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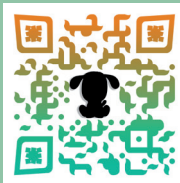
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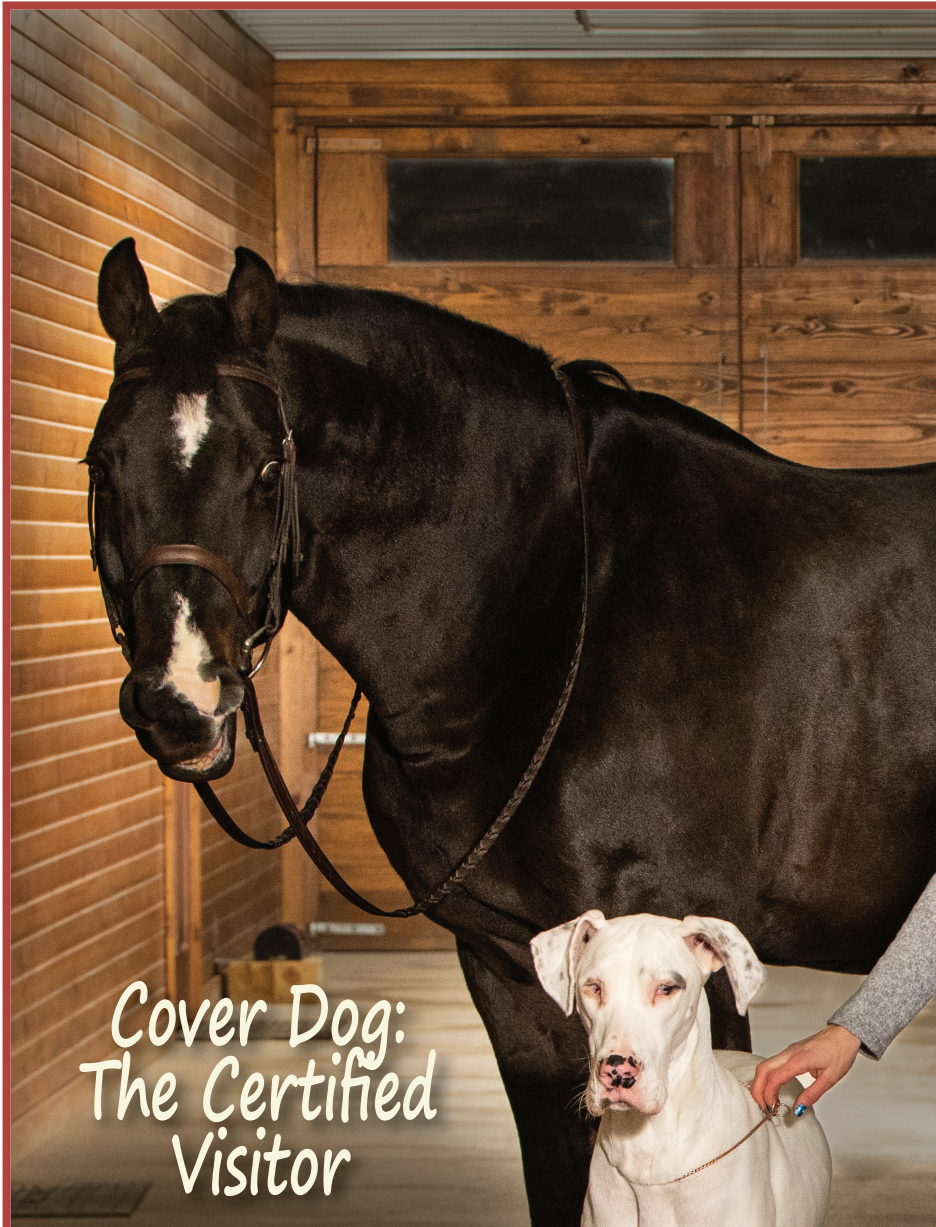
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FETCH MAGAZINE



Cover Dog: The Certified Visitor

Mooshie Moo is a 4-year-old Harlequin Great Dane. She is a TDI (Therapy Dogs International) certified therapy dog and makes visits to the hospital and ICU. She also comes to a local high school on career day and to UW-Oshkosh where her owner lectures. She loves exploring, camping, and hiking but her biggest love is water ... she enjoys fetching a stick and cooling off.

Mooshie is very sensitive and is always making eye contact and checking up on her human. She loves all other animals. Everywhere she and her owner go she attracts a crowd; people are so impressed with her docile nature, responsiveness, loyalty and easy-going personality. An enduring feature about 150-lb-Mooshie (and many Great Danes) is when she sits on her owner's lap it's with her hind end off the floor. Even though she is comparable in size to her human, that affectionate behavior seems to melt everyone's heart.

Acado is a 13-year-old Warmblood Show Hunter. He competes all over the country at the top Hunter/Jumper shows with his rider Brooke Brodersen and trainer Cookie Beck. When he is not showing, he lives the pampered life at Rendezvous Farm in Grafton, Wis.

Cover Horse: The Seasoned Traveler



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EDITOR'S PAW



Count Your Blessings, Love Your Animals

Dear FETCH Friends:

Photos Courtesy of Wuhan Small Animal Protection Association

As I write this editorial, concerns of the coronavirus are spreading. As it continues to jump from person to person and country to country, one question (rooted in fear) remains for some pet lovers ... can my pet get it and can they give it to me? This novel virus now named COVID-19 is wreaking havoc in many communities. It seems to be mostly lethal to populations 70 and older or for those with compromised immune systems (that we know of).

But what about our pets? Are we prepared for them? What is happening to the pets in these communities with active outbreaks? How can we help?

In Hong Kong, a dog without symptoms recently tested positive and will remain in quarantine until tests are negative. What does this mean to you? This grave situation is filled with too many variables and unknowns yet that people can barely protect themselves, let alone their beloved pets. People are being advised to not panic and to prepare for the virus to hit, especially here in Wisconsin.

However, in Wuhan, pets are being abandoned or unfairly targeted. They are being left in apartments alone while their owners are prohibited from entering the city. Wuhan Small Animal Protection Association has already rescued hundreds since this outbreak began. So what I plead to you is ... help in anyway you can. Hug and love

your own companion(s) every day. Do not abandon your pet. They need you to be strong and to take care of them, and in return, they will take care of you. Stress depletes the immune system; I know this firsthand. And pets help relieve stress. Get prepared as best you can.

This brings me to my 6-year-old son, Ezra. Even he has stress. He may be autistic, but why stress? Maybe it's hereditary. Each day he struggles to control his body and his mind. It's like watching someone whose body is on fire and whose mind is constantly just feeding it more fuel. His body just takes over. Animals help my son! I notice during equine therapy that he is trying hard to focus. It's so hard as a mom to watch your child struggle each day (now imagine the moms in Wuhan). Animals are so therapeutic and comforting that it's astounding that there aren't more laws protecting them and more people taking care of them.

I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone helping those in need right now. I pray for the people who are infected, for the ones who have past, for the ones just trying to go home and especially for the ones who have children or animals they are responsible for. Be strong!

To all of you out there protecting & aiding your loved ones ... don't forget about yourself along the way,

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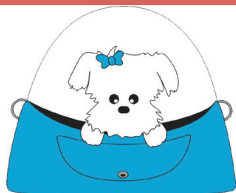
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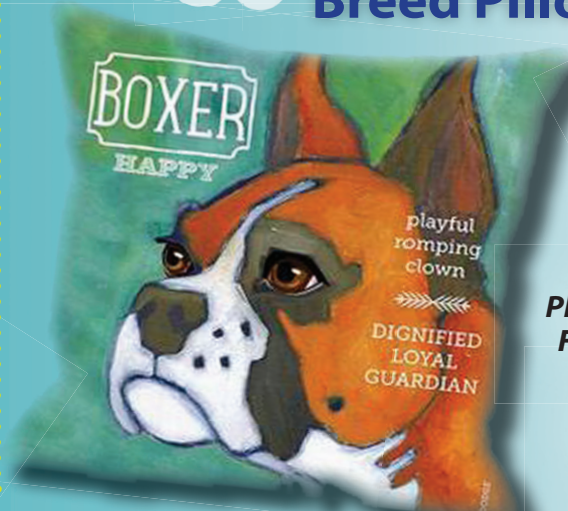
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THE VET IS IN

How a **GOOD BOY** Named Scout Will Save Some Lives

BY MEGAN TREMELLING, DVM, LVS

There was a big game on TV this year. I didn't see it, but I've heard that one of the commercials featured a beautiful Golden Retriever named Scout. Last year, Scout had a form of cancer called cardiac hemangiosarcoma. He was treated at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. He is doing well, and his owner was so grateful that he paid for this ad in hopes people would donate money to the UW School of Veterinary Medicine. Apparently it is working quite well, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been donated. It's a very sweet story and a pleasant change from the usual headlines.

Hemangiosarcoma is unfortunately a very common cancer in dogs. Two of its commonest forms, splenic and cardiac, tend to be extremely aggressive. What typically happens is this: A middle-aged dog (a Golden Retriever as often as not) is happily going about their typical day when it suddenly starts to feel tired. Over a few minutes to a few hours, the dog goes from bouncing and playing to collapsed, unable to get up and gasping for breath. This is because hemangiosarcomas, which develop from the walls of blood vessels, have an unfortunate tendency to burst, causing internal bleeding that can be rapidly fatal.

If the hemangiosarcoma is in the heart (a cardiac hemangiosarcoma), the amount of blood lost is usually not extremely large, but it causes problems because of its location. A protective fibrous sac called the pericardium encloses the heart. When a tumor bleeds, it can fill up the pericardium and cause so much pressure that the heart cannot fill and pump properly. The term "pericardial effusion" refers to any fluid that is in the pericardium, and a bleeding tumor is not the only possible cause. We sometimes see effusions caused by inflammation or infection, bleeding disorders, heart disease and so on. Whatever caused it, if it is causing problems, we want to get it out of there. We do this by placing a long needle or catheter into the chest and into the pericardium to drain out as much fluid as possible, relieving the pressure on the heart so that it can fill properly.

Of course, having once solved that problem, we want to do our best to prevent it from coming back. Sometimes, analyzing the fluid will tell us about a cause, such as an infection, that we can

treat. Most of the time, it is just blood, and that puts the owners and us in the uncomfortable position of trying to figure out what to do next. If the effusion is benign, meaning it is caused by inflammation rather than cancer, it may never come back again or may improve with medication. If it is caused by cancer, however, it will bleed again. It's important to know what we're up against.

A mass on the heart doesn't show up well on x-rays, but sometimes a skilled ultrasonographer can identify it. We can also look for circumstantial evidence. Hemangiosarcoma is a cancer that is often found in several organs at once, so we look for it in the liver and spleen with an ultrasound exam or in the lungs with a chest x-ray. If we find masses in those organs, it makes diagnosis easier. Whether it has spread to other organs or not, cardiac hemangiosarcoma has a grave prognosis, with most patients surviving less than a month from diagnosis. Many owners elect to euthanize their pets at the time of diagnosis because the prognosis is poor even with treatment.

For those owners who decide to give cancer a fight, veterinarians, like medical doctors, have many tools to offer. Surgically removing some kinds of masses can be extremely successful, but surgery is rarely possible with cardiac tumors. Chemotherapy (medication to slow down or destroy cancer) is regularly administered by veterinarians and can be very beneficial for some types of cancers. In the case of hemangiosarcoma, it can extend average life expectancy up to 6-7 months. Some other forms of treatment are less routinely used and less well-studied by veterinarians due to issues with the cost, the availability and the advanced training required to use them. However, veterinary oncologists (cancer specialists) do have access to these tools. Here in Milwaukee, for example, we have access to stereotactic radiation therapy that allows the precise targeting of tumors with minimal damage to nearby healthy tissue. Our oncologists then use immunotherapy which works like a vaccination to help the patient's own immune system fight the tumor.



Courtesy of Ashley Voss

A diagnosis of cardiac hemangiosarcoma is never a good thing, but Scout was very fortunate to have an owner with the resources and the drive to do anything that could be done to help his dog. Fortunately, Scout and his owner lived not far from Madison, where the UW School of Veterinary Medicine has an excellent oncology program. Scout was treated with chemotherapy, radiation therapy and immunotherapy. He is reportedly doing well at home for now. Treatment is not likely to cure him, but it is buying him quality time. His owner apparently was grateful for the care Scout had received and wanted the oncologists to be able to treat the disease more effectively, so he took out the ad soliciting donations for the veterinary school.

With his owner's decision to take out the ad, everyone wins. The veterinary school obviously benefits from the donations. It wasn't a bad choice for Scout's owner either as this ad has attracted far more attention to his company than any traditional commercial touting its products.

And here's the beauty of supporting veterinary cancer research: Dogs, it turns out, are excellent models for the study of cancer in humans. What we learn treating dogs with cancer can be useful when studying human disease and sometimes far more useful than other models such as mice.

There's no final word on how much money has been raised as a result of the ad, but it is likely to be a substantial amount. Scout's doctors, the veterinary oncologists you see in the ad, are brilliant research scientists and will put it to good use. I look forward to someday having more options to offer the many dogs that I see with hemangiosarcoma.

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Common Diseases in Dogs & Horses

BY KERRI WIEDMEYER, DVM, WVRC

Dogs and horses are very different animals, but still they share some pretty significant disease processes. A few of the common ones are listed below.

