, collapse and seizures.

According to the experts, the best way to avoid this it to give your dog frequent breaks while enjoying the water. Water play is fun for people and dogs and a great way to exercise but only if done safely.

In addition to the hazards of the water, pool owners should be aware of the dangers of the chemicals that go into the pools according to Dr. Janet Veit, veterinarian at the Hillside Animal Hosin Lacrosse, Wis. "One of the most painful dogs I've ever seen was a terrier that ate some "shock treatment " for a backyard pool. It ulcerated his throat and airways so badly that he was on a ventilator for several days while his injuries healed. Anyone with a backyard pool has to be very careful about keeping all pool chemicals safely away from pets", Dr. Veit states.



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echnology is in the hands of every dog owner whether it's via a smart phone, iPad, IPod, laptop or desktop. Along with this accessibility comes an app to locate or provide something for everyone from food delivery services to car rides to dating services. Well, no longer are apps only for humans; there are now apps available for our dogs via their humans. And with summer and outdoor activities in full swing, we're going to focus on the Apps for wellness and safety. Let's check out a few.

# WHERE IN THE WORLD IS FIDO?

Have you ever wondered if your professional dog walker is actually walking your dog while you're at the office? Or maybe you're on a hike and your dog gets away from you faster than you can track him? Well, now you can remotely find your dog with a **Pawscout**. This device clips on to your dog's collar. It is waterproof, comes in a variety of colors and has a replaceable battery that can last up to 12 months and operates via Bluetooth. You can also get your neighbors onboard by asking them to also install the free app to help locate your dog, you can create a digital profile of your dog and even create digital "lost dog" flyers. (pawscout. com)

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Podtrackers. This device clips to your dog's collar and uses a GPS and SIM card. You download the app and you're ready to go. You have the option to create safe zones, too. This pod is touted as the "... smallest and lightest real-time GPS pet tracker in the world." (podtrackers.com)

Note: Prices vary.

More on tracking devices on page 28.

#### **HEALTHY & HAPPY APP-IES**

You pup is healthy and happy and all is well in your world. And then, on a Sunday, he nibbled on a suspicious plant. Or, he's breathing funny. Your first reaction is to panic. But, if you have the **petMD Symptom Checker** app by petMD, LLC on your smart phone, you can quickly and easily look up the item he ingested or the symptoms he is showing and have peace of mind that all will be fine. The app provides a list of common and less common ailments, symptoms and basic treatments. It's nice to know you have a place to go when the situation is "less-than-an-emergency" but more than a "do nothing". And, the app is free

on iTunes. Hey, more room in those deep pockets for treats!

Another app is the Pet First Aid by American Red Cross. With this app you can look-up a vet, find a veterinarian hospital and have emergency first aid questions answered at your fingertips. The pluses to this app is that information about your dog is handy on your phone, and it's easy to toggle between the information. Negatives are that the organization of the app could use some improvement. And a big caveat is that some of the emergency first aid is better left to the professionals and not to an app. On that note, it is always best to follow-up any medical questions and care with your dog's veterinarian for your dog's individual medical needs. This app is free.

The **Pet Phone** app allows you to track your dog's health – medications, weight, allergies, even what your dog likes to eat. And you can sync appointments with your calendar and receive reminders. This app is available on iTunes for \$2.99.

If you have a dog like mine who wants to sample every blade of grass or sniff every blooming flower while on a walk and often wants a taste test, then the **Petoxins** app is for you. This app allows you to search their database of plants that are known to have negative effects on dogs and other animals. It provides information on various names of a single plant, a picture of the plant and

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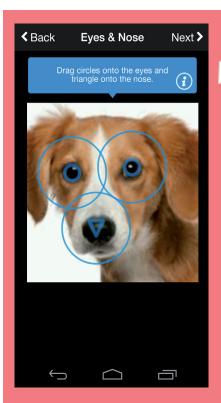
Along with health care is health insurance for your dog. Hartville Insurance has partnered with **PetPartner** app. This app ... "lets users book appointments with their favorite veterinarian, send reminders of booked appointments ... saves appointment details and medical history." This app is free.

So, get out your smart phone, iPad or other device of choice and download one or all of these apps for your peace of mind and your pups safety and well-being.



LUCY is a 4-year-old female Chihuaua Mix weighing in at 15 pounds. Don't let her size fool you. This playful little girl is best buds with her pittie foster sister. They love to play chase in the yard, chew on sticks & wrestle together. Afterwards she wants to nap on her human's lap. Lucy is great with kids & would make a great family dog!

JULES is a 7-year-old male Cane Corso. He knows his basic commands such as sit & lay down & behaves very well when out for a walk. He keeps his kennel clean & enjoys playing with his toys & chewing on his bones. Whenever a friendly face approaches his kennel, he picks up his favorite bone & wags his whole body in happiness. Jules would be best in a home with no other animals, as he would prefer to have all the attention to himself!



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listings for the top five closest matches based on facial features.

As part of this effort, every dog adopted from MADACC and WHS will also be pre-registered in the Finding Rover database; they can be automatically transferred to an owner's Finding Rover account after adoption. If that dog ever gets lost, an owner can use the Finding Rover facial recognition search to help bring his or her lost dog home.

"We highly encourage everyone to register with Finding Rover," said Karen Sparapani, executive director at MADACC. "We know that ID tags and microchips are critical in reuniting lost animals with owners, and Finding Rover's platform is yet another great way to make sure more lost dogs are quickly returned to owners."

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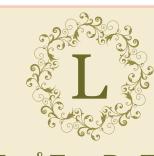
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#### BY PAULA MACIOLEK, FREELANCE WRITER

here are 83.3 million dogs in the U.S. and 54.4 million households have at least one dog, according to the Annual Pet Products Association's National Pet Owner's Survey of 2015-2016. They have to live somewhere, and the outlook for renting with dogs is changing.

When my pack and I moved from Milwaukee to Madison in 2010, we had a hard time finding a place to rent. With a Pit Bull Mix, a Shepherd Mix and a cat, prospective landlords balked at our breeds, sizes and quan-

After scouring rental websites and making a ton of phone calls to people who basically conveyed to me that my animals were not welcome, we finally found a sympathetic duplex owner who was of a different mind. Her family member had a Pit Mix, and she didn't subscribe to the unsubstantiated hype surrounding Pit Bulls. Once I signed the lease, I vowed to never leave until the day we could buy a house for our animals and live there, too.

If you are a renter and have a dog or dogs or a dog and another species of companion animal, you are likely all too familiar with these frustrations. There just aren't enough landlords willing to allow pets. And if you have a large dog or a breed/kind of dog such as German Shepherd, Rottweiler, one of the three breeds considered to be Pit Bull-type or have a dog that resembles one, the pool of options grows even smaller. Don't give up before you take a look at what is happening across the country to provide more rental housing options to people whose children have four legs and don't paint the walls with their dinner.

An effort is being made by many animal welfare organizations to not only convince

property owners to rent to pet families but to support them when they do. Nationally, one such organization is the Humane Society of the United States. They are helping landlords create a Pets are Welcome policy that includes not having breed or size restrictions. It also helps them determine deposits and fees using statistical data rather than assumptions about the costs involved with damages and time spent resolving issues. In the end, more people will be able to keep their pets and enjoy the benefits they bring instead of surrendering them to shelters because of restrictive rental policies. It also provides fair rules for tenants and landlords as well as a system of resolving issues that can arise from pet tenancy.

It is hoped that Pets are Welcome has the potential side effect of reducing the numbers of animals that are surrendered for moving and landlord reasons. When there are more places dogs can live, fewer are discarded and euthanized in shelters.

To help this effort, the HSUS uses data gathered from a study done by Carlisle-Frank et al for a 2005 "Anthrozoos" paper titled "Companion Animal Renters and Pet-Friendly Housing in the U.S." The findings support the pros of property owners leasing to people with pets. Contrary to what popular opinion has been, size and breed of dog do not predict behavior, and placing restrictions on these characteristics lessens the pool of potential good tenants. It turns out that damage is not greater in units with pets compared to units without pets. They actually cause less expense in damages than children cause. In the end, the statistically significant data shows that for most landlords it could even be financially beneficial rather than harmful for property owners to rent to tenants with companion animals.

Marissa Saad, director of the rescue, Helping Pitties in the City, and a long-time volunteer in animal rescue, is a "Pit Bull mama" who has rented with dogs for 10 years. This mom to two Pit Bull-type dogs has much experience looking for a place where she could live with her preferred dog type. Her first suggestion to people with dogs is to drive through areas where you would like to live and look for "for rent" signs.

