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Publisher's Letter

One of the most talked about concerns I hear from readers is how can they approach neighbors and fellow apartment dwellers on the topic of proper dog etiquette in a downtown setting where the availability of grassy areas is limited. The answers to challenges like this are not easy. Everyone has their own opinion on proper dog-waste handling and leashing preferences, but overall, there should be some set guidelines that all urban dwellers live by. You can find those guidelines on page 8.

Have you ever thought about setting out on that cross-country journey with pooches in tow - maybe for a dog show or performance events? One of our readers did just that...and documented the journey for us on page 24. Before you head out on the open road with the backseat covered in dog hair, read through *Houston, The Dachshunds Have Landed* by Barbara Teigen. Her experiences may help you keep your sanity while making the most of the time spent with your four-legged family members.

Staying in town this month? There are plenty of events and activities to bond with your buddies. Mark your calendars on Sunday, July 17th for the *Dog Daze of Summer* event at the Autumglo Pet Lodge in Fredonia. For more information, click over to www.autumglopet-lodge.com. In Waukesha, LDC Professional Pet Products is holding a *Fun Match/Dog Show* on July 23rd. For more information, check out their ad on page 31. Stay informed on these and other canine-friendly events with our Event Calendar on page 27.

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A: Ear infections are very common in dogs. Two types most often seen include otitis externa, infection of the external ear canal, and otitis media, infection of the middle ear. Although any dog can get an ear infection, some breeds appear to be more prone than others. Dogs with pendulous ears, like Cocker Spaniels and Basset Hounds, or dogs with hairy inner ear flaps, like Miniature Poodles and Schnauzers, tend to have a higher occurrence of ear infections.

Most ear infections are easily and successfully treated. But if left untreated, they could result in serious damage.

Causes

Bacteria or yeast are most often the culprits of otitis externa. Other causes include an accumulation of wax, thick or matted hair in the ear canal, debris, a foreign body, a tumor or impaired drainage of the ear. Sometimes, infections of the external ear canal are a secondary result of some other bodily infection or ear mite infestation.

Otitis media usually results from the spread of infection from the external ear canal to the middle ear. Also, foreign bodies, debris, ulceration or improper ear cleaning can rupture the eardrum and allow infection to reach the middle ear.

Symptoms

Ear infections are very uncomfortable for your pet. Your dog will show his discomfort by shaking his head or scratching at his ears. Often, the ears will become red and inflamed with an offensive odor and perhaps a black or yellowish discharge. If your pet tilts his head constantly, it could be a sign of a middle ear infection.

Diagnosis and Treatment

Because many different culprits can be the cause of your pet's ear infection, it is important to have your dog examined by a veterinarian, who can then determine the proper medication or treatment. Your veterinarian will also make sure the eardrum is intact, as some medications can result in hearing loss if administered to a pet with a ruptured eardrum.

What is involved in an ear exam? Your veterinarian will use an otoscope - an instrument that provides light and magnification - to view the ear canal. He or she will determine whether or not the eardrum is intact and if any foreign material is present. If this is very painful to the pet, sedation or anesthesia may be necessary to complete the exam.

Next, your veterinarian will take a sample of the material in the canal and examine it under a microscope. This is called cytology, and allows the doctor to determine the organism causing the infection. If more than one organism are culprits, multiple medications or a broad-spectrum medication is necessary.

If your veterinarian finds a foreign body, a tick or a very heavy buildup of debris, sedation will likely be required to remove the irritant or to allow a thorough cleansing.

A middle ear infection can be more difficult to clear up. Diagnosis and treatment may include lab tests, X-rays and even surgery. Four to six weeks may pass before the infection disappears, and often during this time you will be told to restrict the activity of your pet.

For both types of infection, you should keep water from entering your pet's ears. Follow-up visits to your veterinarian are very important to make sure treatment is working and the infection has disappeared.

