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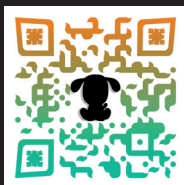
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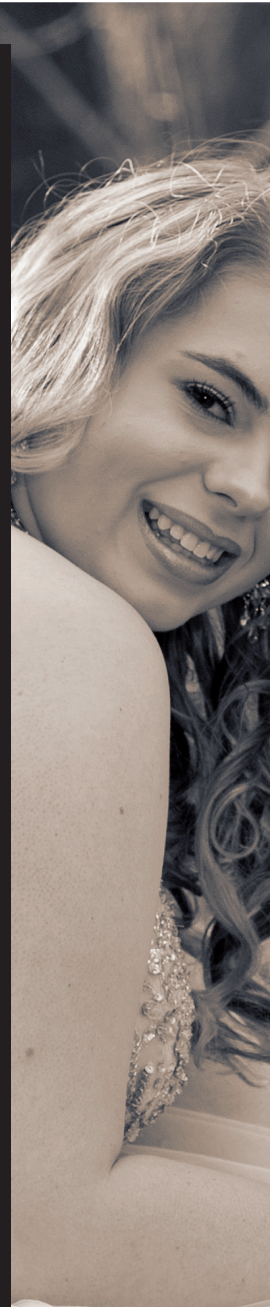
cover girl...

Elizabeth Parkinson is 18 & attends South Milwaukee High School. Parkinson plans to attend college with a major in early childhood education. She currently resides with 2 cats, Princess & Whiskers, & a Siberian Husky named Yukon. Elizabeth is involved with the Wisconsin Humane Society Young Advocates Club. She helped organize a pet food drive to help stock the shelves of a pet food pantry, & she has sewn old sweaters into pet beds for a local animal shelter.

cover dog...

Jameson is a big, personable goofball that loves everyone he meets. He has a fabulous wardrobe and a bossy older sister, Jade. His quirkiness makes him so unique along with his "flowered" or spotted coat. His ability to adapt to any situation makes him a great ambassador for his breed. His interests include Star Wars, modeling, napping and eating!

~Jineen McLemore-Torres



The "OH NO" Spot:
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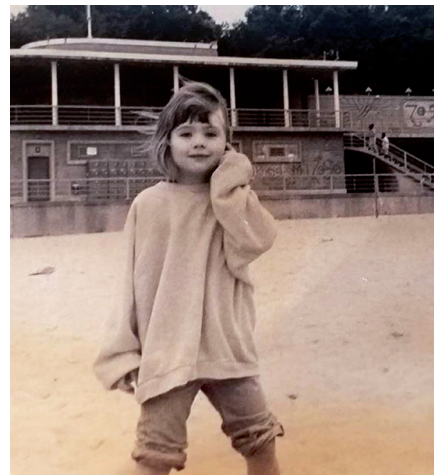
Dear FETCH Friends:

My heart goes out to every person that works with animals. As a child, I dreamed of becoming a vet (see page 8 about Megan's dream). My 4-year-old daughter Scarlett, posing above with our dog Sophy, would also like to be a vet, ironically. But it is definitely not a job for someone like me. I cry constantly about dogs. So if I had to euthanize dogs or other animals as a part of my job, my head would not be able to move beyond that. It's safe to say I am not strong enough. I once volunteered at MADACC (sorry, Karen, for not continuing), and I literally cried day and night for months. I'm tearing up now just writing about it. My dad, Tom Putz, God rest his soul, told me not to go back because I am not the type WHO can handle that. He was right (and boy do I miss how right he always was). I often dream about working with animals and having my own rescue, but again, can I handle that? It really takes special people with gifts from God to do these jobs that are talked about in this issue. They deserve

the utmost respect from all of us who are not capable of performing such tasks. My outlet for working with animals is simply producing this magazine. I believe (and I hope you do as well) that this is in some small way helping them! Again I encourage anyone with suggestions, comments or concerns to reach out to me. I'm not one to ignore another's opinion or steer away from conflict. I am one to recognize it and appreciate it for what it's worth, and it's how I learn moving forward.

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THE VET IS IN

When Childhood Dreams Come True

BY MEGAN TREMELLING, DVM, LVS

When people find out I am a veterinarian, many of them say, "Oh, I always wanted to do that!" They then go on to relate all the reasons it didn't work out. Surprisingly, none of them have so far admitted that the reason was that they couldn't pass organic chemistry.

The next thing they say is, "You're so lucky! You must love it!" Well, yes and no. I feel about my job the way a parent may feel about a highly spirited toddler: I always love it, but I don't always like it, and there are times when I wonder how long I can keep up with it.

Becoming a veterinarian is challenging, there's no doubt about it. This is not a career you wind up in accidentally like real estate appraisal or furnace duct cleaning. It's more of a calling than a job. Most veterinarians either knew from early childhood onward that it was their future or had some kind of epiphany later on. The process of answering that calling is long and sometimes painful. As the famous choreographer Twyla Tharp says about becoming a professional dancer, "[To devote years of your life] working very seriously, with complete commitment, for not a penny... You have to be either hopelessly passionate or very stupid."

Getting into veterinary medical school is a challenge as there are more qualified people interested in going than there are seats available. Once you have gotten in, it is four years of very hard work to try to learn enough to take good care of every animal species on the planet except humans. It culminates in a crushing exam for licensure that not everybody passes. Tuition is a burden in most university programs; the days are long gone when a summer job could earn enough money to pay a year's tuition and living expenses. I was fortunate enough to graduate with a debt load that was only about twice my first year's salary. Costs have gone up since then. I regularly hear of young veterinarians graduating with \$200,000 or more in student loans. Passion, it seems, has a price.

Fast forward a couple of decades, and my passion for taking care of animals hasn't faded. Of course, there is nothing quite like the feeling of being presented with a miserable or dying pet, providing it with the

skilled care to fix the problem and returning it to a grateful owner to live happily ever after. Routine care, like vaccinating puppies, doesn't provide much excitement, but it's still rewarding because I've seen what happens to the animals that don't get that care, and it isn't pretty. You only have to watch one puppy suffer through parvo or hear stories from the older generation who tried to treat dogs before the parvo vaccine existed to know that giving that vaccination is good and important work.

I don't delude myself that I'm some kind of hero. I am not feeding the hungry or pulling children out of burning buildings. But I do see value in helping the critters that can't help themselves and thereby helping the humans who love them. Pets are a source of companionship, stability and affection in a world that needs them desperately. By helping people to keep and enjoy their pets, I like to think I'm making the world a better place in my own small way.

As an emergency veterinarian, I work nights, weekends and holidays. This was my choice, and so there's a limit to how much sympathy I can expect for it, but to be fair, somebody's got to do it; so if I were not there at 2 am to help your pet, it would be some other veterinarian, equally sleep-deprived, over-caffeinated and vitamin D-deficient. Most veterinarians can only work nights for a couple of years before they burn out. I've been doing it for 20.

I enjoy problem-solving, and there is no shortage of problems at my job, but sometimes it becomes less of a fun puzzle and more of a frustrating labyrinth. There are patients that defy diagnosis. There are patients that don't respond to treatment the way you expect them to. Living organisms are complex enough that it will never, ever be possible to know every variable in the system. This means that I am provided with ample opportunity to look like an idiot on a regular basis. The only consolation I have is that all veterinarians everywhere have the same problem. I'm in good company.

No sensible person becomes a veterinarian for the purpose of getting rich; that would be like moving to Seattle for the purpose of getting a good suntan. There are certainly veterinarians who do very well for themselves; there are also those who will never be able to scrape together enough money to buy a home or provide for a family. We

could have made more money as engineers, lawyers, dentists or medical doctors. There's no doubt about that. I have to admit that I seriously considered not going to veterinary school when I found out I could make more money as an optometrist. In my experience, optometrists are usually not working at 2 am. On the other hand, my patients are mostly cuter than humans are.

And then there are the clients. Most of them are wonderful people who want to do what's best for their pets and appreciate my help. A few of them, sadly, seem to regard me as an obstacle rather than an ally. Then there are always the ones who think that a Google search is an adequate substitute for four years of medical school (it isn't) or that having owned several dogs in their lifetime provides equivalent experience to treating thousands of dogs in a career (it doesn't). And lastly, there are those who just can't understand why we veterinarians have to charge for our services. Unfortunately, unlike a dancer, no matter how passionate I may be, I can't do my job for free. The tools and supplies we use cost enormous amounts of money. And ultimately, I also need to eat.

Lastly, being a veterinarian takes an emotional toll in many ways. I believe that performing euthanasia is a privilege that spares animals from suffering, but that doesn't mean it's easy for me. I'm not a fan of having people lash out at me because I'm a handy target for their grief, guilt or frustration. There are certainly times when I wonder why I have invested years of my life, endless hard work and large sums of money all to earn the privilege of being yelled at by a client who doesn't understand that I'm trying to help. And I could happily go the rest of my life without ever again having to call a devoted owner in the wee hours of the night to give them heartbreaking, bad news.

Do I Like Being a Veterinarian?

Overall, yes. Would I do it again? Some days yes; some days no. There are easier paths I could have chosen. Would I recommend it to anyone else? Maybe not. For those who think they might maybe enjoy being a veterinarian, I recommend considering other options. But there are those who hear the call, who feel the passion and who are willing to make the sacrifices. You know who you are. And it can be rewarding—assuming you can pass organic chemistry.

HARD TRUTHS: Vets & Suicide

BY KERRI WIEDMEYER, DVM, WVRC

It is not uncommon to think veterinary medicine consists of playing with rambunctious puppies and purring kittens. Unfortunately, these interactions are a rare highlight in what can be a grueling profession. A study published by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in January 2019 showed that veterinarians are 3.5 times more likely to commit suicide than the general population. This may come as a shock to most people. How can someone around animals all day long be sad or depressed or have suicidal thoughts?

This increased rate of suicide in the veterinary field can partially be attributed to the personalities of those individuals who are drawn to the veterinary field. Veterinary school is a very rigorous program. Those who apply are typically very driven and hard-working, and many may even consider themselves to be perfectionists. Unfortunately, these qualities are also linked to increased personal performance standards, stress and anxiety. Veterinary school also comes with a huge financial burden, and it is not uncommon for veterinarians to be hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt after their schooling is complete.

For most veterinarians, our days consist of examining animals, assessing their problems and diagnostics, coming up with and discussing treatment options with owners, and record keeping. While that does not sound like a stressful day, it is compounded by the fact that pets cannot communicate what is wrong or where they hurt. This can add another layer of complexity and stress to the practice of veterinary medicine.

The wide range of emotional situations encountered by veterinarians on a daily basis also contributes to high suicide rates. For example, a veterinarian could be in an exam room where they had to patiently examine an over-

zealous, wiggly puppy, only to walk into the next exam room containing an older dog who, after examination, is found to have an abdominal mass which means a discussion of possible cancer with his owners. It can be quite the emotional rollercoaster. Breaking difficult or unexpected news to owners can be a very taxing part of the job, as is carrying out the difficult task of euthanasia. Veterinarians are trained to exude empathy and compassion in these situations, but this can take a toll over time. It may lead to an increased incidence of compassion fatigue in the field.