TICK DISEASES

Lyme disease, also known as *Borrelia burgdorferi*, is a spirochete that is transmitted by ticks. Lyme disease is present in both dogs and horses as well as humans.

Horses:

- Clinical signs: Lameness, lethargy, muscle wasting & behavioral changes
- **Treatment:** Tick prevention, vaccine, antibiotics

Dogs:

- Clinical signs: Lameness, fever, lethargy and signs associated with kidney failure
- **Treatment:** Tick prevention, vaccine, antibiotics

ANAPLASMOSIS

Anaplasmosis is also spread by ticks to both horses and dogs. *Anaplasma phagocytophilum* can infect both horses and dogs. *Anaplasma platys* infects dogs.

Horses:

Anaplasma phagocytophilum

- Clinical signs: Fever, inflammation of muscles, low platelets causing bleeding/bruising and ataxia
- **Treatment:** Tick prevention, antibiotics, pain management

Dogs:

Anaplasma phagocytophilum

- Clinical signs: Lethargy, fever, anorexia, lameness
- **Treatment:** Tick prevention, antibiotics, pain management

ANAPLASMA PLATYS

- Clinical signs: Low platelets causing bleeding/bruising, fever
- **Treatment:** Tick prevention, antibiotics, pain management

INTESTINAL PARASITES

Both dogs and horses get intestinal parasites such as tapeworms and roundworms. In horses, treatment is geared to decrease worm burden. In dogs, treatment is geared toward elimination of parasites from the body. Specific anti-parasitic medication, dosing and timing of treatment is different depending on the parasite.

SKIN PARASITES

Mange: In both horses and dogs, mange causes hair loss and significant itch.

Horses:

Mange is typically caused by...

- Sarcoptic mites: affects head, neck and shoulders
- Psoroptic mites: affects mane, tail, between legs
- Chorioptic mites: affects lower limbs
- **Treatment:** Ivermectin and topical treatments

Dogs:

Mange is typically caused by...

- Sarcoptic mites: affects ears and abdomen
- Demodex mites: affects localized areas and the entire body depending on type of infection
- **Treatment:** Ivermectin and topical treatments

INFLUENZA

The influenza strain H3N8 was passed from horses to dogs in 2004, but this is not a common occurrence and has not shown signs of drift into other species.

Horses:

- H3N8- nasal discharge, cough, fever
- **Treatment:** Supportive care for clinical signs, vaccines

Dogs:

- H3N8 & H3N2- sneezing, coughing,

fever, nasal discharge, pneumonia

- **Treatment:** Supportive care for clinical signs, vaccines

ENDOCRINE DISORDERS

CUSHING'S DISEASE (HYPERADRENOCORTISISM)

Cushing's disease is a disease in which there is too much cortisone in the body. This can be secondary to a mass in the pituitary gland, a mass in the adrenal gland or secondary to medications given.

Horses:

- Clinical signs: Excessive hair growth, laminitis, skin changes/crusting, liver, heart and nerve changes can also occur as well as recurrent infections
- **Treatment:** Pergolide

Dogs:

- Clinical signs: Increased appetite and thirst, hair loss, muscle loss, panting and recurrent infections
- **Treatment:** Lysodred, Trilostane, surgery

GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASE

There are far too many things that can cause colic in horses and vomiting and diarrhea in dogs to go into this article. Dietary indiscretion can occur in both species, but we see far more occurrences with this on the dog side of things (underwear, shoes, human food, etc.). A fun fact, however, is that horses cannot vomit while, obviously, our furry canines can.

Once again, the list does not end here for the diseases/afflictions that both dogs and horses acquire.

Let's just hope that if you have both dogs and horses, they do not get them all at the same time or at all.

BREED PROFILE

Great
DANEA Gentle
Giant

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

“Great Danes are like having a toddler in a dog suit,” says Jennifer Klika, president of the Upper Midwest Great Dane Rescue in Eagan, Minn. “There are days I’d need a pitchfork to push my 9-year-old out of bed. Then he gets the zoomies and runs like a maniac for 15 minutes and looks like a camel whose legs are falling off.” With a lanky body and a head that doesn’t quite match, Danes pout when they want attention, slump when they’re disappointed and bounce when they’re happy.

History

Danes were originally bred to hunt boars. Assyrians, a major power in the ancient Middle East, traded them with the Greeks and Romans. They mixed them with Irish Wolfhounds, Irish Greyhounds and the ancestors of English Mastiffs.

By the 1500s, German nobility used Danes to protect their homes and loved ones. They considered the breed to be the biggest and most handsome of dogs, calling them Kammerhundes

(Chamber Dogs). They were given gilded collars trimmed with fringe and padded with velvet.

In the 1700s, French naturalist Georges-Louis Leclerc de Buffon discovered a slimmer German Boarhound. He said the Danish climate caused it to become a Grand Danois (Big Danish). He didn’t develop the breed. But the name stuck.

Dane Mom For Life

After Victoria Burger’s Saint Bernard, Holly, passed away, she opened her home to three Danes. Finley’s former owners broke her jaw by pulling on her collar and punished her by yanking her ears. “Even if I’m not touching them, she’ll yelp because she has some nerve damage,” Burger says. “There are some holes in her training, but she’s still wonderful.”

Partly deaf and blind, Marlo weighed 38 pounds when he was pulled from a Texas backyard. “When he’s happy, he squints his eyes, smiles with his lips and wags his tail,” she says. Mooshie, who was purchased from a Canadian breeder, is stoic. “She makes a lot of eye

contact. When we’re out walking—and she’s off-leash—she’ll stop, look back and wait,” says Burger.

Mooshie doesn’t nab chicken from the table or nip when children tug on her. “I have two horses, and she’s very respectful of them. She likes to kiss their noses,” Burger says. When Mooshie isn’t getting pawdicures every two weeks, she totes around her owner’s childhood teddy bear. “She’ll fall asleep with it in her mouth. He’s got like a duct tape diaper on him because I’m tired of sewing him up,” she says.

In the summer, her Danes are up at 5:45 a.m. to go hiking and swimming. “Their activity level is influenced by mine. I walk them four times a day,” Burger says. “Danes don’t ignore you and are always in tune with you ... I’ll never have another breed. I’m a Dane mom for life.”

Health

Danes live an average of 7 to 10 years. They’re prone to bone cancer, heart disease, hypothyroidism, ear infections and hip dislocation.

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Hanoverian Warmblood:

A Steady Eddie

PROFILE

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

Flashy on the outside and a gentleman on the inside, Acado is a 13-year-old Hanoverian. “He’s one of the most handsome horses in the barn,” says Jenny Caldwell, assistant trainer. “When he walks into a different environment, he puts his head up and looks around, but he’s never spooked.” The Show Hunter isn’t just a Steady Eddie; he’s a class act.

History

Hanoverians are one of the oldest warmbloods. They come from destriers: hot-blooded horses who carried fully armored knights into battles, tournaments and jousts. In the 1600s, they were imported into north-central Germany. They worked as cavalry remounts and harness horses.

King George II of England was the first person to breed Hano-

verians. In 1735, he founded the Stallion Depot in Celle, Lower Saxony. He used Black Holsteins as a foundation stock. They’re powerful coach horses

produced by crossing German mares with Neapolitan, Spanish and Oriental blood.

Modern Hanoverians were used in British royal processions until the reign of Edward VIII when they were replaced by Windsor Greys. At the end of WWII, the breed was mixed with Thoroughbreds and Trakehner. They became increasingly light, agile, athletic and graceful.

Health

Hanoverians may suffer from osteochondritis dissecans (OCD). It’s caused by poor nutrition, physical trauma and rapid growth. OCD creates lesions that encourage fluid buildup, small fractures or cartilage destruction. Twenty-five percent of the time, OCD is found in the fetlocks. Ten percent of Hanoverians get OCD in their hock joints.

With a digestive system that’s similar to rabbits and rats, horses can’t vomit or burp (what goes in must take the long way out). “If a horse gets a belly ache [or colic], its stomach can twist on it-



Andrew Ryback Photography

self," Caldwell says. The second leading cause of death in horses, colic is caused by a change of diet, a lack of roughage or parasites. Its symptoms include pawing, restlessness, rapid breathing or violent rolling.

"Acado is treated like an Olympic athlete," says rider Brooke Brodersen. He has his own masseuse, chiropractor and indoor treadmill. He takes a daily electrolyte, joint supplement and probiotic. Because Acado's teeth continually grow and are worn down by chewing feed, he gets his teeth floated or filed down twice per year. He also eats high-quality hay and snacks on carrots, apples and, occasionally, licorice jelly beans.

Hunters & Jumpers

Show hunter Acado wears aluminum shoes on his front hooves and steel shoes on his backs. His mane and tail are braided, and his tack is a simple snaffle bit and traditional bridle. Brodersen wears a black helmet, black gloves, tan breeches, black field boots, a white show shirt and a dark-colored hunt coat.

In the ring, Hunters like Acado jump over eight to 12 fences that are conservative and natural, including colors like white, brown and green. "The judges are really looking for a perfect flow without bobbles," Brodersen says. They're looking for horses that are well-mannered, athletic and attractive to ride safely and smoothly over the obstacles.

"It looks kind of like we're going around the ring automatically, but every single step requires communication between the horse and rider," Brodersen says. "If you're not paying attention, steps can get stretched out, and you can't make the distance of the jump."

Jumpers ride over technically difficult courses that twist and turn. Fences are bright, colorful and lofty. Jumpers' manes and tails aren't braided. Saddle pads and ear bonnets are allowed. If horses knock down a fence, stop at a fence or don't complete the course in a certain time limit, they incur "faults" or penalties. The horse with the fewest faults and the fastest time wins.

AT A GLANCE

ORIGIN: Germany

ORIGINAL JOBS: Farm work and riding

LIFESPAN: 20-35 yrs.

PERSONALITY: Sensible, bold, intelligent, willing, easy to train

BEST SUITED FOR: Horse owners and riders with some experience in handling horses

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9 THINGS ONLY HORSEY PEOPLE UNDERSTAND

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

If you ever feel that the world sometimes looks at you strangely, you're probably a horsey person. The whole getting up at 5:00 a.m. to clip, braid and ship your horses halfway across the country to win a 37-cent ribbon is baffling to non-horsey people.

Horses are better than people, with one exception—dogs. If a non-horsey person enters your house, they'll need to step carefully to avoid crushing any of the Jack Russells or Corgis that'll most likely come barking towards them.

Nine out of ten horsey people have dogs. Sure, horses and dogs are different. Horses have been tamed while dogs have been domesticated. Dogs are predators and can make their own choices. Horses are prey animals. They have less of a say in what they want to do and closely follow their teammates' instructions. But horses and dogs are also a lot alike. In a world where bad headlines reign, they're the definition of what it means to be good. They're big-hearted creatures who live in the moment and are sensitive, kind and the best listeners. But there's more. A lot more...

1. Horses are great big wusses.

"Horses are huge and scary," is something horsey-people hear a lot from normal people. It's tempting to raise a scathing eyebrow. Try and resist. Non-horsey people don't know that horses are incredibly sensitive beings. "They can feel a fly land on their fur," says equestrian Brooke Brodersen from Milwaukee, Wis. "They don't realize their raw power." And as prey animals, horses aren't necessarily brave. Kelly Meister-Yetter, event coordinator for The Healing Barn in Millbury, Ohio, says that one summer the track was more water than dirt. Before she could ride on it, her horse made her walk through every single puddle. "Apparently, they contained terrifying, horse-eating monsters that only he could see," she says. "He was essentially throwing me under the bus. He was more than a little surprised when I survived the ordeal."

2. Dogs are big babies.

Your friends and family might give you funny looks when you coo "Well done, good boy," as your horse goes bananas past a wet barn mat or empty feed bag. But dogs can be big babies too. Nicole Schaefer, the founder of Yellow Dog Legal in Beaverton, Ore., has a dog named Cody. His biggest fear? BBQ. "He literally just stands in front of it and barks endlessly," she says. Dr. Marcia Morgan from Bend, Ore., says that her 13-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever is terrified of water. Even after two years of

swimming lessons, Baydon Poochini won't go in above her knees.

3. Horses are terrified of plastic bags.

Normal people don't give plastic bags a second thought. They're useful for carrying all of our junk—although, they're not great for the environment. A plastic bag is a triple threat to a horse. It's an unknown object that moves and makes noise. When you see your horse sweating, puffing and distressed, you realize plastic bags are everything that's wrong with our throwaway society. Non-horsey people, who allow them to carelessly drift into hedges, where they'll get stuck and spook horses, really deserve to come back as one in their next lives.

4. Horses & dogs have iron stomachs.

Horses might be suckers for Subway sandwiches, Hamburger Helper and Doritos. They may have eaten their fair share of Slick 'N Easy grooming blocks and cigarettes, but it's dogs who really eat the darndest things. "Cody eats wood a lot. He made a hole in the molding under our main window and ate part of the deck. He also loves eating pillows," Schaefer says. Meg Marrs, the founder of K9 of Mine, says that her dog Remy ate her PlayStation headset. Maybe he heard her yelling into it and decided to come to her defense? Jay Michaelson, the founder of HandsOn Gloves, admits his Great Pyrenees loves icy horse and cow poop. "Her favorite perfume is cow flop, and she loves it all around her neck. She also brought up a four-foot frozen rat snake one time," he says.

