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- **Pet Wellness Expo on April 12th**
- **HAWS Walk-A-Thon on May 3rd**
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- **EBHS Dog Wash w/ Petlicious on April 27th**
- **Spring Bark Fundraiser for ROMP on April 13th**
- **Jackson Park Pet Expo on May 3rd**

Why make such a big deal about these events? First of all, these events give our canine companions a chance to stretch their winter legs and to socialize with friends they haven't seen since last fall. Second, the organizations putting on these events go through the trouble of setting up vendors, arranging venues, and praying people will come because they believe one hundred percent in helping dogs in need. When you see your pooch curled up nicely on the family room rug, remember that there are hundreds of dogs waiting for their chance to do the same... but they need your help. Events like these bring more awareness of dogs in need, whether it's a new home or bulletproof vests for the jobsite. Please mark your calendar for each of these events. What a great way to start SPRING!!

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Ask the VET

Dental care is not just teeth cleaning!

Teeth cleaning is not enough! It seems logical to clean the teeth on cats and dogs especially when they cannot brush their own teeth, but teeth "grooming" just isn't enough! Pets count on us to care, and we definitely do care. Being thorough provides higher value for owners. It also improves the lives of our pets! Simply stated, if you don't look you never will find oral or dental problems.

Unfortunately our pets may suffer from problems that were never recognized or diagnosed. When you have your teeth cleaned, dental radiographs help the dentist diagnose problems. Dr. Kressin, a local veterinary dentist, provides dental radiographs and advanced care.

Teeth cleaning above and below the gumline is an important procedure however it simply is not enough for the majority of pets. We must make sure that specific problems are recognized, diagnosed and treated. Dr. Kressin prefers the term COHAT or comprehensive oral health assessment and treatment.

COHAT-Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment and Treatment

Plaque (sticky grey material) and calculus (or tartar, the hard yellow-tan-brown deposits) are removed from all of the teeth above and below the gumline (supergingivally and subgingivally). Dental radiographs with periodontal probing help identify and diagnose various problems. These findings are recorded in the dental chart. Animal owners are contacted and treatment plans are discussed. With informed consent, the pet receives all of the needed services during the same anesthesia episode (in most cases). Alternately, the problems may be addressed in stages if the owner prefers. Many times the family vet identifies potential problems and refers the pet to Dr. Kressin. They then work as a "team"

to help you and your pet! It is very difficult to brush away the yellow or tan calculus (tartar) deposits on teeth. Professional care (COHAT) is needed.

What problems might we identify in providing COHAT?

Numerous oral and dental problems can be identified, diagnosed and resolved when providing comprehensive care (COHAT). It is however essential to have experience with dental radiology, radiograph interpretation and advanced training to provide comprehensive dental and oral surgical care.

This is a "short list" of eleven common problems we typically identify in providing COHAT! **1)** Periodontal disease is present in greater than 85% of pets over three years old. **2)** Discolored teeth should be identified and evaluated to avoid health risks. **3)** Draining tracks or discharges from the mouth or face indicate deeper problems. **4)** Facial or oral swellings must be evaluated systematically for resolution. **5)** Fractured teeth (chipped or cracked) can be painful and result in other health risks. **6)** Jaw fractures are a common result of oral infection especially in small dogs and

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cats. 7) Malocclusions are abnormal and frequently painful dental relationships. 8) Oral tumors are differentiated from oral cysts; they be minor or life threatening. 9) Oronasal fistulas are oral defects that communicate with the respiratory track. 10) Oral ulcerations are painful lesions and the underlying problem must be resolved. 11) TMJ problems are uncomfortable in pets as they are in people and require resolution.

When should teeth cleaning with the COHAT approach be started?

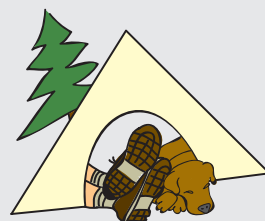
The majority of pets have their first COHAT far too late. These animals develop many of the 11 problems listed above by this first thorough evaluation. Most small dogs should have COHAT by 1 year and larger dogs by age 2 to 2.5 years. The answer to when the first professional teeth cleaning (with oral health assessment) should be performed is easy. It depends on many factors. We focus on the "A,B,C's"!

Age of cats and dogs factors into the consideration of when to clean and assess oral health. Since 85% of these animals have periodontal disease by 3 to 3.5 years age, it is logical to provide COHAT earlier. If there is calculus (tartar) on the teeth they need to be cleaned. Even if it is a very small accumulation on one or two teeth, it is time to act. Teeth brushing at home substantially reduces the accumulations of plaque and calculus. It is excellent advice to start brushing pet's teeth in the primary (baby teeth) dentition. Calculus will not accumulate if the teeth are brushed correctly on a daily basis. Brushing removes plaque bacteria which causes periodontal disease.

Breed definitely factors into the decision of when to clean and assess the oral health. Smaller breeds need more help with cleaning and keeping teeth clean! The reason is in part because the teeth tend to be closer and the entrapment of food and debris is more common. Entrapped food supports bacterial growth and periodontal infection. Most young breeds of dogs will develop calculus on teeth by 6 or 7 months age if the teeth are not brushed regularly.

