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# COVER DOG



# About Merlot:

Merlot came out of a terrible hoarding situation in Michigan years back. Roughly 38 dogs were confiscated and all the females were pregnant, so 38 quickly became 72. Merlot was the smallest of a litter of 6 pups and the only female. She was transported to the Wisconsin Sheltie Rescue with some of her brothers. This is where her new life began. Marlene rescued her and hasn't looked back since. "I think she is the cover dog for rescue dogs," says Marlene, a Wisconsin native living in Florida who drove all the way back to her home state to do this shoot with FETCH Magazine. Talk about pride! "It was important to me," notes Marlene. "She's my breed ... people get such a bad feeling about rescue dogs ... people should really open up their minds and hearts..." Marlene recognizes the prejudice people have regarding rescue dogs and, especially based on her own experience, thinks it is unfair. FETCH agrees full-heartedly. Hence, the winter issue! Pride & Prejudice.

# "OH NO" SPOT

# War Dog Plaque: Hard to Read

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# **13 Most Famous Dogs In History: Missing Information**

*No. 8 Lassie* Though Lassie (meaning "girl" in Scottish) is a fictional character, she's arguably the most famous dog ever. Lassie Come Home (1943) was a box office smash hit. Starring then-child actress Elizabeth Taylor, it catapulted Lassie into pop icon status, but it was the mid-1950's TV show that solidified her as a faithful and fearless fur friend. Although the Rough Collie was a female in the series and films, a brilliant male canine actor named Pal primarily played the dog. Because male Collies have thicker summer coats and are larger, children could act alongside them for longer before outgrowing them. Ten generations of Pal's direct descendants have portrayed Lassie on the silver screen, most recently in 2005.

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# EDITOR'S PAV

# Be Ready. Be Aware. Be Smart.

#### **Dear FETCH Friends:**

hen I hear the words pride & prejudice, I automatically think of the romance novel by Jane Austen, and I start to question how can this relate to dogs? But if you think of those two words as a lens (not just as part of a well-known book), your mind will start to digest where we are going with this issue.

So many dog owners have pride. Their dogs are a big part of their worlds, and these four-legged companions survive some amazing situations. One situation being the prejudice they face by uninformed individuals. Our main feature, "Don't Judge a Dog by Its Breed," reveals examples of how people have endured some very hateful situations regarding the looks of their dog.

Because it's breed that predicts behavior, right? Well, not exactly. You cannot tell just by merely looking at a dog what breed it is or how it behaves. Some dogs you can have a pretty good assumption, but for others they are mutts, they are black sheeps, they are trail blazers, they are ginormous lap dogs, etc. And "Pit Bull" is not a breed. It's a label. And not one people take very lightly. Every dog I've had since I was a little girl has been called a "Pit Bull." And I've had trouble with so many people not wanting to be around my dog or not allowing me to rent from them. I will never understand how people can assume anything about another without fully knowing who they are as an individual. Dogs are individuals. People are individuals. People who think dogs are all the same are not true dog people.

So please take the time this holiday season to spread the word on these issues to people who are uninformed or just feeding off the fears of others. Try to reach out to the community and donate some of your time by just explaining the positive experiences you've had with one or two of these persecuted breeds. SPREAD JOY, not hate. And simply be aware of your dogs and how others see them.

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Note that the FDA had issued an alert in September about a potential danger associated with some flea and tick products that are part of the isoxazoline group: Nexgard (afoxolaner), Bravecto (fluralaner), Simparica (sarolaner), and Credelio (lotilaner).

What exactly is the problem? It seems that some dogs that have been treated with isoxazolines have developed neurologic symptoms, including tremors, ataxia (wobbly gait) and seizures. It is important to understand that millions of doses of these medications have been given to dogs, and that the fact that some dogs developed neurologic signs does not prove that the symptoms were always, or ever, caused by the medication. After all, some of those dogs probably broke a toenail after receiving the treatment, too. The reason this is different is that it is possible that in some cases the medication did cause the problem. We just don't know enough to be sure. As with every new group of drugs, pre-release clinical studies can only teach us so much, and we learn much more when the medications are approved and used in large numbers of pets with a wide variety of concurrent medical conditions and medications on board. The FDA has more data on these medications than anyone else, and so far their official word is that "the isoxazoline class [is] safe and effective for dogs and cats."

To get to a more complete understanding, veterinarians are researching possible adverse effects from isoxazolines and similar drugs, including neurologic changes and vision changes. In the meantime, for very young dogs and for dogs that have a history of seizures, tremors, ataxia, or vision loss, isoxazolines may not be the best choice. For dogs with no history of those problems, there is less reason to believe that these medications cause any significant danger.

As with so many things in life, all medical treatments come with risks and benefits. Veterinarians think in terms of min-

imizing risk because it is impossible to eliminate it. Isoxazolines have the advantage of being very convenient and very effective at killing fleas and ticks and, for most dogs, the benefits far outweigh the risks. I use one for my own dog.

Of course, if you are not comfortable using an isoxazoline for any reason, you should talk to your veterinarian about whether it is the right choice for your dog because many other options exist, with their own benefits and risks. If you think your dog may be having problems caused by an isoxazoline, you need to talk to your vet about that, too. It isn't as simple as saying "it's safer not to give the medication" because most of the time that just isn't true. The benefits of flea/tick medications are enormous and very well documented; they reduce sickness and death from very common diseases that are transmitted by these parasites.

Stories like these sometimes cause people to reach for "natural" remedies in hopes that they will be safer. Unfortunately, they can be, in some cases, far more dangerous than carefully-tested and properly-prescribed medications. Herbal extracts and essential oils may have their uses, but flea and tick control is not among them. On the other hand, harmful effects, including death, are well-documented, especially when used incorrectly. Safety aside, I do not condone putting anything with a strong smell on your dog if you can help it. A dog's nose is so sensitive that applying any strong smell to their bodies, where they cannot get away from it, is unlikely to be appreciated.

You may feel that your dog is at low risk for getting fleas and ticks, but if he ever sets paw on the ground or comes in contact with dogs that do, then he has the potential to be exposed to them no matter how meticulous your yard care. Never seen a flea or tick on him? You might not; they are pretty good at hiding. However your veterinarian can tell you whether you have a problem and help you find the solution that is right for your pet.



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# **BREED PROFILE**



BY PAMELA STACE, FREELANCER

hey look like miniature Collies, but the Shetland Sheepdog or Sheltie is a completely separate breed developed to herd sheep, poultry and ponies in the rugged terrain of the Shetland Islands between Scotland and Norway. Like Shetland Ponies and Shetland Sheep, these dogs were bred to be compact so that they would eat less and therefore be easier for farmers to keep in a location where food was not always in abundant supply.

#### **History**

The origins of the Shetland Sheepdog are somewhat unclear, but it is believed that the foundation of the breed was a Northern Spitz-type herding dog brought from Scandinavia as early as the 10th century. It is thought that these dogs were subsequently crossed with Pomeranians, King Charles Spaniels and other indigenous dogs of the islands. Later, rough-coated Collies were added to the mix for the sake of breed uniformity. Shelties were also known as Liliputian Collies, Toonie (farm) Dogs and Fairy Dogs. In the 19th century, Shetland Islanders began selling Sheltie puppies to tourists, and Shelties became known to the rest of Great Britain. Recognized by the AKC in 1911, almost all Shelties in the U.S. today are descended from dogs brought here between World War I and World War II. In the 1970s, the Sheltie became enormously popular and has remained that way. In 2017, the Shetland Sheepdog ranked 24 out of 194 AKC breeds.

#### What Makes a Sheltie a Sheltie

The Sheltie is a smart, agile and sturdy dog with a pointy, expressive, fox-like face. They have a harsh and straight outer coat that repels dirt and water, and a dense undercoat which makes them well-suited for life in a harsh climate. Like all herding dogs, a Sheltie wants a job to do. They are eager to please and like to be busy, or they may become depressed. They are vocal and energetic and are sometimes prone to excessive barking, but they respond well to gentle, consistent training. Shelties are sensitive and affectionate and tune themselves into the family dynamic. They want to be with their humans and are often protective of them. They are good watchdogs. Debra Krajec, the owner of three Shelties, told me how 15-month-old Toby often barks and reacts to strangers as if to protect her on their walks. And Marlene Sadrow Carew, the owner of our cover dog, 5-year-old Merlot, mentioned how Merlot will bark to keep her son's cat away from the dinner table.

