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Red is the color of passion & love, & our cover dog looks so beautiful against the soft red blanket. I just look at him & feel all warm & cozy inside ... don't you? A perfect feeling for this cold winter we are approaching. I'm much more of a summer or fall kind of person. Winter just leaves me feeling out of sorts & sort of blue. That is why I chose the theme of love to encourage myself & all of you to search outside the box for people, places & things that make your heart smile.

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Meet Pamela Stace

I have been writing for Fetch since 2010, beginning with the Spring issue. Somehow, I learned that Ginny Theisen and Marie Tubbin (Fetch's owners at that time) were looking for an Afghan Hound to photograph for the breed article and cover. I quickly responded "we have four!" I asked if I could write the article, got the okay, and was especially pleased to find out that I was going to be paid too! We had a great photo shoot with Stephanie Bartz at our theatre, The Miramar. Three Afghans in three theatre seats were a sight to see!

Since then, I have written articles about dog behavior, animal communication, genetics, dogs in the workplace and many breed articles.

The breed articles are particularly enjoyable for me because I learn so much about the great variety that exists in the dog world. Learning about where a dog originally came from, how and why it was developed, and what its original job was leads to a greater understanding of all dogs, both pure and mixed breeds.

Dogs are a huge part of my life. In addition to sharing our home with them, I have shown and been part of a therapy dog team. I enjoy learning about making dogs' lives better, and keeping them healthy and happy.

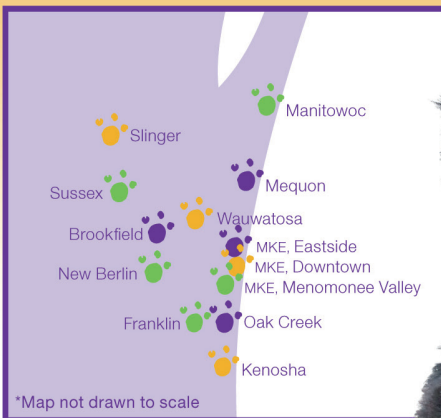
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LOVE LIKE A DOG



EDITOR'S PAW

Dear FETCH Friends:

If we could manifest the kind of love we all need and deserve, can you imagine how different the world would be ... Sometimes we fall short in our relationships and lose sight of what truly matters. Unconditional love is often the goal. It is so difficult to be vulnerable with another person, even though we desire a real connection. Dogs don't have this issue. They love unconditionally even when times are hard. They don't leave us when things get difficult. They don't move into a new house because the treats are better down the street. They don't judge us based on our mistakes. That is exactly why so many of us can genuinely reciprocate that kind of love. We trust them! They are in essence innocent and naive to the idea that something somewhere else may be better than what they currently have. By living in the moment and appreciating what they have now, they are living out God's will for them. So why can't we do the same? Why must we fight against the now and self-sabotage our lives?

My resolution for the new year is to reinvent how I perceive the love in my life and to change the way I give love out! I must live life and love others the way I want to be loved in return. LOVE LIKE A DOG! Think about it. How often do you expect more from others, more than you are capable of giving? A lot right. Well, no better time than now to change that and reinvent the love in your life. You deserve the love you are capable of giving & no less.

To Reinventing Your Perception Of Love & Spreading It To Others,



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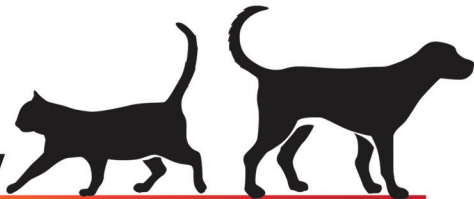
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HAMMY

Embracing a THERAPY DOG

BY LAURA YEAGER, FREELANCE WRITER

Hamlet, or Hammy for short, is the therapy dog at my son's autism drama school. The Center for Applied Drama & Autism introduces autistic children to the world of theater. The center, founded by Wendy Duke and Laura Valendza, is located in the basement of an old building in downtown Akron, Ohio. Tommy, my 11-year-old son, is just completing his first improvisation class there.

What is a Therapy Dog?

A therapy dog is trained to work with groups of individuals such as the elderly, the disabled, patients in hospitals, people in disaster areas and students in schools. Therapy dogs can be distinguished from service dogs, which are trained to assist just their owners.

What is Autism?

According to Autism Speaks, "Autism and autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors." In general, autistic kids have difficulty communicating with other people. They range from being completely non-verbal to simply struggling with basic social conventions, as my son Tommy does.

CADA Wouldn't Be CADA Without Hammy

Hammy is a 7-year-old, fluffy blue merle Shetland Sheep Dog, who is owned by Wendy Duke. He was trained to be a therapy dog by Terence Cranendonk, a professional actor, director, and dog trainer. One of the things that Hammy had to learn was to curb his barking. If he does bark now, all Wendy has to say is "No barks," and Hammy stops. In general, Hammy is expected to be calm at all times and, of course, to not jump up on anyone. He is to mind his master at all times. After Hammy's training, he passed the Therapy Dog International test as well as the Canine Good Citizen test.

and you have an overwhelming desire to scratch his ears. His fur is incredibly soft. He's just the cutest thing; he seems to innately understand how you're feeling.

The dog keeps a low profile. While the children are acting, Hammy seems to watch them contently.

For example, when the children "circle up" (sit in a circle and talk about their week), Hammy is there. When the children go into Studio B to make hats to wear for the next scene, Hammy is there. When the kids are on stage pretending to be animals stuck in a tornado, Hammy is there. Hammy even acts himself. He's been in several shows including "Annie", "Guys and Dolls", "Willie the Shake's Greatest Hits" and "Pippi Longstocking: The Family Musical".

On Hammy's Watch

Many wonderful things have happened on Hammy's watch. According to Duke, "Hamlet acts in class along with the students when needed. We were so excited one day when a student who had been afraid of dogs all his life asked to have Hamlet as a sidekick in his play. We hooked up Hamlet's leash and gave it to the young boy who proudly led Hamlet through his scene."

Duke continues, "One time when he was visiting me at school, a young boy was having a meltdown. I took Hamlet to see the child who was face down flat on the floor. Hamlet gently poked his nose near the child's cheek. The boy turned and Hamlet gave him a lick. The boy sat up and hugged Hamlet nonstop for a few minutes and then was calm enough to continue with his day."

In a Word This Dog is Great!

My son Tommy looks forward to acting class at CADA. One of the reasons why is because each week, he gets to see Hammy.

At CADA, Hammy is truly a kid's best friend. It's not easy being autistic. With Hammy around, though, life is a little bit easier.



Hammy is a Winner

Everyone adores Hammy. When you enter the studio, Hammy greets you. He approaches you sweetly. In a word, he's mellow,

LOVING A LEMON

Owning (& Loving) a LEMON DOG

BY LAURA YEAGER, FREELANCE WRITER

The word “lemon” usually refers to a car with lots of problems that costs the owner lots of money. This is why when our vet called our new dog, George, a “bit of a lemon,” I was taken aback. And I couldn’t help but agree with him.

You see, George had been sick for weeks; he would get over one health issue, and then, immediately get another. He was costing us hundreds of dollars in vet visits, medications and medical tests and procedures.

Here are some of the medical problems George experienced:

- Spinal pain. For this, we paid for X-rays and pain medication.
- Laryngitis. For this, my husband and I purchased antibiotics.
- Stomach problems. With this illness, we basically endured George defecating all over our carpet.
- Blood in the urine. To make sure this wasn’t a huge problem, we hashed out lots of money for many urine tests.
- The bad lung problem. For this illness, which had a very big name, we paid for dog steroids.

And what bad side effects came from the steroids! These meds, while helpful in clearing up his lung illness, caused him to drink a lot of water and urinate all over the house. It was not uncommon for me to clean up five or six pee spots a day. Coupled with scrubbing off his runny bowel movements, we practically went insane. Everywhere, it smelled of dog poop or pee. Not fun!

Yes, maybe our dog, George, was a bit of a lemon. And he had such a sweet nature. I didn’t like to think badly of him, but I had no other choice. George was defective.

At many times, I wanted to get rid of him. He was just too much work and trouble. For instance, it was my job to give him his meds; some of the medications had to be administered twice a day. When he was very sick, he didn’t want to ingest the pills no matter what I coated them with. I tried peanut butter; I tried cream cheese; I made little holes in hot dog pieces and stuck the pills inside. Some days, he just wouldn’t take his meds. This, of course, made everything worse. What finally worked best were peanut butter Pill Pockets. We also had some luck with covering the pills with spray cheddar cheese.

And our problems with George went beyond health issues. You see, George had a liking for the taste of our son’s retainers. He liked them so much that he chewed up three of them. At \$350.00 a pop, this, too, became quite expensive. This dog was just plain costly.

But we suffered through, hoping for better days.

My older brother snidely kept telling us that he would gladly take George for the “final walk.” He was intimating that he would shoot him for us if we would just give the word.

And let me tell you, his offers were tempting (joke).

On the other hand, George’s advocate through this trying time was my mother-in-law, Vivian, a die-hard, tried-and-true animal lover. We had countless phone conversations in which she reminded us that George was a member of the family and that we had an obligation to do everything in our power to keep him healthy and happy.

Well, we listened to Mom. We did what she suggested. We stuck it through.

Now, at this point, my husband and I are seeing improvement; George is feeling better; Tommy doesn’t need to wear a retainer anymore (the orthodontist is going to put braces on him), and essentially, George is costing us less money.

Hallelujah! This has been a long and painful journey with our lemon dog.

I know our experience with a lemon canine is not unusual. The lemons are out there. You might even have a lemon dog.

How does one cope with this dreaded pet occurrence?