When she contacted the property owner, Saad says, "I didn't disclose the breed of dog to my landlord until they met me and my dogs." This strategy was confirmed to be a wise one after a landlord told her that a call from a woman saying she owns Pit Bulls brings to his mind the picture of her having a boyfriend who is involved in crime.

When landlords meet Saad and her dogs, she says, "I discuss my volunteer activities and emphasize that my dogs are well-cared for and fully vetted. I emphasize that my dogs are crate-trained and potty-trained. I offer to purchase renter's insurance."

In terms of paying security deposits or more rent, she says that she's had to pay a little extra in security deposits but never had to pay extra rent for the dogs. To sweeten the deal, Saad offers to do lawn care because the dogs will be using the yard. She's even negotiated putting up a fence which she paid for. Every time this dog owner meets a prospective landlord, she's educating people and changing minds about misunderstood dog types.

The effort by the HSUS and other organizations as well as individual renters across the U.S. is changing minds and perspectives. Like Saad's approach, you can show the property manager that you and your dog are going to be good tenants.

Let the rental manager meet your dog. Giene Keyes, CPDT-KA, owner and founder of Dog Face has suggestions for skills your dog needs to make a great first impression, and an important one is good greeting manners. "This is what people (landlords especially) will base their opinions on, their initial meeting of your dog. If your dog has mastered polite greeting skills, it could mean a difference of getting the apartment you want or having to look elsewhere."

Train your dog to be able to sit at your side. Then release him to say hi only after you've read his signals to know he is ready. "As long as he is not growling, lunging or pulling backwards to get away," says Keyes, "he can still sit nicely next to you and be polite when there is a stranger in the room. And yes, you should be using treats lots of high-value treats!"

Teach her how to walk nicely or even heel. People will make judgments about your dog when watching her walk on a leash. "If they see a dog pulling, practically choking itself, they are going to assume that the dog is untrained, unruly and possibly ill-mannered. They will also assume that you do not have control over your dog!"

#### Some dogs are great dogs but don't make a good first impression.

"If your dog is reactive, contact a good trainer that can help you through it. If your dog is more shy or aloof, that's okay!" says Keyes. Keyes assures, "It is not required for everyone to love being touched by strangers! Just let the person know ahead of time that your dog is shy." A trainer can help you and your dog become good rental behaviorready so your dog is the best tenant he can be. A well-behaved dog can enhance your home life long after you've moved in and everywhere you go.

Have a resume for your dog. This can be impressive to show a landlord and help make a good case for you as a renter. List classes completed and show any awards or certificates you have. It shows that you are an attentive, responsible dog owner who has put time and effort into developing your dog's manners. Keyes was interviewing for a rental unit with a skeptical landlord who had never rented to a person with dogs before. "My dogs and I met with him. I showed him my dogs Canine Good Citizen certificate as well as graduation certificates from dog training classes and some obedience ribbons we had won. He let us rent from him! I think showing someone that you are prepared and that you have done training with your dog is very helpful."

I'm not only a renter, but I am a property owner open to renting to tenants with dogs. When we became tenants in Madison, we became landlords for our home in Milwaukee that we couldn't sell. We did not advertise our home as dog-friendly, but we were open to considering them case by case if a prospective renter who shared their lives with dogs approached us about it.

A dog on the property concerns me from a bite standpoint because property owners are held liable, and I needed to know that the people living in my home were responsible dog parents.

One couple who rented from us had a dog, and the neighbors told us they barely knew that a dog lived there. When their lease was ending, they were moving to another state, and their next landlord wanted a referral from me about the people and their dog. I wrote a letter of reference, and the property manager who called me to verify it was legitimate was pleasantly surprised to receive the letter that contained details about why this couple and their dog were a good risk. They got the apartment!

When you're ready to start a search for your next place to rent with your furry family members in southern Wisconsin, there are at least two shelters offering resources to assist you. The Wisconsin Humane Society maintains an Animal Friendly Housing List of southeastern Wis. rental options. (wihumane.org)

The Dane County Humane Society also publishes a list of Pet Friendly Apartments for Dane County rental options for the greater Madison area and surrounding areas. (giveshelter.org)

At these two websites, you can quickly see a list of properties that are amenable to you living there with your dog. There is also property contact information as well as which types of animals are allowed and restrictions.

As soon as you know you need a new place to rent with your dog, start calling and emailing landlords early, and when you're done, let WHS and DCHS know the results of your research. It could help someone else in the same situation someday, and with repeat business and good tenants owning dogs, we could see more and more property owners putting the welcome mat out for your dogs, and even sweeter, we will have fewer dogs separated from their families because of restrictive rental housing.

#### **WHAT IS A TRUE** "PETS ARE WELCOME" POLICY?

The HSUS is committed to supporting landlord and property management companies in adopting truly Pets Are Welcome rental policies. A Pets Are Welcome policy:

- Takes the facts above into account and does not contribute unintentionally and unnecessarily to pet homeless ness or the separation of pets from their
- Recognizes that pets are part of the family, provide emotional and physical benefits and are not disposable at any stage in their lifetimes;
- Does not contain arbitrary restrictions based on considerations like breed, size,
- Establishes reasonable pet deposits and fees as supported by actual data regarding damage caused by pets, costs of pet amenities, etc., rather than assumptions or misapprehensions;
- Contains pet rules that are fair and equitable, disclosed in writing upon initiation of the tenancy and ensure that processes for handling pet-related complaints or violations are designed to preserve both the resident/landlord and resident/pet relationship to the greatest extent possible;
- Holds pet owners accountable for their actions managing their pets. Good petowning residents must be respectful of and avoid disruption to other residents on the property.

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BY DR. MEGAN TREMELLING, LAKESHORE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS

here's no doubt we love our pets and want to take good care of them. We want them to be happy and healthy for many years to come! Whole industries have grown up to support pet owners' willingness to spend money on their pets. So how can it be that some pets, even well-beloved pets in families with financial resources, aren't getting what they need?

It's quite simple: We don't always know, or admit to ourselves, what our pets really need. For one thing, some of their needs are more fun for us to indulge than others. Feeding them can be fun. Brushing their teeth, not so much! We also can be misled by marketing campaigns and distracted by the many other demands on our time, with the result that we think we're taking better care of them than we are.

We all have limits on how much time and money we can spend on our pets. We owe it to these beloved family members to spend them wisely. Odds are pretty good that your pet needs you to spend more time and money doing these things:

- 1. Brushing his teeth. Takes some training but is inexpensive, quick, makes his breath smell a million times better and will reduce the number of times he will need anesthesia for dental cleaning or extractions.
- 2. Exercising him and keeping him at a healthy weight. There is real science to show that this helps dogs live longer and better.
- 3. Veterinary care when he needs it. Obviously nobody can have an unlimited budget for veterinary care, but if you have a dog, you should have money budgeted for medical expenses.

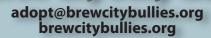
Where will you find the time and money to do these things? By cutting back on these things:

- Grain free foods, "all natural" foods, and any food whose marketing budget rivals that of a presidential campaign.
- Large wardrobes of adorable clothes and collars.
- A supply of toys that any child would envy.

Now, before the haters start in, let me state for the record that every dog needs a collar or harness, that dogs who like to chew need to have safe things to gnaw on, and that there are some short-coated dogs who really do need sweaters and jackets. Lastly, there are some dogs who don't do well with grains in their diet and seem healthier when their starches come from legumes or potatoes.

My point is that dogs don't really need a wide variety of clothes and toys. (Dogs have zero fashion sense.) Most dogs do just as well with a diet from the top shelf of the grocery store as with a super premium dog food; some actually do better. And if you are happy to spend money on luxuries that your pet doesn't really care about but claim you "can't afford" to give them things that really affect their quality of life, it is time to admit that you are doing it for your own amusement and not for their benefit.

So what is the one thing you can do that will improve your pet's wellbeing the most? Depends. Maybe you're already brushing your dog's teeth. Maybe you already run him 9 miles a day. I don't know. But your veterinarian probably does... and if not, then it's time you became better acquainted. In sum, the single best thing you can do for your pet is to ask your veterinarian what's the single best thing you can do for your pet. The answer may surprise you.



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# What's the 'Mange' with Fido?



BY LINDSEY FOSTER, DVM, MILWAUKEE EMERGENCY CENTER FOR ANIMALS

here are two main causes of mange in dogs. Demodex and Sarcoptes. These are caused by two different kinds of mites.

