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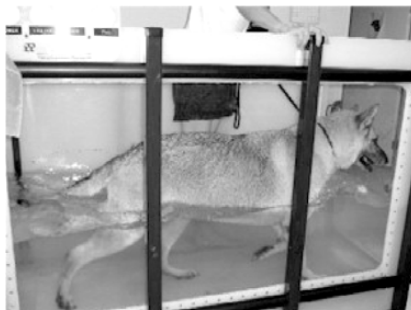
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Publisher's Letter

If you share your home with a shedder, you dread this time of year. Sometimes you feel you could make another dog simply from the fur on the floor. Help is here. On page 14 you'll find solutions to tame those flying furs.

When the great thaw of '07 hit last month, did you look at your yard and gasp in horror at the sight of "landmines" scattered about? If you shutter at the thought of picking up all those remnants, take heart that there are people out there who perform this duty for a living. Throughout this issue you'll find many Pet Waste Removal businesses that not only perform a spring cleaning for you but also come by weekly to maintain a healthy, picked-up yard. Pick up your own Pet Waste Removal service today.

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Ask the VET

Question: I recently noticed my canine companion experience a seizure. I didn't know what to do. If he should experience another seizure, what should I do while it is occurring and what should I expect when I take him into the Veterinarian?

Answer: Epilepsy is an abnormality of electrical impulses in the brain that causes a seizure of muscles, or loss of motor control in the body. Epilepsy is a common disorder in dogs and can occur in any breed.

The majority of epileptic pets are between one and five years of age and act normally between episodes. This form of the disorder is termed idiopathic epilepsy and the cause is unknown.

The main symptom of epilepsy is a seizure, which can also develop as a result of head trauma, poisoning, disease or an unknown cause. Recognizing a seizure is sometimes difficult. A minor seizure, or petite mal seizure, may cause only a slight loss of motor control. On the other hand, a grand mal seizure is severe, causing an animal to fall to the ground and convulse uncontrollably. In general, a pet will lose bladder and bowel

control during a seizure, be unaware of his surroundings, and appear abnormal for a period of time after the seizure.

Seizures are characterized by three phases:

- **Aura:** An altered period of behavior immediately prior to the seizure. Your pet may seem disoriented, apprehensive or restless. He may also seek you out during this period and whine.

- **Seizure:** The convulsions begin during this period. In a severe seizure, the pet loses consciousness and falls over with his legs rigid and outstretched and breathing is irregular or stops. This period usually lasts ten to thirty seconds.

- **Postseizure:** The convulsions stop but the pet acts exhausted or confused. Complete recovery to a normal state varies; some pets return to normal within minutes, while others may act disturbed for hours.

"The most important thing to remember if your pet has a seizure is to remain calm and leave the pet alone. Don't pick up your pet - you may get bitten or scratched because your pet is not aware of you during a seizure."

If you think that your pet has had a seizure, take him to a veterinarian for a complete physical examination. Your veterinarian will evaluate your pet's heart function and general body condition and take a complete history to rule out trauma and toxic exposure. If the physical exam is normal, blood testing will be done to rule out diseases of the kidney and liver. If the blood profile and exam are normal and the dog is under five years of age, idiopathic epilepsy is generally the diagnosis.

Seizures lasting longer than five minutes could be status epilepticus, a dangerous condition in which a rapid succession of grand mal seizures occurs without periods of rest between episodes. This condition is a medical emergency - take your pet to the veterinarian immediately if you observe these symptoms.

If you need to take your pet to your veterinarian while he is seizing, lay a blanket by him. Holding his paws, roll the pet

over onto the blanket and beware of his teeth. Have another person help you lift your pet by all four corners of the blanket and place him in the back of the car.

While epilepsy cannot be prevented or cured, cases can be controlled with medication or alternative therapies such as acupuncture. Pets that have only occasional epileptic episodes may not require medication. If needed, your veterinarian will prescribe an oral anticonvulsant medication that you can administer at home. Treatment is designed to change the pattern of epileptic episodes by reducing the frequency and severity of the seizures, and may stop them altogether. Treatment is often considered a success if the frequency of seizures is limited to one or two per month. If your veterinarian prescribes medication, it must be administered consistently. Skipping medication may trigger a seizure.

If your pet has infrequent seizures, your veterinarian may suggest that you keep a record of the episodes rather than immediately prescribing medication. Include the following in your record:

- Date
- Time of day
- Related environmental factors
- Length of seizure
- Description of symptoms/severity of seizure
- Length of time for your pet to return completely to normal

The record will indicate if the symptoms and/or frequency of seizures become more severe over time and if medication or alternative therapy is necessary. Some pets that have been treated for epilepsy over a period of time can gradually be taken off medication and eventually may not require any regular treatment. Consult your veterinarian before making any changes to your pet's medication.

Fortunately, most cases of epilepsy in pets can be managed successfully. With proper treatment, your pet can enjoy a normal, happy, healthy life.

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Training Bits

Puppy Housetraining

Although we've covered this topic before, it always seems to pop up again as new and different ideas are developed. So, whether you're welcoming home a new puppy or are in the midst of housetraining and find your current methods are not working, here are some new thoughts...