Here are some tips for survival if you find yourself in the position of owning a doggie lemon:

- Hang in there. If you can afford to keep up with medical treatment and/or other financial issues (like Tommy’s three destroyed retainers... or maybe your guy is even destroying the furniture), things will most likely improve; at least, they did for us.
- Remember, you did make a commitment to this canine. You owe him his due.
- Try to keep in mind that this dog does bring you some joy. He may keep you warm at night; he’s happy to see you when you get home; he licks your face; he’s your kid’s little brother.
- Also remember, you (probably) love this guy.
- And keep in mind what my mother-in-law insists: this fella is a member of the family.
- Last thing, get yourself an A-1 veterinarian. You’ll need one!

Owning a lemon dog is not easy, but you can get through the rough spots. Hopefully, it will be worth it for you.

Good luck. Happy trails are just around the corner.



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Siberian Husky

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Those Old Siberian Blues

BY LARRY SOMMERS, FREELANCE WRITER

Some scoundrel mailed me a Siberian Husky statuette 10 inches tall, with warm blue eyes and an electrical bark. It was an ideal Husky, resembling Yukon King, noble lead dog for Sergeant Preston of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

But I hadn't ordered it, and just what to do with it perplexed me. So I rolled over and stretched, a blissful ease flooding my limbs.

I would not have opened my eyes, but an outside force compelled it: Inches away, the implacable gaze of my real, live, flesh-and-fur Siberian, Skeezie. His silent, psychopathic stare can drill through the soundest slumber to make his point: "Wake up, I want out!"

There was nothing to do but get up. As I opened the sliding door and Skeezie bolted out into the fresh-falling snow, part of my mind was still burdened by the need to pack up the little toy statue dog and send it back.

No, wait a minute... I'm confused. Coffee filter in hand, I stumbled to our mail-processing center, the dining room table, to check: No little toy Husky nor any sign of a recently-opened box. Of course, it was all a dream. No need to return anything!

But, what about the part where I was awakened by a real dog, one with a name and an attitude? Was Skeezie's very existence a part of the dream?



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An impatient yip! from out back put the kibosh on that fleeting hope.

"Keep your shirt on!" I groused.

Back at the sliding door, I reaffirmed the existence of this cold-eyed, peremptory, scruffy, scaly-nosed imbecile who had lived with us now these past 11 years. The outlines of daily reality were drifting back into focus.

Skeezie bounded in, shaking a pile of new snow off his back, all over our

kitchen floor. I would have to mop that up, before it could seep into the cracks between the planks, causing them to swell.

Swell. The Husky in question ran into the living room and leaped wetly onto our poor, imposed-upon couch — his favorite resting, shedding and drooling place.

Skeezie's formal name is Montana, but that's too dignified: It suggests one of those Huskies you see on TV

or in films — the ones that go mushing down the trail, pulling a Mountie on his sled; or that win the Iditarod race from Anchorage to Nome; or that survive by their wits for months when abandoned at the South Pole by absent-minded scientists.

Skeezie, by contrast, is not only unheroic; he's downright uncooperative. So I never call him "Montana" unless I need a really big favor, like coming when called.

They will tell you, those experts who write the books and the websites, how keen Siberian Huskies are; how playful, how intelligent, how mischievous, how loving and eager to please, what ideal family pets!

Dogfeathers. Skeezie was a disaster from the start. There can be no doubt he's pure Siberian — the silver-white coat, the blue eyes, the perky Batman-style ears and up-curling tail. That leaves him little excuse for falling so woefully short of the ideal.

That ideal, by the way, in a Siberian Husky bears little resemblance to the ideal in a dog. Huskies are escape artists, laughing at any enclosure, and they love to run so much they are apt to run off and never return. Notoriously, each particular Husky has a mind of its own (except when pulling a sled, a duty, however, to which they must be assiduously trained). And furthermore, each Husky knows its own mind; and nobody else does.

Most of all, they show no great loyalty or even typical canine affection. They can take you or leave you, thanks all the same. If you're looking for the solid, manly satisfaction of a dog who worships you, keep on looking.

But even within the very special universe of Huskies, Skeezie fails to cut the mustard. Whereas a male Siberian of his age, size, and habits ought to weigh near 60 pounds, Skeezie tops out at 45, soaking wet. Unlike Cassius, his lean and hungry look has nothing to do with thinking too much. It's not that he's incapable of thought; he's simply never encountered a compel-

ling need for it. Impulse will do just fine.

His gaunt frame doubtless comes from having been so undernourished in puppyhood that his body got used to doing without. This has given him a hoarder's mentality: Unlike every other dog in existence, he can hardly be bothered to eat; he much prefers to guard his food, growling furiously and baring his teeth against all comers.

And Skeezie's teeth, like his physique and his moral sensibilities, were underdeveloped when he came to us. A Husky's teeth ought to be larger and stronger. In a serious fight with another dog of his size, Skeezie's inadequate teeth would get him shredded. But he doesn't know that. Thus he carries himself like an emperor, apparently radiating an alpha male pheromone as well; so that other dogs, complete strangers, will come running from hundreds of yards away for the specific purpose of confronting him. And he would be delighted to oblige them. On such occasions, we yank his leash and drag him along the nearest escape route. It wobbles an old man's knees.

Over the past decade, Skeezie has mellowed towards humans and now seems actually to enjoy visits by strangers, though we never let down our guard when there are small children, who might be taken for squirrels or

rabbits (such pettifogging distinctions being beyond Skeezie's pay-grade). Our grandchildren are now large enough to be out of danger... we think. Besides, should our dog attack them, he's down to only five teeth now. How much damage could he do?

The cumulative loss of teeth is but one sign of Skeezie's advancing age. His eyes are cloudy with cataracts. He reeks of halitosis. He has learned to be cautious in his jumping up and jumping down, having fallen and landed hard a couple of times.

Although Skeezie is growing old, he thinks he's in the prime of life — not unlike his stalwart master. But someday — in a not-so-distant future that I can foresee and that he, mercifully, cannot — his ice-blue glare will no longer be there to roust me out in the morning, and I'll no longer be at risk of five uneven, toxic puncture wounds should I wander near his food dish.

When that comes to pass, I'll probably speak some pompous balderdash learned from Sergeant Preston of the Yukon, "Well, Skeezie... this case is closed!" — or something like that.

And then I'll go to a humane society shelter and look for an ideal dog.



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4-LEGGED FRIENDS BRING COMFORT TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

BY LUCIE WINBORNE,
FREELANCE WRITER

Sean Stephens was born with cerebral palsy. He cannot speak, walk or use his hands and has spent his life in a wheelchair. Years ago his future might have looked pretty bleak, but one day his mother, Ellen O'Neill-Stephens, a Seattle attorney, brought home a very special dog: a Golden Labrador Retriever named Jeeter, trained by Canine Companions for Independence. Sean and Jeeter formed an unbreakable bond and, with his mom, began making public appearances at schools to share information about people with disabilities...

One day a week, Jeeter also went to work with O'Neill-Stephens as a courthouse facility dog. He wasn't the first canine to appear in a courtroom, but he would soon inspire a decision with far-reaching impact.

People, Not Just Adversaries

"When I first started as a prosecutor, it was really hardcore. The defendants were bad guys." During her 26 years as a deputy prosecuting attorney, O'Neill-Stephens regularly witnessed "the stress

and emotional turmoil and drama involved in legal proceedings" something she's likened to working in an emergency room. Her encounters in juvenile drug court with teens scarred by miserable backgrounds and poor parenting led her to wonder if bringing a professionally trained dog into the mix would help them better engage with both judges and treatment providers.

"Once I started having [Jeeter] assist offenders in court, I would have these very pleasant interactions where we'd

talk about the dog and smile, and I'd see them calm down and I would look at them in a new light. They would look at me in a new light. We were people instead of adversaries," says O'Neill-Stephens.

The positive results produced by Jeeter's presence eventually led to the formation of Courthouse Dogs LLC, now the Courthouse Dogs Foundation (CDF), driven by O'Neill-Stephens' desire to institutionalize the incorporation of assistance dogs into the investigation and prosecution of crimes while providing support to all involved in the process. "I thought, 'This is what I must do.' I did it for Sean and Jeeter, but also I wanted to have an impact on the criminal justice system in particular, to leave it better than the way I found it." On its website, the CDF lists nine appellate decisions affirming the use of a dog in the courtroom during a trial to provide emotional support.

The Right Dog for a Courtroom

The delicate task of accompanying a witness into a trial, whether that witness is a child or adult, should only fall to one professionally trained by an assistance dog organization accredited

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by Assistance Dogs International. The majority of such companions are Labradors and Golden Retrievers or a mix of the breeds, trained from puppyhood to about age two.

“Just like a guide dog for a blind person, you don’t go to the shelter and get a dog and hope it works out; you start with a puppy that’s purpose-bred, whose parents came from assistance dog lines,” says Celeste Walden, DVM, co-founder of the CDF. Training begins with exposing neonatal pups to stressors such as the sound of a thunderstorm while nursing, cooling them down slightly and warming them up, then helping them to recover from that stress. At around eight weeks they’re put into a structured socialization program.

“Dogs have sensitive periods before the door closes for primary socialization around 16 weeks of age; you don’t get another chance to get that dog who’s extremely comfortable with babies, extremely comfortable with voices, extremely comfortable with loud noises,” says Walden. At about 18 months old, the dogs go back to school for six to nine more months. By graduation day, “they’ve had the same intensity of training as a service dog who would help someone in a wheelchair, or a guide dog for a blind person.”

According to the CDF, an effective courthouse facility dog will be quiet, unobtrusive and emotionally available for the witness, able to sit or lie down beside the witness for extended periods of time, and not liable to engage in behavior that would distract the witness or others in the room.