**3.5 Times
More...**

Client interactions also add an additional layer of stress to the profession. Often, clients will try and research symptoms on the internet and come to a presumptive diagnosis, which can lead to confusion as to why veterinarians may recommend certain diagnostics to determine the cause of their pet's symptoms. In cases where even vast testing does not lead to a specific diagnosis, clients can become angry and frustrated that their veterinarian cannot figure out what is wrong with their pet. Long wait times at emergency facilities is another source of irritation for clients that can impact client-veterinary interactions. Clients are also typically emotionally distraught when dealing with difficult news about their pet. Sometimes, these feelings can be redirected as anger towards their veterinarian.

Finally, another reason the field has high suicide rates is that struggles with work/life balance can compound these other stressors for the veterinarian. They tend to work very long hours to accommodate clients and their pets, and they often stay longer than they're scheduled to perform procedures, complete surgeries and finish paperwork. Over time, this increases emotional burnout that, if not corrected or

treated, can increase the potential for suicidal tendencies.

When faced with feelings of suicide, unfortunately, veterinarians are also equipped with the knowledge of how to do it. They have access to anesthetic, pain and euthanasia drugs, as well the knowledge of how to combine them to be lethal; this can be used to facilitate suicide in a different or debatably easier way than the general population.

How Can You Help?

Finances are a large factor of stress for both the pet owner and the veterinarian. Owning a pet comes with its own financial burden. Vaccines, diagnostics, treatments, medications and procedures cost money, and owners should be prepared for possible costs that may occur over the years. Please keep in mind that most people do not become veterinarians for the money. It is not the lucrative job often associated with having "Dr." before one's name. Thus, it is unjust to think that a veterinarian is recommending a diagnostic treatment or procedure to pad their pocketbook. Payments go toward running a clinic, staff, equipment, medicine and upkeep. So having a separate emergency savings account for your pet and understanding the potential medical costs that come with pet ownership is ideal. Pet insurance is also a growing market and can be a cost effective option for routine wellness and emergency pet expenses.

Be patient. Your veterinarian is not making you wait on purpose. They are likely running around treating as many animals as efficiently as possible. This means they might not have not had lunch, gone to the bathroom or even had a drink of water.

Remember that your veterinarian is a human being who is just trying to do their job to the best of their ability. Treat them as you would want to be treated; with respect and kindness. Remember that they took an oath to do no harm, and they just want what is best for your pet. And please—the next time you talk to or see your veterinarian, say thank you. Those words mean more than you might think.

BREED PROFILE

Chinese
Shar-PeiA Wrinkly
Wonder

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

Pepper was black, short and chunky. The one-year-old Shar-Pei looked like a baby hippo. She had mange and infected ears. Chained outside in the heat, she stunk badly. Her owners wanted to euthanize her. But there was something special about her. Kathy Bailly, the president of Shar-Pei Savers in Genoa, Ohio, adopted Pepper and trained her to be a therapy dog. (Next year, she'll be 12 years old.) Independent, regal, alert and dignified: Is this wrinkly wonder right for you?

HISTORY

The Shar-Pei most likely originated in the small fishing village of Tai Li in southeastern China during the Han Dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE). While Marco Polo's journal, published in 1271, only mentions Pugs and Chow Chows, a translation of a 13th-century Chinese manuscript refers to

a dog with a "sandpaper-like coat" and a blue-black tongue. Chinese farmers used Shar-Peis for hunting, herding and guarding their livestock. Following the establishment of the People's Republic of China as a communist nation, Shar-Peis were declared upper-class luxuries and were virtually wiped out. During this period, a handful was smuggled into Hong Kong and Taiwan. They were crossbred with Tibetan Mastiffs, Chow Chows, Great Pyrenees, Bulldogs and Boxers.

In April 1973, Matgo Law, owner of Down-Homes Kennel in Hong Kong, begged U.S. dog fanciers to "save the Shar-Pei." Then the "Guinness Book of World Records" proclaimed the Chinese Fighting Dog the rarest dog breed on Earth. Commercially-minded breeders pumped out litters as quickly as impulsive buyers could pull out their credit cards. By the mid-'80s, the Shar-Pei craze died down.

CLOWNING AROUND

On April 1, 2018, Jineen McLemore-Torres adopted Jameson from Shar-Pei Savers. At three months old, he hadn't opened his eyes. "He had a visible cherry eye, and we believe the breeder who surrendered him was unable to sell him," she says.

"Jameson was initially a medical foster, but my female Shar Pei Jade and I both fell in love with him," Jineen says. When he's not lounging on his favorite bed or digging in the mud, he's running full speed into the couch, without even trying to jump up on it. "When I was playing with him last...he threw himself on the ground, making a loud thump, rolled on to his back, legs in the air and expected a belly rub while nibbling on my hands."

His stubbornness always rears its ugly head whenever he's at the store or an event. If he doesn't want to leave, he plops down on his side or back and refuses to move. "Everyone thinks it's hilarious, but it doesn't feel funny when it's happening to me," she admits.

Whenever you try to teach a Shar-Pei a new trick without his favorite treats (ahem...antlers), he'll throw shade at you. While Jameson is a bit lazy, he earned his AKC Star Puppy certification when he was under a year old. Jineen recently began teaching him to shake hands and give high five. "I thought it'd be at least a week of short sessions," she says, "but at the end of a 10-minute session, he was throwing his paw up."

HEALTH

"The joke in the Shar-Pei world is, if you're not willing to spend thousands on your dog for healthcare, don't get a Shar-Pei," Kathy says. Shar-Peis are prone to familial Shar-Pei fever (FSF), which causes fever, temporary joint pain and swelling. It can lead to polyarthritis, liver failure and kidney failure.

"There's no cure for FSF; only supportive care," says Dr. Erin Wilson from Spring Harbor Animal Hospital in Madison, Wis. "Owners should talk to their family vet about keeping pain medications or non-steroidal anti-in-



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flammatories on hand for painful flare-ups. They should also learn how to take their Shar-Peis' temperatures, as prolonged elevated body temperature may require hospitalization and IV fluids."

Shar-Peis are also susceptible to skin infections, eye problems (like retinal dysplasia or glaucoma) and bloat, which is a potentially fatal twisting of the stomach that requires immediate surgical treatment. "We've also found that dogs with a horse coat will tend to get kind of a smell to them," Bailey says. "They sleep in a ball, so their bellies tend to get stinky." Use a baby wipe or gentle shampoo.

While Shar-Peis don't require a lot of exercise, a sweater or jacket may be needed during the worst of the winter months. "During summertime, walking should be limited to early mornings or evenings when the weather is cooler," Dr. Wilson says.

SHOULD YOU ADOPT A SHAR-PEI?

Shar-Peis don't show well in shelter settings. When people walk by their cages, they either shrink back or start to bark. "People see that side of them and think, 'I don't want a dog like that,'" Kathy says. But Shar-Peis are extremely intelligent and devoted to their families. They slowly warm up to strangers but generally are great once you get to know them. "They are very clean dogs and housetrain very young...and they give the best hippo kisses."

AT A GLANCE

Origin: China
Original Jobs:

Guarding, fighting
& farm work

AKC Breed Popularity:
64 of 193

Lifespan: 8-12 yrs

Height: 18-20 inches

Weight: 45-60 pounds

Health: A breed prone to health issues like hip & elbow dysplasia, skin fold infections, autoimmune thyroiditis & eye problems.

Trainability: Moderately easy for people with experience.

Intelligence: High

Socialization: Extremely loyal & devoted to their families but can be shy or aggressive toward strangers.

Exercise: One 20-40-min. walk per day.

Coats: Short — horse coat — to 0.49 inch,

Medium — brush coat — 0.5 to 1 inch,

Long — bear coat — more than 1 inch

Colors: Red, black, cream, apricot, chocolate, brown & blue

Grooming: Requires a rub-down with a grooming mitt once per week.

THE HYDRANT



TK'S STORY

BY MICHELLE SEROCKI,
BCBC, FREELANCER

I have a dog that doesn't like to be touched. His name is TK. I have no idea why he was named that, but I pretend it's short for Taco King. He's got spicy taco pajamas now to prove that's what it means. He loves the jammies that came with his new life, and I love that he makes my life new. However, I must constantly remind friends and family of his aversion to being pet.

We traveled to an overwhelmed shelter in Chattanooga, Tenn., for two dogs, TK and Ms. Pocket. When I arrived at McKamey Animal Center, I was met by a very friendly and slightly frazzled worker. It was obvious she loved her job and the animals involved despite the visible stress displayed on her face. She gave my friend and me the dime tour of their quite spacious and uncommonly clean shelter, at least compared to what I was used to seeing around the country. They had sufficient adoption space for animals to meet potential families and ample outdoor play yards, both grassy and concrete, created for different uses. It was really quite nice, which helped me to convince myself that things were a little better

for the hundreds of homeless animals contained within.

TK and Ms. Pocket had been sharing a kennel run because TK was shutting down until they tried the buddy system. It worked like a charm and made their long shelter stay more bearable. This was TK's fourth time at the "Animal Control Hotel." His parents had frequent run-ins with the law, and while they went to jail, TK would be dropped off at the shelter. This particular stay lasted four months. This time, instead of being picked up when his parents got out of jail, he was signed over, no longer wanted by anyone.

"I backed off and knew at that moment this guy had been through some things."

The staff knew that we were coming, so they moved TK and Ms. Pocket into wire crates until our arrival. That way their run could be used for other dogs with no place to go. These two dogs couldn't have been more different. Their brindle brown coats were about all they had in common. Ms. Pocket was pocket-sized as her name suggests. Her ears stood tall and were, by far, the biggest part of her body. She wiggled and wagged so hard at the sight of her rescuers that her whole crate moved. TK stood tall and although thin, he probably almost doubled Ms. Pocket's weight. His ears were cut off low and the tops were all scar tissue, the result of years and year of flies biting at them. I moved a foot toward TK's crate, expecting the same sweet welcome I had gotten a moment ago from his girlfriend but instead received a low, barely audible growl. He froze and glared at me from the corner of his eye. I backed off and knew at that moment this guy had been through some things.

It's unusual in rescue to have an accurate and lengthy backstory. Many

animals are strays with a completely unknown past. Others belong to people like TK did, but they typically don't share information over years of drop-offs and pick-ups. We know TK's birthday is 7/30/11. We know the first 7 years of his life were lonely. The reason is unclear, but it's known that he was kept on a chain in the yard for the entirety of his life. You might think that this meant he enjoyed visiting McKamey where he was offered shelter and human interaction, but that was not his reality. Being confined to a space much smaller than a yard and surrounded by humans would have been very stressful. His anxiety came out in unwanted behaviors like growling, pacing, shaking and lack of appetite.