Remember, the longer infection is present, the harder it is to get rid of it. If an ear infection goes untreated, your pet will continue to be in pain. Your pet's head shaking and scratching can cause further problems, such as broken blood vessels that require surgery to correct. Chronic infections can harm the eardrum and close the ear canal. Surgical reconstruction of the ear canal may then become necessary.

Medicating

Treatment prescribed by the doctor usually includes administering medication to and cleaning the ears daily for one to two weeks. Remember, your pet's ears are painful, and Fluffy or Fido might not appreciate what you are about to do, so use caution. Ask your veterinarian for a demonstration on how to treat the ears properly.

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Ask the Trainer

Urban Dog Etiquette and Street Sense

Question: I live in the city where there are very few grassy areas for dogs to relieve themselves, yet some dog owners don't see this as a problem and allow their dogs to "do their duty" on sidewalks and parking lots. Do you have any suggestions for training these dogs, and maybe even their owners, to respect the area and neighbors around them?

Answer: City-dwelling dog owners are faced with greater challenges than their suburban and rural counterparts. Without a large, fenced yard for exercise, the city dweller must take to the streets three or more times a day with Fido in tow. However, these challenges don't excuse them from practicing proper waste control and obedience on the streets. The following tips will help make walks and bathroom breaks safer and more enjoyable for you, your dog, and your neighbors.

It's the Law

Most cities and counties have some form of laws for leash, license, and picking-up after your dog. These ordinances are

designed to protect both the dog and the community at large. When leashed, a dog is safe from traffic and unable to follow his instincts to chase children, investigate garbage cans, or dig up landscaping. Whether a dog is friendly or aggressive, a leash keeps him in check and allows the public to pass undisturbed. Some communities have leash-length restrictions. Whether it's the law or not, keep leashes to six feet or less on public sidewalks. Retractable leashes should not be used in areas frequented by joggers, skaters, or cyclists; the thin line blends into the background and, all too often, athlete and dog collide.

Pooper-scooper laws are essential for both the health and beautification of the community. Canine diseases and parasites are often shed in feces, which puts other dogs and children at risk. And no one enjoys maneuvering through unsightly piles of dog waste when out for a stroll. Pick up feces using a plastic bag, and knot the top to control odor and flies before disposing of it in a waste receptacle. If no grassy areas exist, train your dog to urinate on nonliving vertical surfaces, such as lampposts or hydrants where rain can easily wash away the residue. Avoid trees and flowerbeds.

Etiquette Lessons and Safety Tips

The well-trained city dog needs to respond to a minimum of four basic commands: "Sit/Stay," "Heel," "Leave it" and "Come." When you're waiting at a traffic light, a dog in a sit/stay is out of harm's way. And while walking nicely on a loose leash is enough for most forays, there are times when your dog will need to be at heel position, which keeps her under control at your side.

The command "Leave it" is employed when it is necessary for Fido to avert his gaze. Whether he's being tantalized by chicken bones or a jogger, getting your dog to break eye contact with "forbidden fruit" before he acts enables you to draw his attention to safer rewards and pursuits. Or, should the dog slip his collar or break his leash, a recall command ("Come") could save his life. Most, if not all, of these commands are taught in basic obedience/manners class. Refer to trainers advertised in Fetch Magazine for a class near you.

Remember that dogs can be frightened by sudden loud noises, such as running children, motorcycles, skateboarders and inline skaters, to name a few. Be aware that such situations may demand quick and complete control on your part to prevent your dog from lunging or biting.

Before leaving home to run errands with your dog by your side, take a moment to consider which places permit dogs and which do not. For your pet's safety, leave him at home when he is not allowed to go into an establishment with you. A dog left tied to a post or parking meter is an easy target for teasing or theft.

Remember the Good Neighbor Policy

Keep in mind that not everyone loves dogs, so it's up to the urban dog owner to present a dog who is well socialized and under control. When riding in an elevator, sit your dog in a far corner to avoid door-dashing each time the elevator makes a stop. Do not allow Fido to jump up on other riders, even when the greeting is friendly. Hurry through lobbies or take freight elevators and back exits if the building rules mandate it. Never allow your dog to soil in front of the building's entrance. If you have a young pup or dog-in-training who can't control himself, be sure to carry paper towels and odor neutralizer.