Caring and well informed owners heavily factor into the decision of when the teeth need to be cleaned and assessed. As stated above, the teeth should be cleaned when

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Training Bits

Petiquette: Controlling Your Canine Around Guests and at the Vet

The following excerpt is from Hip Ideas for Hyper Dogs, Written by Amy Ammen and Kitty Foth-Regner. Copyright 2007 by Wiley Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Admit it: There are times when your dog's exuberance is at least a little embarrassing, if not downright humiliating.

The good news is that it can be fairly easy to gain control over him in just about any situation. Let's take a look at just a couple of the most common sources of uncouth behavior.

Greeting guests

Does your dog throw himself all over any guests who wander in your door? Here's how to put a stop to it.

First, recognize that guests are often at least partly to blame. When they make a big fuss over your dog the moment they walk in, all that excitement can be more than even the most painstakingly trained dog can bear.

Do everyone concerned a favor by doing two things before your guests arrive. First, ask them in advance to totally ignore your dog for the first 15 minutes of their visit. Second, snap a collar on him before you open the door, so that you can correct him if necessary.

Once they've arrived, invite them to move around freely, since a dog is less likely to glom on to a moving target.

If they can't resist (and who can blame them?), admit that you've been having trouble with your dog becoming overexcited with guests and treat the event as an opportunity to school him. Excuse yourself and get control by enforcing a series of obedience commands in quick succession. By the time you're through, he will be one calm dog - or at least a lot more composed than he was a few minutes earlier.

In the meantime, you can begin alleviating this problem by treating your own homecomings as non-events. Act oblivious to your dog, ignoring him and his shenanigans

completely for the first 15 minutes. If he leaps on you, don't yell at him; it will only inflame his excitement. And don't push him away; he'll see that as a game.

Instead, focus on some other activity - chores or changing your clothes, for instance. If he gets into your way in an attempt to engage you in play don't acknowledge his behavior in any way. Or, if he needs to be fed or walked, do so without emotion.

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The more controlled he is, the more enjoyable the experience will be for everyone concerned. These visits also present you with a great opportunity to practice obedience in the presence of often formidable distractions, including the ruckus created by untrained dogs.

Need help?

If you're unable to control your dog in situations such as these, it's time to get help - either from a solid training book or from a professional trainer. For advice, don't hesitate to give me a call at 414/289-7785.

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Survey Results: Big is not Small

What does the size of your dog reveal about you? Are you Paris Hilton or the outdoorsy type or none of the above? In the quest to find the differences between big dog and small dog owners, a survey sent to friends, family, and strangers may provide some answers.

One of the questions was to see how the labels of "big" or "little" are applied. The definition of "little" as defined by Merriam-Webster is "not big." This led to the expectation that their definition of "big" might be "not little." If the people in the dictionary business are this vague when it comes to defining big versus little, then it is no surprise that the general public varied widely when asked to identify the measurement of a big dog.

For the 25 people who responded to the survey, the dog's weight was the most common measurement. Sixty pounds was the average minimum size for a big dog. However, a Great Dane lover said 100 pounds was the minimum and the St. Bernard aficionado said 120 pounds. It's all perspective, isn't it?

On the survey, 4 people defined themselves as small dog lovers, 5 had no preference and 16 loved big dogs. When asked his preference, Chuck Miller said, "Small! You can easily fit two small dogs plus two kids in your back seat when traveling. Smaller dogs equal smaller landmines! And, three really is a crowd when your Labrador wants to share the bed at night."

Lorie Koop has had St. Bernards, New Foundlands, and Great Pyrenees. She likes big dogs because "Even if they aren't mean dogs, people are deterred from coming into your house. Plus, you can use big dogs as pillows."

Barb Carlson responded that "The big breeds I have had are rough and tumble, fun to play with and still have the loving attitude of a small lap dog. Sitting in my lap, they have no idea that they take up the whole chair; just that they love being close to me."

So, what traits do people associate with small dog owners? Survey responses mentioned Paris Hilton in conjunction with small dog owners and descriptions included "high-maintenance" and "low activity level." Several said that the relationship between owner and small dog was like a parental relationship.

Observations were made that small dogs are desirable to apartment owners or urban dwellers who have less space. Even the owner's age is a factor. Pat Hanley stated that small dogs appeal "to older people, especially women, because it may be physically easier to take care of a small dog." Lori Levine was a bit disappointed that her beagle, Bailey, got as big as 25 pounds. Lori said "I basically wanted something manageable for my six year old daughter. I was concerned a little dog would not be as sturdy as the big one for wrestling and playing, but our beagle has proven to be quite sturdy and very scrappy."

Big dog owners were repeatedly described as being "active," "outdoorsy," "gregarious" types who viewed their dogs as friends or companions. Bigger dogs end up with outdoor types because as Kathy Kiepert observed, "Traditional working breeds need someone who can give them the exercise they need."

As for traits shared with their dogs, big dog owners often mentioned that both they and their dogs liked long hikes. Other comments were more unique like Nikki Oster stating that she and her dog like to "sleep in, stay up late and also both love ice." Both Catherine Powers and her Rottweiler "love lots of pillows when they sleep." Gena Ridanpaa laughs that "I like cheese, my cat likes cheese and my dog likes cheese."