TK has been home with me now for a little over a year. I love animal behavior and rehabilitation, so I decided to foster him and see what we could learn and accomplish together. His trust issues abounded, and his lack of human handling made physical touch aversive to him. It took months for us to build enough of a bond and positive association with touch for him to tolerate it from me. He's still incredibly hand-shy, and his skin jumps unless you tell him you're going to touch him and do it ever so slowly. He solicits interaction with people and enjoys their company while sitting by them, but that's where he draws the line. It's by far harder on people than it is on him. He's so handsome and sweet, and everyone just wants to love on him.

He wants to love back, and together we think we've found a way.

I'm excited to announce that TK's taking over writing The Hydrant in 2020 to share his perspective on dog-related stories.

He's excited to be part of your lives in this way. Please join TK this coming year to experience his adventures, friends and firsts as an official FETCH writer!



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Remembering the Other Forgotten Soldier

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

For four years, Department of State (DOS) Agent Paddy worked as an Explosive Ordnance Division Technician at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. When Danny Scheurer and the rest of his unit went to clear a building, he leaped from an SUV and dashed to the door. “We tried to run,” Danny remembers. “But the guys in the back — because they didn’t have radio silence or a [military] dog—breached the building. It blew up.”

While serving their country, both Danny and Paddy were injured. Danny was given a 70 percent disability rating. “I received VA medical care, options for schooling, paid training for employment and multiple other perks for serving my country.” However, Paddy was labeled unsuitable for typical retirement. Because of former aggression, he was slated to be put down.

“How’s that for a soldier who serves?” Danny says. Dogs have been officially serving as four-legged soldiers in the U.S. military since World War I (1914-1918). Approximately 5,000 military working dogs (MWDs) served in the Vietnam War. They saved nearly 10,000 human lives. (The U.S. Army didn’t keep records before 1968). MWDs also

took part in the takedown of Taliban leader Osama bin Laden and ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

There are around 2,500 MWDs in service today and 700 deployed overseas. “Imagine hearing both stories, while not aware that Paddy is a canine,” he says. “Most people’s reaction would be anger, concern or consternation regarding a veteran being denied retirement due to atypical retirement qualifications.”

That’s where Save-A-Vet in Lindenhurst, Ill., comes in. Danny started the nonprofit to rescue canines that aren’t adoptable because of their attack training, field experiences or physical and mental injuries—including post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries that may cause dogs to barely blink or eat.

“Unlike a lot of agencies, the DOS truly cares about their K9s and reached out to Save-A-Vet asking us to take him [Paddy] into our program,” Danny says. “I’m very happy they did this as he’s now one of our most loveable K9s and the new mascot of the organization.”

The English Springer Spaniel loves all animals and people. He usually can be found claiming all of the office couches or stuffing tennis balls under their cushions. “He’s got about 150 balls everywhere. He constantly has one in his mouth,” Danny says.

“We don’t have a normal shelter because we don’t foster.” Instead, Save-A-Vet puts K9s in secured facilities throughout the country. It also hires disabled military or law enforcement officers to care for its dogs in exchange for rent-free housing. They’re randomly drug tested. “They must be able to pass a background check and either be employed or attending school full-time with a minimum of a B average,” Danny says. “It’s not a free handout. You wake up at 6 a.m. and take care of my dog. If it’s not being fed at 6 a.m., you’re fired.”

Save-A-Vet is a place of mutual healing between two-legged and four-legged veterans. Ornella, for example, was retired from Homeland Security’s U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Agency (CBP) because she started eating her own tail. “When we fixed her, it was allergies. The veterinarian figured out that she probably had gotten into drugs.”

Her sharp nose served our country’s borders for two years. Her handler CBP Officer Shawn Johnson says, “She possesses those qualities and energies that make a successful drug detector dog a smuggler’s worst fear.” In 2014, she suffered a fatal heart attack. “The veterinarians tried CPR, but she wasn’t able to pull through,” Danny says. “Although Ornella has passed, we’re happy to have given her what I can only imagine have been the best two years of her life.”

Public donations and Made in America companies such as Basecamp and the Travel & Adventure Show power Save-A-Vet, which cost nearly \$81,000 to run last year, even with seven unpaid, full-time staffers. “When we put out that we need volunteers, we typically have a couple hundred people show up,” Danny says. “We have volunteers all over the country.”

Save-A-Vet doesn’t take dogs from civilians or rehome their K9s. (Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, handles all MWDs adoptions.) “With Save-A-Vet’s leadership, military canines became veterans after decades of being categorized as equipment,” says Randi Scheurer who is Danny’s father and the nonprofit’s photographer.

Nero is a former Navy bomb dog. He had two discs in his back fused together and a golf ball-sized lump removed from his jaw, but he was never caged. Firemen, cops and construction workers would drop by his house every morning to bring him bacon. “He was Danny’s constant companion until the end,” Randi says. During Nero’s final days, Danny laid with him in the back of a van—wrapping his arms tightly around him, making another forgotten soldier’s “golden years” golden.

For more information, visit saveavet.org or call 815-349-9647.



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BY KAREN SPARAPANI, MADACC'S ED

My job as the Executive Director of Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) varies not only daily, but minute to minute. I can be cleaning up after animals, managing staff and animal populations, putting out figurative fires, handling customer service, teaching at the Milwaukee Police Academy, dealing with law enforcement, social service agencies, health departments, and residents with animal-related crisis all over Milwaukee.

There is no such thing as a dull day at MADACC. I feel so fortunate to be able to serve the community in this capacity and honestly still love coming into work every day. I am on call 24-hours a day every day of the year to assist with law enforcement or animal emergencies when MADACC is closed. I am also the appointed Humane Officer for all the municipalities in Milwaukee, except for Greendale. This allows me to consult on animal abuse cases, prosecutions and large animal seizures.

MADACC is the largest government animal control facility in the state, dedicated to the 19 municipalities that are part of Milwaukee County. As a governmental agency,

and a public safety organization first and foremost, many people do not understand why we operate the way we do. We are not a traditional humane society with an animal control contract. We do as much as we can for every person and animal that needs us as long as we can remain compliant with state law and local ordinances while ensuring the safety of people and animals in the community.

Every hour at MADACC, we have people who come in needing special assistance. While MADACC cannot do everything for everyone, we will never turn someone away who needs food, or something we can provide easily such as pet supplies or referrals for low-cost assistance. We are not a not-for-profit organization, but we are committed to enabling owners to provide the best care possible for their best friends. That means going above and beyond for many people in lots of ways.

We have personally paid reclaim fees and medical fees at outside vet clinics for those who have no financial resources. Why? Because it meant they could get their animal back or the animal could get care it needed. We had a veteran who lost everything in a house fire and we took up a collection of furniture, clothing and personal items, so when he was released from the VA, he had a fully furnished apartment and everything he needed to start again rather than have to sleep on the floor with nothing. You do not read about this stuff because we are not doing it to get praise or get on the news. We are doing these things because they are the right things to do and nothing more.

Animal control is a relatively simple endeavor on paper. If an animal is off their owner's property, we take and hold them to keep them safe until an owner can come retrieve them. In practice, it rarely goes that easily. Add onto it the many animals that are seized by law enforcement, animals that are abandoned

when people move out of homes or apartments and animals that are abused and neglected beyond all hope. Things can become very hard very quickly on a daily basis.

While I have met very few people happy to come to MADACC and pay to get their animals back, most are happy that they were safe, not stolen or injured and can come home where they belong. For those animals who are not as fortunate, either no owner comes to get them or they were dropped off by their owner as a stray for lack of shelter or rescue space to surrender them to, we have a very robust adoption program at MADACC now comprising of volunteers. We are always in need of adoption counselors at MADACC. This year we will have adopted out over 3,000 animals. We can continue to increase the number of animals we can adopt out if we have more surgical staff and volunteers to get them ready to meet the public.

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A Glimpse at the Inner Workings of **5 Inspiring Local Rescues**

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

Every day, animal rescuers are on the front lines battling against brutality and running around like the Energizer Bunny. They juggle saving lives, raising money, dealing with drama and balancing their work and family lives. **RESCUE IS HARD.** Turnover is high. But these five local rescues show you that there's still good in the world regardless of all the hardships.



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Lakeshore Avian and Reptile Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc.

Four years ago, Heather Pekrul opened Lakeshore Avian and Reptile Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc. (LARRS) in Sheboygan, Wis. Even with the help of four fosters and five regular volunteers, she puts in 16-hour days. "I'm footing the bill for the electricity for all the animals. I have a full-time job to pay my bills that I have to juggle with my family," she says. "There's a lot of times that I can't do things because someone has to be here with the animals." LARRS has more than 60 aquatic turtles, such as red-eared sliders and Northern map turtles, in 1,200 gallons of water.



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"The hardest part is having to make animals comfortable until they pass away." When Pekrul rescued Jack, a leopard gecko, she didn't think he was going to make it because he was pooping out sand. He'd also lost his coloring and had stress spots all over his body. His eyes were sealed shut by shed.

"It's a lifetime commitment when you're considering different species of birds or reptiles," she says. Sulcata tortoises can live into their 100s while parrots can live into their 50s or 60s. Birds are loud, messy and they bite. "People just think that they're going to be cute, cuddly and talkative," she says.

When it comes to snakes, most aren't going to lash out and bite you. The scariest thing you need to worry about



is them pooping on you. Pekrul recently adopted out a ball python to an anxious woman. "Because ball pythons are curious but really like sticking with their humans because of body heat, [the recent adopter] says that her whole body calms down." Pekrul continues, "It's nice and challenging to be able to work with snakes. They bring joy to my life."

Fluffy Dog Rescue

For 25 years, Lori Marchek worked in the publishing industry. "As it changed, I thought about what the next step would be in my life's journey," she says. "It was to continue something I loved: working with animals and truly saving their lives."

Thirteen years ago, she launched Fluffy Dog Rescue (FDR) in Hartland, Wis. Working with 50 foster homes and home visit volunteers, photographers, dog walkers and transporters, she pulls fluffy dogs from death row. "We were banned from the Alliance of Wisconsin Animal Re-homing Efforts because we save southern dogs," Marchek says. "Somehow this state boundary was important. But to me, a life was important no matter where it was," she says.

It's a simple concept: move homeless dogs from one state to another, and they'll be able to live out their lives in loving homes. "The dogs are shell shocked when they arrive. The next day, you start to see them unfold," Marchek says. "They start to understand who you are and how things work. Watching them learn to trust—there's nothing like it."

FDR has saved over 4,000 dogs and usually has 50 dogs at all times. "We do our best to work with people to get them a dog, but if they don't have a consistent history of minimal vetting, we aren't able to approve them," Marchek says. "We can't take the risk that our dogs might contract a deadly disease."

Sadie, a Shih Tzu mix, has the unhappy distinction of being the longest resident at FDR. "Because I foster most of the puppies, it was time for another litter in need and Sadie to move on," says Marchek. An unsocialized mother of four, Sadie is very shy with new people, especially men, but she thinks that her new foster mom Shelly hung the moon. "As Shelly always says, 'Her family just isn't ready for her yet.'"

Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary

Erin Kelley Groth has loved all things horsey since she worked at the Glass House Ranch in Milwaukee, Wis. "Those horses and that place salvaged me from a very difficult childhood," she says.

Ten years ago, she and her husband John opened Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary (AGES) in Elkhart Lake, Wis. "My husband and I don't have any retirement because I sold my prior farm and put all the money into this place. We'll probably be working until we keel over," Groth says. "We both

work full-time outside of the rescue. We probably go to dinner once or twice per year, and we haven't been to a movie in a dozen years." Groth's grandson Lincoln just started Pre-K. It's almost a two-hour drive to see him once or twice per month. "That's my biggest sacrifice: not being that Grandma down the road," she says.

The best part of rescuing horses is making that perfect match. AGES has placed more than 167 horses in forever homes. They also have 10 permanent residents. "As the patriarch of our herd and the guardian angel of our blind horses, Trigger was surrendered to AGES after his previous owners became unable or unwilling to care for him," she says.

There's also Rudy, a semi-permanent resident, who fell into manure past his knees



and had no food or water. He didn't have a name. His owner wanted to shoot him. Groth stood behind him and shushed him forward into her trailer. "He literally had to crawl across the floor to go into the barn," she says. "His temperature was 92 degrees. He wouldn't eat, but he somehow survived."

Normally, the nonprofit has to put down one or two horses per year. "When they're leading them out—because they bury them on our property—that's when it hits you." They set up the euthanasia a month or two in advance to get used to the idea. "We don't like to play God. When the vets tell us they're in pain and we're not helping, we have to let them go, even though we love them," she says. "The people saying goodbye and holding them are going to need a few days of crying and solace."

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Coco's Heart Dog Rescue

In 2010, Ashley Kurtz founded Coco's Heart Dog Rescue (CHDR) in Hudson, Wis., in memory of her childhood dog who died unexpectedly. "I was only 12 years old at that time but knew I had to do something to help other dogs. Fast forward to my early 20s and my dream became a reality," she says. "The first several years, I literally worked on the rescue 24/7. I gave up time with family and friends. I let friendships fade and focused only on rescue," Kurtz says.

With the help of 1,500 volunteers, 400 foster families and seven full-time employees, she's rescued more than 7,500 dogs. "Adoption fees help fund our rescue efforts, but many believe rescue dogs should have low adoption fees or be free. We want to give our dogs all of the care they deserve, and that's expensive—especially if they've been neglected previously," Kurtz says. In 2018, CHDR spent over \$890,000 on dog care expenses. The average cost of care per dog for the first part of 2019 was \$753.

Whether they're rescuing a three-legged senior lab or puppies who've been buried at a construction site, CHDR doesn't discriminate against breeds or ages. Each dog is spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and dewormed. For more than 1,460 days, Spaniel mixes Maddie and Evan have been at the shelter. "They're extremely shy in new situations and will need patient adopters, but they are worth it," Kurtz says.



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"The hardest part of rescuing is knowing that we can't help them all." People email them about hundreds of dogs that they don't have room for. The other hard part is trying to educate the community about basic necessities and the benefits of obedience training. "I now recognize the importance of self-care, delegation and balance," she says. "Sustainability is important if we want to make a big difference long-term."

possible. While most rescues do home visits before letting people have a dog, they have a five-day trial. "In that time frame, it's still our dog," Boeselager says. "We want you to have a really good experience."

Only one dog has been with the organization for over a year: Benny. The Labrador Retriever mix was living on a Georgia property with 360 dogs, pigs, goats and chickens. He slept under a tree and never had human contact. "I was the first person to walk in his kennel. Nobody else would," she says. "He's the one dog that I'll always have in my life and my soul. When Benny looks up at the sky (which is one of his things), he's looking at angels."

Tailwaggers 911

Seven years ago, Dawn Boeselager founded Tailwaggers 911 (TW 911) in Saukville, Wis. Simply put, they're a bunch of fun-loving people who love dogs with a passion. They give dogs hope: hope for love, hope for security and hope for a lifelong home.

The nonprofit has 40 to 60 fosters. "We have 20 that'll temporarily take a dog for the weekend," Boeselager says. On average, they transport 50 dogs every 90 days to the Milwaukee and Ozaukee County areas. They currently serve about 20 counties in southeastern Wis. They make sure that all their dogs are on heartworm, tick and flea prevention. They also provide food and medicine for their fosters.

"The hardest part is we don't know all the vetting history on our dogs," she says. "Sometimes we get surprises like a broken hip or paw." For example, Bobo would eat his family's throw blankets, rugs and sheets whenever they left the house. He had multiple episodes of excessive gulping and licking that would begin at night and go on for hours. He's currently on pills for partial seizures and allergies.

TW 911 doesn't place dogs on a first come, first served basis; rather, they carefully consider each applicant to ensure the best match



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“Up to 71 percent of victims who do have pets have been unable to leave abusive situations for fear of their pets being harmed by the aggressor,” says 27-year-old founder Joshua Jablonski of Hidden Paws Network (HPN). HPN is a non-profit organization founded to assist the victims of domestic violence and elder abuse who have pets. Currently, only one place in Wisconsin allows pets into the shelter (Harbor House in Appleton), according to Jablonski. HPN works with the police, the court and the staff at battered persons’ shelters to establish a valid need and present a viable foster solution for these animals. With a criminal justice background, Jablonski is on a mission to help our 4-legged family members. If only more organizations would adopt Jablonski’s **“NO PETS LEFT BEHIND”** kind of mantra, our community would be that much more humane.

How many people/pets does Hidden Paws Network help?

Because of the nature of the organization, we are not allowed to disclose the number of people and/or pets that we help. But since it’s inception, HPN has dealt with over 100 clients. Any details, even abstract, may not be discussed. The people and institutions and police count on our code of total confidentiality.

What is the Kaylee Project?

The Kaylee Project is a response to an all-too-often situation in Wisconsin. Pet owners mindlessly take their pets with them and leave them in hot cars without considering the consequences. Within 10 minutes a pet can go into organ failure and be dead within 20 to 30 minutes. The Kaylee Project, launched by HPN, is a public awareness campaign using such methods as billboards, public service announcements on TV, radio and social media to make the public aware of the dire outcome of leaving unattended pets and children in hot cars.



“Every pet owner you know would tell you they would rather sleep on the streets with their pet as opposed to surrendering the pet for possible euthanasia.”

We hope to work with the management of retail stores to make in-store announcements periodically when temperatures reach a designated threshold.

Kaylee was a Golden Retriever that was left in a hot car in July with all the windows up for 3 hours. The dog ended up dying as a result.

What projects are you planning to work on in the near future?

This past November 2, HPN launched the Petlectic Boutique. This gives us an opportunity to sell homemade, well-crafted pet supplies including dog collars, tug toys, cat nip toys, blankets and many other pet-related items to raise funds in order to support HPN. The **Petlectic Boutique** is located inside of The Eclectic Market located at 153 N Broadway Ave, Green Bay.

HPN is coordinating a grassroots effort to find temporary lodging for the pets of homeless people. No homeless shelter in Brown County is equipped to accept pets. We are attempting to incorporate a weekly or monthly free vet clinic and pet food drive for the pets of homeless people.

We do not encourage the homeless to have pets, but life being as it is, I personally would sleep on the streets with my dog rather than surrender him to a place where he might be euthanized.

HOW CAN THE PUBLIC HELP?

You can volunteer to foster pets of the victims of domestic violence and elder abuse. You can staff booths at many of the pet events throughout Wisconsin. You can attend court hearings and work off phone chains to urge attendance at court hearings in animal-related cases. You can attend town halls inquiring of the candidates for public office (especially Assembly people and state senators, district attorneys and judgeships). **You can organize fundraisers for us.** You can make out large or small donation checks, as we are really in debt, and you can call and speak to one of our phone volunteers asking, “What can I do to help?”

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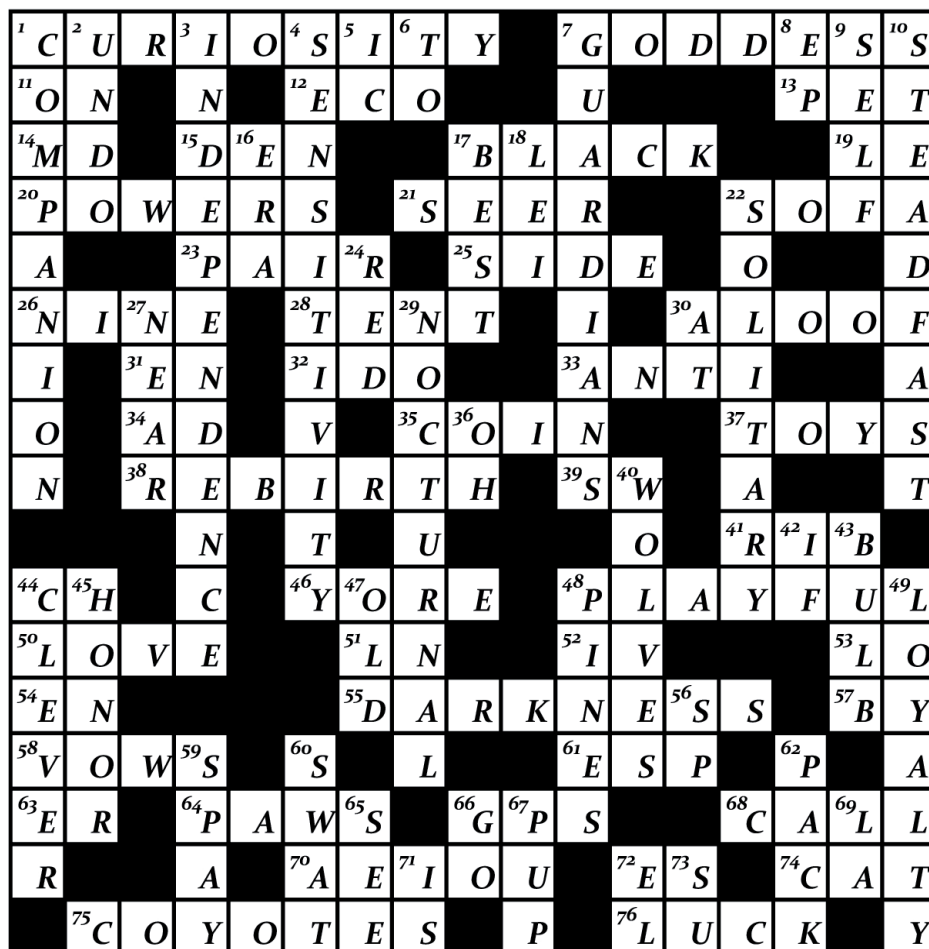


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Fall's Answers

CONTEST NOMINATIONS



Nicolette Neuhauser

Nicolette is an AMAZING foster for us & to our dogs here at **The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin**. She takes the hard cases & gives them a second chance outside of the shelter. Currently she has a foster dog named Sky that came into the shelter with her 1-day-old puppies. Sky was VERY protective of her puppies, & shelter staff couldn't handle her. Nicolette quickly redesigned her garage to make it where they could keep Sky there with her puppies. She already had a different foster case inside her home, so the garage was her only temporary option. It took weeks for Sky to warm up, but now her puppies have grown & gotten adopted. Sky is now residing in her home with three other dogs and **IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION!**