Many dogs enjoy the company of other canines, but always ask before allowing your animal to launch himself at another dog - for both their sakes. The same is true regarding children. First ask the child or her parent, "May my dog say hello to you?" before allowing physical contact. The greeting should not include jumping, bouncing off or grabbing at the child - even if it is done in the spirit of friendliness.

When we choose to keep dogs in crowded urban areas, we take on additional responsibilities. Unfortunately, when little consideration is shown for the neighbors, more doors close to dog owners. On the other hand, with a little training and thoughtfulness, more businesses and public areas will begin to put out the welcome mat for both you and your dog.

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The Five Senses

Nancy Kohl of KT Pet Services dispels the myth that dogs are color blind. They do see some colors, she explains, but the colors red and green give them trouble. And, according to the book *Everything Dog* by Marty Crisp, a dog's peripheral vision spreads to 250 degrees, (humans can only see 180 degrees), which is why they often see things before we do.

Dogs obviously have better hearing than we do, but did you know that they can also hear higher frequencies than humans? In fact, a lot of communication between mother dogs and puppies are in this high frequency.

The *Everything* book also explains that dogs have fewer taste buds than we do, one for every six. The taste of things isn't as important to them, which you may have discovered if you've ever nibbled on some dog chow. What really counts is how it smells (which obviously is good to a dog).

Smell is probably a dog's most prized research tool. A dog's nose tells the gender, ranking, identification and more about the individual dog, whether it's the under-the-tail scent glands being sniffed or the bush where a neighbor dog has just been. Smell is how dogs remember things.

Working in pet services, Kohl recalls a client whose dog seemed not to remember him from day to day. Sometimes he would come home from work and the dog would bark at him as though he were a burglar. Eventually, the dog would realize it was him, but it still concerned the owner who expected a jubilant canine greeting. Kohl discovered the man's profession was at the heart of the problem. Working at a rehab center he returned home smelling different everyday. Once the dog heard his voice, saw him, etc. the dog greeted him happily. "Smell is their strongest sense," says Kohl. Dogs can even smell the pheromones produced when someone is afraid, so it's true that dogs, and bees, can smell fear. "Dogs are one of the few animals which can do that," she explains.

Communication

Smell is also a large part of dog communication. Ever wonder why a dog scraps the ground after he goes to the bathroom? "Part of urination and defecation is leaving the scent - letting others know they were there," says Kohl matter-of-factly. To increase their importance, dogs will rip up the ground in a large area or male dogs will lift their leg, sometimes to the point of almost falling over. Kohl jokingly calls this "small dog syndrome." This is a calling card of sorts and it's also why it takes such a long time to walk around the block. There's lots of information on trees and in grass that our less sensitive human noses simply miss.

To learn other ways dogs "talk," Kohl recommends watching your dog interact

with other dogs. A play group at a dog park can help you learn what body language means. If two dogs are playing and one becomes too rough, the other will stop, freeze. The over-excited dog will relax and calm down. Then the two can continue playing. Kohl says this is much more effective than yelling or waving threateningly, which is how humans sometimes react.

Your dog's tail can also tell you a lot about what he's feelings. If he's happy and confident his tail is up high and probably wagging, but sometimes he may be feeling submissive or depressed, then his tail is down near his legs. Occasionally, your dog might react unfriendly towards certain dogs, feeling threatened or anxious, and his tail will go straight out, sometimes with a crick near the end.