5. Horses & dogs love to give hugs & kisses.

Dr. Carole Lieberman from Los Angeles, Calif. has an American Paint Horse named Gimli, which means "heaven," according to Norse mythology. "He kisses me, but what's even more special is what I call 'Gimli hugs.' I put my arms around his neck, squeeze and nuzzle him," she says. "He then turns his head around to squeeze and nuzzle me, and we stay locked until either he gets distracted by something passing by or he decides he's given me enough love for the day." Horses aren't the only ones saying, Kiss me. I'm furry. Vicki Liston is the YouTube host of "On The Fly... DIY." Her 11-year-old dog Bailey is an untrained kisser. "If you're on the floor doing push-ups, crunches or planks, he takes full advantage of your face's proximity."

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AMAZING GRACE



Saving Midwestern Horses from Abuse & Neglect

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

Seven years ago, Rudy—an emaciated Arabian horse trapped in knee-high manure—popped up on Chelsea Harley’s Facebook feed. His owner had already surrendered 60 horses to Shawano County authorities (all shipped to slaughter) before threatening to shoot him if Amazing Grace Equine Rescue (AGES) in Elkhart Lake, Wis., didn’t remove him immediately.

Harley shook when she read he’d been down for several hours and staff couldn’t get him up. So she dumped materials for a sling into her bag and drove nonstop from Chicago, Ill. Every weekend for a month, Harley slept in the barn with Rudy while offering massages to 12 other horses. After being hired by AGES founder Erin Kelley-Groth, she spent 40 hours a week rehabbing Rudy while caring for her two blind horses, two special needs dogs and a young cat with chronic kidney disease.

For the first few weeks, the sorrel stallion was in a sling. Each time she removed it, Rudy collapsed and it’d take a skid-steer and six people to get him back up. “During his recovery, we learned to be mindful of flying hooves and teeth. Several of us have scars and broken bones as a result of his desperate need to protect himself,” she says.

“Many of our horses also have some kind of lameness, and that can be challenging when we want to get them adopted.” For example, Grayce was pulled from a kill pen in Oklahoma, and had a miscarriage in quarantine. She has cartilage and bone fragments floating around in her joints causing her to throw her body around.

Grayce receives daily anti-inflammatories and herbal supplements like Devil’s Claw, Yucca or Boswellia. But she can’t handle a higher workload. “I encourage people not to ask, ‘What can that horse do for me?’ Be open-minded to meeting senior or special needs horses,” Harley says.

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It wasn't until 1952 when Liz Hartel from Denmark won a silver medal in Grand Prix dressage at the Helsinki Olympic Games that it entered the limelight. Hartel found that using horses was a great way to strengthen her lower body, especially after she had developed some paralysis in her legs caused by polio. Hartel's success woke up the medical and equine communities in Europe, and therapeutic riding programs began emerging.

Talk then traveled from Europe to the U.S. and Canada, giving like-minded individuals the initiative to start therapeutic riding centers in North America. In 1969, the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) was started and eventually became known as PATH International, which includes dozens of different equine-assisted activities that benefit people with special needs.

This brilliant and organic therapy can now be found locally in most areas and has helped shape the worlds of many. According to PATH International's 2017 Fact Sheet, autism spectrum disorder is the number one most served population under the special needs umbrella. And ages 6 to 18 seem to be the majority of the participants in equine therapy. Take a look at some of the local ones here in Wisconsin.

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Nestled on a beautiful 17-acre horse ranch, and hiding amongst a quaint residential town is Heaven's Gait Ranch Inc. This "hidden gem," as patrons like to call it, began with the humility of one woman's desire to help others. It then continued to grow throughout the years because many people joined together to make her dream a reality.

With her faith in God, her love of horses and her respect for U.S. military veterans, Elaine McClaren wanted to make a difference in the lives of those around her by creating a therapeutic riding center for individuals with physical, social, emotional and psychological needs. In the mid-2000s, she went in search of the perfect piece of land—finding one right in the heart of the Cedar Grove community. However, despite her high hopes at the time, she was diagnosed with cancer, and unfortunately never lived to see her dream come true.

"Countless people took a chance on us, and their faith encouraged us to keep going despite various obstacles along the way," says Margaret Mary.

"For all of these reasons, I am proud to say Heaven's Gait Ranch was founded under the guidance of our Christian values, built with the support of generous donors and blessed with the time and talent of many volunteers."

Unless you have been to this ranch before, as a new patron you will need to keep your eyes open to see the sign quaintly positioned off Main Street downtown. Then while driving down to the barn, you will notice horses hanging out in the outdoor pasture grazing and patiently awaiting their next riding adventure. Currently, there are eight gentle giants (therapy horses), an indoor/outdoor arena, trails, heated stables and a sensory learning space located inside the barn where people enjoy hanging out.



Courtesy of Margaret Mary

In 2016, Elaine's family and friends choose to carry on her torch. This group of caring entrepreneurs included: Brian McClaren (Elaine's son), Margaret Mary McClaren (Brian's wife and executive director of Heaven's Gait) and Mark Zirngibl (Margaret Mary's father). They decided to keep her vision alive by incorporating Heaven's Gait as a non-profit, therapeutic riding center that serves individuals with special needs and veterans with disabilities.

So in order to build this compassionate community, it took a village of people to recognize the need and challenge the adversity against it. Margaret Mary confirms that it was "a God-send of people with good hearts and quality values coming together that created Heaven's Gait Ranch and its mission."

With the help of family, friends, neighbors, previous employers, educators, mentors from around the country and even overseas, Heaven's Gait officially opened its gates for lessons in 2017.

Who They Serve & The Community They Reach

As an Accredited Member Center of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH International), Heaven's Gait Ranch serves individuals with autism, ADHD, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, speech & hearing impairments, dementia, depression and social anxiety just to name a few. Participants and their families come to the ranch from Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Fond du Lac, Washington and Milwaukee counties, as Heaven's Gait Ranch is a partner agency of the Department of Health & Human Services and is an approved provider of services under the Children's Long-Term Support Waiver (CTLS), the Community Care Options Program, Include, Respect, I Self-Direct (IRIS), the Milwaukee Vet Center and the Cleveland VA Clinic. Group and individual lessons are provided year-round.

Equine Therapy is Vital

Margaret Mary explains, "For some of our participants with special needs, riding is the only activity they do, so it's crucial for them (and their families) that they keep coming to remain mentally sharp, socially engaged and physically active."

But this is not the only significant reason behind their ongoing programs. "For some of our Veterans with anxiety or post-traumatic stress, November through March can be particularly painful; holidays can be difficult, and it's depressingly dark for anyone that time of year, let alone for someone who may not work because they remain at home on disability. Heaven's Gait Ranch becomes so much more than just a fun place to ride; it's a home and a family that cares for your well-being—week after week, season after season, year after year. And our family is committed to you for the long-haul."

For information on volunteering or registering someone to ride, contact **Margaret Mary at 920-400-0628** or **info@heavensgaitranch.org**.

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BY NASTASSIA PUTZ, PUBLISHER

REINS Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies began in 1982 by a group of students from Lakeshore Technical Institute in Sheboygan, Wis. The acronym REINS stands for Riders (Participants) being Encouraged, Inspired, Nurtured and above all Successful. At first this organization was created to provide recreation and exercise to those with special needs. In 2013-14 it began to evolve into the program that many are familiar with today: A non-profit organization with two forms of equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) known to improve the lives of those with special needs through interactions with horses.

"We are accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International and our instructors are certified in therapeutic riding instruction and/or equine specialists in mental health and learning," says Theresa Zimmermann, executive director. "This level of expertise allows us to offer a range of equine-assisted activities and therapies to our clients."

Therapeutic Riding & Equine-Assisted Learning

The therapeutic riding program is open to ages 4 and older. It focuses on the main skills associated with learning how to ride while making educational modifications and accommodations to riders with disabilities. Instructors modify classes as needed to help participants reach their physical, cognitive, social and emotional goals.

In comparison, assisted learning services help clients develop critical life skills such as trust, leadership, assertiveness, communication, self-confidence and self-awareness according to PATH. This particular program was originally designed for middle school and high school-aged children with noted behavioral problems. However, REINS offers this to younger children as well. The program is called "Learning to Lead," and includes a mounted and unmounted version.

How Equine Therapy Differs

Zimmermann explains that the key difference in this type of therapy is based on the enjoyable and motivational environment available to the client. It allows the instructor to target certain skills that may be harder to address through traditional therapies and/or interventions.

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- Promotes remedial reading/math
- Improves sequencing, patterning, motor planning

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- ADHD
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- OCD
- ODD
- Cardiac Conditions
- And Many More!

When & Where

REINS is currently working on expanding the seasons they can offer therapy. As of this spring, they are building an outdoor riding facility that will be named "Freedom Ring." During an outdoor riding experience, a participant named Caleb told

his mom he felt free, thus influencing the naming of this outdoor arena.

REINS is always looking for volunteers (12 or older) and donations. Please visit reins-wi.org for more information. Scholarships are available for those unable to afford tuition.

"Without the support of the communities in which we serve, we simply could not do what we do," says Zimmermann.

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BY NASTASSIA PUTZ, PUBLISHER

Development of the MKE Urban Stables is well underway and will be completed sometime this spring. Located at 143 East Lincoln Avenue, the stables will be first and foremost a dual program to benefit Milwaukee youth and Veterans, while allowing the community to intermingle with police officers in a positive manner according to Kent Lovern, chief deputy district attorney of Milwaukee County.

Lovern is the board president for the stables and is excited to see the transformation that may come from officers and youths viewing the world through each other's eyes. Ideally, these stables will help break down barriers between the two (often opposing) cultures and create a dialog in which both see the humanity in each other. He notes that youths will also be able to learn from the Veterans in the same capacity.

Ed Krishok, the vice president and treasurer of this project, says the facility, which will be a home for the MPD Mounted Patrol's horses, will be ready sometime later this year for equine-assisted therapy, but a date has not yet been confirmed.

The MPD is partnering with the VA and Hamilton High School to make this therapeutic program possible according to Lovern. Hamilton High School is the largest Milwaukee public school with the largest number of special needs students. So students would benefit from a local facility geared towards helping them. And currently veterans have to travel to use a facility in Illinois for therapy.

Krishok would like to mention how grateful the stables are for its community partners who are responsible for bringing this "one-of-a-kind equine center and community gathering place to life."

GOALS:

- Provide Equine Programs & Experiences That Keep Youth & Veterans Coming To MKE Urban Stables
- Improve Police and Community Relations by Helping to Build and Support a Human Connection Between Both
- Build a Culture & Appreciation of Service
- Establish MKE Urban Stables as a Multi-Cultural Gathering Place Reflective of Our City



Courtesy of the MPD Mounted Patrol Foundation

Stepping Into Equine Therapy



Courtesy of Lia Sader

BY JESSICA PAIRRETT, COPY EDITOR

Snuggles and kisses, gentle nuzzles and hilarious antics. These are all attributes we love about spending time with our dogs. We'll include the feline variety in there as well. But what about the quality time spent with horses? If you haven't had the opportunity to do so yet, you're sure missing out.

Located in Franksville, Stepping Stone Farms is one of those special places where you can meet a number of equally special horses. The nonprofit is a therapeutic facility that also rescues or receives donated horses. Lia Sader, founder of Stepping Stone Farms, says that horses have been her passion since she was a young girl. In Lia's past life, she was a farrier working on horses' shoes and hooves. But in 2004, her calling changed, and the farm was born.

Saving Those in Need

Stepping Stone Farms, while rescuing horses of any breed, keeps a focus on those who are older. Working with horses also included working with their owners, many of whom had the wrong breed of horse that did not meet their needs, Lia says. Sadly, Lia also met many owners who no longer wanted their horses because they could no longer be ridden or there was another unforeseen circumstance.

Most of the horses that come to the farm are leaving bad situations. But that doesn't necessarily mean that they have been intentionally neglected or did not receive good care. Sometimes, Lia says, the horse's owner is doing the best he or she can to care for the animal, as can happen with dog rescue. One of the horses Stepping Stone Farms took in came from a situation in which its family just could not afford the food, and the horse was extremely

malnourished. But this is where the beauty of rescue steps in to help the horses continue along their journey.

"The horses need to live their lives, have a job and do something," Lia says. Just because a horse may be older or have a foot condition does not mean their life is over. This just means they're ready to move on to that next chapter.

One rather particular fellow is 40-year-old Pony who Lia describes as a grumpy old man—but not all the time. He'll keep to himself but knows how to be a friend, too. One visitor to the farm, a young girl, had poor social skills and had a hard time making friends. That is, until Pony followed the little girl around the show ring. "He taught her how to be a friend," Lia marvels. This goes to show that age is nothing but a number!

A Therapeutic Mission

Saving animals, both large and small, may warm the hearts of some of us. Those same animals can also provide therapeutic benefits. Stepping Stone Farms offers therapeutic riding but also programming for children and adults who have mental health issues. Equine-assisted coaching is one way in which the horses are used for therapy.

Lia is a huge proponent of EAGALA certification, in which an equine specialist and a mental health clinician work as a team along with a client and a horse. The EAGALA model is ground-based with no riding involved. This allows children and adults of all abilities to take part in the therapy. The group works inside an arena, and the horse and client can interact as they wish, which creates a deep connection and gives the client space for reflection.