#### A Multi-Talented Little Dog

Shelties enjoy many dog sports and other canine activities. They excel at agility, rally, lure coursing, conformation, herding trials, and especially obedience. They learn tricks

easily. Their intelligence and sensitivity also makes them perfect therapy and service dogs. Merlot is extremely popular as a therapy dog in Florida, where she is in high demand at hospitals, assisted living centers and hospices. This past fall, Marlene and Merlot received a request to visit Panama City after Hurricane Michael's devastating destruction. Marlene wheeled Merlot in a stroller, where she could easily be seen and interact with the survivors there.

#### **Health Issues**

Shelties are generally very healthy, but rarely, some health issues may occur. These include thyroid, liver, and kidney trouble, Collie eye anomaly, hip dysplasia, and epilepsy.

#### **Home Environment**

Shelties are highly adaptable and can thrive in either a rural or urban setting. Being with the people they love is what is most important to them! They are good with kids and other pets, although sometimes this becomes problematic when they can't stop herding them!

#### **A Mutual Devotion**

Maybe because Shelties are so loyal sweet and playful, Sheltie owners are just as devoted to their dogs as their dogs are to them! Marlene takes Merlot, her "little princess," with her wherever she goes. "She's my therapy, and I'm her therapy," she says.

Right from the start, Debra knew that this was her breed. "When I see Shelties, I just melt," she says.





#### Links

The Wisconsin Sheltie Rescue was established in 1995. It is an all-volunteer group that exists to educate the public about the breed, and find homes for Shelties in need. www.wisheltierescue.com

The American Shetland Sheepdog Association (ASSA) is the AKC parent club for Shelties. americanshetlandsheepdogassociation.org

#### Stats

Homeland: Shetland Islands between Norway & Scotland.

Original Job: Being a farm dog & herding sheep, poultry & ponies.

Size: 13-16 inches, 15-25 lbs.

Coat Colors: Sable, black & blue merle with varying amounts of white or tan coloring.

**Grooming:** Regular brushing, nail trimming, & teeth brushing. Occasional bathing. Heavy seasonal shedding of the undercoat.

**Exercise:** Moderate exercise with an occasional good romp.

Lifespan: 12-13 years.





#### BY MICHELLE SEROCKI, FREELANCER

Beed Specific Legislation. Breed Discriminatory Legislation. BSL or BDL for short. Many of you may have heard these buzzwords or abbreviations at some point, especially in the last several years, as the topic has become a hot one. So, what exactly is Breed Specific Legislation and why is it important for all of us to understand it?

BSL is a law that is passed to ban or place strict limitations on certain breeds of dogs that have been deemed dangerous. Originally, the purpose of these laws was to protect the community. Sounds like a great idea by that simple definition, doesn't it? However, BSL has a whole host of problems that start as early as the motivation for the law and can extend all the way through the law being enforced.

Unfortunately, laws applying to only one breed don't protect the community from dangerous dogs as they come in all shapes and sizes. These dogs may be genetically deformed or the product of environments where there has been neglect, lack of socialization, and/or lack of medical care. Any dog can be dangerous as a result of these or several other reasons as well.

Most often, BSL is a knee-jerk reaction to fear. A serious dog bite will occur, the media may become involved, and suddenly legislation needs to be passed. Other times, people with deep-rooted fear and dislike for certain breeds work tirelessly to scare more and more people into believing that BSL will protect them. Throughout the past 20 years, the dogs that are typically targeted for BSL are those referred to as Pit Bull-type dogs.

This is an enormous problem, as "Pit Bulls" are the modern day "mutt." While there are hundreds of thousands of Pit Bull-type dogs in the country, a very small percentage of those dogs are actually purebred representations of any of the three breeds that make up the slang term "Pit Bull." Those three breeds are the American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. DNA testing is helping professionals and laypeople alike to prove this fact. Pit Bull-type dogs are a huge mixed bag of genetics, making it impossible to predict dangerous behavior from them as a group.

Even more concerning is how the legislation is being written to identify the dogs that will be banned or subject to strict rules and regulations. Most BSL that targets Pit Bull-type dogs identifies them as any of the three breeds known as Pit Bulls, any mix with any of those three breeds, and/or ANY dog that resembles any of the breeds or mixes. So the family with the Labrador/Boxer mix that has never hurt a flea and is loved by all is now going to have to euthanize their dog or rehome it or move out of the community or any number of other possibilities because their dog simply resembles a Pit Bull-type mix. Meanwhile, there's a house down the street with a non-Pit Bull-type dog chained in the backyard that hardly gets food or water, has never been socialized, and whose chain is rusting. When that dog breaks its chain and mauls the next passerby, who is to blame? In this real-life example, BSL fails. So what alternatives are there to BSL? How can we make our communities safe without this type of legislation?

#### **Protecting Communities**

There are many proven strategies that work in communities to protect against dog bites and dangerous dogs. Providing education and resources to dog owners is one of the most effective. Teaching people how to provide the appropriate environment for their dog, the value of spay and neuter, and helping them to bond with their pets is key. I've met many dog owners that didn't know chaining a dog was mentally debilitating or could cause aggressive behavior. Once they learned this, they took their dog off the chain. So here's how to help:

1. Educating youth is incredibly effective. Introducing the next generations of pet owners to proper ownership strategies stops the problems before they even start.

# PREJUDICE FEATURE Don't Judge a Dog by Its...

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

f you're a dog owner, you probably know that you shouldn't judge a dog by its breed. But if you're new to the world of dogs, there's a huge misconception that every dog breed perfectly matches its standard and profile.

Even if your friend's Chihuahua acts like a wind-up toy, your neighbor's Saint Bernard slings saliva on the ceiling or your sister's Poodle plays the piano, breed isn't a good predictor of behavior, according to a 2014 study by Bristol University in the United Kingdom.

Researchers poured through 4,000 questionnaires that asked dog owners about their pets' aggression–

whether toward family, toward strangers entering the home or in unfamiliar settings outside.

While just 3 percent reported hostility toward family members, nearly 7 percent said their dogs became forceful when meeting strangers. Then 5 percent also reported violence while meeting people out on walks. The majority of dogs showed aggression in just one of these situations, leading researchers to believe it's largely taught, **not bred**.

While American Pit Bull Terriers, Dobermans, German Shepherds and Rottweilers all conjure up images of dangerous, snarling attack dogs due to media hype, their be-



havior can't possibly be predicted simply by what they look like. Breed labels are wrong more than 75 percent of the time, and 1 in 3 dogs assessed as a bully breed car-





ry absolutely no DNA of any Pit Bull-type dog. Many dogs are also a mixture of breeds. For example, you may want to assume that your Goldendoodle is the perfect combination of a Golden Retriever's and a Poodle's attributes, but that's not always the case.

Breed labeling is becoming an outdated practice. Often based on myth and misinformation, labels can stick with dogs (and their owners) for the rest of their lives and can mean discrimination, losing their homes or even death threats. Here are five such stories:

#### I'd Take a Bullet for You

When dog owner Kristin Swoboda adopted Moe from the Wisconsin Humane Society in Racine County, she found everything that she had hoped for in a dog. "He's my heater, my therapist, my laundry helper (really he just lays on it), and most importantly, my best friend," she says.

He's incredibly quirky and playful. "When he gets excited, he runs like a newborn calf, and it makes me laugh hysterically," she says. "He destroys his squeaky toys within seconds. Then he looks at me with the stuffing still in his mouth like, 'It wasn't me." He even sits halfway between the couch and ottoman and (not so surprisingly) begs for food. When Swoboda says, "No," he falls over, looks at her with his sad, brown eyes, and then turns his back to her, refusing to allow her to pet him for a few hours.

"He'd literally take a bullet for any human he comes in contact with," she says, "but he's a 7-year-old Pit Bull; so people cross the street to get away from him and even shield their kids as he walks past." Swoboda once took Moe to Petco to let him pick out his own toy, which was most likely his first, considering that he was abused. He can be rambunctious at times, but he was extremely well-behaved. "We were waiting in line and a woman looked at me and said, 'If that dog even so much as looks at any of my [five] children, I'll shoot it," Swoboda says. "My heart broke when I looked down at Moe. It makes me sad that there are people who pass over Pit Bulls because they've lost the best addition to their families."

#### **Give a Little Love**

At the age of 23 and as a Central Bark Doggy Day Care employee, Erin Hennen quickly realized that she wanted to spend more time with dogs than with people.

"The woman who was grooming my family's dogs ... trained me on how to groom," she says. "I worked Saturdays or came in on a Friday night for those customers that I really liked."

Hennen then opened Fancy Pants Pet Salon in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. She took Anakin, her Yellow Lab-Pit Bull mix, to grooming events. "He was a therapy dog and a blood donor," she says. "He really just looked like a Yellow Lab with a blocky head. When I mentioned that he had some Pit Bull mixed in, people would pull their hands away."