Something to remember is that dogs learn this communication, how to read it and how to express it. Well socialized puppies learn what other dogs and even humans are saying by experience. We have to watch out for what Kohl calls the "Disney Complex." Shows like *Lassie* or *Air Bud* can make us think our dog should know exactly what we want her to do. If your dog is not listening, it's probably because you haven't taught her what you are saying or how to read your human body language. This might also be true of rescue dogs that shy away from men or even hands thrust towards them. If the dog wasn't socialized to men or petting as a positive experience early in life, they didn't learn how to react to these things, says Kohl. That's why socialization is the most important thing, as well as proper breeding.

The best and probably biggest difference between a dog's world and human world is how dogs live in the moment. "We can learn a lot from the way they live," says Kohl. Dogs don't connive, stress about embarrassing moments or worry. They love us, their human pack. They keep us balanced, adds Kohl, and their unconditional love is the biggest reward.

Emily Reformat has written and loved dogs all her life. As a child, she read her stories to Aurora, a protective standard Schnauzer. Now, Reformat writes for a living, reading her articles to her husband, two cats, and Siberian Husky/Collie mix named Maya.



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Anatomy of a Dog Bite: What Every Dog Owner Should Know

We all have our bad days. Your dog is no exception. No matter how friendly, playful or lovable you believe your dog is, dog ownership always comes with the risk of a dog bite. This article provides dog owners with general information regarding the laws that may apply when a bad day leads to a dog bite.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, there are between 500,000 to 1 million dog bites requiring medical attention each year in the United States. The annual number of dog bites, including those bites not requiring medical attention, has been estimated by the Insurance Information Institute to be as high as 4.7 million. Children make up more than 60 percent of all dog bite victims.

Despite the high frequency of dog bites, dog owners are often uninformed about dog bite laws. Dog owners who do take the time to become informed tend to familiarize themselves only about liability. However, liability is only one of many legal considerations that dog owners should be aware of when it comes to dog bites.

Reporting Requirements

After a dog bite, a dog owner should immediately determine whether he or she has a legal duty to report the incident. Dog bite reporting requirements are typically found in municipal ordinances. Therefore, whether a dog owner will have a legal duty to report a dog bite may depend on the law of the municipality where the dog owner lives.

Dog owners should also determine whether a dog bite should be reported to their insurance carrier.

Dog Licenses and Vaccinations

When a dog bite is reported, local authorities will check to see whether the dog is properly licensed and vaccinated for rabies. In Wisconsin, a dog license is generally required for any dog over five months of age. Wisconsin dog owners must also maintain a current rabies vaccination for any dog five months of age or older. Failure to comply with dog license and rabies vaccination requirements is punishable by law, usually in the form of a citation.

Rabies Quarantine

When a dog bites a person, Wisconsin law requires the dog to be quarantined for at least ten days after the dog bite incident to determine whether the dog is infected with rabies. If a dog owner holds a valid rabies certificate or other proof of

a current rabies vaccination, the dog may be quarantined on the dog owner's property. Absent such proof, the dog must be quarantined off the owner's property at an isolation facility.

During the quarantine period, whether it occurs on or off the dog owner's property, a veterinarian must examine the dog, at a minimum, on the first and last day of the isolation period, and on one intervening day. If the observation period is not extended and the dog exhibits no signs of rabies during the observation period, the dog will be released from quarantine. If, however, the dog exhibits signs of rabies during the quarantine period, the veterinarian is legally required to notify the dog owner, law enforcement, and the person who was bitten by the dog or that person's physician.

According to state law, a dog that exhibits symptoms of rabies must be euthanized (i.e.: put to sleep).

Strict Liability

The most common legal consideration that follows a dog bite is that of liability.

Wisconsin is a strict liability dog bite state. Dog owner liability is primarily governed by Wisconsin Statute § 174.02, which makes dog owners liable for the full amount of damages caused when their dog injures or causes injury to a person, domestic animal or property. A dog owner who was notified or aware



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that his or her dog previously injured or caused injury to a person, domestic animal or property is liable for double damages. However, a dog owner's liability is offset by the law of "comparative negligence" (i.e. what the other person did, if anything, to contribute to the dog bite).