Anne Schuster

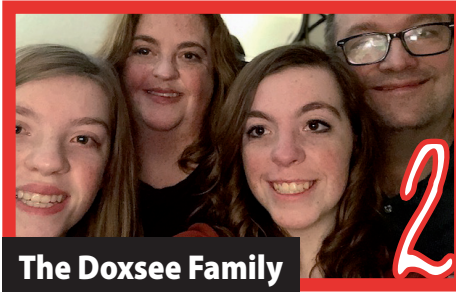
Anne is our pug hospice coordinator for **Pug Hugs Pug Rescue**. She accepts pugs with disabilities & cares for them until they cross the rainbow bridge. She & her husband are retired & devote their life to caring for the senior pugs that are given up by families for a variety of reasons like financial, moving out of state, new babies or they are unable to care for their pug's current state of health. For our senior pugs that cannot walk, Anne provides them with a wheel chair. For the male pugs that are incontinent, Anne sews them belly bands. She provides each pug with dignity & love. **Our rescue could not survive without Anne!**



Connie Zuhde

Connie has been volunteering at the **Sauk County Humane Society** since 2012. From day one, she hit the ground running & signed up to help with our annual PAWS Pledge Walk. Like clockwork, she is at the shelter at noon seven days a week. She walks dogs, cleans up poop, introduces dogs to potential adopters & even mows the lawn. Connie fits every dog with a harness, gets to know all of their personalities & writes up unique profiles for them. She takes the

time to find out how they learn best & works hard at teaching them basic obedience. She trains all new dog walker volunteers. On top of volunteering with the shelter dogs & planning special fundraisers/events, Connie helps with adopt-a-thons & joins a local radio host on the air weekly to talk about what's new at the shelter. She has helped with pet therapy at nursing homes, is our resident small farm animal expert & even invites shelter animals in need into her home as a foster parent. She truly makes a difference in the lives of the homeless animals of Sauk County as well as the people around her. **She is a guiding light, voice of experience, compassion & reason for all that encounter her & a gift to the Sauk County Humane Society.**



The Doxsee Family

The Doxsee family has been volunteering for **Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS)** since August 2016. Mom, Laura & daughter Moira started off as a Junior Volunteer Team socializing shelter cats. Their love of cats & of volunteering spread to dad Drew & youngest daughter Brooke who began socializing small animals in February 2018. As a family, the Doxsees volunteer on holidays & for additional shifts to ensure the needs of the cats & small animals are met. They have taken on the big responsibility of fostering countless shelter cats, often taking under-socialized cats, cats who have medical needs, hospice cats & orphaned kittens in need of around-the-clock care. As a family, they love them, & all the shelter animals they come in contact with, like their own. They have experienced loss & sadness, joy & laughter through their volunteer work with EBHS, **& we are incredibly thankful for their compassion, dedication & huge impact they have made in so many furry & human lives.**



Amanda Richmond

Amanda & I started **Hoping Fur a Home** in 2015 with no more than the thought that we can do better. Since then we have saved over 4,000 dogs, puppies & cats. Amanda works tirelessly to coordinate all of our transports both here in Wis., & in Texas, handles medical, our fosters & volunteers, plus a million other details to keep this rescue running smoothly—all as a volunteer! With over 100 volunteers in our group, this can be a full-time job itself. Not only that, Amanda has taken it upon herself to head up a once-a-month transport service from Tomah to Madison to provide low-cost spay/neuters to pet owners in an area that has no other affordable options. **Amanda is a true advocate to the rescue world & a true leader to our group.**

Gluten-Free Oatmeal Strawberry Doggie Treats

Here is a recipe that is gluten free for your dog but also includes fruit in your dog's diet. Both blueberries and strawberries are a nutritional powerhouse for your dog. Both are full of antioxidants and contain high fiber and a lot of vitamin C. Another plus is that strawberries even contain an enzyme that can help whiten your dog's teeth.

Ingredients:

2 cups oat flour
3/4 cup frozen strawberries or blueberries defrosted with juice
2 tablespoons coconut oil
1 large egg

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl, add flour, mashed fruit, coconut oil and beaten egg. Mix together with a fork or spoon.
3. With your hands, knead until you form a dough ball. The dough will be a little moist and sticky.
4. Roll out little balls and flatten them into bites (approximately 1" round and about 1/4" thick). Place them onto the baking sheet. Space them so they don't touch, but they don't need a lot of in-between space since they won't rise or spread.
5. Bake for 20 minutes in a 350° oven.
6. Turn oven off and let them cool in the oven. This will allow them to continue to dry out. They will be dry but not as hard as a biscuit.

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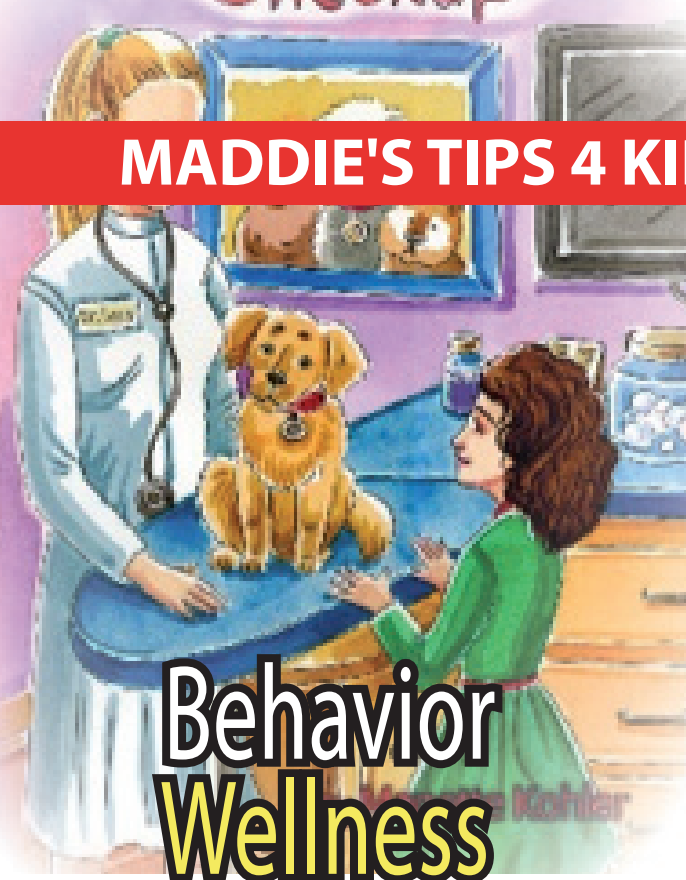
January 1st & will remain open until March 1st. So you have 2 months to vote!

You will see the post go up on Facebook... so stay tuned!

Winners will be announced in Spring Issue! 1st & 2nd place prizes. Only 1 vote per person.

FETCH greatly appreciates all submissions! :)

MADDIE'S TIPS 4 KIDS



Behavior Wellness

BY MANETTE KOHLER, DVM, FREELANCER

Behavior problems rank among the top reasons owners give for the relinquishment of their dogs (and cats) to shelters. According to a study that appeared in the *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science*, the following factors contribute to these relinquishments:

- 1) Lack of knowledge about pet behavior
- 2) Inaccurate beliefs
- 3) Unrealistic owner expectations

Therefore, a focus on education is key to helping pets stay in their homes.

Behavior wellness, from a definition standpoint, refers to behavior that is normal for the species but that is also acceptable to the human caretaker. "It's normal for cats to seek out certain textures and locations which they think are appropriate for elimination. However, if this leads to urination in the middle of the dining room rug, this could ultimately cost the cat its life," says Suzanne Hetts, Ph.D., CAAB, and co-owner of Animal Behavior Associates and Behavior Education Network. The flip side of this is

that the cat may have resorted to urinating in the dining room because her litter box was filthy. "So pet owners have clear responsibilities and roles to play in creating healthy behaviors in their pets by meeting their pets' behavioral needs and understanding what's normal," Suzanne adds.

The bottom line is that behaviors that are not acceptable to the human caretaker can weaken and even break the human-animal bond, and when that happens, we're in crisis mode since the pet is at risk of being relinquished if we can't change the behavior.

So, how can we help ensure that our pets are behaviorally healthy?

There are four characteristics of a behaviorally healthy lifestyle for dogs:

- 1) Environmental predictability: Animals thrive on predictability such as regular daily schedules. Unpredictability = stress.
- 2) Ability to exercise control over their environment: It is good to give animals choices about where and how they spend their time. It is also important to give them ways to ask for what they want or need. For example, let the dog initiate play if they like. They're not trying to dominate or control you—they just want to play!
- 3) The importance of novelty: Many pets have some degree of "neophobia" (fear of new things). Animals can be genetically predisposed to being neophobic, but lack of socialization is also a huge factor. Novel things are most distressing when presented suddenly and unpredictably, and if the animal has no control over the experience. For example: "Holding the dog in place so the toddler can pet him." This

could make a fearful dog even more fearful because he can't escape.

4) Mental stimulation and physical exercise: Our pets need opportunities to use their brains and their bodies every day. A great example here is a "sniff walk." Sniffing their way along the walk is how they can really appreciate their world. When their needs are not met, pets are stressed.

Finally, having a healthy relationship with our pet and realistic expectations can go a very long way to promote behavior wellness for that pet. "We need to help people create a relationship with their dog based on mutual respect, communication and trust, rather than the idea that you have to be dominant over the dog," says Hetts. "They're not misbehaving because they want to be alpha. They know we are not dogs," she adds. "We don't even call it dominance anymore. Instead of dominating the dog, owners need to LEAD the dog," says board-certified veterinary behaviorist Dr. Nicholas Dodman at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Current science tells us that we should focus on showing animals what we would like them to do, and then reinforce them for doing that.

This is a very simplified version of a huge and important topic but it is one that we'll be continuing to explore through a new column for younger children and their families.

In "Maddie's Tips for Kids," the main characters (Maddie and Bella) from my children's book, "Bella's First Checkup," will help kids and their families learn about responsible pet ownership and how to raise a behaviorally healthy pet. Kids are encouraged to write to Maddie and Bella if they have a specific question they'd like answered.

QUESTIONS

can be emailed to

maddiespettips@gmail.com

CAT'S CORNER

CAN WE KEEP HIM?

BY CHERESE COBB, FREELANCER

Whether you're searching for a new four-legged friend or wanting to teach your children about pet adoption/animal rescue, these books will inspire them to be compassionate towards animals.

Can I Be Your Dog?