For Pit Bull Awareness Day, Hennen stood with her dog on a corner, holding a sign that read "Ask me about my Pit Bull mix." A man purposely walked toward her, while keeping a fair distance, just to tell her that her dog was dangerous.

When she adopted Washburne and Drax, the struggle for breed acceptance became like trying to play darts with spaghetti. Wash and Drax are both Pit Bull-Bulldog mixes. "They both think that they're lap dogs. If you give either one the chance, they'll lay on your chest on the couch," she says. Drax likes to roll onto his back with his stubby little legs waving in the air and a stuffed toy in his mouth. While Wash is all muscle with a head the size of a basketball, he's really a scaredy cat. "If there's a bad wind outside, he'll hold it rather than go out for a potty break," she says. The momma's boys get along with Hennen's 2-year-old daughter and two cats. "Wash makes me smile every day because of the way he looks at me. I've never had a dog look at me with as much love as he does," she says.

Whenever Hennen takes Wash, Drax and Caesar, her 9-year-old Pomeranian-Maltese mix, on walks, people dash across the street or cover their children with their own bodies. "Most frustrating of all, they would come into my grooming shop and tell me that they don't want their dogs anywhere near 'those things' because they don't want anything to happen to their pups," she says. Regulars have realized that "my sweet boys are just sitting nicely in their crates hoping for some love ... so there's nothing to really worry about."

#### I Need You Now



In 2011, dog enthusiast Debbie Block adopted Mocha, her Doberman Pinscher, from the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission. When Mocha was diagnosed with cancer at the same time as her 95-year-old mother, she had no intention of adding to her family. "Mocha was an incredible soul who loved everyone and changed our neighbors' perception of Dobbies. They saw what we saw in her and the breed ... a dog that longed to be part of a family."

"Paco came into our lives right after I lost my mom to [bone] cancer, our Doberman named Sugar to congestive heart failure, and our senior cat—all in one week," she says. She and her husband, John, were at a fundraiser for the Washington County Humane Society in Fox Lake, Illinois, when they received photos of Paco. He was an hour

#### south at the Doberman Rescue Plus. "My husband looked at me and said, 'No guarantees,' after we both read the email. Needless to say when we met him, we were both in tears and knew that he was destined to be a Block," she says.

Dobermans rarely come into the shelter setting. Even though Paco had a snap test done and was heartworm negative, he later tested as heartworm positive. "The hardest thing ever is to have this boy and want to show him what love truly is, and then you can't even take him out for road trips," she says. The 8-yearold Doberman recently got the all clear and visited the Girl Scouts in Jackson, Washington. Once he sniffed them all individually, he plopped on the floor right in front of them and rolled on his back to have his tummy rubbed.

He's fantastic for getting a person to disconnect from technology. "He'll do anything to have you pet him: cry, stand in front of the TV, nudge you when you're on your phone, and literally, knock your tablet out of your hand," she says. He also has a rock-solid temperament. Recently, he heard a child outside crying and started howling. He dragged his owner to the little girl, nudging her and licking her. She started to laugh and loved on him until all of her tears faded away.

Even though he's a Canine Good Citizen, she has to pay extra liability insurance because of his breed. "Our insurance agent and an underwriter came to our house to meet with us and our dogs before taking us on as a client," she says. Block brings Paco with her when she's doing outreach events for the humane society because it helps break the barriers of what people envision Dobermans to be like. "We've actually had people come up to us and say, 'How dare you bring a vicious dog to an outreach event," she says. "Anyone who's met a Doberman knows they all have the same tendencies: they'll back their rumps up to the couch and sit on it with two legs up in the air and two on the floor, and they'll look for the crying child or the handicapped person to bring them a sense of security."



#### The Problem is People, Not Pit Bulls

Since 2010, Mecca's Pit Bull Rescue in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, has saved more than 40 Pit Bulls. "We can only take in one dog at a time," says President Mecca Curtice, who's a dog bite safety educator and certified dog trainer with 30 years of experience. She works with her husband, two police officers who are an hour and a half away and one volunteer in Plymouth, Wis. "It's not about numbers. We're a voice for Pit Bulls, and we're focused on continued care, breed advocacy and positive training."

Pit Bulls aren't just family companions. They find missing children and lost dementia patients. They pull wheelchairs, open and close doors and interrupt panic attacks. They also comfort nursing home residents and help kids with disabilities become stronger readers.

But they have a 93 percent euthanasia rate. Only one in 600 of them will find a forever home. Good Pit Bulls under the control of bad people do bad things. "Whether an owner understands the reason for the behavior or not, there's always an underlying cause to a bite or an attack, [usually pain or fear]," says Sara Enos, the founder and executive director of the American Pit Bull Foundation.

"Breed discrimination is wrong," Curtice says, "because every dog is an individual." One of the first dogs taken in by the grassroots nonprofit was named Taisha. The American Staffordshire Terrier wasn't even a year old yet. She had mange in her system and a litter of six puppies. "She never snapped at me even though I was handling them. She really touched me because she had the strength and courage to live," she says. "Taisha was adopted by a friend who helped with her rescue and all of her puppies have good homes."

Curtice uses funds from her One Voice T-shirt and Yankee Candle campaigns to provide veterinary

care and 15 to 20-minute training sessions for each dog. "We try to do a DNA test if possible. I do it because I like science, and I want to know what's going on inside of the dogs," she says. Mecca's Pit Bull Rescue recently took in Odin (who's currently adoptable) and Kayla, who was going to be destroyed at just 5 months old because she lacked socialization. Curtice spends more than 60 hours per week with the dogs, training them to follow verbal commands, eventually with-out hand signals. "When they're finally adopted, I can tell their new owners about their behaviors and abilities and their likes and dislikes," she says.

#### Never a Dull Moment



The owner and operator of Paws Are Us in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Mary Tran knew that she wanted to be a dog groomer when she was 10 years old. "We used to have these ratty Field Spaniels, and I'd sit on a cul-de-sac and pretend to show and groom them," she says. "All my sisters and brothers have multiple dogs."

Tran would rather have a handme-down than a puppy. She's fostered more than 80 dogs, including Debby, a 4-month-old Beagle, that had been in three different homes. Originally named Jasmine, Debby wasn't a match with anyone that was interviewed. "She crawled on my husband's lap and fell asleep, and he was just like, 'Let's keep her," she says. "She was a hard dog in the beginning to own because my husband worked third shift, and I couldn't crate her. I had to take her with me everywhere." "Most people I know say, 'I had a Beagle...once.' You either love them or hate them."

Originally reactive to other dogs, Debby would get stiff and scrunch up her nose before mumbling, "Ra-ra-ra-ra." Tran taught her to walk away and sit in her bed at the grooming shop. She's also very intuitive and really understands other dogs. "If owners aren't going to control their dogs, she expresses her opinion: they need to stay out of her space. If I have friends that have dogs, she's friends with them," she says. "[After 12 years,] Debby is very in tune with me. If I'm worried, she's worried. Out of all of the dogs that I've ever had, she really knows how I'm feeling."

"Most people I know say, 'I had a beagle...once.' You either love them or hate them," she says. Beagles are the eighth most surrendered breed, according to a 2015 study by rescuegroup.org. Originally bred to be hunting companions, they have an incredible sense of smell and this often leads them to wander far from home when they're hot on the trail of something, like a squirrel or bird. "Debby knows how to unlock the car door and open it," she says. "One time, I wasn't done at my shop yet and Debby jumped out of the sunroof." Because Beagles are skilled escape artists, they often find themselves abandoned by their owners, or they may run away on their own.

Those who choose a Beagle as a regular family pet might surrender them to shelters when they prove difficult to train. Some people say that Beagles aren't very intelligent, but Debby can spin and give high fives and high 10s. "If you ask her, 'What does a Beagle say?' she howls," Tran says. "If you put your thumb up, she jumps into the air. I'm trying to teach her to sneeze

on command." Debby participates in barn hunting and nose work "She's qualified a few times [in barn hunting], but as soon as she finds the rat, she turns her nose away like, 'I'm too good for this," she says. "She competes if I ask her to, but then she'll go, 'What's in it for me?' She knows whenever there are treats in my pockets. She follows me around all day long ... and eats the treats out of my friends' coat pockets as soon as they put them down."

When it comes to hounds, you have to make them think that everything is their idea. "They have no patience and the common sense of a 2 year old," she says. Whether they're finding a rabbit in a hole or secretly snacking on the kibble in your trunk, you can't tell them what to do.

"You've got to figure them out—just like any dog," she says. At Debby's last nose work competition, she was prancing through the crowd, and they were like, "She's so cute and petite." "Debby knows how to get reactions. It's not a bad thing ... [because] there's never a dull moment with my Beagle."