Order to Euthanize a Dog

Finally, all dog owners should be aware the state or a municipality may, under certain serious circumstances, seek a court order to have a dog euthanized. However, a court may not order the euthanasia of a dog unless it finds that: (1) the dog caused serious injury to a person or domestic animal on two or more occasions off the owner's property without reasonable cause; and (2) the dog owner was notified or knew prior to the second injury that the dog had caused the first injury. A dog owner is entitled to due process before a court may order for the destruction of a dog.

Conclusion

As the old saying goes, "every dog has his day." Dog owners assume the risk of such days by welcoming a dog into the family. A dog bite, no matter how serious, can be an upsetting event. Therefore, dog owners should have a basic understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities before a dog bite occurs.

However, the most important thing dog owners can do about dog bites is not a legal requirement: provide proper training, socialization and supervision of our canine companions to prevent a dog bite from occurring in the first place.

For more information about dog bite prevention, visit the American Veterinary Medical Association online at: www.avma.org/pubhlth/dogbite/default.asp.

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Sometimes pets get lost. We can take just about every precaution imaginable to prevent this from happening, but sometimes it just does. Most of us outfit our dogs with a collar and identification tag to help insure that if he ever becomes lost, someone will read the tag and deliver him back home. But what if your dog lost his collar or worse yet, what if he was stolen from you and later turned up in a shelter, would they know how to find you? In most cases, the sad truth is no. But, if your dog has a microchip, your chances of a happy reunion are much more possible.

For those who have never heard the word microchip used in conjunction with the family pet, visions of a bionic dog may begin to appear. The reality, however, is that identification microchips have been in use for quite some time and have become almost as commonplace as the traditional collar ID tag.

"Microchips are really great because when chipped dogs get lost, or run away and get picked up, they can be taken to just about any vet's office to be scanned," explains Kelly Riviera, a veterinary technician with Pewaukee Veterinary Service. "It's nice to be able to see them reunited with their owners so quickly when that happens."

Microchips, which are about the size of grain of rice, are inserted just beneath the skin usually in the area between the shoulder blades, says Dr. Jane Pohlman, veterinary manager at the Wisconsin Humane Society. The chips contain information that can be easily read by a hand-held scanner. In most cases, the information contains an identification number that is housed on a database containing the owner's information. Owners, however, must remember to register their chip, or change the registration information if the dog ever receives a new owner. Without registration, a pet can still be located through the veterinarian or shelter who implanted the chip, but that may not always lead to the current owner.

"Registration is really important, but many pet owners forget to do that, or



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some chose not to because there's a fee required with some microchip brands," adds Pohlman. The Wisconsin Humane Society, which has been implanting microchips since 1995, uses the 24PetWatch chip, which does not require a registration fee.

Some dog owners may be turned off by the microchip idea for fear the procedure may be painful; however, implanting the chip is virtually painless due to the small size of the chip. "It's usually not anymore uncomfortable than a routine vaccination," Pohlman adds.

Though it is possible for some chips to migrate, or move from their implanted location, in most cases this doesn't occur since most chips are designed with the end of the transponder sheathed in a polypropylene shell to keep the chip in place. The cost of chip is also somewhat minimal. Most veterinarians or shelters can usually implant a chip for less than \$40 depending on the brand of chip and additional veterinarian fees.

The bottom line with microchips is that they do work - the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) has seen many successful

cases of chipped dogs being reunited with owners. One of the most memorable cases involved a dog that came into the shelter in September 2003. After scanning the dog for a microchip, MADACC officers discovered the dog was registered to the Anti-Cruelty Commission in Chicago. Learning that the dog had been reported stolen in March of 2003, the rightful owners were very happy to be reunited with their lost pet.