Housetraining your new puppy can be relatively easy and very successful if you devote the appropriate time and patience. A successful puppy training plan includes supervision, confinement and plenty of encouragement.

Elimination

Your first task will be to teach your puppy where you want him to eliminate (go to the bathroom) by accompanying him every time he goes outside. Select a specific area where you want him to go that is easy to get to, i.e., close to the door! Your puppy will become familiar with this place as he recognizes his odor from previous eliminations. You should gently praise his sniffing and other pre-elimination behaviors. Make sure to energetically praise your puppy after he eliminates in the proper area.

Mealtimes

You can help control your puppy's elimination routine by also controlling his feeding schedule. Most puppies should eliminate within an hour after eating, so it is best to avoid feeding him a large meal right before confinement. You should offer him food two or three times each day at the same times and only make the food available for a maximum of 30 minutes. Your puppy's last meal of the day should be finished between three and five hours before bedtime so he has plenty of time for elimination.

Make sure to take your puppy outside for elimination after eating, drinking, sleeping or playing. Develop a schedule of mealtimes, play sessions, confinement periods (for sleeping or rest) and trips outside to the "bathroom" to adjust your puppy to a fairly predictable elimination schedule.

Prevent Mistakes

You'll find the most challenging part of housetraining your puppy is preventing accidents indoors. To avoid this, you need to constantly supervise your puppy. When you are not able to directly supervise him, confine him to a small, safe area. Always take him outside to eliminate just before you confine him. You may want to use a wire or plastic crate to confine your puppy when you can't directly supervise him (see the article on Crate Training in the March issue of Fetch Magazine).

If you are leaving your puppy home alone every day for long periods, you may want to confine him in a larger area such as a small room. This area should be large enough for your puppy to eliminate, if necessary, and lay down several feet away from the mess. Place newspaper at the places where your puppy is likely to eliminate. Help your puppy become comfortable in his confinement area by playing with him there or simply being in the room with him while he rests.

It may also be beneficial to either take a couple days off of work or spend a three-day weekend concentrating solely on creating a comfortable schedule and elimination timeline for your new puppy. The extra time spent upfront will pay off quickly in maintaining clean carpets.

Correcting Mistakes

Most importantly, be prepared for your puppy to make mistakes! No puppy has ever been housetrained without making a few mistakes. Punishing your puppy is the least effective way to correct his behavior. When your puppy has an accident and you catch him in the act of eliminating indoors, you should correct him with a mild, startling distraction, such as clapping or shaking a can containing a few pebble or coins, and then immediately take him outside to finish eliminating.

Correcting your puppy more than a few moments after he eliminates is ineffective because he will not understand why he is being corrected. And if you are too harsh with your correction, you will teach your puppy not to eliminate in front of you, even when you are outside. This harsh punishment could damage your bond with him. Never rub your puppy's nose in his mess - you will only teach him to be afraid of you.

Some pets who "squirt" or urinate when they greet people may do so out of nervousness or excitement and scolding will always make the problem worse. Rather, do not greet your pet right away. Ignore the pet until he settles down and then greet him.

If (and when) your puppy has accidents inside your home, he may continue to eliminate at the same spot if he can smell the odor from his previous mistake. Use an

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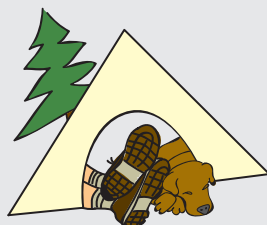
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Woofy Wear

by Wendy

When the Simplicity Pattern Company called Wendy Simon to tell her that they wanted their line to include her trademarked dog clothing patterns, it was the culmination of years of hard work that started because of the love of a little dog without hair.

Due to family allergies and asthma, Wendy got an American Hairless Terrier (AHT) named Tilly (who would soon live up to her full name, Attila the Hun). AHT's are hairless rat terriers usually no larger than 18 inches tall and described as an intelligent, loving, high-energy breed.

In the Wisconsin snow, Wendy's dogs would look like ballerinas as they lifted one paw after another. Wendy feared frostbite and her self-described "over protectiveness" motivated Wendy to purchase dog clothes. The store-bought clothes did not fit satisfactorily. Per Wendy, the dogs "would step out of the clothes or I would find them hanging around the dogs' necks." Sewing had been a part of Wendy's life since her mother had signed up the reluctant 12 year old for a Simplicity sewing class. "I ended up loving it," Wendy remembers.

Wendy began designing snuggler fitting dog clothing out of stretchy materials like fleece and cotton. In order to create her own patterns, she would cut apart store bought dog outfits and duct tape them on her dogs in the areas where they did not fit correctly. Wendy said her dogs got to the point "where they would see me coming (with duct tape) and cringe and seem to be saying 'Oh, here she comes again.'"

As Wendy sewed outfits for her own dogs, she posted their pictures on Internet dog forums. People began saying "I'll buy that. You ought to start a business." People's interest grew to the point where she started her dog clothing business with an Internet storefront at www.woofywearbywendy.com. The Woofy Wear by Wendy brand name was created by Wendy's granddaughter, Laura, who had been previously inspired to nickname Wendy "Grandma Woofy" because Wendy ate so fast.