Like Having a Friend Sit by You

While courthouse facility dogs are employed in various scenarios, including domestic violence cases, most instances the CDF sees involve the sexual assault of children—and most of those involve someone the child already knows and loves. Many times, they are told that if they reveal their secret, another loved one, perhaps even a pet, will be harmed or killed. Deeply traumatized, they are understandably in need of a warm and supportive environment, but because a

forensic interview is designed for evidence gathering rather than therapeutic intervention, “a videotaped interview is going to be viewed by the defense attorney, who is going to try to discredit it, of course, so the interview specialist can’t nod their head, they can’t touch or hug the child that’s crying,” says Walden. “All they can do is sit there and hand them a Kleenex, and speak gently, but they have to be completely neutral.” In child advocacy centers equipped with a service dog, children are first asked if they would like to meet the animal (the answer is usually yes), then allowed to play with it. Such dogs are “expertly trained not to interrupt the interview; they just lie there and the child decides how much physical contact” they wish to have.

“Petting a friendly, calm dog raises your oxytocin level and your serotonin level,” Walden says. “It’s just like having a friend sit by you with their arm around you. And it provides emotional support in a legally neutral way.”

Prior to a trial, a judge will commonly send the jury out of the room while the

dog and child are placed in the witness stand, though jurors are informed that the animal will be present. A dog’s unseen but soothing presence, the feel of its soft fur under a child’s fingers, “lets her feel like, ‘Oh, I must be in a safe place,’” says Walden.

A Survivor Speaks Out

When Ivy Jacobsen was asked to give a speech at her high school graduation in 2014, she said she initially had no idea that she would talk about what she had been through and had prepared a different presentation from the one she ended up sharing — one that would mark her first time going public with her experience of sexual abuse.

“I talked about it in third person, that there was this girl I knew, and I was describing myself, explaining everything that she went through growing up, and how she was being molested and raped by her biological father from the sixth grade till her sophomore year of high school. And I said, ‘Where is this girl now?’ Then I took a moment and said, ‘She’s standing before all of you.’”

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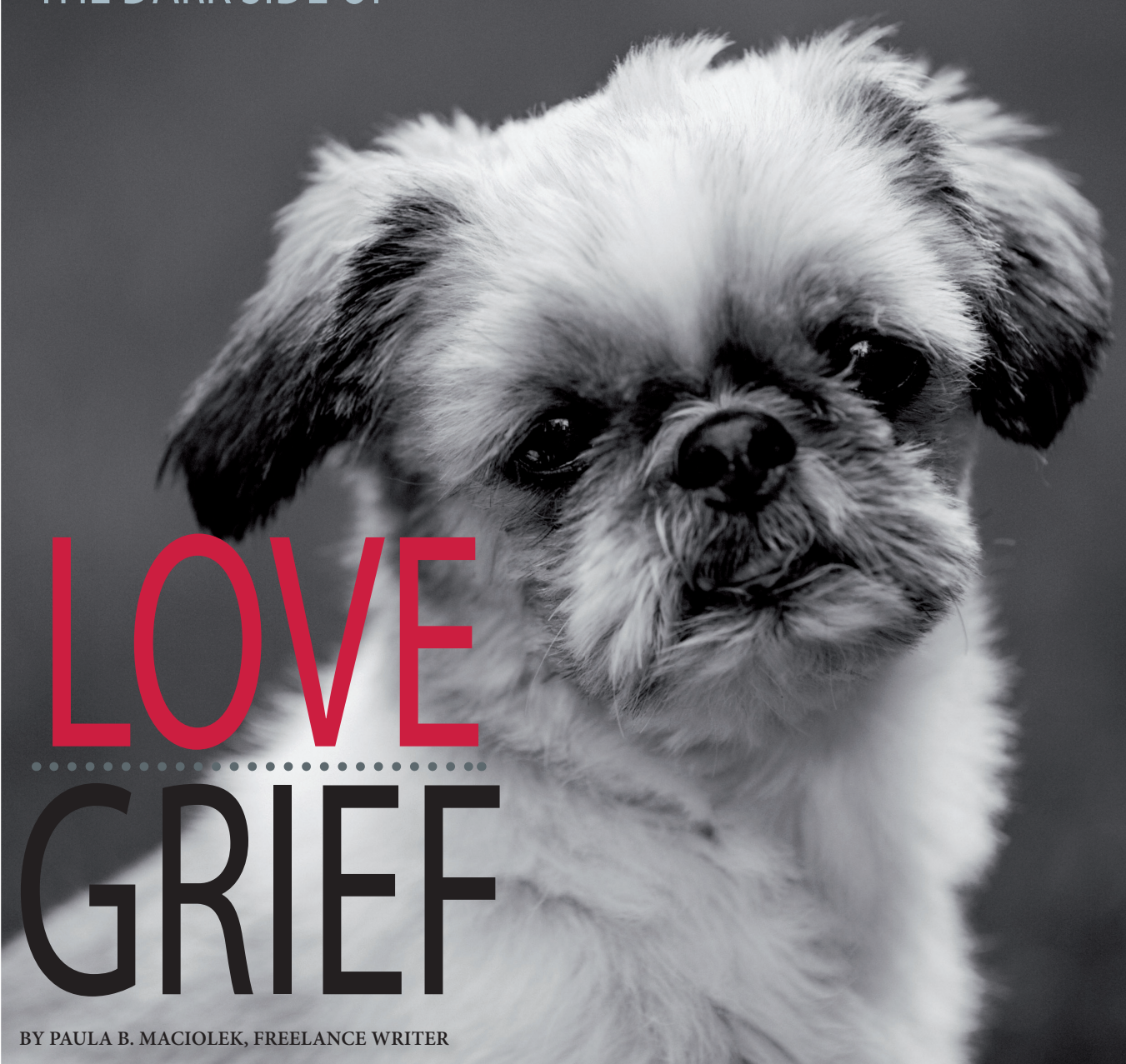
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Dogs come into our lives and bring us a wide range of experiences that come with a wide range of emotions, at times joyous and at other times difficult. We are fortunate to share our lives with them for an average of 12-15 years. And since we live about five times as long as they do, a dog parent will likely be confronted with decisions about end-of-life issues, resulting in grief. This guide was comprised with the hope that YOU may find some comfort in knowing there are others going through the grieving process and to know you are not alone in what you are feeling. Deciding when to say goodbye is a heart-wrenching and extremely difficult decision to make. Even after time goes by, time that allegedly brings healing, we may find ourselves second-guessing ourselves years later. Grief can feel overwhelming; you don't have to go through it alone and you definitely should not ignore it. There are resources available, some right in your community and some via the internet.

Bill Stork, DVM is on-staff at Lake Mills Veterinary Clinic and is also the author of "In Herriott's Shadow" and "Stepping from Herriott's Shadow". In his long career, he's given a lot of consideration to end-of-life issues for animals. He says, "We talk about options, treatment plans and prognoses. It's a decision about that pet's 'quality of life,' you hear [that term] tossed around so frequently, but everybody has a different idea of what constitutes quality of life."

Clients often ask Dr. Stork, "What would you do if it was your pet?" With time in practice, his answer has changed over time. "I expect more of myself than to just say, 'Well you'll know when it's time because you see [insert a specific behavior or illness symptom].'" He may ask them to consider their routines and motivations and notice when those change. "There is something that is token that someday the pet won't be able to do [such as] when they don't respond to the flip top on the tuna can." He shares his own memories of being watchful of an aging dog and knowing it was time. "One of my dogs, Cooter, I would let him out in the morning down two stairs to do his business, and towards the end of his life, he'd have to bank off the minivan, and one day it wasn't there and he went down and couldn't stay walking on his own. That was the day I got comfortable with letting him go."

There are many medical interventions nowadays that we can use to treat our dogs and let us have as much time with them as we can. We are only limited by our budgets or credit limits and our time and willingness to do the extra care. Inevitably, it almost always results in more caretaking. We do this extra care with the idea in the back of our minds that someday the dog will decline. Then, we will have to decide when to make that last visit to the vet. Sometimes, people accept the extra care as the new normal and are willing to do the extra work for as long as it seems the dog has a good quality of life.

Faye Wollaeger has had many dogs in her lifetime. "I've had to part with probably over a dozen or so. I've had a



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lot of dogs. It doesn't make it any easier, but I think I have less of a panic when something happens. I just say, 'Okay, this is what we need to deal with. How are we going to do this?'" She shared her experience with Franny, a Mastiff who lived for five years without being able to walk yet who seemed to find the most joy in keeping the family safe. "She had horrific hip dysplasia by age 7. She was not able to walk anymore, but she was happy. It was just that her legs didn't work. Taking care of her extra needs was something we just did."

For Faye, caring for Franny's needs was a labor of love. "It was a ton of work, but that dog was happy, and we were happy with her. I have a picture of her laying on the floor with new foster dogs — she had a great life." She played with the foster dogs that joined the pack, and she did it from her spot lying on the floor. Over time, Franny's health declined even more. "We were running out of hope, she was on antibiotics and was becoming resistant." Faye had to make a decision in Franny's best interest. "I made an appointment to put her to sleep. I told Franny, 'I love you. We are safe. You don't have to take care of me anymore. You can go now.'" Faye put her to bed, and the next morning, she found Franny had passed away during the night, and she felt relief for her special girl. "I was happy she knew it was time to go."

In 25 years of practice, almost all of them in the same building, Dr. Stork

has served many different animals from the same clients. Time and again, he's seen how hard it can be to decide exactly how far to take treatment. For example, he saw someone with a cat that was "in kidney failure, and they went to the end of the line short of kidney replacement in order to keep that cat alive. That seems to be something that people have to do once. They have to push and hold on to a point they may later regret, and they say they will never do that again." Their prior experiences often influence their decision for the next time they are faced with end of life issues. Dr. Stork adds, "We try and help people get to being at peace with the decision, all the while mourning the loss of the dog. I work hard with people not to beat themselves up as to whether it was the right thing to do or not."