#### **Removing Labels**

Lindsey Huffman, the director of Shenandoah Valley Animal Services in Lyndhurst, Virginia, asked all of her employees to write down the breeds of all of their shelter dogs. Every one of them was different. "Basically, we were just guessing, and it was unfair," she says. "We stopped labeling dogs about a year and a half ago."

"While breeds are an aspect of a dog, they don't make up everything about that dog," says Michael Morefield, the marketing and communications manager for the Arizona Animal Welfare League. Whether your dogs come from a puppy mill, a responsible dog breeder or a shelter, their personalities, their temperaments and their life experiences really make up who they are.

"When you remove breed labels, you open the door to possibility. You have a chance to fall in love without being inhibited by breed," says Cheryl Schneider, the Director for Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter. "Instead, fall in love by listening to your heart."



Disclaimer: Pit Bull isn't a breed of dog recognized by any of the kennel clubs, and there's no agreed upon definition for what a Pit Bull actually is. As an umbrella term, it may refer to American and English Bulldogs, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, or any of their mixes.



American Pit Bull Terriers have made national headlines for their involvement in dog-fighting rings, especially with the 2007 arrest of NFL player Michael Vick. Common myths about Pit Bulls are that they have locking jaws & will

attack at any moment, without warning. With the right owner, proper training, & socialization, they're delightful, intelligent, & gentle dogs.

Originally bred for herding & protection in Ancient Rome, Rottweilers have massive builds with strong jaws, so many people think that they're natural-born killers. While they're aloof with strangers, well-bred & properly raised Rotties are gentle playmates & downright clowns,



#### **3** DOBERMAN PINCHERS

Founded by a 19th-century tax collector, Doberman Pinchers are the only dog breed that was specifically bred for human protection. In Hollywood movies, they're portrayed as the menacing dogs of villains that'll tear a person to shreds. Ranking as one of the most intelligent dog breeds, these "velcro dogs" are very destructive if bored.



#### **4** SIBERIAN HUSKIES

Siberian Huskies don't display the possessive qualities of guard dogs nor are they overly suspicious of strangers or aggressive with other dogs. They're extremely difficult to train & have a reputation for being escape artists Intelligent & independent, they'll learn less savory things & aren't overly eager to please their people.





Excellent guard dogs, German Shepherds are overly protective when it comes to their owners, barking & occasionally charging at strangers. If they're not getting enough exercise or are bored, they'll growl or chew through furniture to get their family's attention.

#### 6 BOXERS

Boxers love to jump & dance on their back feet, easily knocking over small children. When they don't get enough mental & physical stimulation or are suffering from separation anxiety, they become destructive, chewing your shoes or eating a whole three-seater leather sofa.



#### 7 BULLMASTIFFS

Created in the 1860s, Bullmastiffs were trained to track quietly, pin, & hold poachers without mauling them. Physically imposing, their instincts have remained with them, as their roles have shifted from game guard dog to family companion.

#### **B** CHOW CHOWS



Despite their teddy-bear appearances, Chow Chows are independent, stubborn, & stranger-shy, giving most of their devotion to one special person. Highly territorial, they'll warn off intruders with deep growlsperhaps snapping & biting if they don't take the hint.

#### 9 CHIHUAHUAS



Chihuahuas are one-person dogs & leery of anyone else besides their owners. They tend to be high strung & are very yappy about any intrusion into their territories, real or imagined. They aren't aware of their own size & won't hesitate to nip, snap, or bite dogs or strangers many times larger than themselves.

#### 10 DALMATIANS



After being made popular by Disney's 1996 movie remake of 101 Dalmatians, the breed was overbred by puppy mills & amateur breeders, resulting in neurological & behavioral problems: deafness, urinary tract problems, hyperactivity, & aggression.



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- 7. The German \_\_\_\_ \_\_ gets a rap as being dangerous from working with police and military; a natural protector
- 11. Smells good!
- 12. Breathe heavily, like a dog
- 14. Associate of Arts, shortened
- \_ Husky is difficult to 15. The train, independent, and not all that eager to please
- 18. Saturday Night Live, for short
- 20. Some are long and droopy; some stand straight up
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ and that
- 24. Male cat
- 25. What skiing and basket have in common
- 26. Crooner Fitzgerald
- 28. Due to dog-fighting rings, the Pit \_ carries a myth of having a locking jaw and attacking at any given moment
- 29. Type of rug
- 30. Particular "wagger"
- 31. \_\_\_\_ Abner
- 33. Stop in your tracks!
- 34. Constantly relocating; on the \_ 35. The Pit Bull Terrier is bold,
- loyal and tenacious
- 37. NBC rival
- 39. Something to keep up in school (abbr) 40. Biol. or geom.

- 43. The Great \_\_\_\_\_ has an air of quiet confidence
- 45. The Mastiff is a stubborn \_\_\_\_\_ , who definitely commands a room
- 47. When you love to jump, dance, and \_\_\_, like a 50 down, you tend to knock over small children
- 49. Globe, for one

- dogs who are very territorial
- 57. Shirt size (abbr)
- 59. Sailed over
- 61. Between fa and la
- 62. Coffee choice
- 64. Take a gander
- 65. \_\_\_\_\_ in Show
- 66. High follower
- 68. Rosemary or basil, perhaps
- 70. MD associate
- 71. Originally for herding and protection in Ancient Rome, these "junkyard dogs" are wrongly feared as natural-born killers
- 74. Morning initials
- 76. Apiece (abbr)
- 77. "Wanna ride in the \_\_\_\_?"
- 79. The Pinscher was the only breed specifically bred for protecting humans
- 80. Trained to \_\_\_\_\_ quietly, pin, and hold down poachers, a 16 down is massive in size and seems to have no fear

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- 1. Did you know the German Shepherd was bred to guard \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2. Next to
- 3. Super smart, very active, and poised: Terrier Jack
- 4. French friend
- 5. Opposite of close, poetically speaking
- 6. Not the norm
- 7. The Rottweiler has an imposing \_ and a sharp mind
- 8. They have pads
- 9. Half a laugh
- 10. Over-bred by puppy mills and amateurs, the \_\_\_\_\_ developed neurological issues causing erratic behavior
- 13. Symbol for nickel
- 16. (see 80 across)
- 17. Initials for certain skaters
- 18. Dobermans are suspicious of \_
- 19. Christmas word
- 21. Also known as, shortened
- 23. One of 3 states who favor keeping track of dangerous dogs, regardless of breed, and prohibit Breed Specific Legislation (abbr)
- 27. Artificial intelligence, for short
- 29. Word of discovery
- 32. Unfortunately, 700 U.S. cities have enacted against misunderstood breeds
- 36. Cousin of the FBI
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_ a beat
- 41. Say it twice -- very independent breed
- 42. Charged atom
- 44. Word that goes with neither
- 45. This Retriever has a self-assured nature
- 46. (see 23 down)
- 48. Mexican money
- 50. (see 47 across)
- 51. (see 23 down)
- 53. Ct. relative
- 55. This breed is typically humorous with a sunny disposition
- 56. Stately and antlered
- 58. "Don't \_\_\_\_ all crazy, now"
- 60. Way out
- 63. Einsteinium symbol
- 64. Chihuahuas are \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ of everyone
- 65. Homophone of bread
- 66. Yd. increment
- 67. Beetle brand, shortened
- 68. Time portion (abbr)
- 69. Its is bigger than it's bite
- 72. Electrical term
- 73. Finish the Alpo
- 74. First two of twenty-six
- 75. Myself
- 77. Sacramento state (abbr)
- 78. Cooling syst.

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# **RESCUE DO'S & DON'TS**

#### BY AIMEE LAWENT BEACH, ANIMAL COMMUNICATOR ☆ ENERGETIC HEALING PRACTIONER

Rescuing or adopting a dog is an honorable act but also a huge commitment. You may have had the privilege of doing this many times before, but to assume you are an expert can lead to days of despair. Many adopters may think they are doing all the right things but within a few days to a few weeks, after thinking they have acclimated their new dog into the family, something happens and Fido takes off, leaving the family, their friends and even an entire neighborhood searching. You may have seen neighbors come together with the assistance of social media, such as Lost Dogs of Wisconsin or Next Door. These are definitely places to post about missing pets, but below are some basics to preventing the desperation, panic and guilt associated when trying to locate and lure your best friend home.

I've developed the following tips from years of supporting people track and find their lost pets via animal communication, and with the assistance of Vicki Lorenz, the founder of Tiny Paws Small Dog Rescue based out of Union Grove, Wis. This information is a good reminder for even the most experienced adopter.

#### Tips for a successful adoption:

• Listen to the rescue's advice. They know the dog's temperament best.