The Woofy Wear by Wendy line currently includes four patterns that are easy enough for beginning sewers and designed

for small to medium dogs. There are two four-legged, pajama type outfits. One is the Bark Avenue which includes cuffs and the other is the cuff less Eddie Bowser. Additionally, the line includes the cuffed Yuppy Puppy t-shirt and the cuff less Goochie Poochie t-shirt.

The demand for clothes grew so large that Wendy's basement soon had a mass production line with three sewing machines and tables full of fleece and cotton. Her customer base grew to over 200 customers and included foreign countries such as Finland and England. Many customers came from the Southern United States as the clothes not only kept the dogs warm in the air conditioning but also offered protection from sunburn. The clothing became so popular that customers wanted to get together and meet each other. Since 2002, a group of American Hairless Terrier owners have annually met at a "Make It Naked" picnic that draws approximately 70 people and 40 dogs from throughout the country.

By 2004, the demand for Woofy Wear was so great that Wendy "did not have a life." Working at her "real" job of nursing and then on the dog clothes left little time for her family. In September 2004, Wendy slowly stopped sewing and by March 2005 she was no longer selling Woofy Wear.

One of Woofy Wear's customers told Wendy that she had contacted Simplicity Pattern Company asking why they did not have patterns like Wendy's. Simplicity told the customer that they would be interested in offering dog clothing patterns and suggested that Wendy contact them. After multiple conversations, Simplicity asked Wendy to submit a presentation on the clothes and the patterns. They called her back several months later and said they wanted to offer her line! Woofy Wear by Wendy has been offered for \$14.95 as Simplicity Pattern #3939 since October 2006.



Today, the Woofy Wear by Wendy website has a link to Wendy's patterns on the Simplicity website. The Woofy Wear website also offers customers the ability to contact seamstresses who will sew completed outfits of the trademarked clothing. Due to the numerous requests by her former customers for sewn garments, Wendy is always on the search for additional seamstresses who are interested in producing completed outfits.

The future of Woofy Wear is bright as Simplicity has approached Wendy asking for additional patterns. Simplicity told Wendy that the current patterns are one of their best sellers and that they cannot keep them in the stores.

Along with her human family, today Wendy lives with her three American Hairless Terriers; Sammy who is 8 years old, Teddy Bare, age 7 and Benny age 4. Looking back over all that has occurred, Wendy reflected "It has just been a neat thing. I started out taking the Simplicity sewing class as a kid. It was just such a subtle process. When it was all done people said 'I am so proud of you. You have a pattern with Simplicity!' I really just had to let it sink in that there was actually a pattern of mine that was published."

www.woofywearbywendy.com

Marie Tubbin loves spending time with her two best buddies, her husband, Mike and her dog, Louie. She met Mike at Burger King and Louie at HAWS and considers those two of the luckiest days of her life.

BREW MIDWEST'S FIFTH ANNUAL BEAGLEFEST

The sound of 250 beagles baying is a cause for joy at Hinckly Park, Park Ridge, IL. This signifies the 5th annual BREW (Beagle Rescue, Education & Welfare) Midwest's Beaglefest to help raise funds needed to provide vital services such as spaying/neutering, vaccinations, and medical procedures to homeless beagles in the Midwest region. BREW Midwest serves Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Western Pennsylvania.

This year's event is Saturday, May 19, 2007. It will be held at Hinckly Park, Park Ridge, IL from Noon to 4:00pm. Beaglefest will be a rain or shine event. Last year 2006 Beaglefest had over 250 beagles and their families in attendance and raised over \$10,000 for BREW Midwest!

There will be refreshments and food available. Several BREW items will be for sale plus a raffle, gift baskets and microchipping. Admission starts at \$5.00 per family. For more information, please check BREW MW's website brewbeagle.org.

BREW Midwest has cared for over 600 beagles in the last four years. We receive no state or federal funding and rely on the generosity of our supporters to continue our program and services for beagles and people of the Midwest region.

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This program is being presented by Paula Dally, professional Pet Groomer at Pampered Paws in Wauwatosa. Paula will demonstrate preferred techniques in a group setting with time for individual questions. Please leave your canine companions at home.

Your Good Looking Hot Dog? It's all about Grooming, will be held on April 23rd from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Central Bark Doggy Day Care, 1075 West North Branch Drive in Oak Creek.

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- Pet look-a-like contest - starts at 12:30 PM
- Door prize raffles at Noon, 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM
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Proud sponsors of the day include; Milwaukee Pug Fest, HAWS Humane Animal Welfare Society, Elm Brook Humane Society and Brew City Small Dog Rescue.

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According to SkyDance owner Dennis Lutynski, dogs in daycare or overnight lodging should be enjoying the great outdoors with "the pack" at all times, weather permitting.