Respondents also observed what you can tell about a person from their dog such as being "neat and organized" and "relaxed or active." Pat Hanley felt that "A dog takes a lot of responsibility and if it is taken care of well, the owner is usually responsible

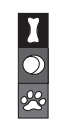
in other fields as well. A dog who gets lots of attention and love usually shows a person who respects other people."

Laura McClure observed that "the dog's attitude and demeanor generally matches the person, even if that person may put on a different front to the world. If you have a sweet loving dog and a grumpy old man, there is usually some sugar underneath. It may be way underneath, but it is there somewhere."

Your dog may even reflect on your whole family. Lori Levine said, "You can tell a happy family from a happy dog. You can tell how caring a person is by how they deal with their dog. You can also detect neuroses from their dogs. If a person is very high strung and very protective of their dog, the dog always seems to be a little psycho as well."

Regardless of size, the love that all the dog owners felt for their companions came through as they talked about their dogs. Gena Ridanpaa summed it up when describing her dog, Finn: "He makes me laugh every day. He gives unconditional love and he's a joy to have around. This little guy has made my life even fuller than it was before and I love him to bits."

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.

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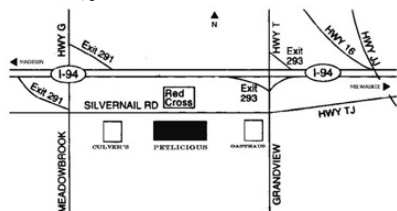
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The purpose of the Pet Wellness Expo is to bring all walks of animal care professionals together in one place for the general public. While at the event, you will be able to talk to these professionals, first hand. Exhibitors include many animal rescue organizations, dog trainers, boarding or pet sitting services, pet stores, grooming/dental care options, veterinary clinics, animal shelters, pet food representatives, dog bakeries, doggy day care services, and veterinary holistic health care providers. Be sure to bring a photo of your pet if you plan to visit the animal communicator's booth.

The first 100 people through the doors will receive a FREE goodie bag. This loaded down bag will be filled with coupons, brochures and free samples! So be sure to get there early.

Free seminars and demonstrations will be part of this year's event. For a schedule of topics and speakers, see our website.

At noon, there will be a 'Parade of Breeds' where there will be many different breeds of animals on parade in the auditorium. Come learn about all the breeds in the parade. Some animals in the Parade are available for adoption.

Be sure not to miss our Silent Auction. We will have rows of items to win so be sure to get your bid in but keep checking back - as the highest bidder wins!

The Treasure Hunt returns again this year, having been a big success last year. Upon entering the expo, your map will guide you to all of the hidden treasure booths and when you are done visiting - enter your name to win the grand prize. The grand prize will be revealed at the event - it's a secret!

Admission is \$1 and Parking is FREE! Food is available on site, so bring the family for the day. Since we will have so

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MPD K-9s Need Bulletproof Vests- You Can Help!

Your attendance at the Jackson Park Pet Expo on Saturday, May 3rd will help protect Milwaukee Police Department's four new police dogs from getting killed in the line of duty. Brew City Small Dog Rescue is sponsoring the fundraising event held from 11-4 in the open field on S. Kinnickinnic Parkway across from Jackson Park's boathouse. All funds raised will be used to purchase bulletproof vests and training equipment for the new K-9 Unit.

If you're thinking that MPD has always worked with police dogs, maybe you didn't realize that Chief Jones retired the six dogs in service during his tenure. When Chief Nan Haggerty replaced Jones, she agreed to get dogs back on the force with the understanding that, due to budget constraints, the cost of the dogs, their training and equipment would need to come from donations. Our newest Chief, Edward Flynn, agrees with Haggerty's plan.

Local businesses donated money to purchase four German Shepherds, and the new recruits have been in training for a few months. The problem is, the dogs "don't have ballistic vests, and all the training equipment is old," says Brew City Small Dog Rescue founder and director Heather Coss. "I'm hoping to

raise enough money to buy whatever they need."

A good ballistic vest costs \$825. The vest covers the dog's back, chest, and underbelly to protect the animal from fatal bullet and stab wounds. A police dog is often sent into dangerous situations ahead of his human partner to investigate an area or to apprehend suspects. A vest does not hinder the dog's freedom of movement in the performance of this work.

Needing the latest in training equipment seems quite logical, but you may be wondering, "ballistic vests?" Yes, absolutely necessary. Think about it-the K-9 is partnered with a police officer for life-they live together, drive together, and work together-and their special bonding and training represent considerable investments of time, money, and emotional and physical energy.

According to Arizona's Protect Police K-9, a non-profit organization working to protect Arizona's dogs with vests, "Any K-9 handler will attest that a K-9 counterpart is no less valuable than a human partner. . . As law enforcement becomes increasingly dangerous, agencies are relying more and more on the agility, versatility,

speed, stamina, and senses of Police K-9 to protect officers and citizens." Arizona presently has a bill in its House of Representatives proposing stricter laws to protect K-9s and to provide state funds for their ballistic vests.