Demodex is also called demodicosis or red mange. All dogs raised by their mothers have this mite, and it is transferred from the mother to the puppies through close contact with the mother during the first few days of life. Demodex is found normally on dogs and does not usually cause a problem. When the symbiotic relationship is disturbed and the mites multiply by the suppression of the immune system in any way, the mites start to cause problems for a dog.

Demodectic mange (unlike sarcoptic mange) is not considered contagious. This idea has been challenged with some outbreaks of non-related dogs in a household all being effected with demodectic mange. Some species of demodectic mange may be more contagious than others, but if a dog is healthy they should not show symptoms of an over population of the mite. While transmission from dog to dog may be under scrutiny, there is no question that mites cannot be transmitted to humans or to cats.

There are three different forms of demodectic

- 1. LOCALIZED: With this form the demodicosis occurs as isolated areas of patchy, scaly skin that usually occurs most commonly on the dog's face. Localized demodicosis does not involve more than two body regions and does not consist of more than four spots total on the dog. This is considered a common problem in puppies and 90 percent resolve with no treatment. The 10 percent that do not resolve will most likely turn into generalized demodicosis.
- 2. GENERALIZED: This is exactly what it means; the entire dog is affected with patchy fur, skin infections and bald scaly skin. These dogs tend to have a foul odor from the secondary bacterial infections that occur. With generalized disease, treatment is recommended. If the dog is less than a year old, 30-50 percent will spontaneously resolve without treatment but treatment is generally recommended. If the dog is over a year old, there is

usually an underlying disease causing suppression of the immune system and allowing the mites to flourish. A thorough medical work up will be required to potentially find a more serious hidden condition such as cancer, liver or kidney disease or an immune-suppressive hormone imbalance.

Note: There is a hereditary component to the development of generalized demodectic mange and any dog with this condition should not be used for breeding.

3. DEMODECTIC PODODERMATITIS: This form of mange is localized to the paws. Bacterial infections usually accompany this condition. This is the last place the mites tend to hang on, and it is very difficult to diagnose because the infection can be so deep that biopsies are required to diagnose it. This is one of the most resistant forms of demodicosis.

There are several different treatment options. Your veterinarian will find the best treatment option for your dog. Most treatment is oral and must be used until no mites are found on your dog for two consecutive tests.

Testing is fairly simple. A scraping of the skin is taken and microscopic examination may reveal mites. If mites are not seen that does not mean the dog is off the hook for demodex. It means more tests or a trial of the medication to clear demodex. Sarcoptic mange (also called scabies) is incredibly irritating to a dog. This mite burrows into the dog's skin, lays her eggs and when the eggs hatch 3-10 days later the larva move to the surface of the skin and molt into nymphs and finally adult mites. The adults move on the surface of the skin where they mate and the cycle starts all over again. As the adults move on the skin, it drives the dog crazy because it is extremely itchy. When the female mite burrows into the skin to lay her eggs, it can cause a massive allergic reaction that causes the dog be become even itchier.

These mites like portions of the skin that are hairless. They tend to multiply on the ears, elbows and abdomen. An owner will notice red, scaly and itchy skin. This is a common presentation for dogs with allergies, but before a veterinarian takes on the daunting task of figuring out what your dog could be allergic to, they will likely treat for mange just as a precaution.

While one of the mites known to cause sarcoptic mange can infect humans and cats, it tends to not persist on these hosts. It is spread from dog to dog by direct contact. The mites can live off a dog for days to weeks (depending on their life stage), but they are only infective for 36 hours. The time these mites are infective make it so environmental decontamination is generally not necessary.

Mite infections on humans is self-limiting; this means the mite is not able to complete its life cycle on the "wrong" host (a human) and will go away on their own, but while waiting for this, the infested areas remain extremely itchy. The mites like warm places and these places are where they are most active. These warm places tend to be bedding and where clothing is snug.

The same diagnostic test that is done for demodectic mange is used for sarcoptic mange and this is a skin scraping. The problem with sarcoptic mange is when the dog itches, they break open the tunnels the mites have made and the mites are killed even though the itching persists from toxins on the skin so it is difficult to find these mites on a skin scraping. It has been thought that sarcoptic mange mites are only found 50 percent of the time.

Usually, like with demodectic mange, when a very itchy dog is brought to a veterinarian, a medication trial for mange is done before going on a hunt to find out if the dog has a food or environmental allergy. Treatment is simple and very effective, but it does take 2-4 weeks to see resolution, and during § this time the dog remains very itchy and battles secondary bacterial infections. There are medications that can help alleviate some of the itch associated with the mites, and your veterinarian will prescribe them if your dog needs some extra relief. Remember because sarcoptic mange is transmissible to other dogs, it is important to bring all dogs to 27 your veterinarian for treatment.

Information taken from vin.com

# Why Tracking Devices are Good for Him

BY REBECCA THOMAS, FREELANCE WRITER

anny Akacki learned that it only takes a second for his Beagle, Kona, to escape from the yard and make her way around the neighborhood.

With a GPS tracker on her collar, Akacki can monitor her movements and is alerted on his cell phone immediately after she leaves a particular area. Living near several highways, the GPS tracker provides Akacki peace of mind.

"I had stepped out for a moment to get some coffee. On my way back, my alarm went off, followed by a text message from my wife at home with our baby," says Akacki.

Kona had gotten out of the yard. "I located her in one minute, being detained by a very nice fireman out front of the station."

There are several different trackers on the market, each boasting unique features. However, they all have one common goal: Keeping pets safe.

#### WHAT'S IN A TRACKER?

Akacki chose the Tagg device from the Whistle product line to track his dog. The Whistle, which retails for \$99.95, runs on the Verizon Wireless network to track the pet and send information to the owner. It requires a monthly service plan that costs \$9.95 per month.

Nuzzle is another GPS unit (\$189), however it does not require a service plan.

"If your dog is outside wearing the collar and there is cellular phone coverage, you can find your dog using our app," says Anthony Dubbaneh, CEO and co-founder of Nuzzle.

Dubbaneh said Nuzzle developers used the same technology behind the mobile traffic and mapping app Waze. Owners can be alerted when their pet leaves the range of a base station or a particular geofence area. The mapping is in real-time and just as precise as a GPS unit in a car.

#### **BEYOND THE GPS**

Pet trackers on the market can monitor more than just the whereabouts of a dog or cat. Just like personal fitness tracking devices, pet trackers are becoming more sophisticated and collect additional data, which is being used to give owners a new look at their pets' lives.

"I'd used a Fitbit for a year or so and thought the idea of tracking my dog's activity would be fun. I also thought it would be helpful since she was recovering from surgery (ACL repair) and I wanted to make sure she got enough—but not too much—activity until she was ready for it," says Jonathon Coleman, a California resident with an 8-year-old Lab/Rottweiler Mix name Prim. He uses the Whistle activity tracker.

"I think most people over-estimate the length of their walks. You take the dog around the block and they sniff around and you chat with a neighbor and, boy, howdy, it seems like you were probably out there for a good 20-30 minutes or so. But in reality it was only 5. And then people wonder why their dog is acting up, misbehaving, or getting neurotic," says Coleman. "Best of all, the tracker helps keep you active. You won't be able to lie to yourself about not taking your dog out enough. So instead of watching Jimmy Fallon, you'll go out for a walk with your best friend."

The Nuzzle monitors the pet's movements throughout the day and the app will show the owner if the animal has been active or sedentary. Another monitor, the PetPace, is designed specifically to continuously monitor the health, behavior and well-being of dogs and cats and provide real-time alerts.

"The PetPace smart collar is the only pet wearable that continuously monitors a full range of physiological and behavioral indicators including: vital signs (temperature, pulse, respiration), HRV (an early indicator of pain, stress, heart disease and other health issues), activity patterns and intensity, body postures, calories burned and more. While this isn't designed to replace the veterinarian, knowing these trends can help identify if something is wrong" says Gal Steinberg, vice president of marketing for Pet-

The PetPace collar monitors the health of the pet but doesn't provide GPS technology for physically tracking the pet.

PetPace uses a base unit, which is connected to the home internet connection.

"Detailed health data is transmitted wirelessly to PetPace's cloud-based analytics engine which then transforms the data into clinically useful information sent in the form of alerts, reports and analytics.

That information can be viewed on our native mobile app on a smartphone," says Steinberg. The information collected is compared to that of a baseline for the animal's breed and can provide insight on health, adequate activity levels and other information that is important to the care of the pet.

"Our device monitors the pet throughout the day and continuously during activity. Our sensors are passive so they don't transmit radio waves that can be harmful to the pet," says Steinberg.