Typical boarding facilities are confined, smelly, and boring for your canine. You feel guilty taking your pet there, and clearly your pet isn't happy about going. Because the routine is monotonous and lacks stimulation, sleep is the best option a boarded dog has. Lutynski asserts that canine stress can, in fact, be remedied by getting outdoors, staying active and alert, burning off pent-up energy and shedding anxiety by interacting with nature. At SkyDance, there are no limits! With open skies and wide open play-yards, a dog spends its time playing or socializing with other boarders, and spends quality time sleeping through night in exhaustion after exciting daytime activities.

Because of Lutynski's belief that dogs should be on-the-go while in daycare or being boarded, SkyDance is adding to their huge play-yard concept with a massive construction project, already underway, which will add an aquatic treadmill, agility course, doggy pool, and much more. SkyDance Pet Lodge will be something of an all-inclusive "Club Med"-style pet resort for canines. The new addition will quadruple the size of this already-impressive boarding facility.

The canine day-care industry is moving toward more upscale boardinghouses

with added features like therapy and massage to please owners who are willing to spend more to pamper their pets. SkyDance has always been the leader in this trend with superior care for each boarder. Every dog is bathed, in a super-clean environment, before going home. (It's like getting your car washed each time when you take it in for service.) Full service grooming amenities are available by appointment; hand drying and hand-scissored cuts make for exceptional styling.

Aside from a superior location, the success of SkyDance Pet Lodge is attributed to the people who work there. Lutynski is quick to credit his loyal employees as being the key to excellent customer service, catering specifically to the individual boarder's needs, and going the extra mile to pursue excellence in the SkyDance daily operation. Staffers interact with the dogs the entire day, ensuring that the boarders (who are split into different groups according to age, breed, and activity level), get the maximum amount of playing and amusement. While other places charge extra for exercise; it is the staple of a dog's experience at SkyDance.

In comparison to ordinary facilities that house animals in conjunction to other businesses, SkyDance focuses on daycare and boarding, and only on serving the interests of the canine guests and their families. SkyDance enriches a pet's environment with the companionship of other dogs plus enthusiastic staff, fresh air, the smell of pine needles from the surrounding forest, and an endless array of places to sniff and wildlife to watch in

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Deb Voss Quail loves writing for Fetch. Duke -- a fearless Cairn Terrier -- lives with Deb and Jim, tries to run the household, and insists on going along in the car when Deb does research for assignments.



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When spring has sprung, so will your dog's coat - especially if you have a chronic shedder. Though shedding is a headache for owners of many breeds, it doesn't have to be if you keep your dog's coat well-groomed all year-round. This will not only make him happier, but it'll also cut down on the amount of fur stuck to your clothes and furniture.

"There really are no miracle products when it comes to shedding," says Kathy Marsala, manager at Pampered Paws in Milwaukee. "Regular grooming is important, especially at home and we recommend our customers get their dogs groomed at least every six-to-eight weeks."

Typically dogs shed their coats in the spring to make room for a lighter, thinner coat. But, according to Veterinary Partner.com, dogs also shed in the fall to ready themselves for a lighter coat. Dogs with long, thick double-coats, such as collies and Nordic breeds, such as Malamutes or Huskies, have a protective overcoat of long hair and an insulating undercoat. Double-coated breeds lose masses of fur in both spring and fall.

"The key to grooming a dog is to get the undercoat," explains Julie Zimmermann of Aussie Pet Mobile who owns a franchise in Mukwonago. "The guard coat doesn't fluff off so getting at the undercoat is the best way to cut down on shedding."

One of the best methods that Marsala and Zimmermann recommend to reduce shedding is the Furminator process. Though the tool can be purchased in some pet stores, groomers also offer the professional method.

"It's really a three-step process that's designed to get at the undercoat and it can help reduce shedding to between 60 and 80 percent if you have it done every four-to-six weeks," says Zimmermann.

The process includes brushing with the Furminator deshedding tool, bathing with the Furminator shampoo and using the Furminator solution.

"I use the process on my own dogs and it really cuts down on my vacuum time," adds Zimmermann.

Grooming tools will depend on your dog's coat type. Dog-breed-facts.com recommends using a brush or comb on all coats, but other helpful tools include: pin brushes, bristle brushes, soft brushes and/or rubber brushes; fine and/or wide toothed metal combs, stripping combs and/or stripping knives.

Shedding/non-shedding breeds

When choosing a dog breed, you may want to keep the dog's coat type in mind in order to determine how much grooming your dog will require. According to dog-breed-facts.com, some breeds shed twice a year, but some breeds, like the Dalmatian, shed moderately throughout the year, and poodles don't shed their coats at all.

A breed is considered hypoallergenic if it doesn't shed or sheds very little. If properly groomed these breeds may be ideal for those who suffer from pet allergies. Examples of 'hypoallergenic' or low-shedding dogs include: Airedale Terriers, Boston Terriers, all types of Poodles, Shih Tzus, Bichon Frise and Schnauzers.

Thick, heavy, double-coated dog breeds do shed much more than low-shedding breeds, however, as noted by dog-breed-facts.com, this does not necessarily mean that light shedding breeds such as the Airedale or Poodle require less grooming. Some examples of heavy shedding breeds include: Alaskan Malamute, Australian Shepard, Collies, German Shepherds, Pomeranians, Saint Bernards and Siberian Huskies.