Clients at Stepping Stone Farms will currently work alongside Lia and a chosen horse (she has an opening for a therapist!) to build self-efficacy, self-confidence, self-acceptance and self-discovery. While working with these giant, gentle beings, clients also build skills in communication, trust, assertiveness, healthy boundaries and impulse moderation. Equine therapy also helps in the reduction of anxiety and isolation.

Having experienced the benefits of equine therapy herself, Lia wants to share the same benefits with others. When Lia was 17, her mom passed away. Lia used to suffer from depression, and it was time spent with animals—horses in particular—that helped her heal.

Why Horses?

Horses may be large and powerful, but their size can help us take pause and reflect on times when we feel overwhelmed with large obstacles looming ahead of us. Plus, they are intelligent and especially sensitive to their environment. That includes reading our body language which they interpret and respond to accordingly. And, just like our beloved dogs, horses have their own personalities, moods and attitudes, too (remember Pony?).

Why not stop and check out Stepping Stone Farms yourself? During the last weekend of April, make sure to visit the farm's free fundraising event "A Day of Horse Play." The event is held rain or shine and will offer a good time whether or not you bring the kids!

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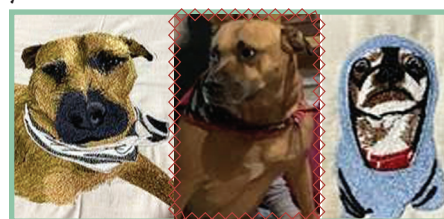
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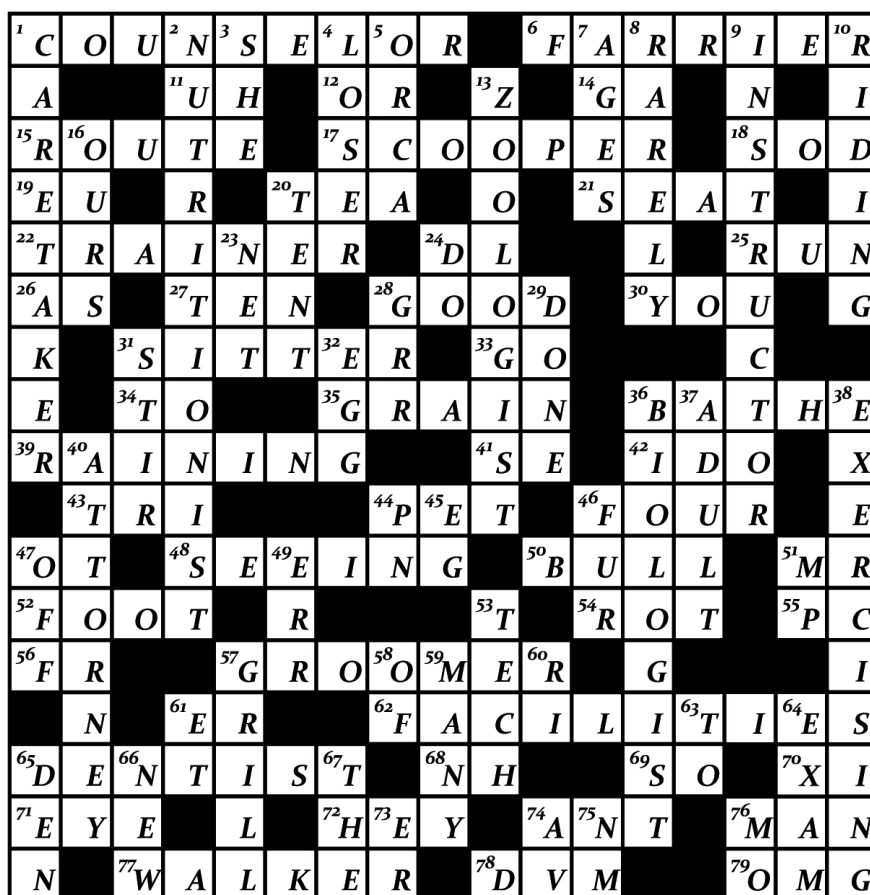
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Walk, Trot & Canter

BY PAULA MACIOLEK, COPY EDITOR

Three Gaits, named for the three movements of a horse—walk, trot and canter—is a nonprofit organization that provides equine-assisted activities and therapy (EAAT) for people with physical, emotional and intellectual challenges. Located just south of Madison in Stoughton, it began in 1983 under the leadership of Gail Brown and Lorrie Renker with just one horse and eight riders and “a love for horses and an interest in providing equine-assisted activities for individuals with disabilities in Dane County,” describes Mary Ann Roth, interim executive director.

Clients range from age 4 to 70 and may have physical, emotional and intellectual challenges or disabilities including, but not limited to, autism, ADD/ADHD and Down syndrome.

Three Gaits offers therapeutic horseback riding led by instructors who are certified by PATH International. Services include group sessions that are mounted and unmounted education in which riding skills with a therapeutic value are taught. They also offer both occupational therapy and hippotherapy. Roth explains that occupational therapy in this setting “utilizes the movement of the horse as the treatment tool.” Hippotherapy

is provided by a licensed occupational therapist and is done in a one-on-one setting. Sessions run three per year in 12-week sessions.

Roth lists the benefits riders receive as a “gain in physical strength, balance, increased self-esteem, following directions, learning a new skill, socialization with classmates, [and] volunteers and staff developing a special bond with their horse.”

Three Gaits enjoys the efforts of approximately 350 volunteers who are involved with office work, care of the horses and fundraising to name just a few. They also are involved with hands-on work in the lessons supporting the riders by walking alongside and leading the horses. Roth shared that “...they come to us with a wide range of skills to offer, and what skills they do not have, we provide training. We are always looking for more volunteers.”

The work of the EAAT provided at the ranch is supported from United Way and grants from foundations. Private donors are a vital source of monetary support, and Three Gaits relies heavily upon them. Fundraising events are also held through yearly events that include several horse shows, a student horse show, a tomato plant sale and a major event taking place in the fall as well as a continuing GoFundMe

effort to help with covering the cost of hay, which Roth reports as having “...almost tripled in the last year with unpredictable weather and such a wet growing season.”

The horses in their barn range in terms of breed and Roth describes them as having a calm disposition, gentle, sound, in good health, experienced in a variety of riding disciplines. Often, they will add to their barn by people donating horses. Sometimes, children have a horse while growing up and when they leave for college, they donate the horse to Three Gaits.

People find out about Three Gaits by word of mouth, from doctors and therapists, referring participants as well as state case workers.

**To find out more
about the EAAT programs,
visit 3gaits.org or
call 608-877-9086.**



B.R.E.A.THE: WE HAVE YOUR BACK

BY PAULA MACIOLEK, COPY EDITOR

Just 45 minutes north of Madison, Wis., a non-profit organization called Baraboo River Equine-Assisted Therapies, Inc., also known as B.R.E.A.THE, Inc., offers equine-assisted activities and therapy or EAAT for people ages 4 and up who have special needs.

B.R.E.A.THE was started in 2016 by Chris Singer and her husband when they came back to their Midwest roots after living on their southern California horse ranch. “We had five horses when we came here,” Chris explained, “and were looking for a way to give back to the community and benefit people—more than just us.”

Riders of a wide variety of physical and other disabilities can participate in learning horsemanship, both inside and outside of the barn, and get great exercise. “We have a lot of riders with autism, physical disabilities and learning disabilities, PTSD, spina bifida, Down syndrome.” Riders do not control the horse but rather helpers on the ground do. For the most part, there isn’t any kind of special equipment needed in sessions. “It depends on the rider, of course. We’ll use a traditional saddle or bareback pad, and if they’re really unable to support themselves, they have a side walker that walks on each side of them. Ninety nine percent of our riders can sit themselves.”

While participants might be excluded from sports at school because of physical or cognitive limitations, they can enjoy the inclusion that EAAT offers. “You’re not going to find them playing soccer, but we can put them on a horse and teach them how to control a 1200-lb animal, and they’re learning something and building core strength and confidence. That’s the positive re-

inforcement that sports have that [our riders] are able to participate in.”

Volunteers are an important part of the efforts, and Singer is always looking for people who have weekday and evening availability Monday through Friday. Help with special events and fundraisers is needed, too.

Of course, the lessons cannot happen without the horses. They need to have a special temperament that Singer describes as “pretty bomb-proof.” She explained, “they have a lot of input they’re dealing with during a lesson, so it can be pretty stressful. They have someone on their back who doesn’t really know what they’re doing, and a lot of times they can be off-balance, so the horse is working hard to keep that person on their back.”

Singer currently has six horses, and she needs three more to join the ranch for summer sessions. “To go out on the open market, it can cost \$2000 to \$10000 to purchase a horse. We are lucky if we get someone to donate their horse.” It’s challenging to find a horse that is of the right temperament, has the ability to do certain things such as trotting, while not having too many cost-prohibitive medical needs.

People are referred to B.R.E.A.THE via school counselors, special education teachers, parents who network with each other and share with other parents, as well as students on field trips at the ranch who go home and tell their parents. Even chiropractors, physical therapists and county health specialists spread the word about the benefits of EAAT at B.R.E.A.THE.

**To get involved at B.R.E.A.THE
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AT A GLANCE

HEIGHT: Male: 30-32 in.,
Female: 28-30 in.

WEIGHT: Male: 140-175 lbs.,
Female: 110-140 lbs.

COLORS:

Fawn,
brindle,
black,
harlequin,
mantle,
blue,
merle

SOCIAL NEEDS: High
EXERCISE: Moderate

ORIGIN: Germany
ORIGINAL JOB: Hunting wild boars

AKC BREED POPULARITY: 16 of 195
LIFESPAN: 7-10 years

TRAINABILITY: Easy
INTELLIGENCE: Average

COAT: Smooth
and short

HEALTH: A generally healthy breed that may suffer
from hip dysplasia, cardiomyopathy or bloat

"Digestion problems and allergies also are surprisingly high in Danes. My personal guy gets Benadryl during allergy season. Or he licks his little paws pink," Klika says.

According to the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW), 42 percent of Great Danes develop bloat

during their lifetimes. Treatment consists of a gastropexy (or "pepxy"), in which the dog's stomach is sutured to the body wall, preventing it from twisting. "This procedure is recommended at the time of spay or neuter, as opposed to a second anesthetic event," says Dr. Morgan McCoy from Magnolia Springs Veterinary Center in Sturtevant, Wis.

Should You Adopt a Dane?

Although Danes are gentle giants, they're not for everyone. They hate being alone (so they may cope by eating 43 of your socks) and love to cuddle, even if that means suffocating you under their heft. Danes will follow you to the bathroom and scratch on the door if you "accidentally" lock them out. They slobber and lumber around in a rather bumptious manner. They might be afraid of cats, plastic bags or suspicious-looking rocks. But they'll fill awkward silences with woofs, grunts and pitiful stares.



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6. Horses are geniuses.

There's a reason you never see "My horse is smarter than your honor student" on bumpers. Dr. Evelyn Hanggi, the co-founder of the nonprofit Equine Research Foundation, told Horse Talk in 2012 that many non-horsey people believe horses have walnut-sized brains and aren't able to think. "Domesticated horses have to live in largely unsuitable or artificial environments. They must suppress instincts while learning tasks that aren't natural behaviors," she says, "and must co-exist with humans who sometimes behave bizarrely—at least from an equine standpoint."

Horses are the most perceptive of all domestic animals. They can see with virtually 360-degree vision and sense when their rider changes position on their backs (even a slight turn of the head). Horses are faster learners than cattle, pigs, sheep and dogs. They'll entertain themselves with feed buckets and mirrors that are hung up in their turn-out area. "My horses play with grass all day and night," Michaelson says. "One of my first horses loved playing with a construction cone in the water trough." Need proof that horses are secretly geniuses? Ask horsey people where all their money is. They'll reply, "Oh, yeah, I'm riding it."

7. Dogs are pretty smart too.

When Alana Mustill from Manchester, England lost an expensive earring, she looked all over the house for it. "When I came out of the restroom, Bow (her sausage dog) was sitting outside the

door with the earring in front of her," she says. Hester Grainger, the co-founder of Hudia, says her dog named Roscoe helps her every day babysit her two children who have Asperger's. "If they're sad, he just sits with them quietly," Grainger says. Dogs also can smell as little as a picogram (a trillionth of a gram) of any odor. What's that like? "The average cinnamon roll has about a gram of cinnamon in it. Sure, the human nose is on it from the moment we open the door of the house," says Alexandra Horowitz in "Being a Dog," published in 2016. "Now imagine the smell of one trillion cinnamon rolls. That's what the dog coming in with us smells."

8. Dogs look like their humans.

Sadahiko Nakajima, a psychologist at Japan's Kwansei Gakuin University, says people decide if dogs look like their owners by comparing their eyes. "I constantly get comments that I look like my dog and that she's basically me in dog form," says Alexa Lampasona from Boise, Idaho. When she rescued Ava last August, she felt an instant connection. From trail running to stand-up paddleboarding, she quickly picks up on any outdoor activity. "Like me, she's high energy," Lampasona says. "Our names have a similar ring too."

9. Horses & dogs smell.

Stepping in dog poo or "landmines" is a no-no. "Usually that only happens when I'm already out in the yard picking it up, or I'm doing yard work and missed a pile," Liston says. "When you're barefoot and it squishes in between your toes, it's disgusting." This doesn't apply to horsey people who've mucked their fair share of poo and ingested more than they want to know. It's perfectly acceptable to eat a sandwich in the barn with your dirty hands and then refuse to touch city door handles. If you've bought a new truck with nice leather seats, it's okay to toss sweaty and dirty tack on them too. Enjoy the aroma of manure? If you hang around horses for any length of time, it sticks to you. Horsey-people would bottle that smell if they could. When assistant trainer Jenny Caldwell was in college, she'd go into her tack trunk and smell her horse leather. "The love of horses is in your blood," she says.