With a range of trackers available that monitor a pet's location or health, owners are getting a glimpse into their pets' lives that they never have before.

"If she was acting rowdy or going stir-crazy, looking at her activity data reminded us that it'd been a few hours since her last walk. In that way, the tracker helped us interpret and understand her behavior,"



work which, by the way, he was very keep their medical care up to date and gifted in. So much so, he could have easily entered college almost two years early, but because he was not emotionally ready for the sudden and drastic changes that life as a college student incurs, he was kept in high school where his maturity was allowed to develop at the proper pace.

Is this not what we wish for our young dogs or will our impatience force them to undergo the sudden and drastic changes that the accompanying stressors of "college level" work such as "OFF LEASH" requires when they're only developmentally ready for elementary school, or "ON LEASH"? Wolves develop twice as fast as our dogs, but they're not required to undergo "college level" training until they're almost a year old. Why? Because patience is a virtue not lost to adult wolves. Nature, the master teacher, taught them thousands of years ago that speed, in this case, kills.

In summary, domestic dogs are not ready for "OFF LEASH" training until they're well over one year of age. Even if it's accomplished at an earlier age, it will not remain reliable for the next few years of development, and the stress incurred from the rigors of the training at an inappropriate developmental period will have a lasting, detrimental effect on the spirit and vitality of the dog. Take your cue from nature and take dog training off your speed list.

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In the case of your young dog, patience is not just a virtue, it's being responsible. Bryan Bailey is a nationally-recognized, award-winning animal behaviorist, as well sa the author of Embracing the Wild in Your Dog, and his upcoming second book, The Hammer – Understanding Canine Aggression. Together with his wife, Kira, they own ProTrain Memphis and Taming the Wild. Learn more about Bailey at www.TamingtheWild.com.

#### PROJECT BREATHE™ Saving Dogs' Lives In An Emergency

BY KATHLEEN HUNTER, FREELANCE WRITER

s pet owners, we go to great lengths to care for our fur buddies. We feed them only the best, nutritious food, we

scrutinize doggy day cares and sitters. What you have probably not considered is what happens when there is an emergency and the fire department must rescue my pets? Fire departments are equipped with everything they need to fight the fire and provide medical assistance to humans but not necessarily for dogs and cats. Thanks to Invisible Fence® Brand, this is already changing with their national effort called Project Breathe™.

Project Breathe<sup>™</sup> officially launched in 2010 with the goal to equip fire stations and other first responders across the U.S. and Canada with pet oxygen masks. In collaboration with McCulloch Medical, they are working to save the lives of animals. Although formal statistics are not tracked regarding the total number of pet lives that are lost in fires each year, it is estimated that "... 40- 150,000 pets die each year in fires" due to smoke inhalation. However, at the time of printing, at least 10,000 pets have been saved from "... fires and smoke inhalation" thanks to the oxygen masks provided through Project Breathe™. (invisiblefence.com)

Most recently, the Butler Volunteer Fire Department here in Wisconsin received four pet oxygen mask kits. Other cities that have received kits are Seattle, Chicago, Denver and Salt Lake City. Christina Landwehr at Invisible Fence® says, "Each kit includes a bag, slip lead, sticker to secure the kit onto a wall or cabinet and an instruction sheet with tips on how to use the mask, a flow chart for oxygen levels and of course the three masks (small, medium large and the proper tubing for each)." Invisible Fence® provides the kits which cost \$60. Each mask can be used on either a cat or a dog and once a mask is used, it can immediately be used on another animal if time is of the essence. Once back at the station house, the masks are easily rinsed and ready to use again. And if one is damaged, they will be replaced by Invisible Fence®.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Jeremy Panizza, Development and Marketing Specialist with the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, says there are a few ways in which you can help spread the word about Project Breathe<sup>™</sup>, and more specifically, help to ensure that every fire station and



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first responder has a kit. First, "You can refer your local fire department to the Invisible Fence® website where they can fill-out a very short form and someone will contact the department to set them up with the kits." Or, you can host a demonstration at your local firehouse. Invisible Fence® will provide all the press releases. All you need to do is ensure the media is aware. Then, that station will receive their kits. And, if you're short of time, you can always send a monetary donation also through the Invisible Fence® website at invisiblefence.com

Let's all breathe a little easier and do our part to spread the word about Project Breathe<sup>™</sup>. You never know; the next pet that is saved could be your own.



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## **FLYING FIDO**



t's a bird. It's a plane. It's ... your pooch? We all know that flying with Fido can be a daunting task, but when the furriest member of your family just wants to cuddle on the way to the airport, how can you say no?

It turns out a lot of people can't say no - it's estimated that about 500,000 pets fly every year in the U.S.

# HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS PRIOR TO BOARDING:

- Before flying with your dog, take him on a leisurely walk beforehand (one hour before).
   You want your dog to be relaxed and not be too amped up.
- Call airline ahead of time to make sure your dog's crate is the right size to bring on the plane.
- You should register your dog on the flight ahead of time, as many airlines have a capacity of the number of pets they will take per flight.
- Make sure you ID your pet and the carrier. The ID should include your pup's name, all
  your contact information, and where your pet is traveling to and from.
- Don't feed your pup too soon before your flight—upset tummies are easy to get while traveling.

#### TIPS IF YOU HAVE TO SEND THEM UNDER THE PLANE:

- Again, you'll want to call to make sure that your pup's crate is the right size, and to register them on the flight ahead of time.
- Don't give your pup medicine to them calm down these can actually make it so that your dog has a hard time adjusting their body temperature. While flying, the air temperature can change (especially below the plane), and it's vital that your pet is able to regular his or her body temperature during the flight.

TIPS FOR THE FLIGHT

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# **PAWS 4 THOUGHT**

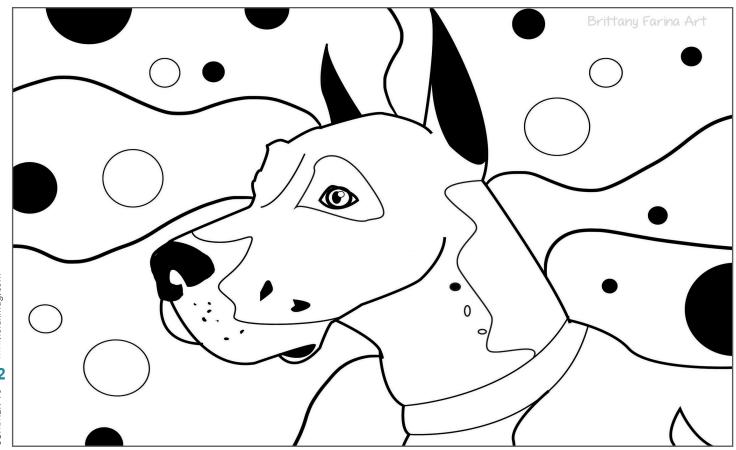
# **Finding Pet-Friendly** Housing

A Custom WordSearch by Gail Marie Beckman (702)869-6416 ccnmore.com

- 1. Addendum
- 2. Allow Enough Time3. Ask for Leads
- 4. Deposit
- 5. Emphasize Cleanliness
- 6. Experience7. Guidelines

- 8. Honesty
  9. Promote Yourself
  10. Proof of Health
- 11. Prove Responsibility
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#### SUMMER SAFETY

A Custom Crossword by Gail Marie Beckman www.customcrosswords.com

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Just like humans, dogs should wear life when swimming or boating
- 7. When traveling, carry a \_\_\_\_ of your pet's medications
- 10. Recreational vehicle, shortened
- 11. Abbr. at the end of a list
- 12. Extremely
- 13. Plutonium symbol
- 14. Wherever your dog may swim, be sure to \_ its coat with clean water
- 16. Instruct
- 17. Canine pal
- 18. Common link between knee and know
- 19. Exist
- 20. Also, clean their with a cleaning solution after swimming
- 21. Extraterrestrial, shortened
- 22. Consider a in case the collar gets lost
- 25. Dept. of Transportation, shortened
- 27. Prefix for twofold
- 28. Heave follower
- 29. Short for Air Force
- 32. Bit of a bark
- 35. Toe trailer
- 37. like the wind
- 39. Avoid lakes and ponds with blue-green -- it can be toxic
- 41. Silver symbol
- 42. Short for light
- 44. Educated guess (abbr)
- 45. Cousin of Aves
- 46. Bring copies of your vet
- 48. Yd. increment
- 49. Bathe
- 50. Symbol for aluminum
- 51. Checking or savings (abbr)
- 53. RN workplace, perhaps
- 54. Schedule a 57 down for early morning or \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid the hot pavement 57. Itty-bitty
- 58. Cooling syst.
- 59. Bring a first \_\_
- 60. Next to
- 61. Even a can have undertows
- 62. Half a laugh
- 64. Check paw \_ for cuts or scrapes
- \_ Capitan
- 67. Teach your dog to listen to your
- \_, especially in the water
- 68. Just right (3 letters)