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• Listen to foster family's advice. If your dog was living with one, they will have learned their idiosyncrasies.

• Allow your new furry family member time to acclimate to their new home. Establish routines, give love and attention but also space and time to acclimate.

• Supervise socialization with existing pets and family members. See how the interactions go before allowing unsupervised time.

• Let your new dog know that this is their forever home. It's important to help your dog become a part of the family.

• If you will be going on vacation or a business trip, let your new pet know who will be coming to take care of him/her and for how long (same applies for a boarding facility).

- Reassure good behavior and set the ground rules.
- Work with a trainer for persistent issues.

• Express gratitude to your dog for choosing you to share their life with.

• Promise to give your dog the best life possible.

• Feed your new family member nutritious food, schedule vet visits routinely and as needed.

• Decide on a permanent name and keep it. Changing a name can be helpful if the prior name was assigned by the shelter, or if the current name is degrading. Your new family member deserves respect. Changing the name of an older dog can be more difficult. If you insist, give them lots of time to adjust to it. Sometimes, just slightly modifying the name of an older pet can work for both you and them. For example changing from Bart to Mark or Tilly to Millie. It sounds somewhat similar, but can signify and show the new life/bond you are forming.

#### Many rescued animals will try to escape a new home/situation. Heed this advice by providing the best introduction and life possible:

Do not focus on your pet's past. Start making new memories. Dwelling on the past doesn't help anyone move forward.
Leashes for bathroom time. Do not allow your new dog outside without a leash even if your yard is fenced in. When scared and uncertain, your new dog can find the tiniest break in a fence, jump it or dig their way out.

• Do not take your new dog to a dog park for at least a month. You need to know their temperament and how to react if a situation presents itself.

• Do not bring visitors into your home right away, especially the first week or two. This may give your dog a chance to escape and meeting more new people causes confusion. Give them time to adjust to the new routine and people in their home.

• Do not leave windows open. Dogs can break out of screens and jump out of car windows.

• Do not open your door for deliveries without first placing your dog in another room with the door closed.

• Do not take your new buddy on walks for the first few days/ weeks. They may try to escape out of harness or collar.

The most important point often overlooked is to give your new pet plenty of time to acclimate. This isn't a sprint; it's a marathon.

A good month or two is necessary for you two to develop and grow mutual respect and love. Take things at a snail's pace. It will be well worth the wait. Many blessings as you begin your new lives together.

# **HIGH TIMES 4 DOG CARE**

#### BY JEAN JAHNKE, FREELANCER

s your dog in pain? Does she/he suffer from cancer or have seizures? Is your dog anxious? Many holistic health advocates and pet owners are turning to CBD (cannabidiol) oil to help their dogs. According to a 2016 survey (631 pet owners) conducted by the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association (AHVMA), these are some of the most common and successful uses of CBD oil for dogs:

- Pain relief
- Sleep aid
- Anxiety relief
- Thunderstorm or firework phobia
- Nervous system support
- Reduced inflammation
- Reduced seizures
- Vomiting and nausea
- Muscle spasms
- Digestive tract issues
- Cancer
- Skin conditions

#### What is CBD Oil?

Cannabidiol (CBD) is a naturally occurring constituent of cannabis (marijuana). It is one of at least 113 cannabinoids identified in hemp plants, accounting for up to 40 percent of the plant's extract.

#### Won't My Dog Get High or Stoned by CBD Oil?

Indeed, CBD is a compound found in marijuana (cannabis). However, the CBD found in most pet supplements is sourced from hemp, a variety of cannabis. Hemp has very low levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) as opposed to marijuana, which has high levels of THC. According to "Dogs Naturally Magazine—CBD Oil Buyer's Guide," CBD for pets should have 0.3 percent or less THC and, therefore, will produce no psychoactive effects. Hemp also is higher in CBD—the substance that actually provides the healing benefits.

#### How Does CBD Oil Help So Many Ailments?

Dogs have the same endocannabinoid system (ECS) as humans. This system is made up of:

- CB1 receptors that are located in the brain, nervous system, glands and organs.
- CB2 receptors that are located in the regulatory cells of the immune system.

CBD works by targeting both the CB1 and CB2 receptors and restoring balance in those areas. This is why CBD is good for diverse health issues.

#### Are There Any Side Effects?

According to the AVHMA 2016 survey, perceived frequent side effects were minimal with the most reported side effect being sleepiness (19 percent) followed by overactive appetite (5 percent).

#### How Do I Choose a CBD Oil for My Dog?

Choosing a CBD oil for your dog can be overwhelming. There are so many sellers entering the market that you could easily buy an ineffective or poor quality product. It's important to do your research. To get started:

1. Ask to see the supplier's Certificate of Analysis. If the supplier will not provide a certificate, RUN! The certificate is the only way you can determine:

• The CBD is made from organic industrial hemp and not marijuana (THC is below 0.3%.)

- The amount of CBD contained in each bottle.
- Whether there are contaminants, solvents, bacteria, yeast or mold.

2. Learn where the supplier's hemp is grown. Is it an organic environment? Hemp absorbs contaminants from the ground, making heavy metal toxicity a concern. According to the CBD Buyer's Guide, Germany has the most stringent regulatory standards, which are strictly enforced by the European Union (whose organic standards are more thoroughly audited than ours).

3. Determine what extraction method was used. Some products are made with solvents like butane or propane that can cause cardiac and respiratory problems when inhaled. Make sure the extraction method uses carbon dioxide under high pressure and low temperatures. Called supercritical or subcritical CO2 extraction, it is the most expensive method but produces the best quality product.

4. Look for a product infused with coconut oil for maximum absorbability.

5. Buy gold grade if you can afford it. Lower grades contain more chlorophyll and plant matter.

6. Don't spend your money on CBD cookies or treats for you dogs. They are not strong enough to be effective.

#### How Do I Administer CBD Oil?

Dosing instructions for your dog depends on the actual amount of CBD—another reason to know how much CBD is in the product you choose. Remember to always check with your veterinarian first. The CBD Oil Buyer's Guide recommends starting with a lower potency and dose to see how your dog responds. Their general guideline is to "give 0.2 mg of CBD per pound of your dog's body weight per day, directly in the mouth or mixed with food," or:

- 1 to 2 mg of CBD for a 5 to 10lb dog
- Up to 10 mg per day for a 50lb dog

#### Is CBD Oil Right for My Dog?

Only if you do your research! Pet advocate Joanne Schaus started using CBD for her osteoarthritis when NSAIDS were no longer working, and she didn't want to resort to opioids. It worked so well that she now uses it for her dog. She recommends the online website cbdoilusers.com to determine if CBD oil is right for your dog.

#### Ingredients:

1 cup molasses

1 3/4 cup water

1/2 cup vegetable oil

- 6 cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh ginger or one tsp. of dried powdered ginger

By Chef Patti

#### **Directions:**

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine the molasses, water & oil in a medium bowl. In another large bowl mix the flour, the baking soda, cinnamon, cloves & ginger. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients. Combine well. Cover & refrigerate for an hour or overnight.

After the dough is well-chilled, roll it out into a 1/4" thickness. Cut dough with a cookie cutter into gingerbread men or other fun shapes. It is best to use small cookie cutters if you have a small dog. The dough will rise.

Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Turn oven down to 325 degrees & bake another 3-5 minutes. Depending on the size it can make about 40 treats.

Be creative. Look at pictures of gingerbread men cookies You can use carob bits, canned cheese, peanut butter or cream cheese to decorate. **Be sure to use only dog-safe foods to decorate**.



#### BY MANETTE KOHLER, FREELANCER

enturies ago, in the day of horse-drawn fire engines, Dalmatians played a vital role in the fighting of fires. They were chosen for their ability to not only run long distances without tiring but also for the calming effect they had on horses. "Dalmatians were trained to run in front of and alongside the horses to clear the way and guide them to the fire," says Jonathan Kempler, division chief/ fire marshal of Pike Township Fire Department in Indianapolis, IN.

"They also formed strong bonds with the horses and protected them from other animals and thieves." Nowadays, with horse-drawn fire engines a thing of the past, Dalmatians largely serve as firehouse mascots, tagging along to teach kids about fire safety. "It is our intention," says Kempler, "to educate the public and other fire departments that Dalmatians and other dogs can still play a vital role in the daily operations of the fire service." This role reaches far beyond that of fire safety educator. When the decision was made to add a dog to the fire service, Pike Township Fire Department spent months researching breeders throughout the country. Many factors came into play including general health in the pedigree, temperament of the parents, past litters with therapy/service dog prospects, and breeder knowledgeability and reputation.