Here in Milwaukee, Coss hopes that after the May 3rd fundraiser, the four K-9's will sport their new vests and complete their training on updated equipment. "They get basic vet care and food provided by the City, but that's all," she says. "I'll find out what they need, and with the funds raised, I'll order what they want and give it to the Department."

Coss reports that response has been great. Early on, fifteen rescue organizations signed up for their free tables, and vendors are calling in to reserve their \$50 tables. Silent Auction prizes are coming in from donors including the Milwaukee Symphony, the County Zoo, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Green Bay Packers, and Harley Davidson.

In addition to a Silent Auction, the party on May 3rd in the park will feature doggy games, nail clipping by dog trainer extraordinaire Amy Ammen, micro chipping by Home Again, and a surprise lure course (shhh! something about pig ears under a field of straw, shhh!). "We'll also have food, soda, beer, and a couple of different activities for people," says Coss.

The new K-9's will make an appearance, but "the dogs are so new, we don't know if they're going to be comfortable doing a demonstration, especially with all the people around," says Coss.

I would bet that the readers of Fetch Magazine don't need convincing of the importance of K-9 ballistic vests. The following pledge, from the Protect Police K-9 website, might help you or someone you know come to a better understanding of the issue.

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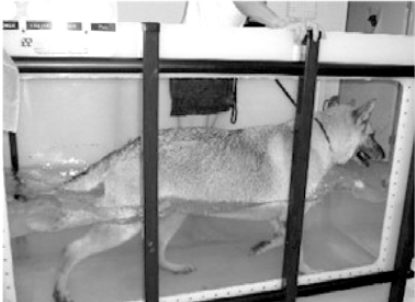
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The goal of DIM is to give dog owners a new understanding of their canines by breaking the language barrier between dogs and humans. The DIM partners are interested in becoming advocates for dogs, helping them reach their highest potential by improving their endurance and social skills through physical and mental activity.

Training classes will include various levels of obedience and agility training, along with classes for children with dogs, puppy/potty training, dancing with your dog, dog tricks, and even a handicap owner with dog class. In-home behavior classes and private lessons are also available. Simon is a trainer of dogs for

35 years and the former owner of J&K9 for 17 years which was a part-time canine training business located in Sheboygan.

Simon shines as a trainer because of her true love for working with dogs. She explains, "Training dogs is my passion. I love to teach owners how to break through any language barriers they may have with their dogs. I really feel that our dogs have as much to teach us as we have to teach them, and a happy, healthy dog makes for a happy owner."

Wampner, owner and operator of Pretty Paws since 2004, provides grooming services at DIM. Amanda is a graduate of the Academy of Dog Grooming in Arlington Heights, IL and served a large clientele at her previous Pretty Paws location in Saukville. Wampner shares, "The new location provides a beautiful, expanded space for Pretty Paws grooming services and I'm very excited to share the DIM facility with existing and new clients."

Denhardt, owner and operator of Unleashed Energy provides massage services for canines. Her love for animals guided her to further her knowledge, allowing her to incorporate massage on small animals. Domestic animals accept

massage to facilitate their body's natural healing even better than most humans. Massage can be used to enhance your dog's performance in agility competitions or aid with issues that develop with age, injury recovery, surgery, emotional calming and in trust and bonding.

A special feature at DIM is the hydrotherapy pool, an 8ft. X 20ft., in-ground, indoor pool with resistant jets to allow resistance training for the dogs as well as recreation. The pool is heated and has a water depth of 4 ft. 6inches to accommodate large dogs. The pool area is equipped with a shower and dryer for the dogs to use before leaving the facility.

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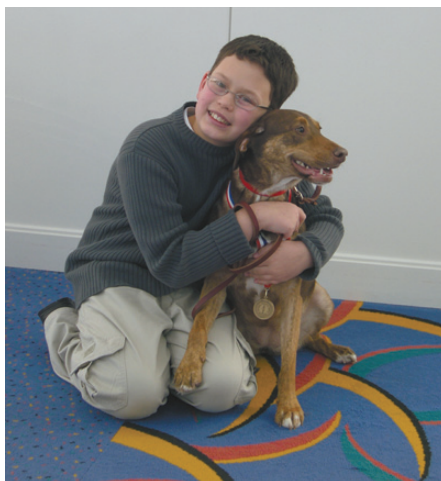
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Professional Category

When you're feeling under the weather or have a difficult journey ahead, sometime a cold nose and wagging tail can be just what the doctor ordered. The Professional category is reserved for specially trained assistance dogs that make a difference in the lives of others. The winner this year is Tadhg (pronounced like tiger with out the 'r'). Dr. Mary-Beth Esser of Oconomowoc rescued Tadhg in 1998. In 2000 he became a certified therapy dog and uses his special bag of tricks to encourage physical therapy patients during treatment. His good doggy spirit also brings comfort to cancer patients and their families. "He is a very remarkable and special animal for me and my family, we shall never forget his love and devotion," wrote one person in support of Tadhg. Dr. Kimmy Casserly,



of Casserly Veterinary Service in Ixonia, nominated him.