Getting accustomed to grooming

In order to get your dog accustomed to being groomed, and thus cutting down on the amount of shedding, it's best to begin regular grooming during puppy hood, says Marsala.

"When you start grooming your dog early it gets them used to the process, as well as being handled by strangers on a table if you're getting the dog professionally groomed," she says.

For adult dogs that don't enjoy the grooming process, Marsala suggests making the process non-stressful for your dog. "Just don't make a big deal out of it," she says. "If your dog doesn't like to be groomed, just brush one side one day and the other side the next day. If he gets agitated, wait until he calms down, but just don't make a big deal out of it."

Knowing your dogs "hot spots" such as long hair behind his ears or on the backs of his legs will also help cut down on shedding because you can focus on those areas, says Marsala.

Nutrition can also become a factor in how your dog's coat appears. Though this may not cut down on shedding, it can better your dog's appearance, adds Zimmermann.

Though there are no perfect answers to completely keeping that pesky dog hair off your favorite pair of black pants, making sure your dog is properly groomed can help keep your shedding problem under control.

"Almost all dogs shed, it's just a matter of how you maintain it that helps keep it under control," says Zimmermann.

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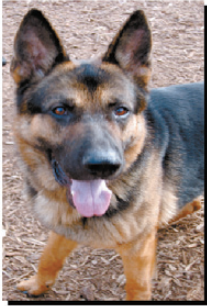
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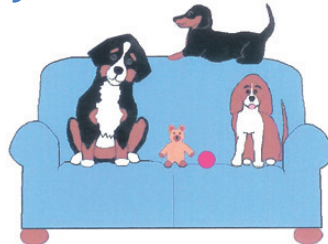
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"Essences work on the electrical systems of the body," Herold explains. "Our mental, physical and spiritual level each has an electrical system to support it. These systems are something I always check out for any sort of physical or emotional issue, just to see if a dog needs essences." The practice has helped her heal dogs and other animals in a variety of ways.

For physical problems, "essences can eliminate or shift out the mental or emotional piece, which then allows the body to engage in its own corrective abilities," Herold explains. "That's what holistic medicine is all about-finding something to help engage the body's self corrective mechanism."

She finds that essences can also help a pet deal with phobias or fears. Assisting

pets in their death transitions has been especially rewarding for her. "It won't speed up the dying process, but it can help make that whole process easier for the animal." She notes that animals usually pass a lot easier than humans, but one thing that will stall a pet's process is concern for their owner. "I had one dog who insisted she was not ready to go or didn't want to go. She was hanging on with everything she had for her owner." Herold explained to that owner what was going on with her pet and how some essences might help the dog let go. She was right.

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My Foster Experience

| conclusion

Bella and I explored the world together, one training step and one small piece of hot dog or cooked chicken at a time.

I was ecstatic with any progress we made. Small things like being able to walk past garbage carts or a lawn bag filled with leaves without her barking at them, or for landmark breakthroughs at the dog park when she'd run and play with me totally forgetting she had issues with all these dogs in full view and she wasn't whimpering, shaking or pulling to run away. I took her to pet stores, socialized her with family, friends and strangers and rewarded each and every effort she gave me to do the right thing. Watching her learn was incredibly rewarding.



But I also had days when I unintentionally pushed her out of her comfort zone too quickly. I believed she genuinely feared for her life when I introduced her to another puppy at the dog park. It didn't matter that the other puppy was as docile and tail wagging friendly as they come. Bella was threatened and she reacted with snarls and intense barking. I was irritated with myself for not thinking the situation through more carefully.

The way she reacted frightened me. I thought wow; will she be a long-term problematic dog that can not be trusted around other dogs or able to be properly socialized? Do I want to take that responsibility and commitment on?

Mine and Bella's relationship was a

balancing act. She was teaching me patience and dedication and I was teaching her confidence and trust. In one short week we ran the gamut of emotions from serene, to rocky, to intensely committed.

Week one of the foster experience Daryl was hands off with anything Bella. But that changed. It changed daily like Bella's coloring did. Week two at the Skaradzinski house things got crazy. I was processing applications and keeping the shelter up to date on Bella's progress. Daryl was telling me we should keep her. Teaching three dogs a new routine from 4:30 a.m. to bedtime was comical. My feelings flip flopped hourly. I wanted to keep my "foster only" promise. At the same I was falling in love with the thought of keeping her in spite of the challenges I knew came with that decision. How much would I miss watching Bella grow up? Would she adjust to another family or would it set her progress back?

Above all the confusion and the internal debate I was having I could not ignore how much Bella had grown on me. Her furiously happy tail, her spinning and pawing the air when her food bowl came into view, her unquestionable connection with Siena and Jale, her intelligence and sweet personality - it was time to decide.