They settled on the pick of the litter, a liver-spotted male (D.O.B. 1-4-18) and named him Ember. He has a quirky sense of humor, an upbeat attitude, and a gentle demeanor but, above all else, he is extremely intelligent and will do anything you ask him to do (especially for food). "These traits make him an excellent fire dog that is very good with children while being able to perform advance tasks that require extensive training," remarks Kempler.

Ember's training began shortly after he arrived in Indianapolis at 10 weeks of age, starting with puppy school where he learned basic obedience and manners. He was then evaluated for temperament and suitability to perform the tasks of a fire dog by Jennifer Cattet, Ph.D, owner of Medical Mutts and an award-winning author, international speaker and contributor to the ongoing research in the field of medical detection. Not surprisingly, he passed the testing and was enrolled in a comprehensive training program. The initial phase culminated in Ember receiving his first official title as an AKC S.T.A.R. puppy.

Ember is currently in his second phase of training at Medical Mutts, an organization that trains all sorts of specialty service dogs, including Seizure Alert Dogs, Diabetes Alert Dogs, Autism Assistance Dogs, and many others. He attends school Monday through Friday. "He is learning advanced obedience as well as job-specific tasks such as scent detection," shares Kempler. He will need to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen and AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen as well as a Public Access Test where he'll be evaluated on several things including the completion of the minimum training requirements, obedience training, manners, and job-related tasks. "Once he passes all the required testing, he will officially be a Fire Facility Dog," says Kempler.

The fire marshal's office has the responsibility of determining the origin and cause of fires, and dogs can provide a crucial role by detecting ignitable liquids and objects that may have been used to start a fire. Ember's training will also include helping in that way.

His training doesn't stop there, however. Being the intelligent overachiever that he is, Ember will be trained to perform fire safety education, demonstrating "stop, drop and roll and dialing 911" and will serve as an Ambassador for the fire department. "Studies have shown that children, especially those with special needs, are extremely receptive to animals, making them a great

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2. Effective animal control agencies can also lend a hand towards safer communities. Proper fees and incentives for responsible ownership can go a long way!

3. Lastly, there are very effective ordinances and legislation that can be considered. Many cities and towns around the country have been replacing their BSL with well-balanced wording that protects against all dangerous dogs and identifies the traits that would suggest they're dangerous. These are typically described as dogs that are at large repeatedly, dogs that bite repeatedly, and dogs that cause other harm as well as other criteria per the specific problems in the area.

We all want to live with our pets in a safe community. Breed specific legislation has failed to provide comprehensive protection time and time again. Education, offering resources, effective animal control, and well-worded, non-discriminatory legislation are all pieces that, when put together, create long-lasting success.



component to a fire safety education program," says Kempler. "He will also receive training in providing comfort to individuals experiencing symptoms of anxiety, stress and PTSD." This will be an important role for Ember given that more emphasis has recently been placed on the mental health of first-responders. Members of the department enjoy taking breaks and interacting with Ember. It is beneficial for firefighters to have Ember around since dogs, in general, are natural stress relievers, but this is especially important after a critical event such as a fire or medical emergency.

When not training, Ember enjoys attending community events, visiting fire stations, schools, daycares, and assisted living facilities and even responding to fires and other emergencies. This amazing adolescent also has time off to just be a dog. He enjoys running, hiking and playing with his best friend Bella, an Australian Cattle Dog. He also enjoys chewing on antlers and snacking on Zuke's and cheese. When not working, Ember lives with Kempler and enjoys digging holes in his backyard, playing fetch and is well-known for taking up the majority of the king size bed.

"Ember is one of the tools that our department has been able to utilize to not only educate the public but to provide the public and firefighters alike with a familiar face in their darkest hour," says Kempler. I think I speak for everyone when I say, "Shine on, Ember, and thank you for your service!"

For more information on Ember, check out her Instagram @EmberTheFireDog



bayviewbark.com



# With Off the Chain MKE

ith a new name, Off the Chain MKE (formerly known as Barkley's Forever Friends) is a group of animal lovers focusing their efforts on giving Milwaukee's dogs a second chance. "We knew we had to become the voice for our local dogs," says Gina Kennedy, president of Off the Chain MKE. "And we wanted our name to reflect the issues going on right in front of us."

# When did you become the president & why?

Erin (our Executive Director) and I share the same vision and passion. So in August of 2018, I accepted the nomination as president of the rescue following our new name and logo. Becoming president fulfilled my biggest passion in life which is being a voice for Milwaukee's underdogs. When I started working in the pet industry in 2013, I began to really understand the battle our city has not only with all dogs but specifically bully breeds. As the years passed, my passion grew and so did my desire to help educate my community on the importance of ending breed discrimination. The vision and revamp of the rescue this past year has been a big dream of mine and it's been extremely humbling to watch it come to life.

#### When did your passion start?

I've been an animal lover my entire life. I can remember bringing in strays constantly as a child. My mission for saving local bullies really started in 2013 when I rescued a "Pit Bull" Off Craigslist named Tyson. When I had the opportunity to run this rescue alongside my friend, it was a dream come true.



# How do you educate the community?

We partner with Friends of MADACC to host low cost vaccine clinics for those in need. We also use that time to help educate the community on the importance of spaying and neutering which is offered as a free service to families who qualify and own bully breeds! We also educate our community through adoptions. We show people how wonderful these dogs are and how they can be amazing family dogs. There is nothing better than the feeling you get watching a bully breed find it's forever home.

#### Who is Daisy?

Daisy was my very first foster with this rescue in January of 2017. I saw her picture on MADACC's adoption page and my heart instantly fell for her. She was used as a breeder and lived a life of neglect and cruelty. The day she came to us, she was 15 pounds underweight, had various respiratory and skin infections, double ear infections and was afraid to leave the corner of any room she was in. Her eyes were tired, and her body was covered in scars and bite marks. I brought her home as a foster, where she spent the first 3 days in my husband's "man cave" because she was too afraid to explore the rest of the house. Over the next 8 months, Daisy and I developed a bond like no other. She began to pick up on my panic attack signals, emotional breakdowns and could sense when my anxiety disorder was at its worst.

I battle with various disorders including anxiety and depression, and dogs have always been my positive outlet—helping them helps me too. I can relate to these dogs and giving them a safe place after everything they have been through gives my life purpose. Daisy is my certified ESA. She is also currently waiting to become a hospice care therapy dog.

#### Anything else you wish to share?

Breed discrimination is a huge battle that we can't face alone. We not only want to see Pit Bull-type dogs become family dogs, working dogs, therapy dogs, etc, but we want to see the cycle of abuse, neglect and fighting come to an end. We can't do that if we don't change minds. It starts with educating our youth and community. What people fail to understand is that where there is dog fighting, there is domestic abuse, drug activity, gang violence and more.

Banning a specific breed of dog from our neighborhoods only keeps people afraid and in the dark. Teaching responsible dog ownership is imparitive to the safety of the community and these dogs.

I can tell you from personal experience that adopting a shelter dog was the best decision I ever made and I will spend the rest of my life defending my city's bullies in need!

# JUST ONE TAIL

# From Rags to Riches

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an Solo, found by a Good Samaritan, was running near a road with a chain wrapped around his neck. He was very underweight (20 pounds), full of cuts, with fly larvae on his ears and was terrified.

The San Diego Humane Society took him in and put him on a new path to a second chance. When my husband Ryan and I met Han, we saw a dog who felt defeated but just wanted to be loved and have a family. So the next day we adopted Han and gave him his freedom ride to a new life.

It took a lot of patience to help Han feel safe. He didn't want to eat and would run with his tail tucked between his legs at the slightest sound. We knew we had to be kind and take things at his pace. Our love was new.

Once Han Solo opened up to us, his true personality came out. He is a goofy, outgoing, wiggle butt who loves cuddles and treats. "... we saw a dog who felt defeated but just wanted to be loved and have a family."

He had no idea what to do with toys until he met a neighbor pup who taught him how to be a dog. A French Bulldog named Jack showed him how to play and be a puppy.

Those two are best buds and have many adventures and fun together. Han has a very calm and relaxed personality, and we take him everywhere we go. He was once afraid of people and now wants to say hello to everyone he meets.

He loves truck rides and has traveled with us to 18 states, seen a few National Parks, swam in the Pacific Ocean and has visited many breweries and wineries.

People say he is a lucky one, but I truly think we are the lucky ones to have Han Solo in our lives.

# Brew City Bully Club



Meet Jameson, a 3-year-old big hunk of love! Jameson's favorite season is SUMMER! He could lay outside all day - sunbathing and soaking up the smells the wind passes along! His perfect evening would be snuggling up on the couch to watch a movie and share your popcorn! Jameson would not do well in a home with small children or cats but would love a doggie friend!