Companion Category

As dog lovers, we know that dogs don't necessarily have to be specially trained to make a difference in the lives of people. For those canines there is the Companion category. These are the pets that exemplify the benefits of the human-animal bond, and make the world a better place for their people and community. Page, a five-month-old lab mix pup, took home the honors for her special relationship with a 10-year old autistic boy named Keegan. The boy's mother, Raina Hockenberry, adopted Page to provide companionship for her son with Asperger's syndrome. Soon Page was diagnosed with serious health conditions and as her health declined so

did Keegan's social interactions. Despite the rocky beginnings, the pair's friendship still grew. Now, as Page's health is returning so are Keegan's social skills. What's his favorite subject to talk about? His best friend Page, of course. Dr. Brooke Lewis of Care Animal Hospital nominated Page.



Hero Category

Sometimes dogs not only save our spirits but our lives as well. For the brave dogs that have saved or preserved human life, there is the Hero's category. Stasha, a three-year-old Siberian husky has certainly earned the title. Last February while her owner Carol Joseph slept alone in the house, an electrical fire started behind her headboard. It began to creep dangerously close to an air compressor she kept next to the bed for medical reasons. Stasha began nudging Carol with her nose. At first Carol waved off Stasha's demands, but the husky persisted. Carol opened her eyes and saw the flames. Both Carol and Stasha were able to rush out of the house to safety. Firefighters responded before the flames made it to the garage where Carol kept her oxygen tanks. Dr.

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Professional Pet Sitter Creates Helpful Network for Colleagues and Clients

Everyone likes a little peace of mind when they're away from home, and no one knows this better than Kelley Young, owner of Happy At Home Pet Sitters in Dousman and founder of the Professional Pets Sitters Association of Wisconsin (PPAW). Knowing our pets are being cared for makes any trip more enjoyable or any workday a little easier, and that's where professional pet sitters, like Young, come in handy.

A professional pet sitter is someone who takes care of a pet within the comfort of its own home. Pet sitters provide a variety of services, Young explains, including dog walking, business trips and vacation pet sitting, pet taxi (taking the pet to groomers, veterinarians, kennels, etc.) large animal and farm care and waste scooping services. In addition, pet sitters provide:

- Quality care to all types of animals while their owners are at work.
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Generally pet sitting services can cost between \$15-\$22 per visit, depending on the type of services required, says Jane Lichtenberg of Critter Sitters, Inc. in Glendale. Lichtenberg has been a member of PPAW since shortly after the group's inception.

"Pet sitters come to the client's home to create a one-on-one personal relationship (with the pet), rather than sending them to a kennel or other facility," Lichtenberg explains.

With pet owners beginning to see the advantages of such services, the pet sitting industry is seeing rapid growth. In 2003 this led Young to create PPAW, an active organization that promotes professionalism, training and member support.

"I became interested in networking with and learning from other area sitters," she explains. "I wanted to be able to confidently exchange referrals with other sitters I could trust. As we grew, members found that PPAW was an excellent tool for sharing information and learning. We found we needed a way to communicate ideas, methods and experiences more efficiently."

In addition, Young adds, the group found it needed a better way to get referral information for clients, thus the PPAW

Website (www.petwi.com) was born. The Website includes a private messaging board and chat for pet sitters and a public pet sitter directory for clients.

"Only pet sitters with good reputations are allowed to join, and many of our pet sitters know each other personally. That gives us a lot of confidence when referring clients to other area sitters," says Young.

Lichtenberg finds many advantages in being a member of PPAW. "Although my business has received a number of clients by consulting the PPAW website or from other member referrals, I think the best benefit is the networking and personal support we can give each other. In a business that can frequently run into your person time, it helps to connect with other people that understand the high level of responsibility and time commitment involved."

The Website, also maintained by Young, has a myriad of information for its members, as well as potential clients. This, as well as joint advertising, member feedback, event participation (such as pet expos, pet shows and other events) and charitable activities or contributions, create a responsible compassionate presence in the communities.

"Our on-line open forum communication is invaluable," Lichtenberg continues. "It can be difficult for people to understand the amount of training we require, not only in animal care, but also in business practices. Our members are service organizations. Many of us are going to our client's homes 365 days a year whether it's 95 degrees or minus 25 degrees, snow or flood. We have to be able to recognize pet health and home security concerns and know how to respond to them."

"Communication between our members provides quick support, information, feedback and planning in any number of aspects of business practices from new technology, time management, personal safety and computer technology."

Young adds that PPAW helps reinvigorate herself and her business. "Pet sitting is a high stress industry with long hours and high turn-over. Being able to talk with other sitters, get encouragement through stressful times, such as



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The cost of joining PPAW is \$40, visit www.petwi.com, for more information on becoming a member, or to learn more on professional pet sitters in your area.

Jamie Klinger-Krebs is a freelance writer who writes a regular monthly column "Pet Talk" on <http://www.gmtoday.com>.



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BREED PROFILE:

The Pomeranian

The Pomeranian is a clown. Well, not a clown, but a circus entertainer. Images of delightful dogs in sequined skirts - dancing on hind legs and performing agility tricks - often comes to mind when mentioning the "Pom" breed. This toy breed is clever and has an inherent talent for showmanship, having made him a superior circus performer for many decades.