In general, MADACC sees more animals with microchips reunited with owners than not, but the process isn't foolproof. Sometimes even chipped animals are not claimed and must be euthanized. Statistically speaking, however, microchips and collar ID tags are extremely helpful in reuniting lost pets with their owners. In 2004 MADACC saw some 11,096 dogs and cats come in to the facility according to Kent Castelein, IT specialist for the facility. Of those dogs and cats, 1,588 were reclaimed with an average stay of three days at the facility, 154 animals were found to have microchips and reclaimed within two days and only 20 microchipped animals were euthanized.

"I think what the stats fail to highlight is that when an animal comes in with identification (microchips or Milwaukee County tags) we have something to actively pursue in reuniting a pet with the owner," explains Castelein. "We only cut the redemption time by one day, but essentially all animals with ID get redeemed or released by the owner instead of holding them for an average of nine days for strays with no ID. This is a huge cost savings to an animal control facility in materials and labor costs."

Though it's never a 100 percent guarantee, microchips can help solve an identity crisis if your dog ever becomes lost. If you need more reassurance, visit the following helpful websites:

www.24petwatch.com/index.asp
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"It's the Apollo of dogs," said Carnell Gurrath of Wauwatosa, a Great Dane enthusiast since she found this friend for the first time in the 1950s. "Very elegant, very warm, and very sweet all at the same time."

Gurrath should know the real story on Great Danes. She's owned probably dozens over the years ("More than I can count on my fingers and toes") - and handled countless more - traveling around the country to dog shows to fulfill her passion for the Great Dane.

"I like the size factor. With a Great Dane, you don't have to bend down to pet them," said Gurrath, a past president of the Great Dane Club of Milwaukee.



But you need to know just one of the reasons - probably the most eye-opening - that these creatures are called "great" for a reason: their tremendous growth rate. At birth, a Great Dane can weigh 1 pound to 1 1/2 pounds. At three months, maybe 50 pounds. At the first birthday party, don't be surprised if the scales tip to 125 pounds to 150 pounds.

The Dane down through the years

There are six different variations of the coats that the Great Danes wear. Based on color, markings, and patterns - here are brief descriptions of the variations:

Brindle - yellow gold base coat (sometimes described as tan) with black cross stripes in a chevron pattern.

Fawn - yellow gold (sometimes described as tan) with a black mask.

Blue - pure steel blue.

Black - glossy black.

Harlequin - pure white base color with black torn patches.

Mantle - black and white base with a solid black "blanket" extending over entire body.

"It can be hard if you're not prepared," Gurrath said. "You have to be aware. It's like having another human being in your house."

A human being that loves to lounge and cuddle and just be around its family. Edging for a spot here or there. Planting sloppy kisses on unsuspecting visitors. Assuming a taste is deserved with every ice cream cone.

In other words, yes, the popular comic strip "Marmaduke" - created by Brad Anderson in 1954 to chronicle the trouble-making Great Dane - holds true to life almost every time.

"It's just like having a bunch of brothers and sisters all around," said Debbi



Denisten, who owns a few Great Danes with Gurrath, and also handles, shows, and breeds the canine. She's even had a few Great Danes appear in advertisements for a dog shampoo.

Denisten said some people who want to own a Great Dane have good intentions, but they need to know what to expect.

"It's a breed not for everybody," said Denisten, who lives in Jackson with her husband, 8-year-old son, and four Great Danes who sometimes double as "counter surfers."





"Of course the major thing - a dog of that size, their face is table high - and their chin is at the height of the plate," Denisten said.

"They are not outdoor dogs. They choose to lounge on your bed," she said. "They like to be in air conditioning."

Gurrath knows this all too well.

"They love to sit on the couch. They love to sit in our lap," Gurrath said.

Wisconsin winters are not always the best season for Great Danes - unless they are inside by a warm fireplace. Of course, the breed's short-haired coat doesn't pro-



vide much protection from the cold and snow, and the paddings and protection on their feet aren't adequate to guard against ice or snow.

Aside from the affection for hanging out indoors rather than outdoors, Denisten, another past president of the local club, described the Great Dane personality as quite similar to human beings.