Adopt@brewcitybullies.org





# FETCH ME IF YOU CAN



Bear is an active guy who loves to spend time outdoors with his friends and then transition to a warm, cozy

bed to nap and go to bed in at night. He also has enjoyed most every dog he has met as well as play time with them. He is a smart boy - easily swayed - and learns through treats. Bear is one handsome, special guy who is seeking a new home who feels they are a good match for him fall into forever! ebhs.org and he for them. ebhs.org



# **Elmbrook Humane Society**

What's not to love about Brody? His looks speak for themselves. This 1-year-old Cattle Dog mix would flourish with an active owner who can keep up with him. He loves treats, dogs, people, toys, and learning new things. He enjoys his downtime, too, and will make a great cuddle partner this



Chanel is a very sweet, reserved girl who enjoys the simple things in life - a cozy bed and blanket to nap in

and, of course, treats any time you are willing to provide her some. She has a beautiful coat and loves to be both petted and brushed. She is an easy going, quiet girl who is seeking the same in both a home and family. ebhs.org



Ben is a handsome Pointer mix! He loves being active - taking walks, learning, or

playing! Ben walks nicely on a leash and is a great car passenger. He'll do best in a home without cats or young children as he can be a bit too gregarious! since arriving at HAWS in August, he's learned many new skils. If you think he will be a good match for you, come to HAWS and meet him today! hawspets.org

# Humane Animal Welfare Society

Renaday is a beauty! She loves to explore and play - especially tennis ball chase! Renaday has great manners and has the basic cues down pat. She is an energetic girl and might overwhelm young children - and other pets - so she'll do best as an "only" in a pet-savvy home. Renaday is a sweet girl with lots of personality and love to give. hawspets.org

Stuwie is looking for that perfect home full of soft napping spots, kitty treats,

spots to explore, and lots of food and love. The sooner the better! Stuwie has made some really nice human friends at HAWS, but he is more than ready for a forever home of his own. Stuwie will do best in a quiet home with older children or just adults. Come to HAWS and meet Stuwie today! hawspets.org



# A DOG'S LIFE

#### **CAMPS, CLASSES & SEMINARS**

#### **Friends of HAWS Monthly Meeting**

2nd Wed. each month: 7 to 8PM Waukesha, hawspets.org, 262-542-8851

#### **Bow Wow Blizzard Camp**

Dec. 27: 9AM to 3PM 4500 W Wisconsin Ave bkruesel@wihumane.org WHS, wihumane.org

#### **Pet Loss Support**

Jan. 2: 7 to 8PM 4500 W Wisconsin Ave WHS, wihumane.org

#### **FUNDRAISERS & GATHERINGS**

#### **U.S. Bank New Year's Eve Celebration**

Dec. 31: TBD Door County Sled Dogs, Green Bay doorcountysleddogs.com

#### Snow Day 2019

Jan. 5: 11:30AM to 1PM Milwaukee Public Museum Door County Sled Dogs doorcountysleddogs.com

#### "Meat" & Greet

Jan.13: 1 to 3PM Anticipation Bar, 6218 S. 27th St. Door County Sled Dogs doorcountysleddogs.com

#### Annual Meeting (BCBC)

Jan. 20: 1 PM Marcus Showtime Cinema 8910 South 102nd St., Franklin Brewcitybullies.org

#### Winterfest

Jan. 26: TBD Urban Ecology Center, Washington Park Door County Sled Dogs doorcountysleddogs.com

#### **Great Lakes Pet Expo**

Feb. 2: 10AM to 5PM Wisconsin Expo Center, State Fair Park petexpomilwaukee.com \*FETCH will be there!

#### **Big Birthday Bash**

Feb. 9: 11AM to 1PM TBD Door County Sled Dogs doorcountysleddogs.com

#### **140th Anniversary Celebration for WHS**

Feb. 22 The Atrium 2107 E Capitol Dr., Shorewood WHS, wihumane.org

#### Pet Telethon 2019

Mar. 22: 6 to 10AM FOX6 News WHS, wihumane.org

#### Camp Bow Wow Grand Opening TBD, Oak Creek

**Trivia Night** Jan. 12: 6 to 9PM Humane Society of Jefferson County W6127 Kiesling Rd, Jefferson Hsjc-wis.com, 920-674-2048

#### Toto's Gala for Dane Co HS

Mar. 15: 6 to 11PM Monona Terrace 1 John Nolen Dr, Madison Giveshelter.org, 608-838-0413

#### **Elmbrook HS Spring Gala**

Save the Date - Mar. 16 Ebhs.org, 262-782-9261

#### PARKS & RECREATION

#### Milwaukee Dog Exercise Areas Bay View Dog Exercise Area:

Corner of E. Lincoln Ave. and S. Bay St.

**Currie Park Dog Exercise Area**: 3535 N. Mayfair Rd. Wauwatosa

**Estabrook Park Dog Exercise Area:** 4400 N. Estabrook Dr. Milwaukee

Granville Dog Exercise Area: 11718 W. Good Hope Place Milwaukee

**Roverwest Dog Exercise Area:** 3243 N. Weil St. in Riverwest!

Runway Dog Exercise Area: 1214 E. Rawson Ave. Oak Creek

Warnimont Park Dog Exercise Area: 5400 S. Lake Dr. Cudahy

#### **ADOPTION EVENTS**

#### **PetSmart Mobile Adoption**

Jan. 26: 11AM to 2PM Feb. 23: 11AM to 2PM Mar. 30: 11AM to 2PM PetSmart Sheboygan Falls & Grafton adoptsheboygancounty.org

#### Shelter from the Storm

Every Saturday, 10AM to 2PM PetSmart Madison East Sftsrescue.org, 608-284-7447

#### **Greyhound Meet 'n' Greet**

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

#### **SERVICES 4 DOGS**

Animal Control MADACC 414-649-8640, madacc.org

**BRATS** (rescue animal transportation) BRATStransport.org, BRATStransport@ gmail.com, 414-322-1085

#### **Community Support**

Friends of MADACC friends@madacc.org, madaccfriends.org

**Department of Neighborhood Services** 414-286-2268 (report abuse) or call local police department

#### **Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics**

Baraboo, 608-356-2520, Sauk Humane Kenosha, 262-694-4047, Safe Harbor Milwaukee, 414-649-8640, MADACC Madison, 608-224-1400, Spay Me Clinic Waukesha/Washington County, 262-789-1954, EBHS

Lost Dogs of Wisconsin

(assists you with finding your lost dog) lostdogsofwisconsin.org

Lost and Stolen Pet Recovery Assistance (assists you with free/low-cost microchips) lspra.org, info@lspra.org

Milwaukee Animal Alliance (local advocacy group for shelter animals)

milwaukeeanimalalliance.org

#### PET PARTIES & PLAY GROUPS

#### **Puppy & Small Dog Party**

Sunday 11:30AM to 12:30PM For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago 800-581-9070, forpetssake.cc

#### **Puppy Social**

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

#### Puppy Parties (HAWS)

Sundays: 4:45 to 5:15PM HAWS, 262-542-8851, hawspets.org

#### **Playgroups At Tabby & Jacks**

Small Dogs Saturdays 9AM Mixed Size Dogs Saturdays 10AM Fitchburg 608-277-5900 Middleton locations 608-841-1133 Tabbyandjacks.com

#### Puppy Playgroups

Saturdays 10 to 11AM Puppy Den, Madisonpuppyden.com 608-665-3375

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tive boy waiting for his forever family and home! Although he loves to run and compatibility! Come and meet Rocky today! lakelandanimalshelter.org

Rocky is a handsome 2 & 1/2-year-old ac- Having "Special Needs" and being shy, sweet Bailey is a 2 & <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-year-old Anatolian Shepherd who is looking for a home with no small aniplay, he also loves attention and his cud- mals or young children because she is easily dle time! As far as canine friends go, ad- frightened by fast movements. A special famvanced meetings are a must to determine ily (maybe even a canine friend) who would spend lots of fun time outdoors with her would be great because she loves going outside to play! Call the shelter for more information! lakelandanimalshelter.org

Huckleberry is a gorgeous 4-year-old American Staffordshire Terrier mix and a gentle giant at heart! He loves to play with his toys, go on walks, work on his obedience commands, and master treat toys for mental exercise! Due to his size and an occasional zoomie, adults and older children



would be a better fit for this sweet guy! lakelandanimalshelter.org



## Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission

Dancer is one of the friendliest dogs we have met. This sweet, 5-year-old, female Pit Bull mix wants to be your new best friend and will happily accompany you in any adventure you want to take! madacc.com