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OFF-THE-LEASH



And in a Flash... It Just Happened

Owner and founder of Copper Arrow Photography, Aubray Vande Corput has been smitten by horses since she was a little girl. She knew that becoming a veterinarian was not her calling but also needed to find a niche in the world of horses. In 2018, she chose to combine her love of photography with her love of horses. "Something just clicked. I immediately loved it. I could foresee this being my business, and something that I would be proud to build on and grow," says Corput.

WHY HORSES?

It all started at a fair. You know those pony rides where the children can ride the miniature horses? My parents made the mistake of letting me ride the pony. It also didn't help that my cousin was taking riding lessons and that the barn was less than a mile from my house. So it began. I was 5 years old when I started taking riding lessons. I remember wanting to learn how to ride, and my trainer would take the whole lesson to teach me the parts on a saddle, or how to tack a horse up, or simply feeding, grooming and caring for horses. As a child, I was so impatient because all I wanted to do was get on the back of the horse and ride. But it taught me what owning a horse really entailed. Unfortunately, that didn't stop me from wanting my own horse.

When I was 9, that dream became a reality. I was the proud owner of a very large, very young, paint gelding named Flash. Sadly, he tried to buck me off every chance he had. I learned how to have a good seat, so I am grateful for his ability to teach me that! He found a perfect new owner who was more experienced than I was, and that led me to my "heart horse" as the horse world calls it. She was a short, chestnut mare with an attitude. But I loved that mare with every bit of my heart. After 7 wonderful years, old age got the best of her, and I lost my best friend. My heart was broken. I had a few snapshots that my mom had taken and a couple from our shows together. But after she was gone, I didn't have much left of our memories together. I saved her halter, I still have it to this day, along with her stall plaque. But, as technology changed and grew, the digital photos I had of her were lost. Once I started high school, I took up photography and I loved it. (Turns out my great-grandpa was also a photographer. I didn't learn that until later in life.) But photography was set aside when I graduated. At the time, I never thought it was an option for me. But the second time around, it took off, and I don't plan on putting it down anytime soon.

HORSES ONLY? WHAT MAKES PHOTOGRAPHING HORSES UNIQUE?

No. I also specialize in high school senior portraits. High school seniors seem to go hand in hand with their horses. They are such big parts of our lives and how we are shaped over the years. They really define us. If you meet a true horse girl, you will know almost immediately how much she loves horses. To include horses in your senior pictures helps tell the story of who you are as a person, and it helps tell this chapter in your life.

Photographing horses is unique because you have to know horses. You have to know what is flattering on a horse and what isn't. You have to look for certain expressions; They can be so minor, but an owner is going to be able to pick out how their horse was feeling in that exact moment. Beyond knowing what to look for, you need to be able to safely work with the horse to achieve the right expressions and poses. You have to make sure the horse isn't getting stressed out. Working with horses for over 20 years has given me the insight and experience to accomplish successful photoshoots.

DO YOU TRAVEL?

I am always up for travel! I am based in Green Bay, Wis., but I will travel anywhere. I will be in Florida this March photographing many hunter/jumpers down in Wellington. I also have plans to be in Texas this summer to photograph reiners and cow horses. In late summer, I will be in Pennsylvania for some lovely East Coast portrait sessions.

WHAT IS THE BEST SHOOT YOU'VE DONE?

Oh, this is a tough one. I can't pick a best ONE. I have things I love about each and every session. There are aspects of every session that make it wonderful. I try to take the positives from every session and remember why I loved that aspect of it, and what made it so wonderful and so forth. That can range from the client's story, or maybe it was a beautiful backdrop, or maybe it was just the laughter shared.

WORST?

I can't say I have had a "worst" session. I don't know that I can say I have had even a "bad" session. If ever there is a negative aspect from a session, I analyze why that was. I try to learn from it to prevent it from happening again or to help me handle tough situations. I strive to give each and every client a fairytale session with the best experience possible.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

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BackCountry Animal Chiropractic:

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Dr. Morgan moved to Wisconsin and started her business in June 2018. She has been happily helping four-legged patients and their two-legged humans ever since. Her passion for chiropractic grew alongside her journey in obtaining her Doctorate of Chiropractic from Sherman College of Chiropractic in South Carolina, then onto Texas for postgraduate training. Today, McCaskill services "spines of all kinds," as she likes to say and works in and around the Kiel area.

DESCRIBE YOUR PATIENTS?

The majority of the patients I see are horses, dogs and humans. However, I see many other animal species for chiropractic care such as cats and cows. It is my opinion that anything with a spine can benefit from chiropractic care. My post graduate education in animal chiropractic mostly focused on horses and dogs, but I was given the tools to be able to study any animal's spine to be able to provide them with care.

Some of my favorite patients to care for are horse and rider teams. Both see the benefit of chiropractic for their athletic performance and in their day to day lives. I cannot tell you how many times growing up riding horses that I heard "your horse is your mirror image." When I started working with horse and rider pairs and seeing the same compensation patterns, it gave this phrase a whole new meaning to me. Horses are truly amazing in the way they adapt to our shortcomings as riders so that they can still perform their jobs, and rarely do they complain about it until it becomes a major issue. There are many riders that are now under my care for chiropractic because they would see improvement for the first few rides following adjustment, but then their horse would revert back to the same issue (such as not being able to pick up the correct lead, being grumpy when getting tacked up, head tossing, etc.). When I asked the rider the last time they had chiropractic care, they would often answer never. I will almost always find a pelvic imbalance, which can lead to uneven leg length and an unbalanced rider. After an adjustment to restore balance in the rider as well as the horse, those chiropractic adjustments start holding better and longer.

IS HORSE CHIROPRACTIC DIFFERENT?

The basics of chiropractic care for horses is the same as for humans or smaller pets. The ultimate goal of chiropractic is to remove restrictions and misalignments found in the spine. Both human and animal spines house our nervous system, which consists of our brain, spinal cord, and all the nerves that branch from the spinal cord and supply the rest of the body. If there are misalignments in our spine, it results in pressure on the nervous system and a breakdown of communication in the body. We call these subluxations. Depending on where there is a dysfunction in communication, you can see different manifestations. Some common ones are fatigue, muscle weakness, decreased motion and pain. Chiropractic care addresses subluxations by using a gentle adjustment to restore the body's ability to function optimally, communicate and heal from within.

A typical equine chiropractic appointment with me starts with an analysis of posture and gait, which tells me a lot about how the horse is functioning. Following this, I perform an assessment of the nervous system by checking certain reflexes. Then I go through every joint, checking motion and muscle tone of the surrounding tissue. Using all of this information, I know when and where to apply a chiropractic adjustment. I think it is very important to educate the owner as I adjust and show them the differences before and after an adjustment. Horses are big animals (I have some that I cannot even see over their withers without my adjusting bale!), so a typical appointment lasts 45 minutes to 1 hour. Canine chiropractic appointments have a similar flow, but they typically last about 30 minutes.

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

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HOW LONG IS RECOVERY FROM AN INJURY?

Healing is a process and varies from case to case. The same injury in one horse may take a month to recover, whereas it can take another 3 months for another. That recovery time depends a lot on the commitment and diligence of the owner to keep up with chiropractic care, at-home exercises and if we are doing other treatments in conjunction with chiropractic.

One of my patients is a 21-year-old Arabian cross Cob gelding named Monty. Monty was referred for a chiropractic evaluation by his primary veterinarian due to deficits in the function of his nervous system. Specifically, Monty was having trouble walking and did not seem to know where his feet were. His veterinarian thought he may have another underlying neurologic issue but suggested that chiropractic may help him heal and could be started while they waited for test results. At his first visit, Monty was very unstable, could barely walk and looked as though his legs were about to give out from under his body. When I performed testing on his nervous system, most of the reflexes were not present, and the ones that Monty had were not normal. I only adjusted his neck and pelvis at the first visit and let his body adapt to those changes. By his second visit one week later, the test results had come back from the vet, showing no signs of an underlying condition, so we decided the best course of action was chiropractic. Monty had his spine checked for subluxations once a week for 6 weeks. Each week we saw improvement in his posture, gait and reflexes.

The improvement was slow at first, but as time went on, we began to see more improvement at each visit. At his week 6 appointment, I saw enough improvement in Monty's ability to hold his adjustments that we extended appointments. His gait had improved on the straightaways, though he still had difficulty with tight turns, and his reflexes were all present and normal. Monty was even doing some short trot bursts out in pasture, though his trotting was by no means a normal gait. Just before his appointment with me on week 8, Monty's vet came back out for a check-up, and had trouble catching him because he was running around out in the pasture! Monty has stayed under chiropractic care for maintenance care. Time between appointments has increased as he has been able to hold his adjustments better—now I am seeing him every other month. His owner has also been diligent about incorporating exercises into his daily routine to help his body heal and hold adjustments. Now Monty is out in pasture playing with his pasture mate, a mini donkey named Poncho, and you would never know that 6 months ago he could hardly walk.

JUST ONE TAIL



Sadie Stops Sheboygan Shoppers in *Their Tracks!*

I bet Sadie never thought she'd be a working dog with a somewhat local-celebrity status in Sheboygan. But here she is by my side at The Rickety Wagon every day and now in this article!

Why did I decide to adopt Sadie?

After staying in a hostel in Colombia that had Chihuahuas living on-site, I decided it was time to get a dog of my own. In the past, I was accustomed to having big dogs, so this time I decided to get a smaller Chihuahua-type dog. Where from you ask? At the time, my sister had started fostering at a new rescue out of Fond du Lac county called Sandi Paws Rescue. I decided to peruse their website, and I fell in love with Sadie when I saw her with the one droopy ear. Like all the other dogs from Sandi Paws, she was a rescue from the south. And from what I was told, she is from a hoarding situation in Alabama.

In March of 2015, I met her at a PetSmart adoption event and took her home! This March marks our 5-year-adoptaversary and

her 7th birthday. She has been an amazing dog from the beginning and luckily came into my life without any major behavioral problems. Her papers list her as a Chihuahua Mix, but her vet suggested she is part Italian Greyhound, which was a breed I never heard of before. I was happy to see a feature on that breed recently in "FETCH Magazine." Her temperament reflects both breeds: Her ability to outrun every dog at the dog park reflects the Greyhound, and her disinterest in playing with the other dogs most of the time reflects the Chihuahua in her. When I first adopted her, I noticed she was pretty fearful of all men. Now, after several years, this has improved. For a long time, she would hardly take a treat from my dad. This was strange and surprising to see given her extreme food obsession. Now she jumps on his lap when she sees him. She has learned to trust a few other men, too, but still prefers women and children. When I started my business this past year, it occurred to me that it was possible to take her to work with me. So I tried it out a few times, and she does great. She now comes with me almost every day. She greets everyone that comes in the store (unless its nap time), and it brings such a smile to people's faces. Sometimes people forget they are there

to shop! A few regulars come with treats. She's especially good with kids (which was a work requirement for her), so a number of kids ask their parents to stop at the "dog" store.

Her presence has become such a conversation starter and makes this place feel so much friendlier! Plus, I love that I get to spend all day with her, and she doesn't have to be home for such long stretches. So as a thank you to Sandi Paws Rescue for bringing this girl into my life, I will be donating 5 percent of sales from the month of March. Happy shopping!



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CAT'S CORNER

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

Bobby was stressed, scared and lashing out. He needed his back leg amputated and had frequent bouts of violent coughing. His body was littered with 25 BBs from a shotgun. He didn't know how to play with toys or other cats. He wasn't used to being petted.

"His first purr, back when he was a foster, pretty much sealed the deal. He became mine officially," says Cindy Dombrowski, president of the Madison Cat Project (MCP). When he's excited, he runs in reverse before zooming forward. The buckshot in his body doesn't slow him down either. Now, he grooms and kneads his brother and sisters. He purrs like a maniac and gives smooches to strangers. "All it took was care, gentle handling, snacks and bucket loads of love from his care team at MCP," Dombrowski says.

A Paw Up

In July 2002, Dr. Susan Krebsbach founded MCP (formerly Dane County Friends of Ferals). The nonprofit works with local humane societies and other rescues to help feral and undersocialized cats like Bobby find forever homes. "Since 2007, our annual adoption numbers have increased by 250 percent," says Colin Steinke, director of the MCP. Last year, it gave 824 cats a paw up and had a 99 percent live release rate. One Saturday a month, MCP works with the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine to offer affordable spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations for cats who live indoors and outdoors. They fix approximately 840 to 960 cats per year.

A Working Shelter

MCP isn't open to the public. "All of our cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, treated for worms and tested for Feline Leukemia (FeLV)," Steinke says. West Towne Veterinary Center, Lakeview Veterinary Clinic and Mounds Pet Food Warehouse in Sun Prairie, Wis., hosts its cats. Mad-Cat Pet Supplies also has an indoor cat adoption fair every Saturday from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Barn Cats

Only 20 percent of the cats that enter its program are feral. Because they're independent or fearful of people, the organization places them on rural or farm properties. For six to four weeks, barn cats (who are at least four months old) are locked up in a tack room, small milk room or large wire dog kennel in which they have a litter box, food, water and hiding spots. "We'll give you all of the cat's medical records," Steinke says, "and provide a supply of Mounds Purrfectly Natural, the dry cat food we use at our shelter."