By Troy Cummings

Arfy, a floppy-eared mutt on Butternut Street, is on a mission to find his forever home. He writes a letter (in crayon and signed with a paw print) to the people in the yellow house. He lists all his admirable attributes: he's potty trained and has his own squeaky bone. They turn him down. Arfy keeps trying, by writing letters to the Chop Chop Butchershop, Butternut Fire Department and the Butternut Dump. All write him back and tell him to get lost. Feeling sad, Arfy cries himself to sleep in his soggy box. When he wakes, he finds a letter from the mail lady asking, "Can I be your person?" Arfy, full of glee, sprints to the big blue mailbox with his acceptance letter.

Kitten and the Night Watchman

By John Sullivan,

Illustrated By Tae-eun Yoo

As a night watchman makes his rounds of a construction site, he spies a stray kitten ("Back again?" he asks), and they befriend each other. She accompanies him on his hourly rounds. Suddenly, everything seems different. He notices an excavator

that "bows like a strange giraffe" and the full moon that "shines like an old friend." Then the stray vanishes. Fortunately, after a few fraught page turns of worry, she returns, and the night ends happily with the man taking her home to his young family.

Buddy Unchained

By Daisy Bix

What's life like for a dog who's kept outdoors in all weather on a chain, alone all day—a dog whose owners, for the most part, forget that he's alive? Buddy, a mixed-breed dog, is starving and thirsty. The local children throw things at him. Frequently in pain, he gives up, lying down in his twisted chains to die. Then something unexpected happens: a stranger unchains him and brings him to a warm shelter. Buddy is nursed back to health and adopted by a good family.

The Forgotten Rabbit

By Nancy Furstinger

After Bella is chosen as an Easter present, she's quickly forgotten. Her cage is left outside without enough food or water. As winter comes, she grows weak with hunger, and curls into herself to disappear. Then, one night, a girl named Rosalita rescues her—telling her that she has a new home—one where she'll never be forgotten again. Bella transforms from nervous victim to confident performer when she wins first place in an agility contest.



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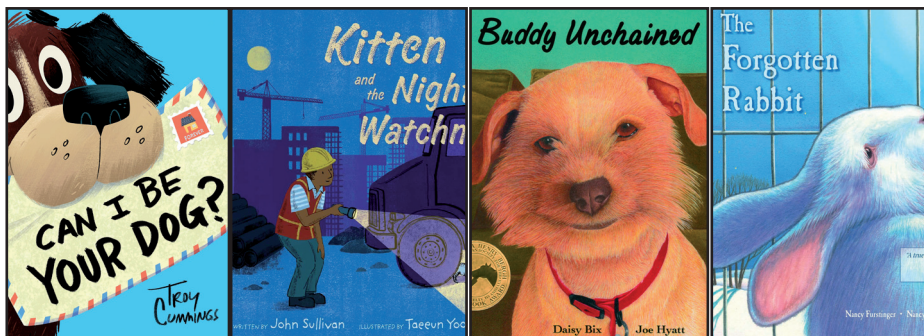
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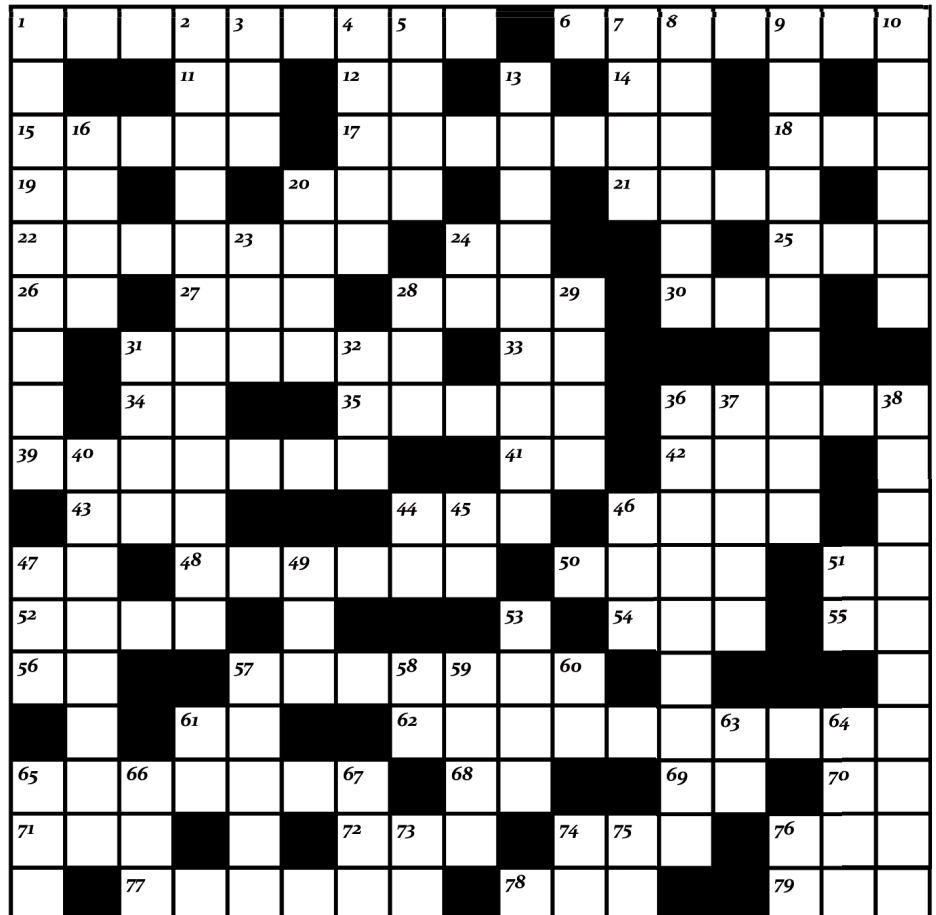
By Gail Marie Beckman

ACROSS

1. One who helps with the transition: Pet Adoption _____
6. Craftsman who trims and shoes the hooves of horses
11. Utterance of hesitation
12. Word used with either
14. Atlanta state (abbr)
15. Way there
17. Professional Pooper- _____
18. Piece of turf
19. Europe, shortened
20. Oolong or chamomile
21. Sit; take a _____
22. Guide Dog _____
24. Short for disabled list
25. Jog, but quicker
26. Cool _____ a cucumber
27. Highest on a certain scale
28. _____ boy!
30. Would _____ like to be a Park Ranger?
31. Looks after the crew: Pet _____
33. Some dogs need to _____ to an obedience school
34. Fro partner
35. Oat or barley
36. There are services that come to your home and _____ your pets
39. "It's _____ cats and dogs!"
41. Particular dir.
42. Wedding words
43. Precedes cycle or pod
44. _____ Store Associate
46. How many _____-legged friends do you have?
47. More than eight hrs.
48. (with 71 across) One who assists the vision-impaired: _____ - _____ Dog Trainer
50. Certain male bovine
51. Comes before Ed (abbr)
52. Paw
54. Break down
55. Not a Mac
56. Short for French or Friday
57. One who trims nails and more
61. RN workplace, perhaps
62. Particular practices: Animal Healthcare _____
65. A veterinarian _____ will look after their teeth
68. VT neighbor
69. Extremely
70. IV plus VII
71. (see 48 across)
72. _____! Come back here!
74. Picnic visitor?
76. Grownup boy
77. One who gets them out and about: Dog _____
78. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, for short
79. "I can't believe it!" in text talk

DOWN

1. Custodian of sorts
2. An Animal _____ takes care of their diet
3. That female
4. Not the victor
5. Certain whale
7. Years old
8. Hardly ever
9. (see 10 down)
10. (with 9 down) Equine professional: Horseback _____
13. Expert in the behavior, physiology, and classification of animals
16. Yours and mine
20. Campsite need
23. One who tends aquariums would have this item
24. Perform
28. Sound of a riled canine
29. Finished
31. Mix up
32. Chicken product
36. Marine _____
37. Full grown
38. Getting out for walks
40. One who advocates for them: Animal Welfare _____
44. Short for part number
45. Example given, for short
46. _____ and feathers
47. Light switch position
49. Mistake
51. Trained shepherd on the Army base, perhaps: _____ Dog (abbr)
53. Animal Hospital _____
57. Barbecue
58. "..... thee I sing.."
59. Lots
60. Providence state (abbr)
61. UFO driver?
63. In the direction of
64. He'll get a thorough _____
65. Fox home
66. _____ and improved!
67. Popular article
73. More than suffix
74. Audiovisual, shortened
75. Taos state (abbr)
76. Mode of operation, for short



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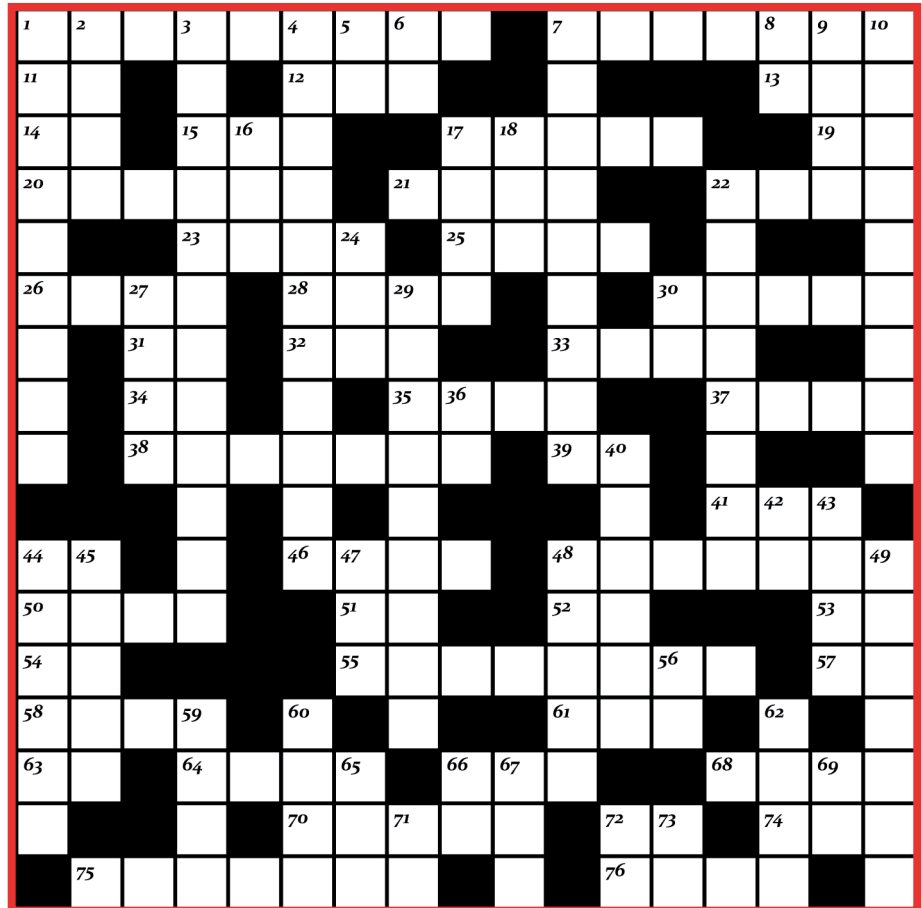


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BE A RESPONSIBLE PET PARENT

BY KAREN SPARAPANI, MADACC'S ED

• 12-17 Plus-Year Commitment

If you move, get married, get divorced, have a child or change jobs and are fine with the notion of rehoming your pet, then consider being a foster parent for a shelter or rescue animal instead. Companion animals thrive on stability and routine.