Living with the empty space your dog used to occupy can be hard. When that space was filled with your aging or ill furry family member, time might have been spent giving medications, cleaning up bathroom messes and pleading with him to eat something. Though you may have felt grateful and privileged to care for your dog and felt lucky to still have him, there can also be relief that he isn't suffering anymore. The pain can be there still, nonetheless. When you feel overwhelmed processing that grief, there are counselors of a wide range of credentials that specialize in or have a particular interest in helping people with the pet loss. Some may even provide their services for free.

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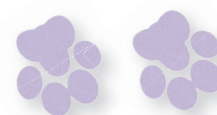
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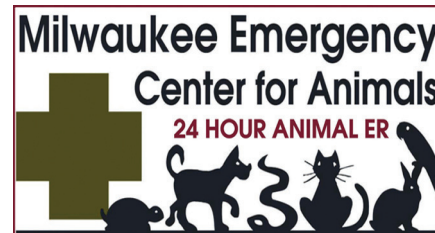
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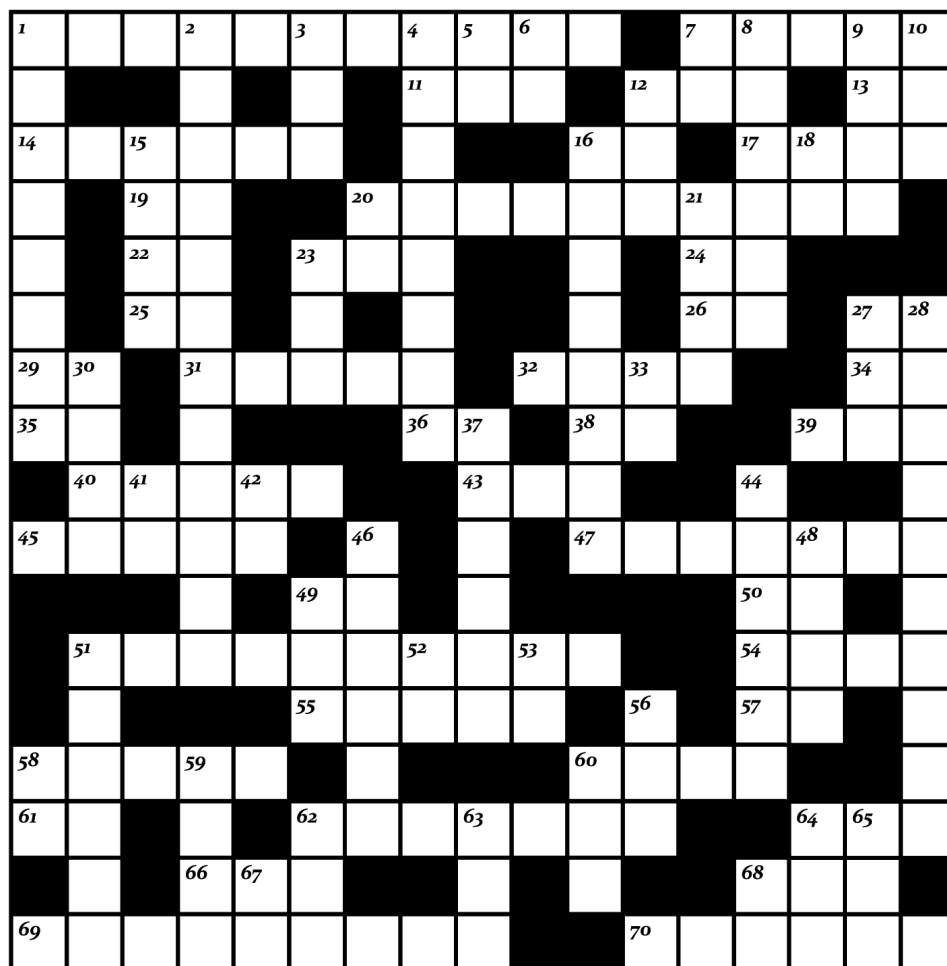
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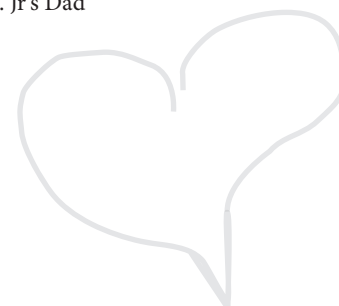
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7. A sign of heart disease can be a distended _____
11. Paw part
12. Pod dweller
13. Common link between neigh and 44 down
14. Your dog should be _____ if you notice any of these symptoms
16. Already there
17. Type of decision or bite at
19. That is, shortened
20. Pills and such
22. Short for grain or grammar
23. Enjoy a treat
24. Chicago state (abbr)
25. Nickel symbol
26. Belonging to me
27. Education, for short
29. Not applicable, shortened
31. Day follower
32. Quality of _____
34. Not you
35. Short for salvage loss
36. What's that you say?
38. Football pos.
39. Certain youngster
40. Having heartworms or _____ can lead to heart problems
43. Visual aid?
45. Method of reasoning
47. A heart murmur is not itself a _____ of the heart, though is an indication of something awry
49. Ma's man
50. Intelligence quotient, for short
51. Word meaning the dog was born with an issue of the heart
54. Some procedures for diagnosis may be blood work and checking this part of your dog's mouth
55. Market segment
57. Half a laugh
58. If your dog suddenly seems less _____, get it checked out
60. Dogs need a healthy _____, too
61. Atop
62. A lifetime of _____ exercise cannot be underestimated
64. More than trot
66. AE followers
68. Standard temperature and pressure, for short
69. They'll listen to it with a stethoscope
70. Just like us, dogs need to lead a low-_____ life



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1. Watch for a change in sleep _____
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5. Bachelor of Arts, shortened
6. Short for long distance
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8. One symptom is if your dog starts to tire _____
9. With less fat
10. High-pitched utterance
12. Parent-Teacher Association, for short
15. Restlessness can be a _____
16. _____ heart disease can be caused by certain infections
18. Yes opposite
20. Boston state (abbr)
21. Only _____ will tell
23. Electrocardiogram, shortened
27. Flightless bird
28. Gloominess
30. Pet food brand
33. Yd. increment
37. You can get a _____ plan with pet insurance
41. Short for agriculture
42. Veterinary Corps, for short
44. Sudden _____ loss can be an issue
46. Characteristic of dogs
48. Bluish
49. Enclosure
51. Watch for a _____ in behavior
52. Short for intensive care
53. Precedes IOU
56. Homonym of fur
58. 1/3 of Santa's laugh
59. Twosome
60. Exercise every _____
62. She loves it when I _____ behind her ears
63. Ultimate, shortened
64. Way there (abbr)
65. _____ and downs
67. More than eight hrs.
68. Jr's Dad



In the House

1. Accompany
2. Assistance
3. Comfort
4. Compassion
5. Courthouse
6. Eases Confrontation
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8. Golden Retrievers
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10. Professional
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12. Training Program
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BY GAIL MARIE BECKMAN



Color Me!

Brittany Farina Art



SAVED BY LOVE

You Can't Care More than the Owners Do

Jethro is a lot of dog. He's about 70 pounds of muscle, bone, slobber and enthusiasm, with perhaps three or four brain cells that keep his tail wagging. He's a living argument against breed-specific bans, because he has absolutely no aggression in his heart and apparently hasn't read the clickbait articles about how dangerous Pit Bulls are supposed to be. However, he is a little bit of a hazard because he doesn't know his own strength. He is the dog of a friend of mine, a petite vet tech who occasionally sports various bruises or a sprained wrist because Jethro, whose enthusiasm exceeds his self-control, has knocked her over. He always seems a little surprised to see her on the ground; he has no idea it's his fault.

This summer, Jethro and his owner went for a hike. They weren't out very long — my friend is not the athletic type — before Jethro managed to get dangerously overheated and collapsed. In a matter of minutes he went from an unstoppable force to an immovable object. His gums were pale. He was gasping. My friend has worked in veterinary medicine long enough to know that Jethro needed help right away. But he was too weak to walk, and they were miles from the car.

So she picked him up, threw him over her shoulders and carried him. Jethro doesn't get carried very much, obviously, and he was upset about it, so he struggled and flailed. Luckily he was too weak to get away from her, but he did scratch and bruise her badly. My friend got him back to the car and hurried to our emergency hospital, where he was found

to have a body temperature too high for the thermometer to read (greater than 109°). His life was in danger, but after a night in the hospital with fluids, medications and a plasma transfusion, he did very well. He went home the next day, wagging his tail. His owner was stiff and sore for a week.

As a veterinarian, I have put a lot of time, energy and money into making sure my skills are as good as they can be. When pets are ill or injured, I have a lot of tools I can use to help them. My hospital has advanced technology, and we hire the best staff we can find so that we can take the best possible care of our patients.

But, for all our equipment and all our skills, we can't help pets without some assistance from their families. Obviously, an owner's financial contribution to medical care is critical, but it goes beyond that. An owner's love can make the difference between a dog that recovers and one that doesn't do well.

Some of the examples of lifesaving love are pretty spectacular. As striking as Jethro's story is, he is not the only large dog I have known to be carried out of the backcountry by owners who under ordinary circumstances might not even be able to lift their pets. Sometimes, an owner's love is subtle. It's the owner who first recognizes that something is wrong with the dog, and then brings him in to be examined, before the dog is even fully aware that he's sick. It's the owner who visits the dog in the hospital and coaxes him to eat when he doesn't

really have an appetite. It's the owner who follows home care instructions to the T so that the dog recovers the way he's supposed to do.

Sometimes, unfortunately, the owners just aren't all that attached to their dogs. Then, to my frustration, I find that there's little I can do. I can't make someone give medications on schedule or watch for complications. Sadly, this happens often enough that veterinarians have a sort of proverb that we tell each other: "You can't care more than the owners do." It's a way of consoling each other for the patients that we couldn't help because the owners just wouldn't do their part.