Some Great Danes can be extremely sensitive, but clownish and bullish as well. It just depends, of course, of the breed line and the environment in which the animal is raised. That can be said of any dog.

Predisposed Health Problems

As with any other breed, there are some health concerns associated with Great Danes to be aware of: hip dysplasia, hypothyroidism (disorder of the immune system); cataracts; gastric torsion (bloat), heart problems; and certain types of cancer.

Great Danes can be very protective in some instances, and sometimes not get along with other animals in the household. The Great Dane can make fabulous family pets for a household ready for a large, affectionate, and not overly drooly sibling.

"Their personalities are so much like having extra people in the house," Denisten said. "They have a lot of qualities like a person."

Denisten remembers when her mother bought her family's first Great Dane in 1971 to become the family dog.

"I just thought it was an ugly dog," she remembers with a chuckle. Not anymore, obviously. Words like "elegant," "regal,"

"distinct," "distinguished," and "grand" are used regularly to describe these gentle giants of the dog world.

Sadly, the Great Danes' life span is typically 7 to 10 years.

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As dog lovers, we all enjoy the pitter-patter of little paws, but for some of us the sound of a stampede is even more appealing. There's lots of reasons owners look to add to their furry families. We're worried our best friend is spending too much time alone or that some of his behavior problems, such as barking or chewing might be corrected with companionship. Perhaps some other canine caught our eye and we couldn't resist or maybe we just always dreamed of multiple cold noses to wake us up in the morning.

Whatever the reason, there's a lot to consider before adding to the flock. "The most important consideration is your

pet's personality," recommends Jill De Grave of the Wisconsin Humane Society. Is your current dog submissive or aggressive, what about the dog you're thinking of adding? Some dogs will never enjoy the company of others and trying to get two dominant dogs to be friends could lead to disaster.

Don't forget to take a second look at your own personality. Double the dogs can mean double the work and double the expense. Are you ready for extra brushing and twice the yard pick up? Still feeling the pinch from the last vet visit or trip to the pet supply store? If you can't afford to give one pet the time or care he needs, bringing another one aboard isn't going to help the situation.

If both you and your canine companion are ready for the challenge of multiple pet ownership, there are some extra steps you can take to ensure success. As mentioned before, find the right dog with the right personality. Spend a little time with him and get to know him, and if

possible, have your dog meet the possible newcomer. The Wisconsin Humane Society always encourages this interaction. "They're both on neutral territory," said Jill De Grave "it reduces any territorialism." Otherwise take a friend and let the dogs meet somewhere else, such as a park.

No matter how domesticated our pets are, there are still moments when they revert back to the wild dog mentality and adding to the family is one of them. Instinctually they'll form a pack and that might mean a few tiffs to find out the pecking order. Of course, since you've already considered the dogs' personality this shouldn't be too bad. Actions like petting and feeding the dominant pet first and removing coveted toys might ease the tensions. Remember, dogs don't go by our social structure and this is no time for equality.

Despite these actions be prepared for a few harsh words to be exchanged while they work things out. Bared teeth, growling, even a few little snaps, and while that's very frightening to us, are very normal natural actions for them. For those of you with siblings, remember growing up together? Well your pets might not always get along either. Keeping a watchful eye on things and separating or crating the dogs when you're not around will help to prevent injury or arguments from escalating.

There's no guarantee in finding the perfect match. Many people have countless tips for choosing gender, age, breed, and size to ensure success. While neutering and spaying help to eliminate hormonal tensions, not to mention unwanted litters, there is no perfect equation. It truly all boils back to personality and patience. These things don't work themselves out overnight, it might take weeks or even months to establish your peaceable kingdom, but for those of us that wake up to more than one cold nose, it's definitely worth the wait.

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Fencing Your Pooch In

Whether you like the aesthetics of a picket fence or want to keep out the prying eyes of neighbors, a fenced-in backyard has more positive features than negative ones. As dog lovers, our first need for firm property boundaries stem from the four-legged variety romping in the backyard. It is usually their presence that draws us to consider a permanent fence. Whether it's to keep our dogs in or others out is a matter particular to your area. Either way, there are numerous options available for keeping Fido within our boundaries. And each option comes with its own beauty and budget particulars.