Stay Awhile

Cats with significant medical or behavior issues usually stay between 120 and 150 days. "If cats seem like they're overcoming those issues, we keep them in foster care as long as we can," Steinke says. MCP has around 100 active foster homes and 200 volunteers. La Fawnda had the unhappy distinction of being the longest resident at MCP. She spent 608 days in foster care because she came into the program positive for FeLV. At first, she was incredibly shy. "Once she gets to know you, she'll rub against your legs daily asking for pets," he says. "LaFawnda comes to hang out in whatever room you're in, and if you put your hand out to her, she'll come over for some scratches." LaFawnda eventually shed the virus and lives with other cats.



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Dogs on Campus Create Compassion

As the executive director of the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) in Waukesha, you are given opportunities each day to make a difference. Whether that difference is in improving the life of an animal that has found its way into your shelter, or whether it is making a difference in guiding a person to pursue their passion toward a career with animals, we are all given the opportunity to positively impact our community every day. ***I firmly believe that education is the key to a compassionate society.*** Joining forces with like-minded individuals can make your efforts grow exponentially and widen the impact.

Partnerships help to make a stronger community. Fifty percent of the mission at HAWS is dedicated to humane education; that is, spreading the values of compassion, kindness, respect, unconditional love and empathy throughout our community. By spreading these values, especially through youth education, we can make a greater impact on the lives of all animals and not just those that come through our doors. Education, on all levels and ages, makes an impact that begins a chain reaction creating animal advocates that educate others. Part of our education program provides Carroll University students with the opportunity to do internships and get hands-on experience working with dogs.

For over 10 years, we have enjoyed a partnership with Carroll University in Waukesha and with Professor Susan Lewis, Ph.D., of biology, animal behavior and marine biology. What started first as just an interest alongside a biology or psychology degree has now evolved into an animal behavior major. And what is the most exciting part of the program is course ANB 250 – Introduction to Canine Care, Behavior & Training and course ANB 255 Advanced Skills in Canine Management & Training. In ANB 255, HAWS' dogs go to college for a semester!

After successful completion of ANB 250 in the fall, students enrolled in ANB 255 are matched with their own canine partner for the spring semester. The lucky dogs are chosen for the program by the behavior de-



partment at HAWS. When they first meet their student, it's like going on a blind date that doesn't end for 12 weeks! From mid-January until late April, these pups are the responsibility of their student, day and night. They even share a dorm room with the student!

Leann Boucha, M.Ed., teaches these courses at Carroll. She graduated in 2012 from the animal behavior program and completed her master's program in 2019. Boucha also is the behavior department manager at HAWS. A generous grant from the Gloria Wendt Estate made the curriculum development and implementation possible.

Along with the opportunity to apply their animal behavior knowledge, students learn firsthand what it is like to take on that—not so perfect—but lovable pooch. Through a series of steps, the dog/student teams gain access too more and more of the campus and may even attend classes. In the early weeks, they stay in the dorms and common areas. One challenge for the dogs is learning to chill while their new best friend studies. For a pup that has been in the shelter, this can be a big challenge. In addition, the dogs receive training in basic commands and manners.



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This valuable insight helps the students truly understand the level of commitment required to transform their dogs. They also experience the frustrations and the unlimited joys of accomplishment as they see these shelter dogs evolve into confident companions. Boucha is there to support and assist along the way. Just prior to the end of the spring semester, the students will showcase what their dog learned, and then the dogs will graduate. Their furry roommate will then be ready for adoption into their forever home.

Article Courtesy of Lynn Olenik

THE HYDRANT

By TK

Welcome to the Spring edition of The Hydrant with your soon-to-be favorite pooch, TK! If you didn't read about me in the Winter edition and can't find that hard copy now, you can find the story online at <https://fetchmag.com/the-hydrant> right below this one. My adopted mom used to write this column... now I do.

My mom says that lots of people in Wisconsin don't want her to rescue from other states. She says this is a very controversial topic. I'm not sure what that means, but I've met a lot of dogs over the years, and this is what I've learned from them.

One time I met a big dog from a shelter in Atlanta, Georgia. He said he had to share a kennel with FOUR other dogs! He said that shelter was built to hold 80 dogs, but they usually have about 400 dogs there. There were never ever empty cages. Never. He said the people were really, really nice and loving. But sometimes the dogs weren't, and they'd pick on him and hurt him. Then he'd have to sleep hurt and alone in a little crate with no one to snuggle.

Another time I met a sweet little mopsy girl from a tiny town in Arkansas called Mena. Her shelter was at the end of a one-lane, gravel road. That gravel road was connected to a long, winding country road where lots of dogs would walk along the side because most learned that crossing was too dangerous. Her tiny little shelter was a tiny cinder block building surrounded by several shacks around the property and filled with dogs of all shapes and sizes. She was passing through as part of a 24-dog transport. She said those two dozen dogs barely put a dent in the rural shelter's population.

I recently met a dog from a place near Houston, Texas known as the "Corridor of Cruelty." Just hearing that name sent a shiver down my spine, and I wondered why anyone would stay there. But he said there aren't enough rescuers in the world to save them, so you just try to survive. He had no hair left and said his skin hurt. He said there was one nice lady that would bring him and his friends food and water... but if she put it too close to the road sometimes the cars would run it over. Sometimes his friends would get run over trying to eat because they were so hungry.

A shy, sweet little lady from Anderson, Indiana, crossed my path not long ago. She was kept in a kennel across from a very unhappy dog. That dog's cage was kept shut with a nylon dog collar because they didn't have the resources to fix the latch on the door. Every hallway was filled with crates because the kennels were all full. There were dogs that had been there for years because they didn't have the staff or volunteers to market them well enough. She said the people were all so full of love though, and she overheard them talk all the about praying for more rescue partners to come help.

I've met a couple dogs from MADACC right here in Milwaukee and told them about the dogs I've met. They couldn't believe it! They said their kennels were huge and they never had to share. And they are bright and new with shiny latches! There's even stuff on the walls to help make the barking not echo. The hallways are wide and clean and there's tons of amazing volunteers. They overheard people talking about all the rescue partners they have, AND they even have a really successful adoption program! I guess they adopted out about 3,000 dogs last year alone!

My mom said that MADACC isn't the only awesome shelter in the Milwaukee area either. There are several other clean, well-run, well-kept shelters that are all doing really, really well! That doesn't mean she wants dogs in those shelters not to be saved. She said she knows they're going to be because they're in such good places. And until they do get saved, they're in really great, clean, safe conditions. So, along with helping local dogs, she chooses to help some dogs that aren't guaranteed an out at all. And while they're in, sometimes for excessively long periods, they're in very difficult and sometimes very unsafe conditions.

I hope that people will consider helping animals in places that have monumental challenges that we have no knowledge of here in Wisconsin. I hope rescuers will want to support other rescuers no matter where those places are. With literally millions of homeless pets in our country, no one needs to be mad over who is saving where. Anyone that is saving lives is doing GOOD! We should celebrate that—not argue about it. If my momma wouldn't have come to get me... I might not be here. I'm so thankful for ALL rescuers!



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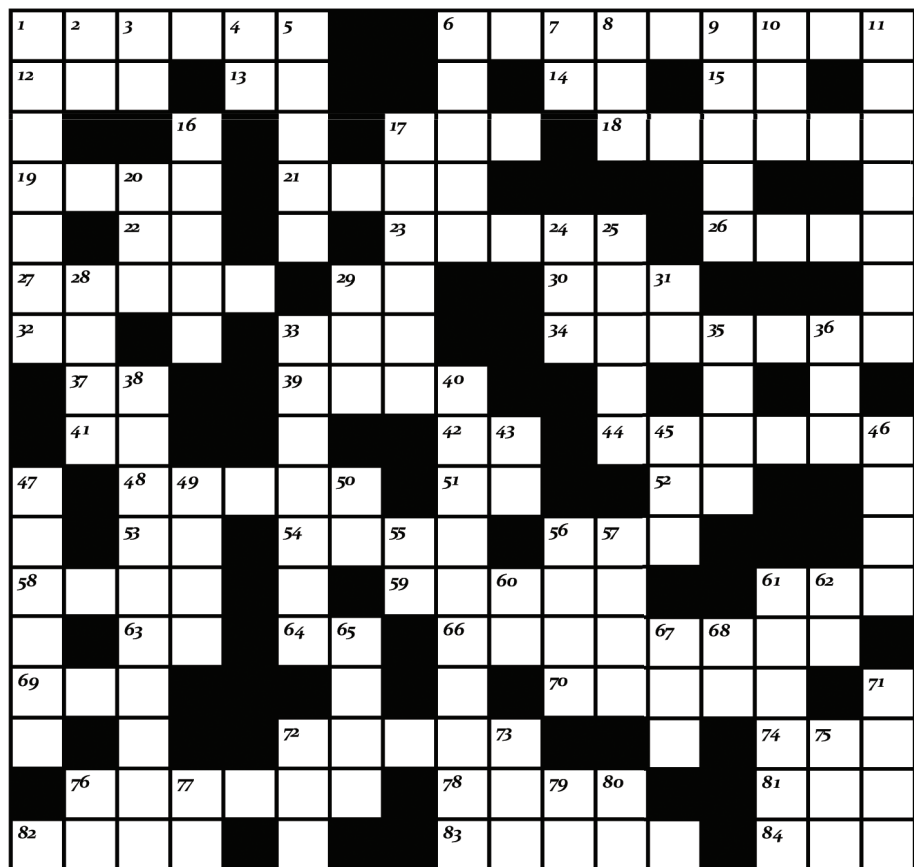
Horses & Hounds

By Gail Marie Beckman

ACROSS

1. A place for the two to sleep
6. They can be _____ animals for each other
12. Paw part
13. Intelligence quotient, for short
14. Symbol for gold
15. Em follower
17. Word with generation
18. Both horses and dogs _____ company
19. Breeds that tend to get _____ - excited are not often a good match
21. "Famous" cookie man
22. Tantalum symbol
23. Have the dog on a _____ for their first introduction
26. Type of flight
27. Particular message
29. Short for education
30. Sajak or Benatar
32. Perform
33. Years on earth
34. Pack and herd
37. Jr's dad
39. They can create a special _____
41. That guy
42. Morning initials
44. Introduce them _____
48. Section of 1 across
51. Behold!
52. "That hurts!"
53. Short for purchase order
54. Thing on the list
56. Large egg producer
58. Experience tobacco
59. Big.. and perhaps, rowdy
61. Anger color?
63. Cartoon Network, shortened
64. Hey, how _____ doing?"
66. Eventually, they'll work _____
69. Likely to
70. Baby, perhaps
72. Clip a sheep
74. Puma or ocelot
76. More than nuzzle
78. Crazy
80. Ms. Thurman
82. A deep subject
83. Give them time to _____ each other
84. Enjoy oats or kibble

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DOWN

1. Easily scared
2. Teacher's Assistant, for short
3. Paid notice
4. Symbol for lithium
5. Give them _____ attention
6. Some dogs will give in to _____
7. Mrs. Kettle
8. Particular youngster
9. Requirements
10. Short for information or infinite
11. Small, _____ dogs don't usually work well with horses
16. Type of ride
17. _____ retrievers usually have a good nature and connect well
20. Initials at the airport
24. Whirlpool, for one
25. Measure of a horse
28. Particular pit
29. Of the self
31. Between la and do
33. Skills
35. Comment from kitty
36. Short version of little
38. Well-behaved toward each other
40. Breed known for getting along with horses
43. Mode of operation, shortened
45. Ferrigno or Rawls
46. Play area, often
47. Horses and dogs are both very _____ animals
49. Small _____, USA
50. Short for light or lieutenant
55. Precedes Dorado or Capitan
56. Morning protein
57. Have them first _____ on neutral ground
60. Royal Observatory, for short
61. Search and _____
62. RN workplace
65. Dull pain
67. Oolong or chamomile
68. Hewlett-Packard, shortened
71. Bit of info
72. Like a fox
73. Full gallop
75. American Medical Association, for short
76. Cerium symbol
77. Short for deciliter
79. Symbol for titanium
80. City by the bay (abbr)

MADDIE'S TIPS 4 KIDS



BY MANETTE KOHLER, DVM, FREELANCER

Hi there! My name is Maddie, and I'm just your average fourth grader. Well... maybe not quite average but, rather, a perfectionist and a worrywart with an overactive imagination and a flare for being dramatic. At least that's how my mother would describe me!

One of my best friends in the whole wide world is our 5-month-old Golden Retriever puppy Bella. We named her Bella because *Bella* means "beautiful" in Italian, and she really is beautiful. She has become an important part of our family, even though she isn't human.



I am excited to announce the release of my children's book, "Bella's First checkup"!

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This fun story gives kids (and their families) a glimpse into the veterinary clinic and promotes how to raise a behaviorally healthy pup including the importance of socialization and fear-free handling in the clinic and at home.

www.helpinghanddvm.com for more info

At each of Bella's puppy checkup visits at the veterinary clinic, Dr. Lacy teaches us how to help Bella grow up to be a happy adult that is comfortable in our human world. Dr. Lacy said that even though we think of our pets as part of our families, it is so important to remember that they are, in fact, animals. So they think like animals, and they talk like animals. We think like humans, and we talk like humans, so we have to help our pets understand us, and we have to learn how to understand them whether they're a dog, a cat or some other critter.