Sweet Lidia is a 2-year-old female Pit Bull Snowy is a 9-month-old female Pit Bull mix who wants nothing more than to be with her special person. This adorable girl is always down for a good belly rub! madacc.com

mix. Snowy is a total love bug and wants to be as close to you as possible. Looking for a snuggle buddy? Snowy is definitely your girl! madacc.com

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This 7-year-old Blue Heeler/Corgi is a plump gal, full of energy and spunk. Although not fond of walks, she loves a fast-paced game of fetch and keep away! Sally can live with cats and slightly older children but not other dogs. Beef allergies will require a special diet of food and treats. saukhumane.org



Our most senior guy at 10 years old, he was surrendered by his first family, adopted and then surrendered due to insurance reasons. Duncan might have had too many donuts, but he is very active, loves walks and toys, and wiggles all over with excitement! Duncan does ok with other dogs, can live with cats, and should be fine with children. Duncan is a lot of sweetness in a large package. saukhumane.org



A 2-year-old Pit mix, Reed is the sweetest, affectionate guy who leans in for love! He loves to go on walks, and fetch is his top sport! He does great at returning the ball, dropping it, and waiting for you to throw again! A bigger, long-legged guy, Reed could live with another dog but not cats. He should do ok with older children. Stop in and meet him. saukhumane.org

# TO THE RESCUE

#### ALL BREEDS

Bichons & Little Buddies Rescue 414-750-0152, bichonrescues.com, bichonandlittlebuddies@gmail.com,

Canine Cupids caninecupids.org, caninecupids@live.com

Fetch Wisconsin Rescue fetchwi.org, fetchwirescue@gmail.com

H.O.P.E. Safehouse 262-634-4571, hopesafehouse.org hopesafehouse@gmail.com

Hoping Fur a Home hopingfurahome.com

JR's Pups-N-Stuff Dog Rescue 414-640-8473, jrspupsnstuff.org, jrspupsnstuff@yahoo.com

Milwaukee Pets Alive milwaukeepetsalive.org, adopt@milwaukeepetsalive.org

Paddy's Paws 920-723-5389, paddyspaws.blogspot.com

Patches Animal Rescue 920-344-6637, patchesanimalrescue.org, patchesanimalrescue@yahoo.com

Remember Me Ranch remembermeranch.org, remembermeranch@gmail.com

Rescue Gang rescuegang.org, info@rescuegang.org

Shelter From the Storm sftsrescue.org, sfts.info@yahoo.com

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

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

Woof Gang Rescue of Wisconsin woofgangrescue.com, Woofgangrescue@gmail.com

Yellow Brick Road Rescue & Sanctuary 414-758-6626, yellowbrickroadrescue.com, loveqmoment@wi.rr.com

BASSET HOUND Basset Buddies Rescue, Inc. 262-347-8823, bbrescue.org info@bbrescue.org

BEAGLE Midwest Beagle Rescue, Education & Welfare (BREW) 608-6611-5122, gotbeagles.org mookielou@att.net

BORDER COLLIE Wisconsin Border Collie Rescue WIBorderCollieRescue.org

BOSTON TERRIER WI Boston Terrier Rescue

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BOXER Green Acres Boxer Rescue of WI greenacresboxerrescue.com, info@greenacresboxerrescue.com CATS Happy Endings No Kill Cat Shelter 414-744-3287, HappyEndings.us info@HappyEndings.us

Little Orphan's Animal Rescue 608-556-6130, littleorphansanimalrescue.org cdcpumpkin@yahoo.com

CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER Chessie Rescue of Wisconsin 920-954-0796, crrow.org

**CHIHUAHUA** Wisconsin Chihuahua Rescue, Inc. 608-219-4044, wischirescue.org chigirl1983@gmail.com

COCKER SPANIEL Wisconsin Cocker Rescue wicockerrescie.com 262-271-6014

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DALMATIAN Dal-Savers Dalmatian Rescue Inc. 414-297-9210, dalrescue.us, loveadal@yahoo.com

GERMAN SHEPHERD German Shepherd Rescue Alliance of WI 414-461-9720, gsraw.com, yur\_rltr@execpc.com or gsdrsq@hotmail.com

Good Shepherd K-9 Rescue 608-868-2050, gsk9r.org, pawmeadows@hughes.net

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

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

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

**GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER** Wisconsin German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue Inc.

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**GOLDEN RETRIEVER** Golden Rule Rescue & Rehabilitation (GRRR)

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

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**GREAT DANE** Great Dane Rescue of Minnesota & Wisconsin

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**GREAT PYRENEES** 

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**GREYHOUND** Greyhound Pets of America-Wisconsin gpawisconsin.org Webmaster@gpawisconsin.org

LABRADOR Labrador Education and Rescue Network 847-289-PETS (7387), labadoption.org, learndogs@labadoption.org

Labs N More 414-571-0777, LabsNMoreRescue.petfinder.com, LabsnMoreRescue@yahoo.com

MALTESE Northcentral Maltese Rescue Inc. 262-800-3323, malteserescue.homestead.com, malteserescue@hotmail.com

PIT BULL TERRIER Helping Pitties in the City (Remember Me Ranch) remembermeranch.org/pittiesinthecity, pittiesinthecitymke@gmail.com

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PUG Pug Hugs, Inc. 414-764-0795, milwaukeepugfest.com, milwaukeepugfest@yahoo.com

SHIBA INU Midwest Shiba Inu Rescue 630-225-5046, shibarescue.org

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Shih Tzu Rescue of Central Wisconsin shihtzurescueofcentralwi.org

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IN THE PAWLIGHT: **"Red"** LOCAL DOGS AROUND TOWN SPOTTED IN BELGIUM, WI

#### Washington Co Humane Society



Siler is a sweet boy patiently waiting for his new family. If Siler could talk, he would tell you: I can have a dog buddy in my new home, but they need to be calm and respectful. I cannot live with any cats because they are way too much fun to chase. Any children in my new home should be 12 years or older. I am intelligent, alert, friendly, and most of all, I lovable and adorable.

washingtoncountyhumane.org



If you are looking for a dog who is in a constant state of "smile," then you will want to meet me -- Shadow. I may be a senior, but I still have a puppy attitude and try and stay active. I am very tolerant and remain calm, but cats are a no-no as I tend to fixate on them and don't understand their correction at all. Any children in my new home should be 8 years or older. I will be a constant companion who promises to be loyal forever.

washingtoncountyhumane.org



Hi my name is Chloe, and I was surrendered to WCHS for a litterbox issue. Staff here believes the issue was due to stress living with another cat so no other cats for me! I am very affectionate and love being in your lap. If you are looking for a tolerant cat who also enjoys cheek scratches...I'm your gal! Play is my favorite thing, and I really enjoy all kinds of curious things. If you are looking for a special cat to be your one and only, ask for Chloe!! washingtoncountyhumane.org



#### Wisconsin Humane Society

With a snowy white face and ivy colored eyes, Callie is one stunning cat. This 12-year-old is ready to share this holiday season with a loving family. Callie is a bit bashful at first, but with some extra affection and patience, she comes out of her shell and will win you over with her sweet nature. If you'd like to meet Callie, stop by the Wisconsin Humane Society Racine Campus today! wihumane.org

Button ears and big brown eyes - could Gigi get any cuter?! This little love is sure to pull your heart strings. Gigi adores her humans but isn't the biggest fan of sharing the spotlight. She is looking for a home where she can be the only dog and get your full attention. This 9-year-old lives for walks, play time, and snuggles. **wihumane.org** 



Woof Gang Rescue

Belle Star is a 4-year-old Pittie mix. She is playful and silly and loves to be snuggléd. She has minor allergies - a few sneezes & coughs seem to be the worst of it. She would be best in a home without cats or smaller dogs and with older children. She has moderate energy and is potty- and crate-trained. She will keep you smiling with her happy attitude and loving kisses. woofgangrescue.com

Gigi

Meet Koa! Koa is 4-yearold Boxer/Pittie mix in search of his own forever home! He is great with people, kids, and dogs his size! (No rodents, cats or small dogs!) He is housebroken, knows all of his basic commands, and can be crated or left out. Mild energy, Koa would love to find a home of his own.

woofgangrescue.com



With a colossal personality and a sizable appetite for playtime, Magnum loves to live life in the fast lane. If you're looking for a buddy who will get you on your feet this winter, you have officially met your match! Magnum is neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, and is ready to go. If you'd like to meet him, stop by the Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee Campus today! wihumane.org

#### Woof Gang Rescue



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# Top 10 Reasons Pets Visit Our ER

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

When an emergency arises and your pet needs care, it's scary. We get that and we are here to help.





No matter the reason, WVRC is open 24/7 every day of the year to care for your pet. Waukesha | Grafton | Racine 866-542-3241 | wvrc.com