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- 1. On an 85 degree day, this can reach a temperature of 120 in 30 minutes (2 wds)
- 2. Elder ones (abbr)
- 3. Night prior
- 4. Bring the name and phone number of your dog's
- 5. What concrete and eternal have in
- 6. Company whose logo was a terrier listening to a gramophone
- 7. Behold!
- 8. Follows mold or pollen
- 9. Pulls on a knotted rope, for example
- 15. Toward the direction of
- 17. District Attorney, shortened
- 19. Certain alphabet run
- 20. Short for  $\bar{\text{E}}$ nvironmental Protection Agency
- 23. Vital life force
- 24. Bring\_ that food can be put in for quiet travel time
- 26. (see 56 down)
- \_ drinking water and a bowl 30. Bring\_

- 31. Cars that overheat may leak this, and pets are attracted to the sweetness
- 33. Sun god
- 34. Some dogs are not made for water, but some have webbed
- 36. Dog years
- 38. The two of \_
- 40. Short for long distance or limited
- 43. Precedes la la
- 47. Doctor of Science, for short
- 48. Use a \_\_\_ and tick preventative product
- 50. Short for audiovisual
- 52. Computer graphics, shortened
- 53. \_\_\_! A mouse!
- 54. Reverberation
- 55. Female child (Sp.)
- 56. (with 26 down) Be sure your pet's have up-to-date info
- 57. (see 54 across)
- 60. Short for bound or bond
- 61. Summer sign
- 63. Morning initials
- 64. Per diem or potential difference, for short
- 65. Cool \_\_\_ a cucumber

# NOT JUST A DOG By Michele Patton

### Are You Making Your Dog Sick? Asks Michele Patton

re you making your dog sick? There may be items lurking in your household or yard that can harm your dog. Even some foods can harm your dog. Learn how to be a better pet parent from the dogs point of view.

(Newswire.com) - "Not Just A Dog" is a book written from the dog's point of view to raise awareness and hopefully tap into human compassion to give dogs a better chance at life. How many times have you heard someone say, "It's just a dog, it will figure it out" meanwhile the dog may suffer or become ill from something that could have been prevented, if the human only knew. This book was written to debunk some of those misconceptions, give tips on basic care and needs, and help both dog and human gain some understanding of each other. So man's best friend and human aka D.B.F. (dog's best friend) can live a happier life together.

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### **TABLE SCRAPS**

#### **Nutty About Coconut Flour**



y initial idea for this article was to compare the different baking flours and list the many benefits the less common flours provide our dogs. However, coconut flour seems to really rise above the others (no pun intended).

#### Why bake with coconut flour?

- \*With 58 percent fiber, coconut flour has 10 times more fiber than wheat flour and more than twice as much fiber as wheat bran!
- \*Coconut flour is naturally sweet so you can use less sugar in baked goods.
- \*Coconut flour is low-carb. Using it in baked goods lowers the food's glycemic index and helps maintain healthy blood sugar levels.
- \*Coconut flour is rich in protein.
- \*Coconut flour is grain and gluten-free.
  \*Coconut flour has only 120 calories per 1/4 cup.

So even though the cost is more, it is healthier for both you and your dog.

#### Things to know when baking with coconut flour:

You cannot substitute coconut flour for wheat or other grain-based flours at a 1:1 ratio. They are not equivalent.

Coconut flour is extraordinarily absorbent and very little coconut flour is needed to successfully produce a recipe. In baked goods, you generally want to substitute 1/4 cup to 1/3 cup coconut flour for 1 cup grain-based flour. You will also need to increase the number of eggs. In general, for every 1 cup of coconut flour you use, you will need to use 6 beaten eggs in your recipe in addition to approximately 1 cup liquid such as coconut milk. When baking with coconut, it is best to use established recipes rather than waste considerable expense and time with experimentation. Coconut flour is clumpy. To produce a fine-textured result, the coconut flour must be thoroughly beaten with the other ingredients in your recipe.

Coconut flour is dense and can also be dry. Every flour has its peculiar characteristics and baked goods made with coconut flour tend to be dense and dry. To reduce dryness, make sure you're using plenty of eggs and you can also add cooked, pureed or mashed fruit or vegetables to your baked goods to increase the moisture.

Below is a fun and easy recipe.

#### L&W's Grain Free Coconutter Cookies

#### The ingredients:

3/4 cup coconut flour 4 eggs, lightly beaten 1/2 cup milk

1/2 cup peanut butter 1 tablespoon molasses

#### The directions:

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Sift the coconut flour into a medium bowl. Coconut flour tends to be clumpy so you may need to use a spatula or spoon to break up the clumps in your sifter.

  3. Add the remainder of the ingredients and mix until a soft dough forms.
- 4. Using a small cookie scoop or rounded tablespoon, drop dough onto a greased cookie sheet.

  5. Press a fork into some coconut flour so that it doesn't stick to the dough. Then use the fork to
- gently flatten the cookies in a criss-cross pattern.
- 6. Bake at 350 for 12 minutes or until the bottoms begin to brown around the edges. Do not open the door. Turn the oven off and allow the cookies to sit in the warm oven for an hour.
- 7. Cool completely before serving to your dog.

#### Makes 18 cookies

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# Houndin' It Up with Holly Lewis, CPDT-KA

# The Battle of the Bulge -Canine Edition

besity is a concern for our canine companions, just as much as it is for humans. Dogs experience many of the same health concerns as people by carrying extra weight; sore joints, limited mobility and breathlessness are just a few. Being overweight can reduce your dog's life by up to two years. Estimates are that 45-55 percent of American dogs are overweight.

How do you know if your dog needs to lose a few pounds? It is best to ask your veterinarian to evaluate your pooch's size and the reason for the extra weight as it may be due to some medical reasons.

How do I help my dog shed the extra pounds?

Be sure you are feeding a high quality food with a good protein source (whole meat named in the top ingredients). A quality food will maintain fullness and health much longer than an average food. Avoid fillers that provide "empty calories" to your dog.

Portion control is really important. Be sure to use a measuring cup, not a scoop, kitchen glass or other container to portion out the food. Feed slightly less than is recommended on the bag for a few weeks and watch for changes in your dog's body.

Humans are concerned a reduction of food will result in a begging dog who is always hungry and looking for food. This is a possibility. Be sure to use positive training to teach your dog an alternative to begging. Using a food dispensing toy to feed meals is another good way to slow eating which will help the dog know it is full. The Kong Wobbler or IQ Ball are two favorites for dispensing kibble (dry dog food). Divide the measured food so your dog can have multiple rounds of working for his meal.

The addition of canned or fresh vegetables and fruits can also assist with creating a full feeling but not adding calories. Canned pumpkin is my favorite recommendation. The fiber of the pumpkin will help a dog feel full and it is healthy and low-calorie. Be sure to get canned pumpkin, not pumpkin pie filling. Most dogs will eat this right up with their regular food. Experiment with your dog's taste buds to see what they like.

Exercise is important to fight obesity as well! Exercise does not have to be boring. Use games and toys to engage your dog for low impact activity. There are also a number of facilities offering swimming at any time of the year. Water exercise is low impact and easy on the body!

Food does not equal love. It is easy for people to want to overdo food if a dog was not well-fed or was mistreated in the past. However, showing restraint in this area will help your dog live a long and happy life!

Let me know what works for your dog. I would love to hear your ideas! Hit me up on Facebook at Cold Nose Canine.

# **Keeping Fido Fit**

- Realize obese means 30 percent over ideal weight
- Obesity occurs when a dog consumes more calories than he burns
- Food does not equate love
- Give your dog less food & more exercise
- Consult a vet if necessary
- Buy a quality dog food & don't feed table scraps
- Give your dog fruits & veggies & healthy homemade treats

(Note: some veggies & fruits



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ogs with disabilities are a special group of canines that touch hearts in unique ways. The unfortunate truth is that due to the high cost of care for these animals, they often end up in shelters or are euthanized. Some dogs, with the help of angels on earth, go on to lead normal, happy and fulfilled lives. Lt. Dan's story is one such happy tale. Lt. Dan was born in late September 2015 with the inability to use his back legs due to either a congenital defect or an assisted-birth injury. The first angels to touch Lt. Dan's life were Woof Gang Rescue volunteers. They took him in when they learned of his condition and the owner's inability to care for him. "We specialize in taking in the dogs that others don't normally take," says Jodie Hoffmann, executive director of WGR. Jodie founded WGR in January 2013 and would someday like to have a sanctuary for unwanted dogs.