• Exercise **YOUR** New Pet (Physically & Mentally)

They need interaction and activity every day. You should use toys that make them problem solve or work to get their food/treats. Mental activity can be just as good as physical activity. Making an animal work for treats and express natural behaviors in positive ways (scratching posts for cats for example) are great ways to keep your pet from developing problem behaviors.

• Make Your Pet a Reflection of **YOU**

Do not get a high-energy dog based on how it looks. Do not get a non-shedding dog unless you want to add a groomer into your life on a regular basis. If you do not

want to put time into training or socializing, then **DO NOT GET A PUPPY!** Get an adult dog past those stages. Or look into pets other than cats/dogs that may be better suited for you.

• Manage **YOUR** \$\$\$\$

Take advantage of animal shelter events for low-cost vaccines, low-cost spay/neuter and other wellness programs. Consider pet insurance programs. They might seem costly per month, but if an animal has a catastrophic illness or accident, insurance is a lifesaver.

• Train & Socialize **YOUR** Pet

Good trainers spend an hour with you and teach **YOU** how to train your dog, manage problem behaviors and build your bond with your pet. The work you do at home reinforces what you have learned with a trainer or behaviorist and is very important.

• Recognize & Plan for Other Costs

Nutritious food, boarding/day care, proper I.D. (microchips and visible tags), toys,

nail trims and licensing. It is important to know that you will have ongoing weekly, monthly and annual costs to provide a good home to your pet. It does not have to be cost prohibitive, but understanding you need to work in your pets' needs into your budget is critical to your success as an owner.

• IN A **CRISIS?** Call Your Local Shelter

Many places, excluding medical care to owned animals, have resources like food banks, donated supplies, referrals to places where you can get affordable care, or if there is an end-of-life decision to be made, can help you through that process.

• **YOU** are the World to **YOUR** Pet

KNOW THIS: They rely on you for everything. That is a massive commitment and should never be taken lightly. Shelters see the results of decisions that were not well thought out every day. The fewer animals that need to go through the rehoming process, the better.

We are often asked by the public why should anyone donate to you? You are not a no-kill shelter. You are funded by the government. You are a terrible place that does not deserve it.

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ADOPTABLES

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IF YOU CAN

By Karen Sparapani,
MADACC's ED



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CASPER is a friendly 3-year-old Pit Bull Mix. Casper loves treats, snuggling on the couch and running in the yard. He is ready to go home with you!

FEDOCK is a 3-year-old Lab & like all Labs he is crazy for tennis balls! He has a great personality & would like a family to call his own!

HENRY is a 3-year-old Shih Tzu. We want only the best for Henry! He would love a family with soft beds, treats & a commitment to helping him look his best with regular grooming!



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JOHNNY. I was brought into WCHS as a stray. I am likely 100% deaf. When taking home a deaf animal, there is a lot to consider. Using food as a lure & hand signals for learning cues will be a great start to connecting with me. Any kids in my new home need to be 10 & older because of my wild child ways.

PARIS. I am an affectionate guy who is quite fond of facial & lower back massages. Scratch my back just above my tail or rub my cheeks near my neck, & I'm sure to be your best bud! I am currently on a special diet, so please ask WCHS staff for more information about that. I would do best with children 12 years & older.

KAM. I need to be the only dog, but I don't mind cats. I am very loving & cuddly & consider myself a lap-dog, although I do understand I may not completely fit in your lap. I am a handsome dog with soft brown eyes & a tender heart. My family could include gentle and respectful children. I promise to be loyal & devoted forever



TOBY. Check out his great markings – he has a mask like a superhero! Toby is happy & playful but is still mellow & loves a good cuddle. He is about 18 months old & loves learning new things. Toby has great manners with both people & other dogs & might be okay with a cat, too.

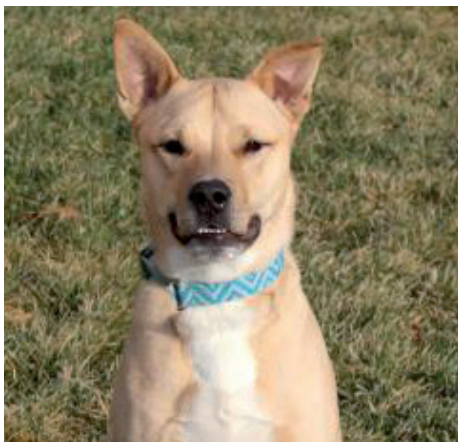


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DOOLEY is a 6-year-old American Bulldog Mix. He is handsome & sweet & smiley, with a tail that is constantly wagging! Along with human companions, Dooley might like a doggie sibling, but he isn't a fan of cats. He's looking for an active home that will take him for long walks...& also have lots of quality "together" time.

QUEEN is a 6-year-old American Bulldog Mix. He is handsome & sweet & smiley, with a tail that is constantly wagging! Along with human companions, Dooley might like a doggie sibling, but he isn't a fan of cats. He's looking for an active home that will take him for long walks...& also have lots of quality "together" time.



TUCKER is a 2 ½-year-old bundle of joy & energy who loves to play, spend time with his people & adores treats! Tucker can be a little strong-willed, so a family that will work with him to show him guidance & obedience would be great!. No little kids, but Tucker likes other dogs!



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ATHENA is a very petite & pretty Lab Mix who is hoping someone will find her soon & give her the family, attention & love that she craves! Athena is very shy & timid, so a quiet, patient home & family would be wonderful to help her come out of her shell & flourish!



BELLA is a beautiful 1-year-old Coonhound Mix, & she is hoping Santa grants her wish for a loving family & home of her own! She loves to play, use her nose of course & other dogs! Exercise, structure & a little fun nose-work games would help her develop to her full potential!



KAYAKO is a 3-year-old cat & dog-friendly Chihuahua Mix. She is looking to be "queen of the castle." It takes her awhile to warm up to strangers, but she will not disappoint in the love & affection department once you earn her trust. Kayako loves walks & is a great companion in the car. She knows basic manners & is very smart & eager to learn more tricks!



CANINE CUPIDS
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BOSS is a 6-year-old Pointer/Foxhound/Shepherd Mix. An all-around great family dog, he is smart, has a gentle nature, is potty trained, gets along with other dogs & cats & kids. He loves long walks & would enjoy a fenced-in yard. Boss is a favorite at doggy daycare but would love nothing more than to find his forever family.



JUNIPER is a sweet, silly, people-loving 2-year-old Bully Mix. Surrendered after giving birth, Juniper was overlooked at the shelter because she was quiet & low key. She quickly learned sit, stay & how to walk nicely on leash. Though she currently lives with two other bully mixes (male and female) & has done well meeting smaller dogs & cats, Juniper would also enjoy being your one & only.



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 & snuggling up on the couch or just doing her own thing in her bed at night - she also LOVES swimming!



ASTRID is a shy girl that needs a very special, child-free home that understands her & will keep her feeling safe. Very afraid of strangers, she'll need a family that respects that. Once she gets to know you, she's a typical goofy, fun-loving puppy! She loves to play, fetch and after that, she'll snuggle up! Astrid would enjoy a doggie brother or sister & does well being with cats!

BCBC
brewcitybullies.org



BUCK is receiving treatment for heartworm & as such, we are seeking a foster home or a home that is interested in fostering & adopting him after he receives a clean bill of health. Buck is lovely – affectionate, loves spending time with people, good with dogs, enjoys children, likes to take walks & play, lives for chews & bones, & already knows sit & shake.



PHOEBE is a smart girl in search of her forever home. She tends to be shy around people she does not know, but with a little time & patience, quickly warms and greets you with a wiggly butt. She loves to play catch, snuggle, and adores squeaky, plush and tug toys! Phoebe is house-trained, enjoys car rides and would prefer a home without children.

ELMBROOK
ebhs.org



PUNKY is a curious & social girl looking for a home to call her very own. She likes to follow you around to see what you are up to & be a part of your day. She loves to play with toys - her favorite toy is the cat dancer. She adores cheek & ear rubs. Are you in search of a feline friend? Punky may be your girl!



MOCHA is in search of her newest royal subjects. She prefers to be an only child in a quiet home, where she can receive all the TLC, love & affection her heart desires. A low-key home would be the most ideal living situation where she could reign supreme & thrive for the rest of her years to come.



ROSCOE was found wandering Janesville, & thankfully he got a lift to the Humane Society. A perfect day for Roscoe includes naps, cuddles & a whole lotta treats! He knows sit, shake & down. Roscoe is a sweet guy with plenty of energy left at 6 years old, he's really hoping to find a home soon so he has plenty of humans to snuggle!



SPRINKLES is a true princess! When you come through the door, Sprinkles gets so excited to see you that her whole body wiggles. Sprinkles LOVES to be scratched and cuddle up right in your lap. Once you love on her, she will be your life-long friend! Sprinkles will truly be the queen of your kingdom!

**Humane Society
of Southern WI**
petsgohome.org



MIDAS is about 3 years old & is an American Staffordshire Terrier/ Bulldog Mix with small percentage of Chow Chow & Labrador Retriever. He is current on vaccinations, neutered & comes with DNA test results. He is currently in Basic Training & loves to interact with people.

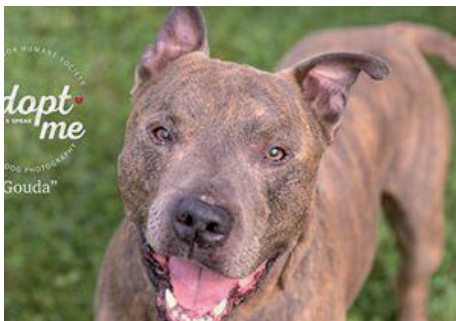
He is goofy & such a love bug. He plays good with other dogs he has been introduced to. He shows no signs of aggression to cats & appears to be only curious about them.



ODIN is an American Staffordshire Terrier/ Bull Mastiff Mix. He is 76 pounds, about 5 years old, updated on vaccinations, neutered, microchipped & comes with DNA test results. He has passed all Basic & Advanced Obedience training & is crate-trained. Because Odin is a strong dog, we want to place him in a home with kids over 15 years old or all-adults. He will require a 6-foot fence & daily mind stimulation. No cats.

MECCA

meccaspitbullrescue.com



GOUDA is a handsome hunk & is 8 years old. Gouda's two favorite things are treats & people. He would love to cuddle you all day & clean up all the crumbs after every meal. It's been a long time since he's been in puppy school, but we still give him an A+ for leash walking. Gouda is great with other dogs, cats, & kids.



PEACHES is 3 years old & wants to snuggle all day. Because of her loving & calm personality, she makes the perfect ambassador animal for scout troops & school tours. This girl adores people, but she would prefer to be the only cat in her new home (we are unsure about dogs).