"Are we nuts adding a third dog?" I asked out loud. The morning after our decision I had a mini panic attack getting ready for work. I caught my toe on the dog gate and it came crashing to the ground. Bella peed on the floor twice; one puddle I skillfully slid through with bare feet. Bella started barking furiously at something I couldn't see. Siena chimed in with the barking and worked herself into a tizzy running between rooms. And then there was Jale. Jale sat silently in the chaos, looking directly at me and saying with her eyes, "Two of us weren't enough, huh?" All this and it wasn't even 6:00 a.m.

Fostering is a commitment of love. I loved my experience. A lot of dogs need love. Give fostering a try. I'd highly recommend it.

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The Newfoundland

The Newfoundland: Virtue without vice

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Newfoundlands are rightfully called the gentle giants of the dog world. A brief glance at their page on the AKC website reveals descriptives like patient, dignified, peaceable, intelligent, calm, balanced, loyal, sweet, and devoted. The official breed description says "Sweetness is the hallmark of the Newfoundland; this is the most important single characteristic of the breed."

They originate in Canada, in Newfoundland; yes it's not just a clever name. While no one knows for sure, they're believed to be descended from dogs brought by the Vikings. The dogs worked side by side with local Fishermen retrieving nets, hauling boat lines to shore, carrying loads in packs and hauling lumber - explaining their bulky exterior. They were also used to rescue overboard fisherman and drowning victims.

While modern technology has made many of the Newfies' jobs unnecessary, they still have a love of water and talent for rescue. While they are still employed for water rescue, even the family pet will race to someone in need. Carla Gengler, a breeder from Campbellsport, recalled a family water skiing trip "The water was still a little cold and when my daughter squealed our dog jumped in to save her." It's so ingrained that an untrained Newf will still grab an unconscious person by their arm to roll on their back while being taken to safety.

Speaking of families, Newfoundlands make an excellent addition. These 'gentle giants' have another moniker 'Nature's babysitters'. They have a natural attraction to children and prove to be patient and playful companions. They are also accepting of other non-family members



unless they sense a dangerous situation. With the exception of occasional aggression between unneutered males, Newfies also get along famously with other pets.

So, with all these great qualities Newfies must be the perfect dog, right? Well just like the disclaimer that comes with every breed, they're not for everyone. Their most notable issue for many families can be their size. They aren't listed as a giant breed for nothing. Females' range from 100 to 120 pounds and males from 130 to 150. Occasionally some can get to be more than 160. While a mature dog isn't overly boisterous, and with exercise can live in smaller homes, check out your floor plan first and make sure you have the room.

Don't forget that the size of a breed can sometime directly affect the cost. An adult Newfoundland has a low metabolism and can be fed the same quantity as a large dog, like a Labrador, but puppy is going to grow upwards of a 100 pounds in one year and that's going to require a lot of energy. Also, medication costs are often dependant on size so make sure to budget for monthly heartworm and flea treatments.

While they are great with kids, you might also want to consider your children's ages and durability. It might be unintentional, but a Newfie has a lot of mass to keep

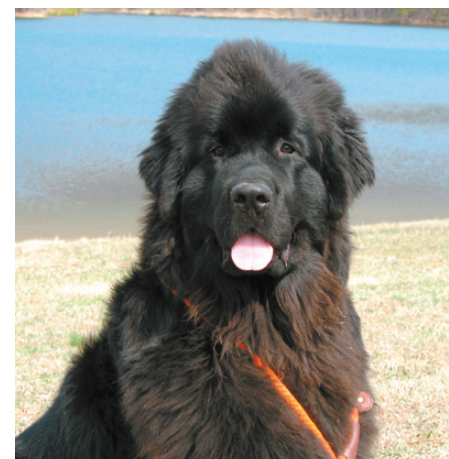
track of and babies and toddlers can get knocked over, so if that's a concern for you wait until the kids are a bit bigger.

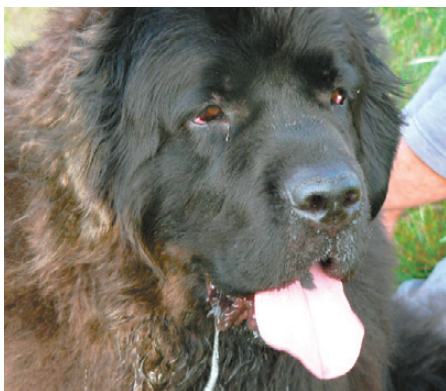
Don't forget that massive body is covered by a lot of hair. They have a long, water repellant outer coat and oily thick undercoat, which is shed twice a year. Routine brushings are a must. Carla Gengler recommends her perspective pup parents get a grooming table to make the job easier. "You really have to get deep in the coat, holding part of it up in one hand and brushing your way down, all the way to the skin." While black is the most common coat color, they also can be brown, grey or black and white which is also called

Landseer and considered by some European Kennel clubs to be it's own breed.

That gigantic body and massive coat are headed by a substantial pair of lips as well. When these dogs are hot, playing, excited, or finishing a long, sloppy drink; they tend to make a mess. So if drool makes you gag you might want something a little more tight-lipped. Their big, fuzzy paws also have a tendency to bring a lot of the outdoors in... just something to think about if you treasure your white carpet.