Mom told me to imagine what it would be like to, all of a sudden, find myself in a foreign country where no one spoke English, all by myself unable to understand what anyone was saying. Would it be scary? Frustrating? With my overactive imagination, you can just guess what I thought of this idea! Yep, I immersed myself in this daydream and pictured myself trying to let the people around me know I was hungry or lost (and scared) or that I had to use the restroom. Ugh! It wouldn't be easy. That's for sure, and this opened my eyes to how Bella must feel as part of our human family.

Bella barks when she's excited, like when we play ball, and whines when she needs something such as getting us to open the door so she can go out to potty. Dr. Lacy taught us, though, that most of what Bella says is with her body language—her face, ears, tail, mouth and body.

The first things we learned were how to tell when Bella was happy and how to tell when she was worried or scared because worried or scared dogs are more likely to bite. "Happy dogs" are loose—with relaxed ears; level, sweeping tail; squinty eyes; open mouth. "Worried dogs" are more tense—closed mouth; ears back; wrinkles around eyes or forehead; tail might be wagging but will usually be low and stiff with only the tip of it moving; and they may also yawn or lick their lips or look at you out the sides of their eyes (half-moon eye); or slouch/hunch their body, try to hide or move away. I thought wagging tails meant the dog was happy, so I was so surprised to learn this isn't always true.

Dr. Lacy taught us that there are many things that humans do that dogs can find stressful or scary, such as hugging/kissing the dog (which can make them feel trapped), staring at the dog and patting them on top of their head and that, kids, most of all, can seem scary

to many dogs because we move quickly, make screechy noises, are unpredictable at times and might do scary things such as pulling hair or body parts, climbing on the dog or going up to the dog when it is resting or has a special treat, food or toy item.

Just yesterday, my little sister, Katie, who's 5, was jumping around just a few feet away from Bella, and my mom noticed that Bella yawned, put her ears back, turned her head away and closed her mouth. Mom said was Bella saying she was worried. She asked Katie to play further away, and then Bella relaxed and closed her eyes and drifted off to sleep. Maybe Bella wasn't sure what might happen next? Would Katie jump on her? It makes sense that she'd be worried.

This really is a very big topic, so in the next issue we will explore more about how dogs talk and all the things that humans, and especially kids, do that can make dogs worried. All of this will help us to know how to interact so that the dog is happy and comfortable.

Note to parents: Use this story and the following resources to prompt/support a family discussion about dog body language and how to foster trusting relationships between dogs and kids:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00_9JPltXHI
 Doggonessafe.com
 Livingwithkidsanddogs.com

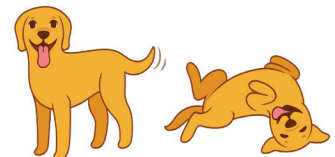
If you'd like to read more about Maddie and Bella, "Bella's First Checkup" is available on Amazon or you can contact Dr. Kohler for a signed copy by emailing her at helpinghanddvm@gmail.com.

Understanding dog body language

Happy

Relaxed posture, mouth open, wagging tail.

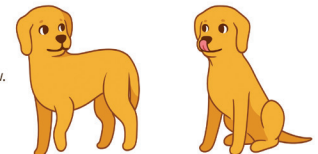
Dog is friendly and invites interactions.



Worried

Dog avoids eye contact, body tense, tail low. Licks its lips or yawns.

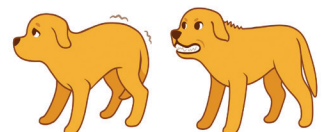
Lifting front paw in hopes of disengaging.



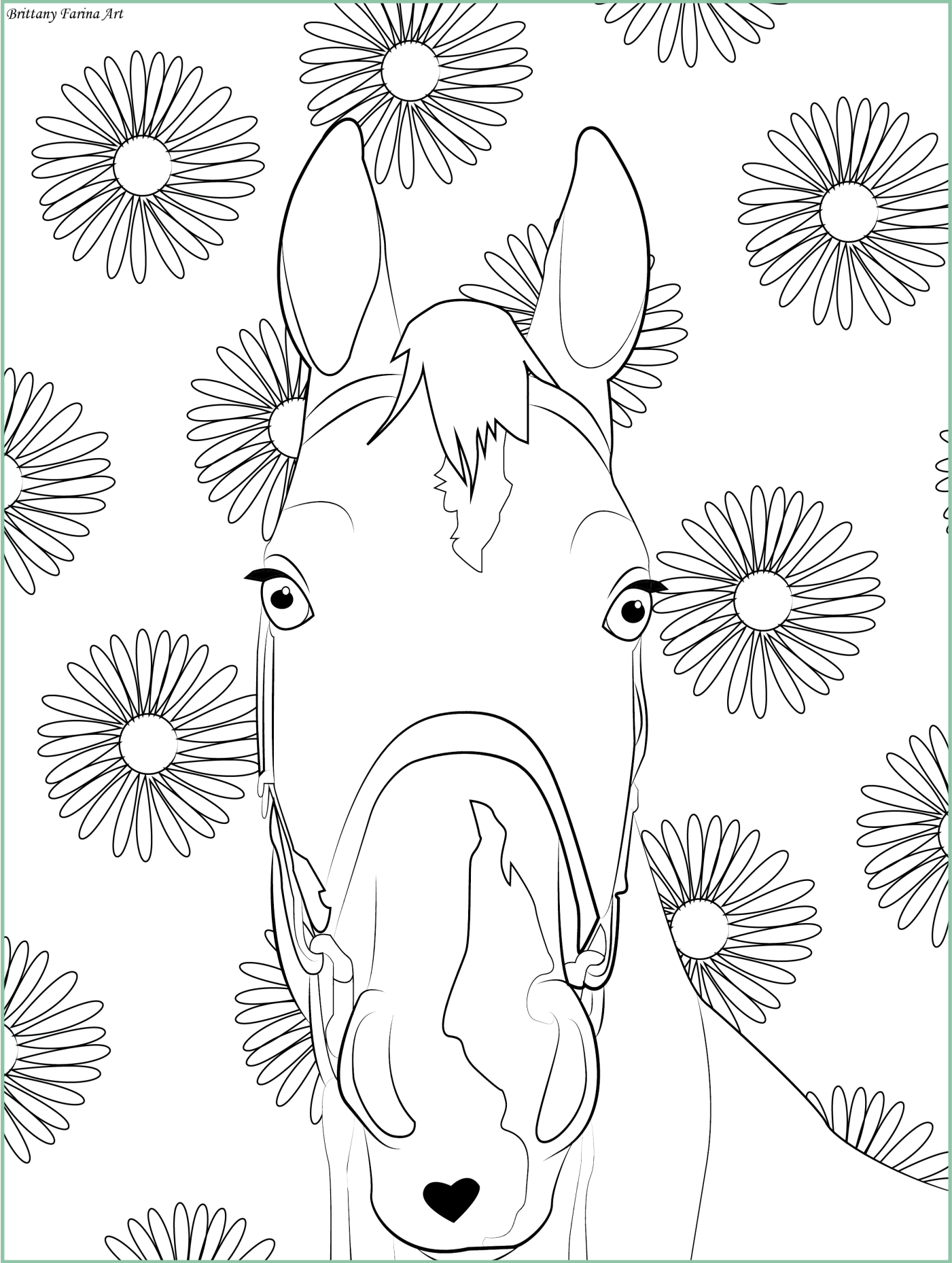
Very stressed

Very tense, cowering and trembling or growls and snarls, baring its teeth.

It is threatened and will bite if it must!



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BUCKET



Bucket of Suds is a 14-year-old TB gelding who is sound, healthy, current on everything and a horse that just about anyone can ride. He stands at 15.3 hands tall and is a very seasoned trail and arena horse. Suds is an amazing horse who is best suited as a trail horse. His adopter should be someone who can be his leader and partner.

DIXIE



Dixie is a yearling Arabian filly (not a supermodel, though she could be) who will be turning 2 in April. Dixie was rescued back in November of 2018, and she has grown into the most beautiful and kind soul with no health issues whatsoever. She is a very smart cookie who loves to learn and loves to be with her people most of all. Dixie is an open book and willing partner.

PICCOLO



Piccolo is a stunning yearling Paint filly who will be turning 2 in April. She has all of her manners intact, and she is ready to find someone who wants to watch her grow, have fun with her and eventually have her as their riding partner. Piccolo is an open book for you to take in any direction. Very healthy and gorgeous to boot!

FANNY



HALEY



HOLLY



This trio of beauties were from the same farm for the last 14 years, and their owners were aged and ill. We would be most happy if all three of these horses could find a home together. The prior owner wasn't interested in riding and just wanted a beautiful herd to care for and enjoy. The two grey mares are Mustangs, and the black mare is a Hackney/Morgan. They are about 16 years old and are gentle on halter and lead. They do not have any special needs other than good quality hay, water and some room to roam. They love affection and attention and to be loved on!

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CANINE CUPIDS

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Beatrice is a 10-lb Chihuahua mix roughly 10+ years old. She's shy at first, enjoys sunbathing, car rides, going for walks and taking speedy runs around the house. Beatrice is potty- and pad-trained and would do best in a quieter home as a solo dog or could do wonderfully with a mellow dog or cat sibling.



Selena is a loving, sweet, curious 4-year-old gal who enjoys long walks and exploration. She's smart, knows basic commands and has caught on to many phrases. She gets a bit excited on-leash but redirects well. Selena enjoys children and would like an active family but can be rambunctious, so older kids that can avoid her zoomies are best. This beauty is a great snuggler and would enjoy being your one and only.



Sox is a lovely 55-lb. female Pitbull Terrier Mix. She is a social, inquisitive and athletic 2-year-old adolescent. Sox loves to go for walks, play fetch and enjoys swimming but will also entertain herself independently. She knows several commands and is very treat motivated. Due to her size and energy level, a home with older children is preferred. Sox loves her people and will thrive as your only animal.



Meet Lilly: A beautiful brindle girl looking for her forever home. She is move in ready - already house trained and crate trained! She loves attention and snuggling next to her family on the couch. Lilly prefers to be the only dog, so she can get all the love and cuddling she deserves. If children will be a part of her life, she would do best in a home with teens or older.



Gigi is a beautiful, young girl with captivating eyes! She is looking for an active, loving family who will provide her daily exercise and training to be the best dog ever! She loves to play with all kinds of toys, and she loves treats, too! She is affectionate and adores attention. She would do best in a home with children 6 years of age or older.

ELMBROOK

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Kirara is a super-sweet lady who enjoys the company of her human friends and chatting about how your day went as well as hers. She loves play time, especially if it includes glitter balls or her Da Bird wand toy! She shares an office with a staff member and found comfort and naps easily in her cat condo or when the sun is out, in a comfy bed by the windows. Kirara is a lovely companion.



Pit Bull Advocates

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Our tripod, Amelia, is searching for an extra-understanding home that "gets" that she carries some baggage. Amelia would do well in a family with other dogs, however she guards her resources, so no young children for her! Amelia is more of an independent, happy-go-lucky pup! She enjoys sun bathing and snuggling up on the couch at night, or just doing her own thing in her bed at night - she also LOVES swimming!



Foster pup Bris is still looking for her forever family! She is the goofiest, snuggliest dog ever who loves walks, car rides, playing with toys and giving kisses and cuddling. Bris LOVES people and welcomes everyone she meets with a big kiss and wagging tail, but she will need to be the only animal in her new home. Looking for a family member to love forever? Bris says: Choose me!



Queen is looking for a castle of her very own! She loves to play with toys and hates to have them taken away. This gal loves everyone she meets...especially men. Belly rubs are known to give her the zoomies, and it is a treat to watch when this girl gets going! If you would like to meet this royal girl, come in to HAWS today!

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hawspets.org



Tyson is truly a pup with "the whole package," and he is looking for his forever home with JUST the right family. Tyson is sweet, energetic, smart, playful, thoughtful and food- and toy- motivated! He will love to continue training classes with you and will keep you laughing with his incredibly witty antics. If you have previous dog experience this sweet boy is waiting to meet you and call you his own!

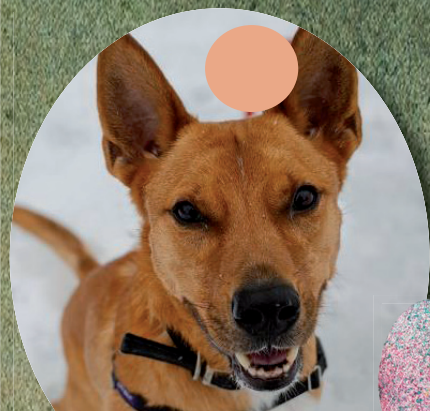
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My name is Axel, and I'm always on a mission. I love to have my ears alert and my nose to the ground. I must admit I love my humans, but I can be wary at first. Don't let that fool you! All dogs love a belly rub, including yours truly. I'm a lap dog once I trust you and love to hang out with my humans. I've done well with other dogs and cats!



Hayes is one of those dogs that wants to play ALL OF THE TIME! He loves meeting other canine playmates and will chase them until they play with him! A pretty smart guy, he knows "sit" and "shake!" His ideal home would have active people, a yard to bound through and tons of treats and tennis balls.