WGR contacted Bialy's Wellness Foundation, the second group of angels to touch Lt. Dan's life. Erin Kowalski, nationally certified canine massage therapist, reiki practitioner and rehabilitation assistant and founder of Bialy's Wellness Foundation, took him into her home and gave him the special foster care he needed. "BWF helps families and rescue organizations care for pets with special needs, particularly those with mobility issues from paralysis, amputation, neurological or birth defects and other diagnosed ailments," says Erin. "The Foundation fills a critical void in the rescue and pet-owning community," she adds. They generously provide families and rescues with the equip-36 ment, medical care, rehabilitative therapy, training, resources and support to give these special animals another chance at a good life. Erin started daily massage and exercises for Lt. Dan and began taking him to Integrative Pet Care, a veterinary rehabilitation facility

in Chicago, where she works as a physical and rehabilitation therapist. He was evaluated by specialists and was diagnosed with hind limb paresis (weakness) and hip joint laxity. Lt. Dan was fitted with a cart to help him get around and started on a therapy course that included massage therapy, physical therapy, hydrotherapy and acupuncture.

Josh, another special-needs foster dog in Erin's care, became Lt. Dan's special buddy. Josh helped the pup learn how to interact appropriately with another dog. "He also taught by example, showing how comfortable it can be to have a wheelchair to assist in getting around and that therapy is fun!" says Erin. Both Josh and Lt. Dan have their own Facebook pages and have been phenomenal advocates for special needs animals. "They have proven that just because they are different doesn't mean they should be overlooked or treated any differently," says Erin. Special needs pets are just as happy as all the other pets and have a great quality of life. BWF relies solely on the generosity of the public to assist pets like Josh and Lt. Dan.

Lt. Dan met his third angel at Integrative Pet Care. Francisco Maia, PT, DPT, CCRP, holds his doctorate in physical therapy and is a certified canine rehabilitation therapist. He worked daily with Lt. Dan and they quickly bonded. Francisco and his wife, Brittney, took care of Lt. Dan for a few days when Erin was out of town. "He got along with our other dog well and we totally fell in love," says Brittney. The decision to adopt Lt. Dan was made.

Lt. Dan loves to snuggle and is described as a total love bug. "Being a puppy, he has spurts of energy, but he loves burrowing in blankets on the sofa or sitting on our laps," shares Brittney. As for games, he enjoys playing



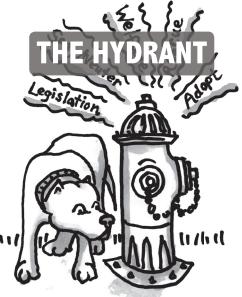
with their other dog, Ringo, and he is learning to play fetch. There will also be plenty of play dates with his buddy, Josh, as well.

"Lt. Dan's back legs are getting stronger little by little, and he is quicker than most people usually expect," says Francisco. He used to use his cart to get around, but now he gets around just fine without it. Lt. Dan is not a fan of cold weather, but he has started going for short walks now that the weather is getting better. "He wears diapers/belly bands due to his incontinence, and it is unclear whether he will eventually gain bladder function," adds Francisco. He will always need some physical therapy to stay strong and functional, but he has surpassed his owners' expectations.

"We have learned to not underestimate his abilities," explains Francisco. "It is important to let him try things, just like any dog would," he adds. Francisco and Brittney strongly feel that special needs animals totally deserve a chance. Lt. Dan's new family is thankful to Erin for fostering him and for the wonderful people involved with rescuing him. While he does require additional care, he has a great quality of life, is a happy boy and is very loving. It goes without saying that Lt. Dan is thankful to his angels here on earth for his second chance at a good life!



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# BREED DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION

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To be effective we have focused our efforts on the following seven areas of animal welfare. One of our major focuses is Breed Discriminatory Legislation (often called BDL, BSL or Breed Specific Legislation).

If you are an animal lover and a Facebook user, you probably see a lot of posts about the unfair treatment some dogs and their owners receive because of breed discrimination. Notable cases include:

- A dog named Lennox in Belfast, Ireland who was condemned and put to death simply because of his appearance. His death sparked outrage around the world.
- Mark Buehrle, pitcher for the Miami New Marlins baseball team, relocated to Broward County, Florida rather than Miami-Dade County when he signed a 4 year contract, because his family dog, an American Staffordshire Terrier would be banned in Miami-Dade County.
- Vietnam vet and retired and disabled police officer, Jim Saks, is prevented from keeping his service dog when he relocates to Sioux City, Iowa. A judge later overturned the decision and ordered the dog returned to Saks.

Although all three of these stories garnered a lot of media attention, many more cases of breed discrimination happen frequently without fanfare or media attention, right here in southeastern Wisconsin.

The following municipalities currently have BDL in place:

City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County: Dogs that are one half or more American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Terrier, American Pitbull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier,

Miniature Bull Terrier and Rottweilers must comply with specific fence and kennel requirements and leash and training requirements. Mandatory attendance at a behavior class is required.

- City of St. Francis, Milwaukee County: Dogs described as "pit bulls" that were not grandfathered in before the year 2001 are banned from the city.
- City of Cudahy, Milwaukee County:
  Dogs that have the appearance and characteristics of being predominately of the breeds of dogs known as the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Terrier or the American Pit Bull Terrier are automatically presumed dangerous and owners must comply with regulations for dangerous animals.
- City of South Milwaukee, Milwaukee County: No person shall harbor, keep or maintain within the City limits of the City of South Milwaukee any Pit Bull which was not currently registered and licensed by the City of South Milwaukee on or before April 1, 1989.
- Village of Oconomowoc, Waukesha County: Dogs that have the appearance and characteristics of being predominantly of the breeds known as Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, or American Pit Bull Terrier are automatically presumed vicious and must comply with the regulations for vicious dogs.

At Wisconsin Voters for Companion Animals we oppose Breed Discriminatory Legislation (BDL) which arbitrarily targets particular breeds. These laws unfairly discriminate against responsible dog owners based solely on their choice of breed.

Breed discriminatory laws are not only ineffective at improving community safety, they are expensive, difficult to enforce and deplete needed resources from animal control.

We urge all state and local legislative bodies to adopt comprehensive breed-neutral dangerous dog/reckless owner laws that ensure due process protections for owners, encourage responsible pet ownership and focus on the behavior of both dog owners and dogs and to repeal any breed discriminatory or breed specific provisions.

Since 2010 we have helped reject, repeal or lessen breed discrimination in the following 13 Wisconsin communities: Sheboygan, Cornell, Waukesha, Fond du Lac, Bloomer, Chippewa Falls, Watertown, Waunakee, Waterloo, Madison, Muscoda, Cambridge, Wausau and Platteville.

We would love to see the above-mentioned municipalities join our list of successes.

How can you help? If you live Milwaukee, St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee or Oconomowoc, please contact your elected officials and ask them to sponsor a repeal of the ordinance and replace it with a more effective dangerous dog ordinance.

We all want to live in safe communities. Breed discriminatory legislation punishes responsible owners and their dogs and does not make our communities safe. Effective policies put the focus on the dog owners, not the dogs. We must hold ALL owners equally accountable for their actions and reckless behavior - no matter what their dogs look like.

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# RESPONSE FROM READER (SPRING 16' ISSUE):

his was a very sad situation with two dogs being killed by a coyote hunter who obviously did not follow one of the basic hunter safety rules of "be sure of your target and what is beyond."

The article has some misinformation when it says that dogs must be leashed from 4/15 through 7/31 in most Wisconsin State Parks. I think the writer is confusing regulations related to dog training and leashing regulations on state properties; these date restrictions protect nesting birds. Most state parks require that dogs be leashed and under control of the owner year-round at all times. Dogs may be unleashed, but still under control of the owner, in designated areas.

Many people opposed the expansion of hunting in state parks year round when a bill came up in the Wisconsin legislature in 2011. There was much testimony from Friends of State Parks and other groups. However, enough people wanted more access to public lands for hunting, so the compromise law that was passed allowed hunting from November 15 to December 15, and from April 1 to the Tuesday nearest May 3.