Overall, Newfoundlands are a relatively healthy breed. They can suffer from the usual big dog ailments, things like hip





and elbow dysplasia, so that's why it is so important to keep your Newfie trim - less stress on the joints. They can also be prone to a congenital heart defect known as sub aortic stenosis. Carla recommends when searching for a breeder to look for one that takes their puppies to a cardiologist to be screened for this condition.

When asked what was the one thing she wanted people to know about Newfoundlands, without hesitation she replied, "Please don't buy off the Internet or from puppy mills. Find a reputable breeder or look at a rescue." A simple trip to the North Central Newfoundland Clubs website www.newfdogclub.org, provides a list of local breeders and more breed information.

So, is a Newfie for you? Be prepared to be part of a long, proud heritage. Newfie owners are often as loyal to the breed as they're dogs are to them. James Barrie included his favorite breed when writing Peter Pan, as Nana the beloved companion and caretaker for the Darling children. When Lord Byron, the English romantic poet, lost his beloved Newf Boatswain, he had these immortal words inscribed on a headstone: 'near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man without his vices'.

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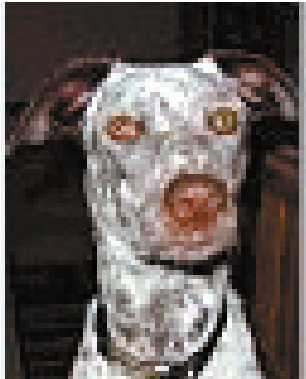
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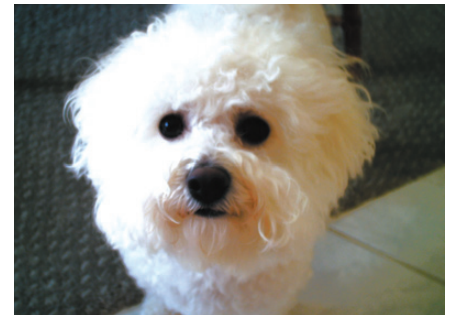
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Event Calendar

April 2007

1 Sunday

What: April Stools Day
Where: Mitchell Park Dog Park, Brookfield
When: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Info: 262-548-0923

What: Photos w/ the Easter Bunny by SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00am - 4:00pm (reservations suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Shy & Reactive Dog Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:00 pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

4 Wednesday

What: Basic Obedience Class Begins
Where: Animal Motel, Butler
When: 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Info: 262-781-5200, www.animalmotel.net

What: Canine Good Citizen Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:45 pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Harmony Pet Care, Waukesha
When: 7:45 pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

5 Thursday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: 8:10 pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

6 Friday

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: www.grkc.org

What: RallyO Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

7 Saturday

What: Basic Obedience Class Begins
Where: Animal Motel, Butler
When: 9:00am - 10:45am
Info: 262-781-5200, www.animalmotel.net

What: Easter Egg Hunt
Where: Central Bark DDC, Oak Creek
When: Begins at 9:00 am
Info: www.hallbark.com

13 Friday

What: Obedience & Rally Correction Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: Entries 6:30 p.m., Start 7:00 p.m.
(only \$5 per dog)
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

What: Rally Drop in Classes
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m. (advanced), 7:30 (novice)
Info: www.grkc.org

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 pm (Novice), (Open) Follows Novice
Info: 1-888-581-9070

14 Saturday

What: Pet Wellness Expo
Where: Burlington High School, Burlington
When: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Info: 262-767-9392, <http://2007petfair.com>

What: Pet Massage with Geri
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776 (only \$15/session)

What: Canine Massage
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 4:00pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Nail Trimming (Dogs not People)
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776 (only \$10/trim)

15 Sunday

What: Specialty Breed Manners Class
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: Noon
Info: 414-289-7785, www.dogclass.com

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 5:00pm (reservations required)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

17 Tuesday

What: Chemicals & Our Pets Seminar
Where: Animal Doctor, Muskego
When: 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Info: 414-422-1300

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Downtown Milw.
When: 8:10 pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

18 Wednesday

What: Is Your Dog Afraid of His Own Shadow?
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00 pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

19 Thursday

What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: 7:00 pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca
Where: Animal Doctor, Muskego
When: 2:00 - 7:00 pm
Info: 414-422-1300

20 Friday

What: Yappy Hour (reservations required)
Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 6:30 - 7:30pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Agility Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: Entries 6 p.m., Start 7 p.m. (only \$5 per dog)
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

What: UKC Agility Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

21 Saturday

What: Toxic Chemicals & Our Pets
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00am
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Earth, Wind, & Flowers Class
Where: Animal Doctor, Muskego
When: 11:00 am - Noon
Info: 414-422-1300

23 Monday

What: Dachshund Grooming Program
Where: Central Bark DDC, Oak Creek
When: 7:00 - 8:30pm
Info: 414-529-0966 (Deb), 414-257-4134 (John)

What: Freestyle Dance Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:30 pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

27 Friday

What: Agility Run Thrus
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: www.grkc.org

What: Yappy Hour (FREE)
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Info: 414-289-7785, www.dogclass.com

What: Fun & Games Night
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00 pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