Descriptively, the Pomeranian is a small, fluffy dog of three to seven pounds with a wedge-shaped head and pointed, erect ears. Some have faces that breeders liken to a fox; others have baby-doll or pansy-like faces. At a height of seven to twelve inches, Poms also boast a distinctive feathered tail that fans forward over the back. There is an abundant, showy ruff of hair around the neck and chest area. The profuse double coat usually comes in solid colors.

According to the AKC standard, the Pomeranian is "alert in character, exhibits intelligence in expression, is buoyant in deportment, and is inquisitive by nature. The Pomeranian is cocky, commanding, and animated as he gaits."

Aficionados of the breed say that this lively little dog is intelligent, eager to learn, and loyal. Critics of the Pom claim that the breed is willful, bold, independent, sometimes too demanding, and often temperamental. It may be helpful to consider what the Pomeranian was originally bred for and what his urges, genetically, continue to be.

With origins in the Prussian region of Pomerania (present-day Poland and Germany), the Pomeranian breed was originally descended from the ancient working-class Spitz breeds of the far north, which were brought to Europe and employed to herd sheep. Some sources credit the working class sled-dog breeds, such as Norwegian Elkhound and Samoyed, as being the Pom's closest relatives. In any case, the Pomeranian ancestors were much larger canines, weighing up to 30 pounds. In the late 1800's Queen Victoria became a Pomeranian fancier, and established her own kennel for their



breeding. She showed her dogs, with some success, making the breed popular in England. Because Queen Victoria preferred smaller dogs, many breeders began selecting for smaller size. The Pomeranian has therefore been bred from his original size to the customary four to five pound range.

With a working-class background, the Pomeranian is still adept at daily tasks. Because of alertness, the Pom is an excellent watchdog with a resounding bark. This breed is vigilant, curious and busy, trainable for service work, but does need a firm hand. With proper introduction, a Pomeranian will usually get along with other dogs and household animals without any problems. As is true of many toy breeds, however, some Poms seem to believe they are much larger than they actually are and do not hesitate to take on much bigger dogs, despite a likely negative outcome.

It is important to consider that most toy breeds are challenging when it comes to obedience. Small dogs may or may not earn that reputation on their own merit. Lazy owners are a factor as are overzealous "coddlers." Because toy breeds are so small, owners often pick

them up and carry them to the door and beyond. A small dog should walk on his own, just as a larger breed does. A catered-to canine that is consistently carried outside to void will not learn how to tell his human caretaker about his toilet-training urges.

Like other toy breeds, some Pom bloodlines are prone to dislocated kneecaps, heart and skin problems, and eye infections. Like the Pomeranian, other toy breeds

are also prone to early tooth loss; veterinarian visits are essential for dental cleaning. Good breeders will also advise that alopecia (abnormal hair loss) is actually quite normal for the Pomeranian. The cause is unknown, likely genetic, but it is also harmless. Dr. Mary Hartay, veterinarian at Harmony Pet Care Clinic in Waukesha, reports that the Pomeranian is an overall sound breed with few chronic problems. The long coat of this breed should be brushed on a regular basis, and although time-consuming, is relatively easy. The dog will shed his cotton-like undercoat once or twice each year, but alas, the Pomeranian is a constant shedder.





Newborn Pom pups are fragile, and three can be held in the palm of a human hand. Very small breeds are easily injured by being inadvertently stepped on, and they may seriously injure themselves by leaping from furniture (or their human's arms) or by being grabbed at the neck and shaken by a larger breed. Owning a toy breed means diligent supervision, most especially around children. In most cases, Pomeranians are not recommended for families with young kids anyway.

Ursula Hunter, hobby breeder from East Liverpool, Ohio, has a passion for Pomeranians and ensuring a good match between canine and caretaker, especially in her beloved breed. It all starts with an understanding that the Pom has a long lifespan, therefore families "will have to be willing to devote many years to the Pom, as they can get quite old, fifteen years or more, with good care. They are very intelligent, people oriented, and love their humans with a great deal of devotion." This is not the breed, therefore, to leave at home alone during a long workday, or in long hours of solitude in a kennel. "Poms are great companion dogs to the elderly as they are small enough to take anywhere, and are happy living in an apartment," says Ursula. Whereas many breeds need lots of exercise space, the Pom is very active indoors and will make do with playtime to take care of exercise needs.

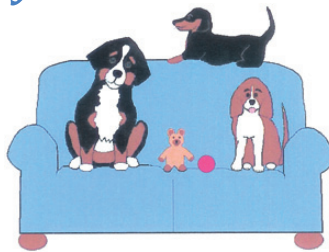
And for the family considering the Pomeranian as a new member, Ursula has several ideas for finding the right breeder. "I would educate myself as to what a good Pom looks like, and look at the breed standard as set out by the AKC. Check out the breeder's site; see how many dogs and breeds the person is breeding and selling at one time. (The more dogs, the less time to devote in care to each animal.) If at all possible do a home visit, and ask for references from previous buyers. Look for a health guarantee, as any decent breeder will at least offer a replacement pup if genetic problems occur. Ask for pedigrees to see if they are interbreeding," advises Ursula. Most of all, a quality breeder, says Ursula,

should be patient and have the time and inclination to answer all questions. Read more about Pomeranians on her website at www.heartprint-pomeranians.com.