It really is a team effort. As much as I would like to think that my patients do well because of my brilliance, I know that, really, most of them were actually saved by love.



Dr. Megan Tremelling, Lakeshore Veterinary Specialists



Protect Your Pet From a **BROKEN HEART**

BY KERRI WIEDMEYER, DVM, WVRC - ER VETERINARIAN, MVMA - PRESIDENT

What is CHF?

We all may have suffered from a broken heart at one point in our lives, but when our pets have an actual broken heart it can lead to Congestive Heart Failure.

Congestive Heart failure (CHF) is a condition that occurs secondary to the heart not pumping properly. When the heart cannot pump efficiently, fluid accumulates in or around the lungs. The lungs cannot fill with oxygen properly and our pets start to breath abnormally. There are many diseases of the heart that can occur, such as valve disease, arrhythmias, and congenital defects, however, when these pets go into congestive heart failure they should be evaluated by a veterinarian immediately.

What Does CHF Look Like?

Congestive heart failure can occur rapidly. If it does, most pets will have difficulty breathing. You may notice that they are using more of their abdomen when breathing or their neck is stretched out as they are doing everything to get more oxygen. If it comes on more slowly, you may notice coughing, exercise intolerance, lethargy, decreased appetite, weakness and/or collapsing. To monitor your pets' normal respiratory rate watch them breath when they are sleeping. The respiratory rate should stay below 40 respirations/minute but this can vary slightly from animal to animal. To count the respiratory rate, watch the chest wall rise and fall; this is 1 respiration. With

time you will be aware of what your pet normally looks like when breathing and what abnormal would look like. If you see any of the signs listed above, you should have your pet evaluated by a veterinarian.

How Do We Diagnosis CHF?

Many tests will likely need to be performed to evaluate for heart disease and CHF. Radiographs of the chest will evaluate if there is fluid in or around the lungs as well as the heart and blood vessels size. An ultrasound of the heart (echocardiogram) can evaluate what the heart looks like structurally and how it is pumping. An EKG will help evaluate for arrhythmias. Blood work will help evaluate for abnormalities that could be contributing to heart disease as well as evaluate kidney function, which comes into play when we discuss treatments for CHF.

Treatments:

Treatments for CHF are supportive and aid in the ability of the heart to pump efficiently. They will not treat the underlying disease of the heart. Diuretics are used to decrease the amount of fluid the heart has to pump. Diuretics work on the kidneys and thus kidney function needs to be monitored closely. Vasodilators can be used to decrease the pressure the heart has to pump against. Positive inotropes make the heart contract with more force. If arrhythmias are present then anti-arrhythmics will be prescribed. Prognosis for congestive heart failure truly depends on the cause. If there is an underlying structural problem, survival time may be a year; however each pet is different. What is important is monitoring your pet for signs and seeking care from your veterinarian.

We, as veterinarians, know how difficult it is to have a broken heart, but we can help you and your pet through it.



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You know that you have to pay once a year to get your dog heartworm tested, but do you really know what happens if that test shows up positive? Are you prepared for what's to come next?



Heartworm at a Glance

When a dog is bitten by an infected mosquito, it takes five to seven months for the adult heartworms to reach maturity. At that point, they can be detected by the “SNAP” test, a common test used by vets to diagnose heartworm quickly and with a small amount of blood taken from the dog. (This is why puppies are generally not tested until they are at least 6 months old.) It can take years for a dog to show the adverse signs of heartworm disease.

Symptoms include: a soft and dry cough, shortness of breath, weakness, nervousness, listlessness and loss of stamina after exercising. In more severe cases the liver can be affected or congestive heart failure can occur.



Treatment

Once diagnosed, there are several tests done to see how advanced the disease has become including, thoracic (chest) radiographs, blood-work and an echocardiogram.

After these tests have been completed, the dog is started on an antibiotic that must be taken 30 days prior to treatment. Next, the dog is given two to three injections of a drug used to kill the heartworms 30 days apart.



All Caged Up

After the first injection of this medication, Immiticide, the dog must be cage rested. This is the hardest part for both the dog and the owner. If the dog gets excited, the dying worms can move through the circulatory system quickly and create an embolism (commonly in the lungs), which can cause respiratory distress and death. So no walks and no play for a month!

Pain medication is given as well due to a lot of pain at the injection site and the occasional abscess that may form. And if this isn't enough to drive owners crazy, the dog must be caged for another month following the last two injections.



The Expense

This is not an inexpensive treatment. The financial burden causes a problem for owners when they are expected to pay for the treatment all at once.

In 2016, the average treatment costs anywhere from \$700-\$1500, depending on the size of the dog.



Note

Heartworm is found all over North America due to the migration of mosquitoes. It is recommended to keep your dog on heartworm medication all year because mosquitos can be found even during winter in Wisconsin.



The Reward

Two months may seem like forever but when it comes to the life of your pet it's worth it!

THE BUDDY SYSTEM



New Documentary Explores the Connection Between Autistic Children & Man's Best Friend

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCE WRITER

In the Spring of 2013, after shooting "Trial By Fire: Lives Re-Forged" — an award-winning documentary that's currently airing on PBS about the extraordinary courage, grit and get-up-and-go of burn survivors — Megan Smith-Harris' husband and business partner, Bill Smith, suggested doing something that was more accessible to mainstream audiences, where funding wouldn't be as challenging. "Something with kids and puppies," he jokes.

"That immediately reminded me of ... Patty Dobb Gross, who breeds and trains autism assistance dogs through her [Connecticut-based] non-profit, North Star Dogs," Smith-Harris says. Over the last 16 years, Gross has placed 260 dogs with autistic children worldwide. "Patty is like a matchmaking, dog-whisperer wizard," Smith-Harris says. Instead of training North Star's assistance dogs for 18 months to two years, she arranges a volunteer puppy raiser within a 30-minute drive of the child's home. "Many [autistic] kids may not be able to sleep at night, others may have elopement (wandering) issues, and still others may have epic meltdowns when they're frustrated about not being able to communicate," she said. So, the dog and child start with short play dates that transition into longer visits and eventually into overnight stays. "Many kids on the spectrum have never been

invited on a play date let alone for an overnight(er), so this makes the process fun for them," Smith-Harris added.

Nine months to a year later, the pup is adopted into the family full time. North Star also foots the bill for ten private one-on-one sessions with a professional dog trainer. "The dog and child grow and evolve together," she said. "Suddenly, they have a best friend, a 'Buddy' and that can be an enormous confidence booster."

Smith-Harris' independent, non-profit documentary, "The Buddy System: A Dog Makes a Difference", follows Jack, Wally and David. Seven-year-old David communicated and spoke very little before he was

paired with Buddy. "The first day that he met Buddy, he used his full voice so he could get Buddy's attention, and then took the dog for a tour of his room and read him a book," Smith-Harris beamed. David even started sleeping through the night, making better eye contact, and chatting with people in his full voice, allowing him to make friends his own age. Jack's dog, Nardi, also nixed his need for medications. "The results are remarkable," she said.

Dan Gross, 29, who was the beneficiary of one of the first autistic assistance dogs in the country over 20 years ago, also makes an appearance. While the unemployment rate for autistic individuals hovers around 90 percent, Gross graduated from the University of Southern California's prestigious School of Cinematic Arts with an MFA in filmmaking. He now works as an editorial assistant in Connecticut and does freelance work in Los Angeles and New York City. "Dan credits a lot of his success to the support of his parents, his experiences with his autism assistance dog, Madison, and [to his involvement] with the North Star program," says Smith-Harris. He's living proof that every dog really does make a difference by changing autistic children's view of themselves, others and the world at large.

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CELEBRITY PAW PROFILE



Tennille Takes to the Trail

BY MANETTE KOHLER, DVM

Tennille, a beautiful and energetic Black Labrador, loves long hikes with her human partner, Trevor Thomas. In fact, they've hiked over 6000 miles together over the past four years, many of these miles over rugged terrain. This is pretty impressive! But, what if I told you Trevor Thomas was blind and Tennille was his guide dog? Very impressive, indeed!

A little over 10 years ago, at age 35, Trevor, an outdoor enthusiast with a penchant for extreme sports, including backcountry skiing and downhill mountain biking, faced a life-changing ill-

ness, leaving him blind within a period of only eight months.

"The loss of my independence and self-worth was devastating," says Thomas. He vowed to not only take on the challenge of being blind but to also "be different". He followed a friend's recommendation to take up hiking as a way to regain some independence and immersed himself in this new quest.

This brings us to Tennille. While Thomas was successful taking on a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail in 2008, he suffered some broken bones. The search began for a guide dog that could not only provide typical daily assistance, but also help navigate backcountry hiking. "Guide Dogs for the Blind does a great job matching dogs to recipients and my match with Tennille is another success story," says Thomas. "She is very intelligent, athletic and active, and all of these traits made her the perfect candidate for learning the unconventional work I needed her to perform," he adds.

The learning curve for Thomas and Tennille was very steep. Not only were they required to pass all of their regular classes covering urban and city travel, but they also spent additional time working on basic skills that would work with backcountry travel. "Since what we wanted to do had never been attempted, we concentrated on teaching me how and why dogs learn, so I would be able to teach Tennille new skills that we would need to navigate and travel safely on a long-distance hike," says Thomas. A thru-hike is hiking a long-distance trail end-to-end, and it became Thomas and Tennille's goal to complete the 1,000-mile Mountains to Sea Trail. The human-canine team spent six months, following their graduation training, increasing Tennille's stamina from 4 miles to 20 miles per day, and developing their method of backcountry travel and navigation. Thomas also had to learn canine physiology, nutrition and first aid before they could head out for their first thru-hike safely.

"Our relationship has changed over the years, but our bond has remained the same," says Thomas. "Tennille has learned to anticipate my needs and in many situations, she offers assistance without me asking her." They work together seamlessly now and much of their communication is non-verbal. "She learns new skills very quickly, generalizes knowledge and applies it when solving problems in new environments," Thomas boasts.