Use areas, such as camping areas and nature trails and buildings, are designated as no hunting areas. Hunting area maps for DNR properties are available online or at the property itself. More info can be found on www.dnr.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

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udree loves kisses. In fact, there is nothing the 4-year-old English Bulldog/Pitbull Mix seems to enjoy more than cozying up to one of her favorite humans: Jessie Neassen.

As a volunteer for Milwaukee-based 501c3 nonprofit animal rescue organization Canine Cupids, Neassen provides care and love to the area's most neglected and abused dogs as a foster "mom". Audree is one of the foster animals currently in her care, and when Audree wants kisses, Neassen is happy to oblige.

"She just wants love and attention," Neassen says.

But when Audree was rescued by Canine Cupids 1.5 years ago, she needed much more than that.

"She had severe mange, secondary infections and was anemic," Neassen says. "She also had entropy in her eyes, a heart murmur, ear infections and partial tears in her back ACLs."

Audree's mange resulted in swelling and inflammation and "weeping" open wounds on her skin.

"She could barely walk," says Neassen. "The first couple of days I was scared that she was going to die. It was bad."

## "She just wants love and attention," - Neassen

While Neassen had cared for dogs with mange before, never had she encountered a dog with such extensive - and costly health issues. Audree required constant supervision. She slept beside her just to make sure she didn't stop breathing. She bathed Audree every other day, massaged her with essential oils, administered many medications and coordinated all of her vet visits anything to give Audree a chance.

Neassen's effort paid off. Within a week Audree's condition began to slowly improve.

"I could just see a difference in her," says Neassen. "Through it all, her tail was wagging."

Audree's tale is one of betrayal and forgiveness. Despite suffering such neglect at the hands of her prior owners, Audree has given humans a second chance.

"She just loves people," Neassen says. "Any person she's ever met she adores. Aside from knowing and seeing the pictures you wouldn't guess she had such a horrible past."

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STORY & PHOTO COURTESY OF RYAN OLSON, PRESIDENT OF RESCUE GANG

escue Gang took in Alecia two months ago along with 13 other dogs. She was completely feral when she entered their care and wouldn't leave her crate for 14 days straight or even eat with a person in the same room. The first time out of her crate, she made it but 3 feet and went back in. After two months in their care, she is really coming along. From living in the woods to being completely potty-trained and enjoying being around people. "We knew taking in a feral dog was going to be a huge challenge, and as difficult and time consuming as it has been, seeing her prance around with her newly found confidence is an incredible feeling. We are really learning that patience, love and training can help just about any dog. It's stories like hers that make it all worth it."

CONTACT: RESCUEGANG.ORG or INFO@RESCUEGANG.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.





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

#### Training Help with Frank Allison III, APDT

Every Thursday evening: 6:30pm-7:30pm Every Sunday: 11:00am-12:00pm Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego 262-679-6776, petsupplies-n-more.com

#### **Basic Manners & More**

Tuesdays: 6:00pm 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

#### Canine Body Language

June 7: 6:30pm-8:00pm HAWS, Waukesha 262-542-8851, Hawspet.org

#### Solving Common Canine Behavior **Problems**

June 7: 6:30pm-8:30pm HAWS, Waukesha 262-542-8851, Hawspet.org

# Dane Cty. Humane Society Annual Member Meeting

June 29: 5:30pm-7:30pm Madison, Giveshelter.org

#### **Positive Pitties Lecture**

Aug. 13: 1:30pm-3:00pm Dane Cty. Humane Society Madison, Giveshelter.org

2nd Saturday of the month: 10:00am-11:00am Astro Street Studios, Milwaukee 414-213-1856, astrostreetdance.com

## Fundraisers/Gatherings

#### Rummage For Rescue (Canine Cupids)

June 3: 9:00am-4:00pm, June 4: 8:00am-3:00pm 2635 N. 62nd St., Wauwatosa Caninecupids.org

#### **WCHS Rummage Sale**

June 3, 4: 7:00am-4:00pm June 5: 7:00am-Noon 262-677-4388

#### Radio Doctor Car Show (DCHS)

June 11: 9:00am 4806 East Broadway, Madison Giveshelter.org

#### **Mounds Dog Fest**

June 12: 10:00am-4:00pm Angell Park, Sun Prairie Moundspet.com

#### Thank Dog It's Friday

June 24: 5:30pm-8:00pm Elmbrook Humane Society, Brookfield 262-782-9861, Ebhs.org

#### **Polish Pile-up Music Festival**

June 25: 11:00am Kochanski's Concertina Beer Hall, Milwaukee Caninecupids.org

#### Tails On The Trail

June 25 . Veterans Park, Milwaukee Wihumane.org

#### Walk, Run, Wag (MADACC)

July 9: 9:00am Hart Park, Wauwatosa Madaccwalkrun.org

#### Feasting For Fldo (WHS)

July 21: 5:30pm-8:30pm Milwaukee Campus, Wihumane.org

#### **Cruisin' For Critters (DCHS)**

Aug. 14

Starts at Johnson Sales, Arlington, ends at Angell Park, Sun Prairie

#### **HAWS Pet Fair**

Aug. 20: 9:00am-4:00pm Rotary Park, Menomonee Falls 262-542-8851, Hawspet.org

## Friends Of HAWS Clothing/Textile Drive

Aug. 27: 10:00am-3:00pm HAWS, 262-542-8851, Hawspets.org

#### Wagfest (EBHS)

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

## **Adoption Events**

#### **Woofgang Rescue Havahart Adopt-a-thon**

June 4: 11:00am-1:00pm 6500 Washinton Ave., Racine Woofgangrescue.com

#### **Humane Society Of Southern WI** Meet N' Greet

June 4, 5, & July 9, Aug. 6: 10:00am-1:00pm Petco on Deerfield Dr., Janesville June 18, July 23, Aug. 20: 11:00am-2:00pm Petsgohome.org

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#### Mac's Pet Depot & Barkery Adoption Fair

June 24: 5:00pm-8:00pm 2168 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee Macspetdepotbarkery.com

#### **Greyhound Meet N' Greet (HAWS)**

4th Sat. of each month: 1:00pm-3:00pm 262-542-8851, Hawspet.org

#### **Shelter From The Storm**

Every Sat.: 10:00am-2:00pm, PetSmart Madison East

## **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

#### **Barn Hunt Classes**

Mondays: 7:40pm-8:40pm For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago, 262-363-4529

#### Lure Coursing (EBHS)

July 15: 5:00pm-7:00pm 262-782-9861, Ebhs.org

### Services 4 Dogs

#### **Nail Trims**

Every Wednesday 4:00pm-7:00pm Every Saturday Noon-3:00pm Pet Supplies 'N' More, Milwaukee 262-679-6776, petsupplies-and-more.com

## 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

## Veterinary Wellness Services (based on income)

Spay Me Clinic, Madison spayme.com/wellness\_clinics 608-224-1400

**Low-Cost Spay/Neuter** Every Thurs., Sauk County Humane Society Baraboo, Saukhumane.org, 608-356-2520

#### Titer/Vaccination Clinic

June 12: 11:00am-3:00pm Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee

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

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Canine Cupids caninecupids.org, caninecupids@live.com

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

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**Shorewood Cocker Rescue** 262-877-3294, cockerrescue.net, elaine@cockerrescue

Minnesota-Wisconsin Collie Rescue 612-869-0480, mwcr.org, collietalk@aol.com

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#### DOBERMAN PINSCHER

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HERCULES has it all – beauty & brains! This handsome Rottweiler Mix catches on quickly & knows how to sit & shake. Hercules is an active fellow who loves to play, but he loves to snuggle, too. He is just over 3 years old ... & he just can't get enough of his toys (he needs a little work with sharing, though). Hercules is looking for a forever playmate.

Looking for a fun-loving, affectionate friend? Look no further! **BUSTER** is a young Lab Mix who loves to play & has a lot of energy – he is less than 2 years old & still likes to think he's a puppy. He'll need a little guidance as he maneuvers through his "teenager" phase & matures into full adulthood so a home with adults & older kids is a must. Buster is a sweet boy who loves to snuggle, but he also loves to play, play, play – a great combination!

Daisy is the perfect name for this girl because like the flower, she is beautiful & cheerful, & she'll make you smile. At just over a year old, this Beagle mix loves to take walks & to play – as long as she gets some affection afterwards. She isn't much of a cat fan, but Daisy might just do well with a doggy sibling to play with!



BREEZY is a 3 year old sweet girl. She loves to go for walks with the volunteers & is an all-around awesome girl. She is very well behaved & knows sit. Everyone loves her round body type (if you know what we mean). It makes her even more adorable! She is a great girl!