SAFE HARBOR HS

safeharborhumanesociety.org



TCHALLA is a handsome male looking for a long-term relationship. Into exercise & cuddling, he is 3 years old. He is a super sweet boy who LOVES people, & he will do anything to please you. He knows basic commands--especially if you have a pocket full of treats. He would prefer to be the only pet in his new home.

WATERTOWN HS

whsadopt.org



DRAMA is a laid-back kind of guy who is very easy to please. He enjoys his naps & also likes to keep his humans company while they work in the office. Drama likes to come by & get petted before retreating to his "royal" duties. He has got the looks & personality that any cat lover will absolutely adore!



VIOLET is an easy-going gal who is looking for a forever companion worthy of all the love she has to give. She absolutely LOVES to play fetch & would chase a ball with her favorite person all day long. Violet is extremely intelligent & isn't afraid to show to off. She loves to please her people & enjoys learning new things.



WESLEY is the perfect package. He is dog friendly & knows his basic commands. He currently attends a doggie day care once per week to get a break from the shelter & does amazingly there. He loves to learn & is very food motivated. He will be an easy addition to a wide variety of active families.

WHS

wihumane.org



JEFF is one silly guy who loves to play on the wild side. Still just a pup himself at 10 months old, he's looking for an active home without children under the age of 10. If you are looking for a spunky, energetic partner,

stop by the Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee Campus and meet Jeff today!



SUZIE is as sweet as they come! This loving, 100-lb girl can be a bit cautious with new friends but warms up quickly. She loves taking long naps, going for walks and being praised. If you're looking for a good-hearted, 4-year-old to join your crew, stop by the Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee Campus today!



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Friends of HAWS Monthly Meeting

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

FUNDRAISERS & GATHERINGS

Pictures with Santa

Dec. 1: 11AM to 2PM
Animal World Adventures, Watertown
Whsadopt.org, 920-261-1270

Life Skills for Your Dog

Dec. 7: 10AM to Noon
HS of Jefferson County,
W6127 Kiesling Rd., Jefferson
Hsjc-wis.com, 920-674-2048

Subaru Share the Love Adoption Event Pet Photos with Santa

Dec. 7: 12:30 to 3PM
International Subaru Sheboygan
4120 N. Frontage Rd.,
HS of Sheboygan County,
adoptsheboygancounty.org,
920-458-2012

Festival of Trees

Dec. 7: 10AM to 9PM
Dec. 8: 10AM to 6PM
Washington County Humane Society
wchspets.org, 262-677-4388

Photos with Santa

Dec. 8: Noon to 3PM
Wisconsin Humane Society
Ozaukee Campus, Wihumane.org

Hope's Lights Celebration

Dec. 8: 5:30 to 7PM
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee Campus, Wihumane.org

Rescue Gang's Holiday Open House

Dec. 15: 1PM
4525 West Burnham St., West Milwaukee
rescuegang.org

Yappy Hour with Underdog Pet Rescue at High Noon Saloon

Dec. 18: 4-7PM
High Noon Saloon, Madison

Howliday Photos for Canine Cupids

Sat Dec 21: 11AM to 2PM
Bentley's Pet Stuff
4165 North Oakland, Milwaukee
Caninecupids.org

Hair of the Downward Dog (Doga)

Dec 22: 11:30AM to 1PM
3 Sheeps Brewing, Sheboygan
adoptsheboygancounty.org

Spay-ghetti Dinner for Safe Harbor HS

Sun., Jan. 26: Noon to 5PM
Moose Lodge #286
3003 30th Ave, Kenosha
Safeharborhumanesociety.org
262-694-4047

Paint for a Cause: Paint Your Pet

Wed., Jan. 29: 6:30 to 9:30PM
Cleveland Pub & Grill
14000 W. Cleveland, New Berlin
Ebhs.org

Great Lakes Pet Expo

Sat., Feb. 1: 10AM to 5PM
Wisconsin State Fair Expo Park,
Milwaukee, Petexpomilwaukee.com

Woof, Wag & Bowl 9 Pin Tournament

Sun., Feb. 9: 11:30AM to 5PM
Castle Lanes, 5615 Castle Court, Racine
Woofgangrescue.org

Grounds for Hounds (Paws up Pet Rescue)

February 15: 8AM to Noon
Exchange Bank Coffeehouse
301 E. Mill St., Plymouth

2020 Paws for a Cause (Spring Gala)

March 14th: 5PM
Marriot Hotel & Conference Center,
Waukesha, EBHS, 262-754-6597
Deadline for event sponsorship: Feb. 14th.

March MUTTness (Paws up Pet Rescue)

March 14th: 11AM to 3PM
LakeHouse Bar & Grill Crystal Lake
W6547 County Road C, Plymouth

ADOPTION EVENTS

Woof Gang Rescue Adoption Event

Sat., Jan. 4, Mar. 7: 11AM to 1PM
Havahart Pets
6500 Washington Ave, Mt Pleasant
Woofgangrescue.org

HAWS Mobile Adoption Event

1st Saturday of the month: 11AM to 2PM
Petco, 2780 Heritage Drive, Delafield, Hawspets.org, 262-542-8851

HAWS Mobile Adoption Event

1st Sunday of the month: 11AM to 2PM
Petco, 1240 W. Sunset Dr, Waukesha
Hawspets.org, 262-542-8851

Shelter from the Storm Adoption Event

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

Greyhound Meet 'n' Greet

4th Saturday of each month 1PM to 3PM
HAWS, 701 Northview Road, Waukesha
Hawspets.org, 262-542-8851

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 (rescue animal transportation)

BRATStransport.org,
BRATStransport@gmail.com,
414-322-1085

Community Support

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

Department of Neighborhood Services

414-286-2268 (report abuse)
or call local police department

Hidden Paws Network

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

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) lspra.org, info@lspra.org

Milwaukee Animal Alliance

(local advocacy group for shelter animals)
milwaukeeanimalalliance.org

Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog

608-752-3539, vestadogwisconsin@yahoo.com, www.wivestadog.org

TO THE RESCUE

ALL BREEDS

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bichonandlittlebuddies@gmail.com,

Canine Cupids
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caninecupidsrescue@gmail.com

Fetch Wisconsin Rescue
fetchwi.org, fetchwi Rescue@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, paddyspaws.blogspot.com

Patches Animal Rescue
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patchesanimalrescue@yahoo.com

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Rescue Gang
rescuegang.org, info@rescuegang.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEAGLE
**Midwest Beagle Rescue, Education
& Welfare (BREW)**
608-6611-5122, gotbeagles.org

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

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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

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Wisconsin Cocker Rescue
wicockerrescue.com
262-271-6014

Shorewood Cocker Rescue
262-877-3294, cockerrescue.net,
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COONHOUND
**Coonhound & Foxhound
Companions**
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**German Shepherd
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execpc.com or gsdrsq@hotmail.com

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608-868-2050, gsk9r.org,
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goldenrulerescue.org,
info@goldenrulerescue.org

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

WAAGR
414-517-7725, waagr.org,
president@waagr.org

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of Minnesota & Wisconsin**
gdromn.org, gdromn@gmail.com

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

GREYHOUND
Greyhound Pets of America-Wisconsin
gpawisconsin.org, Webmaster@gpawis-
consin.org

LABRADOR

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

Brew City Bully Club

Adopt@brewcitybullies.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

nbstr.org, nbstr2.board@yahoo.com

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,
cdcumpkin@yahoo.com

EXOTIC PETS

Kingdom Animalia Exotic Animal Rescue

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

Green Bay Aquarium Society

920-419-8839, GBASonline.org

Steve Keller the Snake Man

920-428-9573

FERRETS

Fox Valley Ferret Rescue

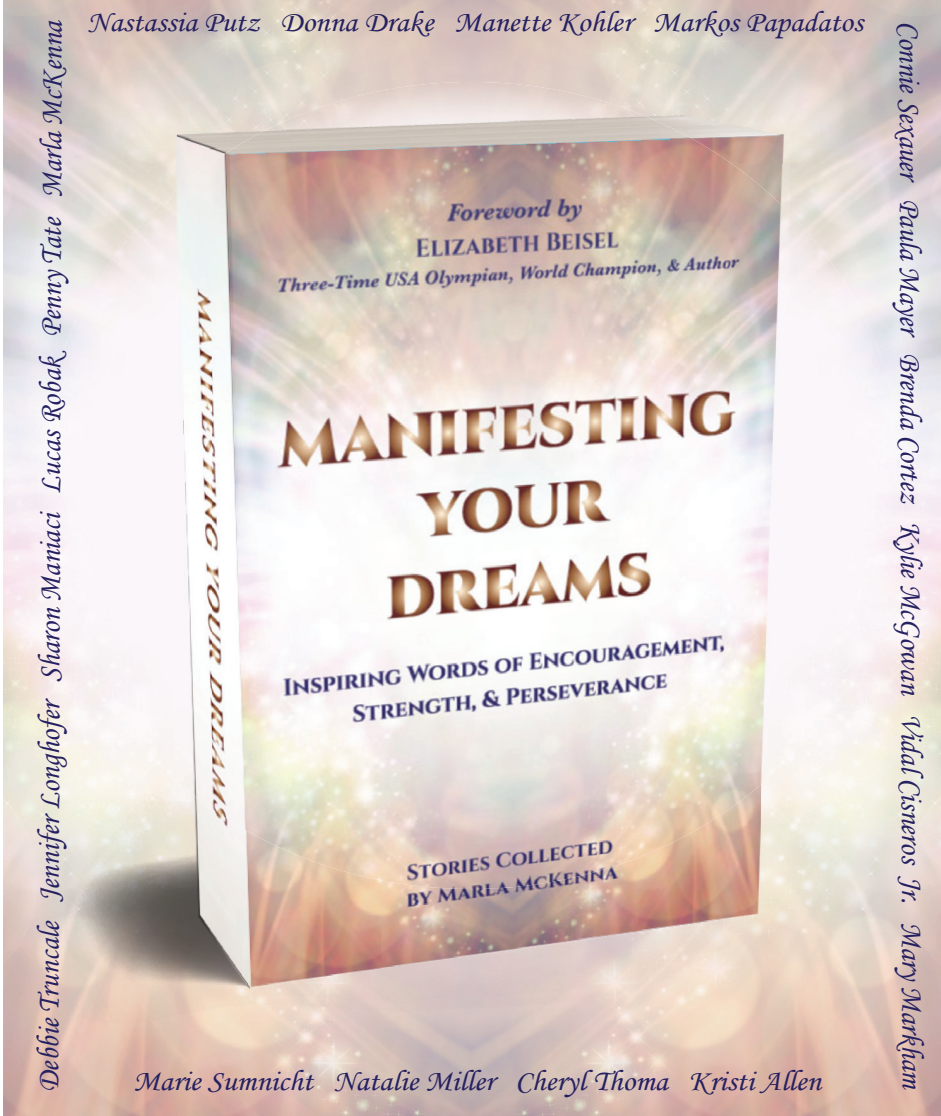
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