With a top fifteen popularity ranking in 2007, the Pomeranian is an American favorite. Asked who should consider the Pom as an asset to their family, Ursula Hunter responded, "anyone looking for a big dog in a small package."

Deb Voss Quail (aka Mrs. Neulreich) loves dogs and especially writing about them for Fetch. Deb's favorite canine sidekick is Duke, a Cairn terrier, who has a big-dog name and big-dog attitude.

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6 Sunday

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Where: Skydance Pet Lodge, Dousman
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What: Obedience & Rally Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: Gate entries (6:30-7pm), Run thrus 7pm
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13 Sunday

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec
Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, Pewaukee
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23 Wednesday

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25 Friday

What: Fun & Games Night
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00 pm (\$10)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

26 Saturday

What: Spinal Manipulation Therapy & Acupuncture w/ Dr. Lisa Kluslow
Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00am – 4:00pm (reservations required)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Pet First Aid Class
Where: HAWS in Waukesha
When: 1:00 -4:00pm
Info: www.hawspets.org, 262-879-0165

27 Sunday

What: Dog Wash Fundraiser for Elmbrook Humane Society
Where: Petlicious Pet Spa, Pewaukee
Cost: \$15.00 for bath, \$10.00 nail trims
When: 11:00am – 3:00pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

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

Every Monday

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

What: Get Your Dog's Nails Trimmed
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 5:00 – 7:00pm (only \$10)
Info: 262-679-6776 (no appt necessary)

Every Tuesday

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

What: Agility/Confidence Drop-in Classes
Where: Teaching Dogs, Oak Creek
When: 7:45pm
Info: 414-416-1406

Every Wednesday

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

What: Get Your Dog's Nails Trimmed
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 5:00 – 7:00pm (only \$10)
Info: 262-679-6776 or 262-662-0104

Every Saturday

What: Playtime at the Playground
Where: Puppy Playground, Oak Creek
When: 9:00am – Noon
Info: 414-764-PUPS

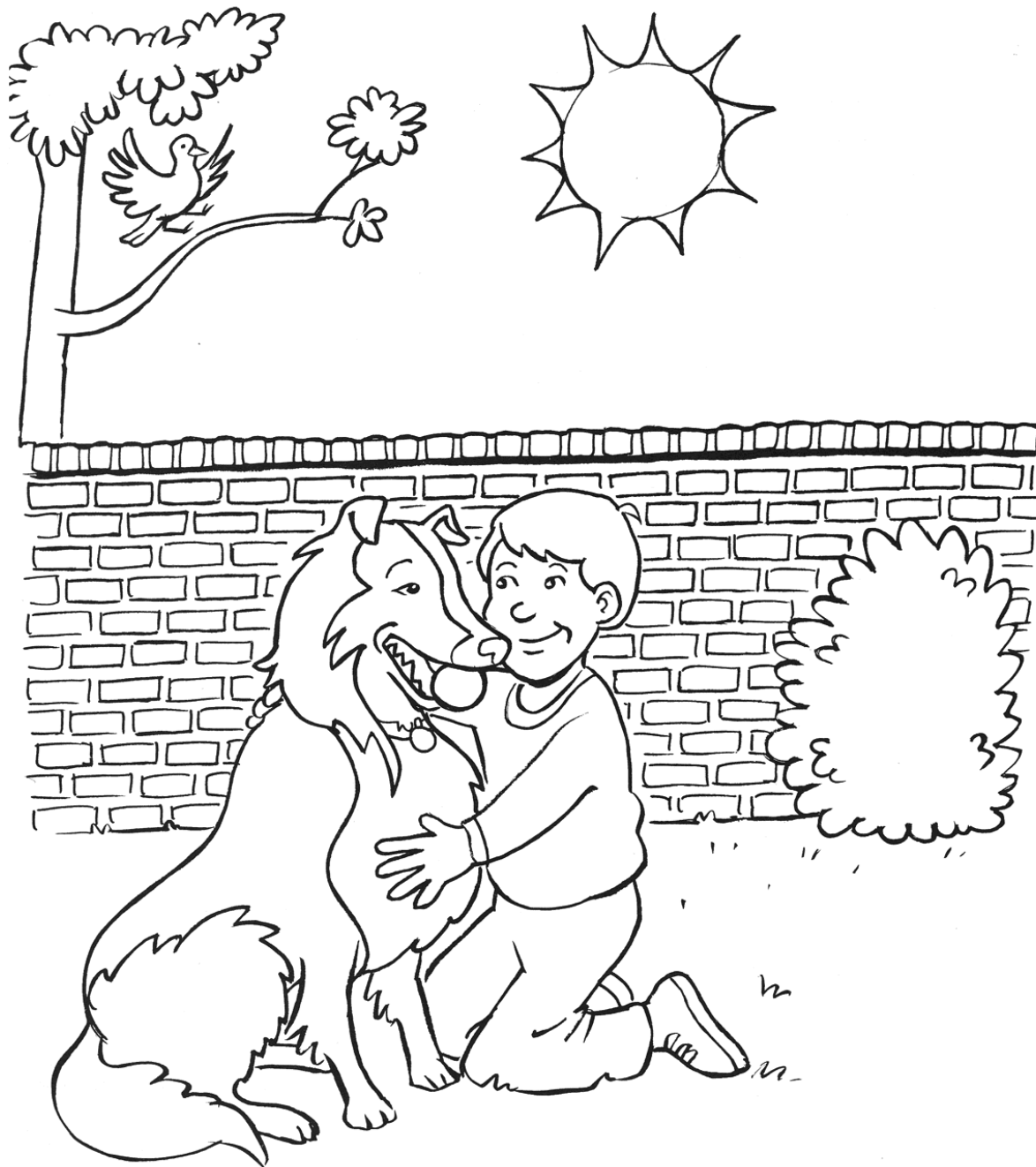
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Training Classes