"Having Tennille has made it possible for me to be able to thru-hike the most rugged and remote trails without the need for a human partner, GPS or teammates," says Thomas. Not only has she enabled him to achieve true independence and become fully self-reliant, but together, they have completed solo thru-hikes on trails which have previously never been attempted by any blind person in history.

Trevor Thomas' quest for independence has become a career. In addition to hiking to step out-

side his comfort zone and push the boundaries of what is possible for a blind person to achieve, he hikes to show that blindness is not the life-ending disease or condition that so many feel it is. "My hope is that I can provide hope to those who are afflicted with the disability and inspiration for them to step outside their own comfort zone to achieve greater heights in their own lives," says Thomas.

In 2014, Thomas founded Team FarSight Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to empowering blind and visually impaired young adults. Team FarSight has been providing outdoor and backcountry experiences through its Blind Ambassador Program and its Adventure Camp, and all of these experiences are free of charge, regardless of the student's ability to pay. All of the monies donated to them go to funding the programs.

He could not have accomplished all of this without his faithful partner, Tennille. "All guide dogs are amazing with the abilities and skills they have," says Thomas, "but Tennille is truly exceptional." He has yet to find something that she is unable or unwilling to do. "Tennille is the only guide dog who has been successfully trained to perform backcountry guiding work in addition to traditional urban and city travel," he adds, "and people are starting to recognize that guide dogs can be trained to do much more than was previously accepted."

When Tennille is not working, she loves to play. Due to her intelligence, Thomas tries to incorporate some learning into everything they do. She knows each of her toys by name and puts each one back in her toy box before getting out a new one. One of her favorite outings is Starbucks where she can get a Puppuccino, her favorite treat. Another favorite outing is grocery shopping. "She has learned most of what I shop for at the store, so I have her shop for me," shares Thomas. Be it bananas, the brand of bread or yogurt he prefers, Fritos or Coke, Tennille can find it. Onlookers are amazed as she shops with enthusiasm.

Thomas and Tennille stay in shape by hiking 8 or more miles per day, and they have no plans to slow down any time soon. "Next year, I am planning on doing a thru-hike of the John Muir Trail in California and climbing to the summit of Mt. Whitney," says Thomas. Both will be attempted solo, with only Tennille as his partner, and this will be another first for a blind person and guide dog.

Thomas has been featured in magazines and newspapers, has been the subject of several documentaries and is currently writing a book about his life experiences. For more information on Trevor Thomas and Tennille, please visit blindhikertrevorthomas.com.



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: WALL O' LOVE



To go with this issue's theme, we want to spotlight several organizations and their mission of love. Above, you'll see pictures from the many wonderful pet owners who have shared their appreciation for Dr. Wright and his staff at **Dr. Wright's Brown Deer Animal Hospital**, and FETCH is grateful for them and people like them.

If you have a story you'd like to share with us,
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BREW O' LOVE



into the trash. What a waste! After a little research, the Oleszaks discovered that the leftover grain is healthy for humans and animals, and is a high source of fiber. Amy became determined to make healthy, eat it every time, dog treats that contained this nutritious source.

With some trial and error and a lot of doggy drooling, the first batch of dog-approved, eat-it-every-time dog treats was born. With their kitchen full of healthy, all-natural dog treats, the couple was excited to start passing them out to other dog owners to see if their dogs loved them too.

BREW CITY BARKERY BAKES UP LOVE

Interestingly enough, the genesis of **Brew City Barkery** didn't start out with an epiphany in the middle of the night. It started by combining the love of dogs and beer. Anyone with a picky pet at home can attest that finding healthy treats your dog will eat is a challenging and expensive quest.

The owners of Brew City Barkery, Amy and Kurt Oleszak, have such a dog, an American Bulldog Mix named Milo, adopted in 2013. Stella, their Pit Bull Mix, who joined their family in 2015, is more than happy to eat any treats that Milo turns away.

And so the journey began after Kurt started brewing his own beer at home as a hobby. For those who don't know the beer-making process, during the production of a beer grains are combined together to create the flavor. Once the sugars of the grain have been drawn out through the fermentation process, what results is the left over husks of the grain. Normally home brewers discard this leftover grain

When they found out how much their friends' dogs were enjoying their treats, they decided to start Brew City Barkery, a gourmet dog treat company built on love and picky eaters... and beer, of course!



CAUSE O' LOVE

Local Rescue Seeks Funds For Facility

Woof Gang Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit, no-kill, all volunteer dog rescue organization serving the Wisconsin and Illinois areas. We are dedicated to rescuing dogs left homeless for whatever reason, primarily focusing on dogs in public shelters where they are at high risk of euthanasia due to pet overpopulation. We place dogs in loving, responsible, committed permanent homes, following a comprehensive adoption process. Dogs in our care are spayed or neutered and receive all appropriate veterinary care. All of our dogs are placed in nurturing foster homes while they await placement in their permanent homes. We assist dogs in distress without regard to age, breed or ease of placement.

We at WGR have now gotten a facility! But we need YOUR help! We are trying to raise funds for the necessary items to get this up and running! We are asking for the community's help to help make our dream happen! If you would help us by joining our team and donating. We save close to 1000 dogs a year with just our loving network of Fosters. Once the WGR Center is open, we would help save even more! The WGR center will be used for potential adopters to meet up with adoptable dogs. It was a hard fought battle to get this far... Could you help us finish the race? All donations are tax-deductible and are going for a great cause! To donate and learn more visit our website woofgangrescue.com

SHIRTS O' LOVE



MyKnitt: Perfectly Knitted Hugs for Your Dog

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCE WRITER

For MyKnitt founder Jesslyn Alvin, dog rescue and knitting are a family affair. “When I was a kid, my father had 40 black Pinschers,” she says. Her family now shares their roof with a poodle that they brought back from the brink of death. “[Cowboy] would hide in bushes waiting for someone to pass by and feed him. Little kids would pelt him with pebbles. Then, one day, someone doused him with boiling water,” Alvin remembers. “I rushed him home and gave him the best treatment that I could. I had to take him to the vet five times before he was pain-free.” The family also owns a snooze-prone Samoyed and 22 Chihuahuas, some adopted from shelters and others pawned off by their former owners.

In 2010, the Jakarta native noticed her Chihuahuas shivering and sniffing during the monsoon season, which pelts Indonesia with 5 to 15 inches of rain from November to March. So, she picked up her knitting needles and began making sweaters, ear pockets and

leashes. Knitting is a century-old family tradition that started with Jesslyn’s great-great grandmother. “My grandma taught me the basics at 13. Then my mom taught me advanced crochet,” she says.

Each one-of-a-kind outfit is extremely labor intensive. “For the smallest size, XXS, I need eight to ten hours. XS takes a day, and small takes two days. Medium or larger takes about three to six days,” Alvin says. “I’ve made custom, 100 percent cotton creations for teacup Chihuahuas, Yorkies, Frenchies, Pugs, sausage dogs and even Sphinxes.” She’s sold over 2,500 on Etsy, eBay, Amazon and her personal website, myknitt.com. Her most popular pieces? NFL, NBA, Minions, Peppa Pig and monkey socks sweaters ranging from \$33 to \$38 with free shipping.

In the last six years, Alvin’s father and mother have designed over 80 outfits. As orders flooded in, the family also hired women in the area that had no financial or educational opportunities.

“Our first employee was a family friend who had to quit school due to a lack of money,” she says. And MyKnitt continues to give back. Her mother holds a free class every Saturday and Sunday to teach local women and their children how to crochet.

“The kids also love to play with the dogs that we shelter and adopt out,” Alvin says. “We never ask for any fees. All veterinary bills and food are covered through MyKnitt.”

People helping animals and animals helping people: that’s the force that keeps MyKnitt up and running. After all, chimes in Shanna Olson, the mom of doggie celebrities Kobe, Jack and Isabella, “It fills the heart with goodness to know such caring people are in the world [that are] helping their fellow human beings while providing a perfectly made ‘hug’, in the form of a sweater, for our own little canine companions.”

Like perhaps most people, Ivy had never heard of the courthouse facility dog program until a detective assigned to her case took her to Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center in Everett, WA. There she met a Chocolate Lab named Stilson. At her initial meeting with a counselor, Stilson was there to comfort Jacobsen while she disclosed the painful details of what her father had been doing to her. "I didn't know how to say those words, and to have a dog at your feet ... it was very calming. Being 16 at the time, I was traumatized out of my mind. I was scared; I didn't understand what these people were trying to do." Stilson also accompanied Jacobsen to the first meeting with her prosecuting attorney and depositions with the defense attorney.

It took three trials to bring Jacobsen's father to justice (he is currently serving a 16-year prison term), but neither Jacobsen nor her younger siblings, who testified on her behalf, were allowed to have their canine companions at their side in the courtroom after "the defense argued that the jury would feel sympathy towards us children," says Jacobsen. In other words, it wouldn't be an equal playing field. "We were completely

"We were completely devastated when we couldn't have the dogs in the courtroom..."

devastated when we couldn't have the dogs in the courtroom because we were prepped for them. It was an adjustment for us, having to be in the witness box without them."

However, when the kids needed a break from the proceedings, "We'd go out and the dog would be waiting for us in the hallway on one of the benches." As she wept from the strain of sharing her story, Jacobsen says, "It was like the dog was crying with me, to comfort me."

The Jacobsen siblings' experience was not unique at the time. As Walden says, "Many times, the strongest position that a DA can take is to do what she can to keep the witness from telling their side of the story, so of course they're going to speak out against having an aide like a dog. We've had a fair number of DAs saying, for instance, that they themselves are allergic to dogs."