Reece likes to move it, move it! Reece is an active boy that likes to always be...you guessed it...moving! Walks or long runs are his thing. Hailing from Texas, he loves romping in snow. Reece would thrive in a home where he can shine as an only pet. What can he say? He wants all the attention to himself.

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Riley is the life of every party! This 6-month-old pup is still working on her play manners and is hoping to find a family without children under the age of 13. If you are looking for a companion to keep you on the move, look no further — stop by to meet Riley today!

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Finn is the most beautiful and friendly girl you could ever hope to meet! Confident, playful, trusting, loving and with endless energy to boot! Finn also loves to go on long walks and she has even been known to help carry her own leash! This pretty girl has so much to offer her very lucky forever family when they find her!



Rae is the sweetest 5-year-old Boxer mix with such an adorable face that is sure to light up your world! She is affectionate, fun loving, enrolled in our shelter dog training class and loves to play with compatible dog friends! Rae knows her forever family is out there; could it be you? Stop by and see!



Redd is a handsome, extremely affectionate 2-year-old boy who is a superstar in our shelter dog training class! Redd walks well on leash, knows several commands, loves figuring out puzzle toys, does great with balancing on the FitBone and loves to pose for pictures! He is waiting patiently for his forever home and family!



MECCA
meccaspitbullrescue.com

Titus is looking for his forever home. We prefer a home with kids older than 15, and he needs a home with leadership. He has been trained on 30 cues, and he is looking for someone who enjoys taking walks. He is neutered and up to date on vaccinations. He weighs in at 87.5 lbs and can be dog selective. Contact us for more information as Titus has a unique background we'd like to explain to potential adopters.



Odin is estimated to be 5 years old and is 87.5 % American Staffordshire Terrier and 12.5 % Bull Mastiff. He is neutered, microchipped and up to date on vaccinations. He has been trained basic and advanced obedience. A home without young children is best for Odin. He is kennel trained but will need a 6-foot high fence. He will also need daily mental stimulation. He has a handler that can explain everything about him. No cats.



Marley is a gem of a dog and has a beautiful color! She's 7 years old, spayed, up to date on vaccinations and microchipped. She's an American Staffordshire Terrier/ Rottweiler/Rhodesian Ridgeback and more mix. Marley gets along with dogs she is properly introduced to and loves kids and kids love her. She doesn't mind small dogs or a bird in the home. Easy to handle, Marley would make a wonderful family dog.



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Mamba is a 7-year-old sweetheart who is sure to bring joy to your life! This adorable guy loves resting and relaxation yet is always up for a nice walk. He prefers a home without cats and promises to be your "bestest" boy.

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Fulton is a single, timid male looking for a quiet love shack to share with the love of his life. He enjoys walks and snuggles under a blanket. Belly rubs will cause him to gaze lovingly into your eyes and make your heart melt. He is sweet as candy and smooth as a fine wine.



Cloey is a single female, stout and playful and looking for the love of her life. She enjoys romantic walks on the beach, hiking, playing in the yard, snuggles on the couch with belly rubs. She is easily wooed with treats and will bowl you over with her playfulness! Cloey would prefer to be your only, four-legged companion.

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Frosted Flakes is a sweet, single male who prefers quiet times with you where you can totally enjoy his little, extra sweetness. He loves to share walks, cuddles on the couch and bacon treats! He could share you with another four-legged friend but prefers to be your only.



**WASHINGTON
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My name is Buttercup. I'll need some time to adjust to a new home, but once I am comfortable, you will see that I am as sweet as can be. I am a big fan of facial and lower back massages. Scratch my back just above my tail or rub my cheeks near my neck, and I'm sure to be your best bud!



I'm Darrow, and I am a fun loving, handsome and active boy. I can't have another dog in my household, but I have shown promise with cats. Any children in my home should be 12 years or older and must understand to be cautious around my toys; plus, they could take part in my training and exercise routine.



Hello, my name is Geralt. They say I show something called "potential" so if my new home has a feline, I will need to be tested again. I would be good with gentle and respectful children of any age. I have phenomenal manners with my food bowl and other valuable resources, and I accept treats gently. If you ask me to sit, I could demonstrate that. I would really love cuddle time after a fabulous day of exercise.

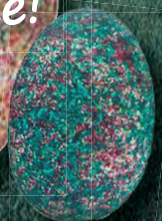


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With her elegant demeanor and stunning looks, Mirage is one wonderful cat! This 12-year-old enjoys the quiet life and loves a good spot to take a nap in. Like all of our cats, Mirage is spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped.



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RECIPE

Italian Canine Meatballs

2 Cups Quick Rolled Oats • **2** Large Eggs
2 Pounds Ground Chicken, Turkey or Beef • **½** Cup Grated Parmesan cheese
1 Teaspoon Dried Oregano • **1** Teaspoon Parsley

PREHEAT the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl. Use your hands to mix well.

Scoop out a tablespoon or two and roll it into a ball. A melon scooper works well for this. Place the meatballs on an ungreased shallow pan.

BAKE for 40 to 45 minutes depending on the size of your meatballs.

STORE in a covered container in the refrigerator for 4 to 5 days or freeze up 2 months. *You can feel good about making this treat.*

OATS: Oats are a great source of fiber, vitamins B1, B2 and E.

EGGS: Eggs are packed with protein and are rich in many essential amino and fatty acids. They also contain vitamins, including A and B12, as well as folate, iron, selenium and riboflavin which can all provide an array of health benefits for canines ranging from improved skin and coat health to stronger teeth and bones.

OREGANO: This nontoxic herb is high in antioxidants and flavonoids, and is reported to be an antimicrobial. Oregano has been used to help with digestive problems, diarrhea and gas. Research using oil of oregano has also shown it to have antifungal properties.

PARSLEY: This is one of the best natural sources of vitamin K you can give to your pet. Vitamin K helps maintain a healthy blood clotting system and promotes liver health. Parsley is also rich in folic acids and antioxidants.



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Friday- Sunday
May 15-17

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 Resch Center - Green Bay, WI

A PET'S LIFE

CAMPS, CLASSES & SEMINARS

Friends of HAWS Monthly Meeting
2nd Wed. monthly: 7:00PM
HAWS, 701 Northview Road, Waukesha
Hawspets.org, 262-542-8851

Therapy Dog Info Session
Mon. Apr. 20: 6PM
Elmbrook HS, Brookfield, Ebhs.org

Canine Massage Workshop
Wed. June 3: 6:30 to 8:30PM
Wisconsin HS Milwaukee Campus
Wihumane.org

FUNDRAISERS & GATHERINGS

**Note: Events may be canceled
or rescheduled due to Coronavirus!**

March Events Canceled

**Spayghetti and (No Balls) Dinner
for Shelter from the Storm**
Fri. Apr. 3: 4:30 to 7:30PM
St. Dennis Parish, 413 Dempsey Rd, Madison, Stfsrescue.org

**Pawparazzi Photo Fundraiser
for Canine Cupids**
Sat. Apr. 4: 11AM to 2PM
3701 S. Moorland Rd, New Berlin
Caninecupids.org

MADACC Comics Unleashed Fundraiser
Sat. Apr. 4: 8PM
American Legion Post 434, Oak Creek
Madacc.org

**Tattoos Fundraiser for HS
of Southern WI**
Sat. Apr. 4: Noon to 5PM
Tattoo Obscura, Janesville
Petsgohome.org

**Pawparazzi Photo Fundraiser Event
for MADACC**
Sun. Apr. 5: 11AM to 3PM
MADACC, Milwaukee, Madacc.org
414-649-8640

Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner
Sat. Apr. 16: 8PM
Humane Society of Jefferson County
Hsjc-wis.com, 920-674-2048

Safe Harbor HS Pancake Breakfast
Sun. Apr. 19: 8AM to 1PM
Kenosha Moose Family Center 286,
Kenosha, Safeharborhumanesociety.org
262-694-4047

Washington County Pet Expo
Sat. Apr. 25: 10AM to 6PM
3000 Hwy PV, West Bend
wcfairpark.com

Romp and Rally for HAWS
Sat. May 2: 10AM to 3PM
Sussex Village Park, Sussex
Hawspets.org

PuppyUp Madison
Sun. May 3: 10AM to 2PM
McKee Farms Park, Fitchburg
puppyupwalk.org/madison

**Inspiring Hope Dog Walk
for Czar's Promise**
Sat. May 9: 10AM to 2PM
Winnequah Park, Monona
Czarspromise.com

WBAY-TV Pet Expo
Fri. May 15-17: Hours vary
Green Bay, Resch Center
ReschCenter.com

Mutt Strut for JR's Pups-N-Stuff
Sat. May 16: 9AM
Minooka Park, Waukesha

**7th Annual Furry Friends 5K for HS
of Jefferson County**
Sat. May 16: 9AM to Noon
Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson
Hsjc-wis.com, 920-674-2048

Bark at the Park (WHS)
Wed. Jun. 10: 6:40PM
Miller Park, Milwaukee
Must fill out liability form online

**Pawparazzi Photo Fundraiser
for Canine Cupids**
Sat. Jun. 13: 11AM to 3PM
5835 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee
Caninecupids.org

**Pawparazzi Photo Fundraiser
for MADACC**
Sun. Jun. 14: 12PM to 4PM
5835 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee
Caninecupids.org

Pet Walk Milwaukee
Sat. Jun. 20: 10AM
Veterans Park, Milwaukee
Wihumane.org

PARKS & RECREATION

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

West Allis Dog Park:
11200 W. Hayes Ave., West Allis

SERVICES FOR DOGS

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

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

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

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

Hidden Paws Network
920-784-7125, hiddenpawsnetwork.com
(temporary relocation of pets)

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 & Stolen Pet
Recovery Assistance**
(assists you with free/low-cost
microchips) Ispra.org, info@Ispra.org

Milwaukee Animal Alliance
(advocacy group for shelter animals)
milwaukeeanimalalliance.org

Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog
608-752-3539, www.wivestadog.org
vestadogwisconsin@yahoo.com



Cancelling dog events,
meh! Cancelling cat
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TO THE RESCUE

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bichonandlittlebuddies@gmail.com,

Canine Cupids
caninecupids.org,
caninecupidsrescue@gmail.com

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

Friends of MADACC
Friends@madacc.org

Haven Animal Rescue
SafeHavenHSOC@gmail.com,
HavenAnimalRescueCO.org

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, paddypaws.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

FETCH MAGAZINE

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

BORDER COLLIE
Wisconsin Border Collie Rescue
WIBorderCollieRescue.org

BOSTON TERRIER
WI Boston Terrier Rescue
414-534-2996,
wisconsinbostonterrierrescue.com,
Ollie1022@sbcglobal.net

BOXER
Green Acres Boxer Rescue of WI
greenacresboxerrescue.com,
info@greenacresboxerrescue.com

CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER
Chessie Rescue of Wisconsin
920-427-4295, CRROW.org

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

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

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

COONHOUND
Coonhound & Foxhound Companions
coonhoundcompanions.com

DACHSHUND
Oolong Dachshund Rescue
oolongdachshundrescue.org,

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, gsrw.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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German Shepherd Rescue
920-606-2597, whitepawgsr.com,
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920-731-1690, CFilz@aol.com

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920-639-4274, mlgldr.com
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GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER
**Wisconsin German Shorthaired Pointer
Rescue Inc.**
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wgsprinfo@gmail.com

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**Golden Rule Rescue
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608-490-GRRR (4777),
goldenrulerescue.org,
info@goldenrulerescue.org

GRRoW
888-655-4753, GRRoW.org,
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414-517-7725, waagr.org,
president@waagr.org

GREAT DANE
**Great Dane Rescue
of Minnesota & Wisconsin**
gdromn.org, gdromn@gmail.com

GREAT PYRENEES
Great Pyrenees Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc.
920-293-8885, greatpyrrescuewi.com,
wooflodge@yahoo.com

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

Apple Valley Pit Crew
applevalleypitcrew.org

Pit Bull Advocates of America
pitbulladvocates.org

Helping Pitties in the City (Remember Me Ranch)

remembermeranch.org/pittiesinthecity,
pittiesinthecitymke@gmail.com

Misfits Mutts Dog Rescue
misfitmuttsdogrescue.com

Off-the-Chain MKE
offthechainmke.org

PUG

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

SAINT BERNARD

Wisc. St. Bernard Rescue
414-764-0262, wstresq@jmuch.com,
saintrescue.org

SHIBA INU

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

SHIH TZU

New Beginnings Shih Tzu Rescue
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Shih Tzu Rescue of Central Wisconsin
shihtzurescueofcentralwi.org

VIZSLA

**Central Wisconsin
Vizsla Rescue Club (CWVC)**
608-279-4141, WiVizslaRescue@gmail.com

WESTIE

Wisconsin Westie Rescue, Inc.
920-882-0382, wisconsinwestierescue.com,
westies@new.rr.com

BIRDS

RoseBerry Bird Rescue, Neenah, WI
920-729-0901, RoseBerryRescue@aol.
com,
roseberrybirdrescue.org

CATS

Almost Home Kitty Rescue
almosthomekittyrescue.org,
info@almosthomekittyrescue.org

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

EXOTIC PETS

**Kingdom Animalia
Exotic Animal Rescue**

920-609-3529, kaear.org (reptiles,
amphibians, birds, small animals,
invertebrates)

Green Bay Aquarium Society

920-419-8839, GBASonline.org

Steve Keller the Snake Man

920-428-9573

FERRETS

Fox Valley Ferret Rescue
920-574-2277, foxvalleyferret.com

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