I'm **KELLIE**, & I have 4 years worth of fun & adventure. I really like being active & doing interesting things. My ideal day has me going for a walk or a run, having play time with people I love & chasing balls & stuffies. If you come see me, my tail blurs because I'm so happy to be with people, & I'm into dogs, too. Spend your days & nights with me, & we'll have a ball together!

CLARK is 3 years old. He is shy & is looking for a quiet home! Clark is a volunteer favorite due to his gentle demeanor & quiet calmness. He is looking for a quiet home. He loves to sit in your lap & is the perfect lap cat. Clark is a great boy, he is a sweet a cat with a heart of gold.



**DIESEL.** This young man loves everything about life – being active outdoors, other dogs, children. He thrives on taking walks and playing – provide him a ball & he will chase it & let him have a stuffed, squeaky toy & he will entertain you for a bit but will likely need a new one. He also enjoys nuzzling up to you after a day of activities as he is an affectionate guy, too!

DOTTY can be very affectionate, sometimes nuzzling in for attention. She is happy, springy & friendly. She will playchase with the other foster dog, & she is fine with cats, often sleeping next to them. Dotty is in foster care; if you are interested in Dotty, please submit an adoption application, or call the shelter if you are interested in meeting with her.

EMILY is a quirky, fun, one-of-a-kind girl who loves everyone she meets! She loves to chase any kind of ball- tennis ball, basketball, foam balls, footballs-you name it, she'll chase it! Emily's super smart & already knows many commands. Contact us or stop in to learn more about this sweetie!



guy that loves attention & want to spend all the time that I can with the ones that I love. If I sound like the perfect fit for your family, then come in to visit with me soon. GUS. I'm a high-energy, friendly, happy guy. I get really excited when I get to meet other dogs, but love to play once we know each other. Got CATS? Please pass me by ... I really do not like them at all!. I'm a sweet Lab Mix who loves to give kisses & wants attention. Oh yeah, I'm also very smart & talkative. I'm pretty sure we could have some fabulous conversations once you come adopt me & make me the happiest dog on Earth!



ANNABELLE is a sweet, 8-month-old girl with lots of love to give all. She loves to cuddle & play with toys. She is cratetrained and house-trained. She is good around dogs, cats, children & adults. She is working on basic obedience, is eager to please & more than happy to work for treats or kisses. Hot dogs are her favorite. She is still full of puppy energy, but has all the makings of the perfect family addition.

My name is **AUBRY** & I've got a HUGE

heart full of love, affection & loyalty that

is just waiting for a family of my own to share it with. I'm a GREAT dog that just

wants to give love & be loved in return. I

love to be pet & I'll lean right up against

you for more if you stop petting me.

So, if I sound like the best friend you've

been searching for, come in & ask to see

me, Aubry.

CHRISSY is about 8 months old. She is smart & listens well for treats as she is very food motivated! Crate time is easy for her, & though she can enjoy the run of the house during the day, she sometimes gets into the garbage. Until she gets a bit older, crating is suggested. Chrissy would do best as an only dog or with larger dogs like the ones she lives with now. That's because her play style is a little too much for smaller dogs. We haven't seen her with cats & think she would be a bit too rambunctious for them. Chrissy is a sweet, fun girl who loves attention, to cuddle & to play!

MANDY is approximately a year old & a smaller gal (40 lbs). Mandy loves people, & if you are looking for a dog who has endless amounts of kisses & cuddles, Mandy won't disappoint! She does great with similar size dogs, both male & female, who are her temporary roommates in her foster home. She would prefer to be in a home with dogs 30 lbs or larger & with no cats. Mandy does well in a crate & is doing very well with potty training. Mandy is a goofy girl who is sure to make you laugh daily.



You wouldn't know this healthy, active pooch is 13 years young. Affectionate & cuddly, Bodeanna wants nothing more than slow walks, belly rubs & chances to show off her tricks. She's currently available at the Wisconsin Humane Society's Milwaukee Campus.



some 1-year-old dog with endless charisma & a passion for playtime. He's very intelligent, an exceptional athlete & a total softie; Kobe likes to pick his favorite stuffed animal to carry with him outside on walks:) He is a huge staff & volunteer favorite at the Wisconsin Humane Society's Milwaukee Campus & everyone is cheering for him to find a great home!

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DIBBLES is a handsome, fun-loving, 4-yearold Lab/Husky Mix who loves to go on long hikes, do puzzle toys, having playtime, giving & receiving affection & car rides with trips to McDonalds for a burger! Dibbles is in great need of an experienced, patient, kind & loving family to provide him with not only a home but also plenty of exercise, structure & love to help him through resource guarding issues. He has been a willing student in training class. Come most him & see for yourself ing class. Come meet him & see for yourself that this buddy can be a great part of your pack.

Hi, I'm LUKE! For starters, just look at me! I'm a very handsome 4-year-old boy, & I'm super smart, too! I know sit, paw, other paw, down & how to wait! I have some special needs you can read about on the shelter website. I would do best in a home with a large fenced-in yard because I like to spend most of my time outside where I have lots of room to run around! If you have experience with husky types, I want to be your new best friend.

TARA is one sweet & petite girl! She loves being around other dogs & being with them helps build her confidence. Her ideal family would be one that is willing to continue her training & let her experience. She does not like cats. New people can be a little frightening at first, & she takes a little time to adjust. Once she opens up, you can see the honey of a girl that she is shine bright.



BELLA is a beautiful, sweet girl who is looking for a forever home that is more laid back. She is roughly 3 years old & is a Lab Mix. She can be a little shy at the first meeting, but once she gets to know you she will be your best friend. A less active home would be best for her. She is looking to be your great companion!

Hey all!!! MR. VICK here!! I am a gorgeous, friendly boy looking for my forever home! I am a 2-year-old pittie boy. I'm fixed & up-to-date with vaccinations. My people have taught me to go to the bathroom outside & how to be loose in the house. I'm good with other non-dominant doggies, & I've never met a cat so not I'm sure about them. Play time is my thing, & afterward I can be your snuggle buddy of your very own! I like older kids or teenagers because they like to play fetch! Can I be looking for you?

Hey everyone! CODY here. Even though I'm having a great time with my foster family, I want someone to call my own. I'm 1 years old, & they say I'm a Shepherd/ Lab Mix. I love just hanging out, being outside, playing fetch, going for walks & being with other dogs & cats & kids. I'm learning my basic commands & dog manners. Can you help me find my new family? My new person?

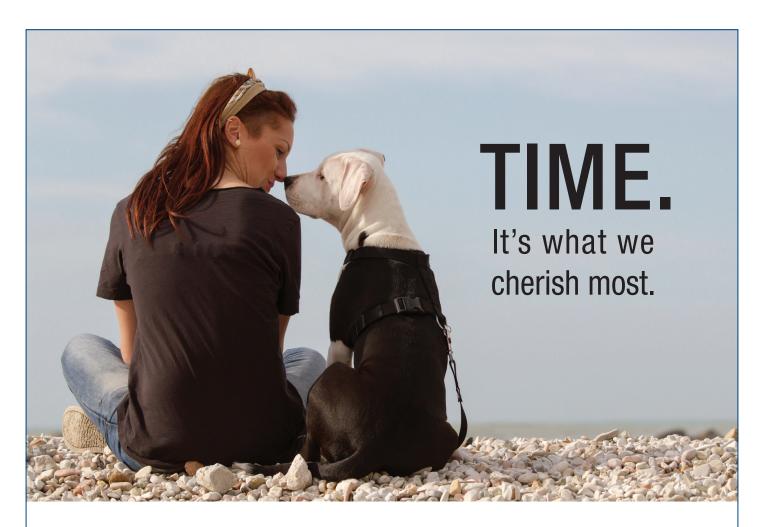


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Allow me to introduce myself, I am VALLEJO. I prefer to be the only furry king of your castle. But I do love kids & would do best with children over 8 years of age. I am still a puppy & have a lot of learning to do. Come visit me, Vallejo, today!

My name is **LIBBY**, & you are going to absolutely LOVE me! I am good with other dogs that can match my very exuberant level of play. Cats, on the other hand, are definitely not my thing. Children would be great though.

My name is **QUEENIE**, & I am looking for a job. I am a great size for any family, but children in the home should be 12 years or older. I have been doing very well at WCHS with other dogs & come a long way with cats. I do love people & have great manners with my feed board & second a long way with cats. have great manners with my food bowl & other valuable resources. In fact, I prefer attention from people over food.



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