The CDF notes that excellent medical advice has been provided stating that a dog doesn't raise the level of allergens in a courtroom because of the prevalence of pets in our society: "Even if they swabbed the seats in a courtroom," Walden says, "even if there had never been a dog in there, they're full of dog allergens. They came in on everybody that's ever been in that room."

Sustained On Passion

"We're on the phone for hours every day," says O'Neill-Stephens, "talking to people who want to get this program." The Foundation is still "teeny-tiny," with a board of directors and one official volunteer, "but it's so fulfilling and rewarding to see what a difference this has made to thousands of people now," including overseas. She also treasures the fact that the people involved in this type of program have become family. "We all help one another."

Still, the organization is almost entirely donor-supported, and with 16 states (including Wisconsin) currently lack-

Photos Courtesy of Ivy Jacobsen



ing such a program, its mission is far from complete.

"What we do is sustained on passion," O'Neill-Stephens says, adding with a chuckle, "but it would be nice to have some money to cover the bills."

That same passion still drives Ivy Jacobsen. While no longer a client of Dawson Place, she is one of their most ardent advocates and refers their services to others who confide their stories of abuse to her. The girl whose unexpected high school graduation speech was interrupted by a standing ovation and cheers — which she says was a surreal moment for her — is now a full-time personal trainer pursuing a second career in law enforcement, with a memoir in the works.

"At that moment I had such courage and passion to tell my story, because I knew there would be other victims in the audience who hadn't gotten help yet, or were on their way to getting help," says Jacobsen as she recalls those emotional minutes at the podium two and a half years ago. "Ever since then I've been trying to be a voice in the community about sexual assault and empowering women to stand up for ourselves, and for children to speak out and know they're not alone in anything they may be going through."



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TABLE SCRAPS

FUN IN THE KITCHEN

Chicken Soup For Your Dog

Nothing like a bowl of chicken soup when sick, right? But is this an old wife's tale or is there truth to the health benefits of this soup?

Well, in making homemade chicken soup, the chicken is cooked in water until the meat falls from the bone. During the cooking, the bones release nutritional compounds in the broth; therefore, I would like to focus on the broth & how it can benefit our dogs.

Bone broth can be a supplement to any dog's diet & is easy to make. The broth bolsters the dog's immune system, is loaded with digestive aids & has a huge amount of glucosamine along with other joint protective compounds. Another benefit of the broth, is it will make the dog's food more palatable especially for the picky or sickly dog.

Basic Bone Broth Recipe:

- 2-4 lb whole chicken or just parts like wings, feet or legs (The more jointed the pieces the better.)
- 1/2 cup raw apple cider vinegar (This will help draw out the minerals from the bones.)
- 4 quarts water

The beauty about making this broth is the ingredients are all put in a slow cooker & are left to cook on low for 24 - 48 hours. The fun part of the recipe is that you can add any healthy food of your choice. I add carrots, kelp, kale, etc. I then filter out the solids (throwing away the cooked bones) & add this to the dog's daily meal as well. Storage: Since the broth is only good for about 4 days in the refrigerator, I keep some small freezer containers on hand to freeze in small amounts. Another good Idea is to put the broth in ice cube containers. Then I just pop out as many cubes as I need (I do let the cubes thaw before feeding them to my dogs). These are amounts recommended & that I use. However, if your dog gets loose stools you may want to start with less. Feed up to 3 times a week.

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IN THE PAWLIGHT: **MORGAN**
LOCAL DOGS AROUND TOWN

Sometimes, people who lose a dog aren't fully aware of how much they are struggling emotionally until they go walk the aisles of cages at their local shelter in search of their next dog. That can be where they realize they're actually apprehensive about getting another one. Christine Bartlein from the Dane County Humane Society in Madison says when working with potential adopters, she notices that some are still struggling over the loss of a recent pet and may not be ready for a new one quite yet. In addition to being an adoption counselor, she is a volunteer provider of pet loss grief support.

Bartlein sat down with people and found they have similar struggles. "Guilt and depression are very common emotions after someone has made the very difficult decision to euthanize their dog. Many people question themselves as to whether or not they made the right decision. Was it the right time?" It is no surprise she was seeing these issues in adopters that had experienced a recent pet loss. "They wonder how long they will feel sad and are unsure as to if and when they should begin looking for a new pet."

"Pets are like family members for many people, so the feelings are very similar." Bartlein speaks about the differences in our perceptions of how it feels when a person dies compared to when a dog dies. "Some people feel it is more socially acceptable though to grieve the loss of a human which inhibits the healing process over a pet. Pet owners can feel as if they are supposed to 'get over it' more quickly."

Another resource people might consider seeking help from is an animal communicator. Among other things, Stacy Krafczyk is a well known animal communicator in the Waukesha area. On her website, allspirith healing.com, it says she "is able to connect with those who have made their transition. Sometimes just knowing that they are happy and are still with you in Spirit form can bring comfort and healing." An After Life Communication session with Krafczyk may just help bring you the closure and healing that you desire. It's worth a shot.

Suzette Garay, PhD consulted an animal communicator for help after her dog, Maggie, passed away. She admits that, "First, I felt I didn't believe it, and it was for people that are superstitious. I was not that kind of person, but as a psychologist myself, I realize there is a great deal of information about the psychology of animals, particularly dogs, if you can understand their feelings and emotions." When she had her first appointment, she was careful not to reveal too much information about Maggie but rather see what information the communicator would offer on her own. It was revealed that Maggie enjoyed and appreciated the burger treat she got before she went to the vet, something the communicator genuinely discovered without anyone there telling her. Even now, Dr. Garay strongly believes it was the best decision she'd ever made for dealing with sadness from Maggie's death, and she has even taken other dogs for an appointment just to learn more about what they are thinking and to understand them.

Dr. Garay's suggestion for someone considering visiting a communicator: "People need to be open-minded. They have to be careful about their emotions because it can be a very sensitive experience, especially if you're still grieving." Another counseling resource is a certified professional life coach. One example is Maureen Keegan, PLCC in the Madison area. She herself has dogs and has experienced loss. Often, people are not familiar with what services a life coach can provide. She describes meeting with a life coach as "a safe, confidential, thought-provoking environment we create. [People] know what is going to be best for them," Keegan explains, "It's really just listening to the clients and hearing what they are saying. It's a great environment for someone struggling with making [end-of-life] decisions and also after having that loss, determining how they want to move forward."

With all the sadness we experience when we only see our dogs in all the pictures we've taken and aren't able to play with them and scratch them in their favorite places, there is still positivity to be found even after their death.

Keegan sees them as our teachers who leave us a legacy of lessons. "Where is the positive in their death? We learn so much from our pets. They live in the moment. They wake up and every day is a new day. They never get upset. They're a breath of fresh air that we can learn from as humans. They walk down the street and they don't see black and white. They look at a disabled person in a wheelchair. They look at them like 'What's that? That's cool!'"

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Dec. 3: Noon-4:00pm
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WHS, Ozaukee campus
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Photos with Santa Benefitting the Humane Society of Southern WI

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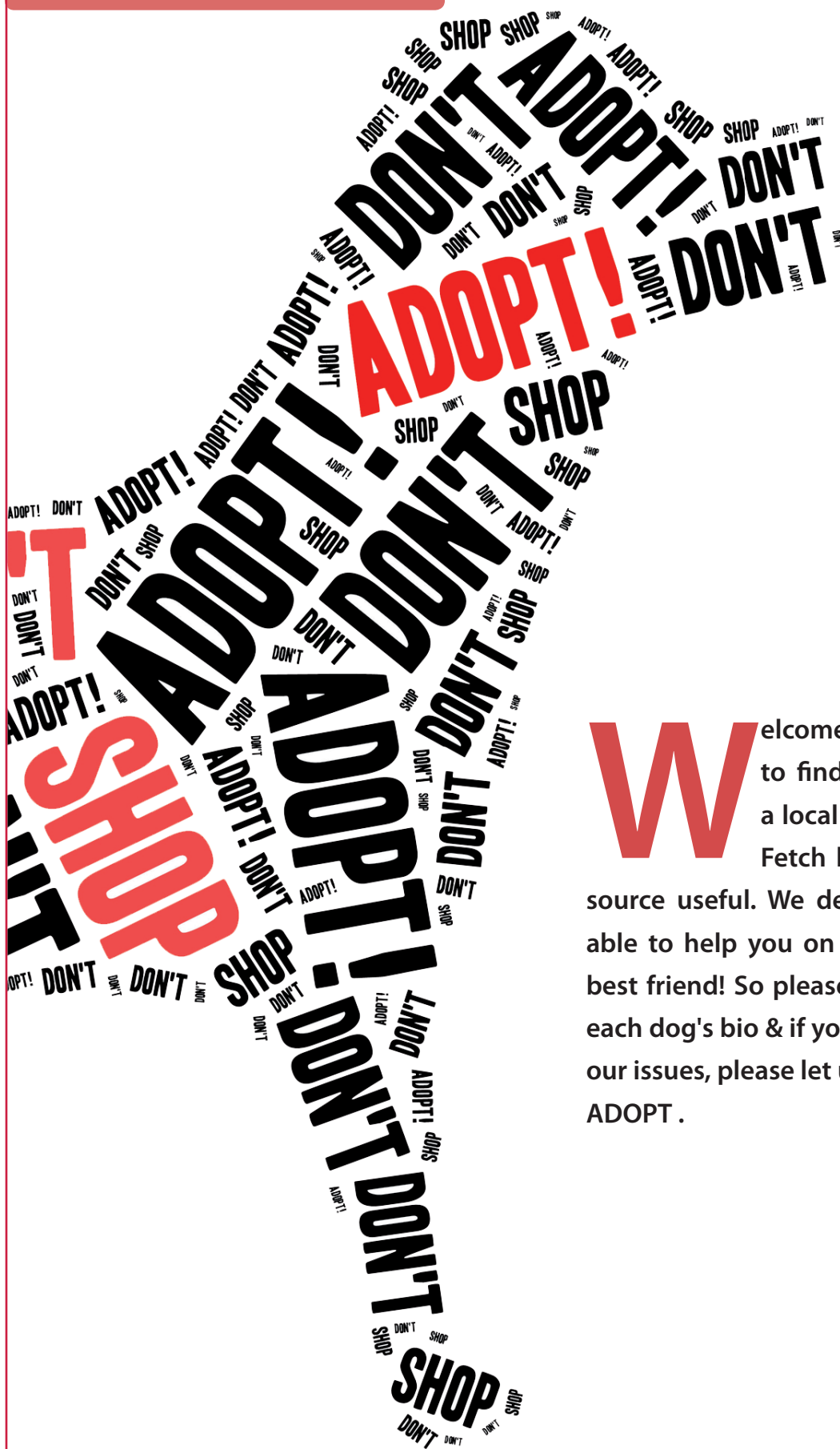
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5 YEARS

MISCHKA



GERMAN SHEPHERD MIX

I'm a German Shepherd Mix named Mischka who loves all people, & I'm 5 years old. Car rides are my thing, but I'm equally happy snuggling next to you on that couch. Someone taught me "sit" & "shake," & I haven't had a potty accident in the house even once yet. They let me spend time with other dogs at doggie day care twice a week. I love it there with the other dogs! It's a good place for me to use up the loads of energy that I have. Because I have lots of energy, an active family would be best for me.