28 Saturday

What: Hal's Harley Davidson Pet Day
Where: Hal's 1925 South Moorland Rd., New Berlin
When: 11:00am - 3:00pm
Info: 262-860-2060, www.halshd.com

What: Open House to Benefit Ozaukee Humane
Where: East Towne Veterinary Clinic, Mequon
When: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Info: 414-241-4884

What: Basset Buddies Rescue
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Essentials Oils Class w/ Cindy
Where: Animal Doctor, Muskego
When: 11:00 am - Noon
Info: 414-422-1300

Every Sunday

What: Puppy Social
Where: Best Paw Forward Dog Training
When: 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.
Info: 262-369-3935

What: Puppy Parties
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 12:45 p.m. (except holiday weekends)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

Who: "Your Family Pet" with Amy Ammen
Where: WRRD 540AM The Word
What: Radio Show 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Info: Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

Every Monday

What: Conformation Walk-in Classes
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:40 pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

Every Tuesday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (7 week course)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Every Wednesday

What: Conformation Drop-In Training
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 7:30 p.m.
Info: www.grkc.org

Every Thursday

Who: Amiable Dog Training with Amy Ammen
Where: Channel 14 (MATA/MCM)
What: T.V. Show 6:00 p.m.

Every Saturday

Who: Amiable Dog Training with Amy Ammen
Where: Channel 14 (MATA/MCM)
What: T.V. Show 10:30 a.m.

The information for the Event Calendar is provided to Fetch Magazine by many sources and is accurate at the time of printing. We encourage you to call ahead to confirm event details.

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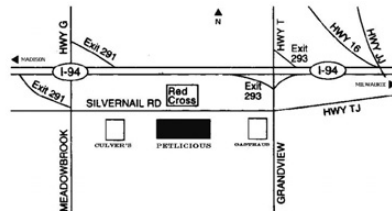
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Product Review - The Sha-poopie

What do you hate the most about taking your dogs for a walk... Constant pulling of the leash? Lunging after squirrels? Barking at strange dogs? As annoying as those things are, personally I hate having to pick up what my dogs leave behind on people's lawns. Worse yet, I feel bad when my dogs use a neighbor's lawn for their toilet. Using a plastic bag removes most of the pile, but there are always leave-behinds. However, I don't have any of these problems anymore. Did I stop walking my dogs? No. I picked up a Sha-poopie.

A what? Yes, the name may bring a grin to your face or the look of it may have passerby's wondering what you're doing... but the concept works. As shown in the photo, the Sha-poopie is the ultimate pooper-scooper... or should I say pooper-catcher. At the end of a telescoping wand you'll find a container waiting to catch your dog's next #2. Here's how it works: Over the months and years you've been



taking your dogs for walks, you've come to realize when and where they prefer to relieve themselves. As your four-legged buddy assumes the position, you gently position the plastic cup under the hindquarters and within seconds the waste is contained. You didn't have to touch it, bag it, or smear it across your neighbor's lawn.

Will your dog like it? At first, probably not. We live with a small Westie and a very large Greyhound. The Westie had no problem acclimating himself to this apparatus but it took a few extra days

with the Greyhound as she is easily startled by strange items around her. There will be a short period of adjustment for your pooch to acclimate himself to this device, but after a few trial runs, he'll never know it's back there.

Inside the packaging you'll find tips and instructions to help your dogs become accustomed to this device. You'll soon find yourself wondering what to do with all those supermarket bags under the sink. The Sha-poopie solves one of the most hated rituals we all experience while walking our dogs. And it does so in a

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effective commercial product to remove urine and fecal odor from the spot so he is less likely to return to this area.

If your puppy continues to eliminate in certain areas of your home, do not give him access to these areas by closing doors, using baby gates or moving pieces of furniture over the soiled areas. Many pets will not eliminate in areas where they eat, play or rest, so try placing food or water bowls, beds and toys in areas where they have previously soiled to discourage future elimination.

Housetraining your puppy can be a rewarding and bonding experience for both you and your puppy. Be sure to contact your veterinarian with any questions or concerns you may have during this important training process.

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) is an international association of more than 32,000 veterinary care providers who treat companion animals.

Benefit for Ozaukee Humane Society

On April 28th from 2:00 - 4:00pm, stop by East Towne Veterinary Clinic for an Open House to benefit the Ozaukee Humane Society. Enjoy a bake sale, raffle for gift certificates to local businesses, games, face painting, plus tours of the Clinic. Bring the kids and visit with Scooby Doo!!

East Towne Veterinary Clinic is located at 11622 N Port Washington Rd in Mequon.

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manner not available until now. The Sha-poopie was developed, designed, and created by Dan Shalhoub who resides here in Milwaukee. Dan was fortunate enough to even pitch the Sha-poopie on last season's hit ABC show, American Inventor. Now you can own your own.

The Sha-poopie is available at Hoffers Tropical Pets at 76 & Good Hope, Wisconsin Garden & Pet Supply at 84th & North Ave., Animal Motel at 13175 W. Silver Spring Rd., Metropawlis at 317 N. Broadway, Bark N' Scratch Outpost at 5835 W. Bluemound, and End of the Leash in Mukwanago.

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