Looking for training classes? You'll find the list of new classes at www.fetchmag.com.

Click on **Training Calendar**.

K9 Kid Zone - Have Fun with this Coloring Sheet.



Dogs need love and attention.
Always be *gentle* with your dog!

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plaque (tan sticky material) or calculus (yellow-tan hard deposits) accumulate on teeth. These accumulations are less prevalent when the teeth are routinely and properly brushed on a daily basis. Unfortunately calculus cannot be brushed off. Seeing these hard deposits is not the time to start teeth brushing. It is the time to contact your veterinarian for COHAT.

What are the dangers of not having the teeth cleaned with an oral health assessment?

For some larger dogs, the teeth are never cleaned and they live a long life. The

caveat is that they may live a long life with chronic pain and discomfort. The potential reasons for pain and discomfort are only partially listed as 11 conditions above. It is tremendously sad to see pets with oral tumors that were never recognized. Early recognition is the key to successful treatment! Animal owners typically do not have training to identify oral disease and they count on us to help.

The greatest danger is a "hidden problem". The spread of infection through the blood stream to important organs such as the heart, kidney and liver. These hidden problems can impact the quality and even how long pets live.

COHAT transforms the traditional "teeth cleaning" procedure from a "teeth grooming" to a full oral health evaluation with diagnosis of problems, plans for treatment and meticulous delivery of dental services.

What harm could arise from providing teeth cleaning or COHAT?

Anesthesia is essential for the delivery of appropriate dental care. The risks are unique for every patient. Death associated with anesthesia is possible however unlikely for healthy patients. Recent studies have shown anesthesia deaths rates in veterinary patients to be 0.5 to 0.9% and these statistics included high risk (unhealthy) patients.

Dr. Kressin has had additional training (required for board certification in dentistry) in anesthesia and patient monitoring. Balanced anesthesia protocols are established for each patient using a multimodal approach for patient safety and to address painful conditions. Safety in anesthesia comes from training and experience in patient monitoring.

Teeth cleaning performed improperly could injure teeth or other periodontal tissues. Teeth "scraping" can damage the very thin enamel on pets' teeth creating very small scratches (or crevices) that allow for plaque bacteria to reattach to the teeth. Additionally; teeth "scraping" when performed without anesthesia can seriously injure the periodontal (gums and other) tissues. Periodontal tissues normally protect teeth however when they are damaged, they are less likely to serve this protective function and more likely to become infected.

What does teeth cleaning cost and what does COHAT cost?

The cost for teeth cleaning varies between veterinary facilities and it should.

The value of these services are particularly high when the individual performing them is well trained, adequately equipped and can take the time to recognize problems. The value is elevated further when the problems can be addressed early.

Dr. Kressin works as a team player with you and your primary care veterinarian to diagnose problems and to provide early treatment. More information about fees for services are discussed on this site; www.mypetsdentist.com.

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Foundation Funds Change Lives in Milwaukee

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The 36-day campaign generated more than \$2.5 million from donations given by the company's customers, vendors and associates. This year, WGSPR received funds donated at the PETCO store in Germantown.

Local proceeds from Tree of Hope 2007 will be used by WGSPR Rescue for general daily operating expenses, as well as vet work for our charges, including Lyme Disease testing in memory of our "ACE" who died on 2/11/08 from acute Lyme disease.

"Lisa Rossman, president and founder of WGSPR Rescue, thanks the team at Germantown PETCO, and all in the community who helped raise funds, and chose WGSPR to be the recipient of this monetary award for our work saving German Shorthaired Pointers, educating the general public, as well as our adopters and, volunteers about our breed. This money will go to good use, primarily for vet work for our dogs!"

"Tree of Hope has not only helped sustain the lives of animals in need of care and compassion, but also helped nourish the spirit of hope that defines the PETCO Foundation. We are so thankful to everyone who contributed and hope that they all know that they helped to make this world a kinder, safer, and happier place to be for the wonderful animals so near to our hearts," said PETCO Foundation Vice President Paul Jolly.

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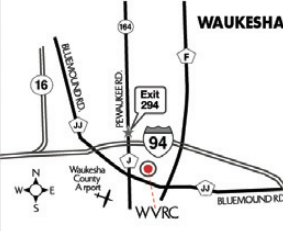
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