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POINTER MIX



4 MONTHS

If you're looking for a puppy with lots of energy & spunk, I'm your girl! My name is Cloud, & I'm a Pointer Mix who's new in town. I'm just 4 months old, and almost 100 percent potty trained. An occasional accident happens now & then, but I sleep soundly in my kennel all night with no accidents in there. Because of my energy & spunk, I naturally love to play with kids & can play on my own with squeaker toys. Snuggling is also top on my list.

PIT BULL MIX

2 YEARS

ARMANI



Hi my name is Armani, & I'm a 2-year-old, male Pit Bull Mix. I'm a social, energetic boy who loves to be around people. I'm affectionate & always ready for belly rubs. The highlight of my day is going for walks with the volunteers & playing with toys! I get along well with other dogs & wouldn't mind having a playmate. I'm eager to learn & can't wait to attend training classes with my new family. My ideal family has enough time to enjoy training, exercise & an extra snuggle or two! If you prefer a sweet, outgoing dog, then I'm the one for you!

BACON

SHEPHERD/BORDER COLLIE MIX



3 YEARS

I'm as awesome as my namesake! I'm a German Shepherd/Border Collie Mix & a real cutie with chocolate-brown eyes & bat-like ears. At times, I can be a cautious but playful 3 year old who LOVES toys. My best home would be with children over 7 years old. Come in & meet me: I can be pretty hard to resist!

BRUISER



Hi my name is Bruiser, which is odd because I'm a lover, not a fighter. I love the outdoors & am ready to go exploring at any time. I am energetic when playing with my toys but also a great snuggle buddy. I am friendly & outgoing, & I love attention. Please come & visit me so we can begin our adventure together.

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myschs.com

BCBC
brewcitybullies.org



Honey is about 3 years old & is the softest, friendliest pup around! This girl loves people of all ages, a long game of fetch, lots of petting & always rolls on her back for a nice belly rub! Honey is a go-getter that would do well in an active home!



Sookie is an adorable, 6-month-old Pittie Mix. She is 35 lbs & still growing. She does well with dogs of all ages & sizes, however another puppy or an older dog tolerant of puppies would be the best companion for her. Sookie does well in a crate & is potty-trained so long as she is taken out regularly. She loves all people, including kids, & is a real snuggler.

CANINE CUPIDS
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Eva is a fun, intelligent, playful 5 month old. She loves chasing tennis balls & splashing in the doggy pool. At the end of the day, she loves a good couch snuggle. For now, Eva would do best in a home with older children. She is still young & excitable & might knock down young children. But this treat motivated girl learns quickly & will grow into a wonderful family pet.



Met me—beautiful Regina! I'm about 3 years old & looking for love! I'm great with people, & walk very nicely on a leash. Other dogs makes me a little shy which means I am sometimes choosy with my dog friends. If you already have a friend at home, we could meet many times & get used to each other. Long walks & playing with toys are my big things!! Come meet me to-day!



I'm pretty Miss Ellie, a very upbeat, goofy, energetic gal. Zooming around outside & having a great time makes me so happy! I'm fairly friendly with other dogs but can be pretty dominant so I would need to meet a potential buddy multiple times. Meeting new people reveals I'm a bit shy, but I'm in the Bright Futures training class & am working on socialization & some basic manners to help me develop to my full potential!

LAKELAND ANIMAL SHELTER
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I'm charming Chase, a spunky 3-year-old Hound Mix who is looking for his forever family. I need an active family that is going to dedicate time & love to continue my training skills. I do love kids & have socialized with some other dogs! I've been at the shelter for some time, & the staff would really love for me to find my happy ever after.



A stray, CJ is a great guy. He has done Pet Therapy visits in nursing homes & has done well. He does not seem to like hats & is shyer around men. CJ loves to go on walks & could use more walks & less treats! He loves your attention & will 'nose' in for more.

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BUTTERCUP



ENERGETIC FUN

Meet Buttercup, a fun & energetic girl! She loves to play & is up for just about any game you want to try out – fetch, a little tug of war, a food ball. This sweetheart is longing to be the center of someone's world & attention – is this you? Stop by & meet her to find out!

GIBSON



HOUND HAPPY

Hi there! My name is Gibson! I'm a friendly, fun-loving guy who loves to go for walks & meet everybody I see. I'm a hound dog so I LOVE to follow my nose! Give me lots of smelly treats, fun scents to track down, & long walks with plenty of sniff breaks, & I'm a happy boy. Meet me today to see if I'm your new forever friend!

JIMMY

ACTIVE



Are you an active dog enthusiast? Do you like to keep on the move? Are you in search of a furry friend to be by your side during all your adventures? Then do we have the pooch for you! Jimmy is an energetic, on-the-move kind of pup in search of his forever home. He'll need an active adopter who will give him all the patience, attention, exercise, & training he needs to be the best dog ever! Does this sound like you? Meet Jimmy today to see if you're a match!

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BUCKY



ENERGETIC

Surrendered due to landlord issues, Bucky is a ball of energy. He is learning to walk on a leash & loves a good trail to sniff. He would do well with a fenced-in yard so he can run & sniff to his heart's content. He would love an active family with older kids who can keep up with his energy & basic training.



CLETUS SHY

A stray, Cletus was afraid of his own shadow when he arrived. With much love, kindness & work, he has proven to be a very loving young man. He can now walk on a leash & loves to spend time in the yard getting attention. He is still shy around new people, but has proven he can love & trust.

MAXWELL



Maxwell was surrendered to the shelter after a death in the family. While he enjoys a walk, his favorite sport is to play fetch & tennis balls are his favorite toy. Maxwell will need a home where he is the only pet & without small children.

BOXER/LAB

TRIGGER



2 YEARS

Hello there, I'm Trigger, a 2-year-old Boxer/Lab Mix. I am the typical Boxer goof & love to play with toys & other dogs. Cats & I leave each other alone. A family with older children would be a good match for me—I have lots of energy & need exercise everyday. But I am also really good at the whole Netflix & chill thing at the end of a long day. I do great in my kennel & only potty outside. Already in my life, I've been through a lot—could I be the friend you are looking for?

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Hey all Jax here!!! I am a 4-year-old Boxer Mix that is full-grown at roughly 50 lbs. I am looking for a quiet home with no children, a fenced-in yard where I can run & play as the only pet. I listen very well. Leash walking works well for me, & I am crate trained. I'm pretty quiet & not much of a barker, & I don't like to be poked at by strangers. My loving heart does have a murmur which means my life will be a little shorter so I want to enjoy my years with a loving friend. I've come so far in my foster home & have learned to trust most people again.



My name is Hipa. I'm a 6-year-old female Staffordshire Bull Terrier Mix. My goal in life is to make you SMILE- & I know you will! I love to be pampered, bathed & go for rides in the car. I even like my foster dad's golf cart! I do love kids, but sometimes my body gets in their way. Kids over 5 seem to like me the best! Currently, I'm not too sure about other dogs so a home without dogs or cats is a must. I've patiently have been waiting for my furever home; is yours it? Look at this - my adoption fee is \$100.



Young Beagle Mix, just over 1 year old. Fun-loving dog that enjoys walking, jogging & playing. He's sweet & also likes to snuggle... once he's all tired out. Has learned basic manners skills & is now working on tricks & enjoying nose/scent work! Will probably do best as an only child.



Super-sweet senior dog. Loves walks, exploring trails... & a good belly rub! Great on a leash & traveling in the car. Loves to be out & about, meeting people. Is about 10 years old, came to HAWS as a stray. Not a fan of cats, okay with some dogs - has been a great "big" brother to puppies at HAWS!



Lovely young Bloodhound, only 3 years old. An active girl - doing well learning basic manners & leash skills. May do best as an only child. She'll make you smile with her big floppy ears & her big brown eyes!



Powell is a 2-year-old Pit Bull Terrier. Powell is a staff favorite at Safe Harbor. He is a sweet dog who loves to give kisses & be affectionate, play outside & explore new places. He gets along well with other dogs, cats & children. Come meet Powell at Safe Harbor, & he will melt your heart.



Mr. Wiggles is a 3-year-old Pit Bull Terrier. He is one of the happiest dogs you will ever meet - full of energy & just loves to wiggle, wiggle, wiggle (that's how he got his name!). This fun-loving boy enjoys playing outside, & he loves playing with other dogs. Mr. Wiggles is the perfect dog for a family with an active lifestyle, & he would do best in a home with no cats.

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