One key feature to remember regardless of the fence type is height. Depending on the city, county, or town you reside within, you may have height restrictions to comply to. Regardless of those restrictions, a fence may turn out to be nothing more than a hurdle if it cannot discourage jumping. Worried about Fido digging under the fence? Even if he has a habit of digging holes in the yard, it may be a far fetch for him to tunnel his way under the fence. A tunnel in progress should be easy to spot and fill in before completion. Depending on your choice of fence, a surefire way to discourage tunnel digging would be to bury the bottom part of your fence underground.

Chain Link

One of the most common and popular fences for keeping Fido in the yard is the chain link. Constructed of a series of support posts with diamond-shaped wire fencing stretched between, this fence type allows for full viewing on both sides while securely keeping your dogs in and others out. Biggest benefits: quick professional installation, long lasting, and easy to block all viewing with plastic slats or fabric covering.

Picket Fences

If you prefer the "small town" look and the option of changing the appearance

with paint or stain, consider the picket fence. Consisting of wooden or vinyl slats nailed upright with approximately 2-4 inches of see through space between, this type of fence can be ordered in dozens of varieties based on your design needs and personal tastes. Plus, with the help of a group of friends and family, this type of fence can be installed with little or no assistance from professionals.

Other versions of the picket fence include the privacy and a semi-privacy style where there is little to no space between the slats and the height of the fence is up to two feet higher than the typical picket fence.



Split Rail Fence

Most common on farms and wide-open spaces, split rail fences are perfect for large dogs with no tendencies to roam outside the yard or for property owners who desire to have a fence that does not obstruct the view. Of all fences discussed here, this one is by far one of the least expensive to install. It consists of wooden posts with two to three wooden cross rails between. The height can be tailored to your tastes and yard layout.

Masonry or Concrete Fencing

Depending on the size of the area in need of fencing in, a masonry or concrete fence (wall) may be a good option. When completed, this type of fence

offers complete privacy and can easily be built to a height that best complements the home and yard. The biggest drawback with this fence type is cost. Easily the most expensive fence mentioned here but also the most secure and permanent type available.

Invisible or Hidden Fencing

If your sole objective is to confine Fido to your yard and the chance of other dogs, kids, and strangers entering your area is low, a hidden or invisible fence may be the best option. With a hidden fence, an electronic wire is placed underground around the perimeter of your yard or the specific area in which you wish to confine your buddy. In order for the system to be complete, your dog wears a collar with a special receiver. When he walks closely to the boundary line, a mild electric shock is administered after a short series of beeps sound a warning. A dog that has learned the limits of the perimeter will likely go his entire life without ever receiving a shock. Very active or stubborn canines may feel the shock everyday as they test the perimeter in hopes that today's the day it doesn't work. With proper installation and training, these systems are very reliable.

The biggest drawback to a hidden fence is that there is no "real fence" preventing Fido from chasing after that pesky squirrel or a stranger dog-napping your four-legged family member. Another negative aspect of this fence type is that some dogs will gladly take the mild shock for the chance to catch that teasing squirrel but won't take that shock to get 'back' into the yard. However, with proper training and common sense, this type of dog-containment option may be perfect for keeping Fido on your side of the lawn.

There are wide varieties of fence options, each with positive features and some negative drawbacks. Yet, there is no reason why every dog lover should not look at his or her current confinement situation to make sure that every attempt is being made to keep your four-legged family member safe and secure.



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A Reader's Story: Houston, The DACHSHUNDS Have Landed



Photos courtesy of Barbara Teigen.

On a Saturday afternoon, I set off to Houston, TX along with my friend, Denise, her two Dachshunds and my three. We were going to the annual national field and performance events for our breed. I had attended nationals

many times before, but had never set out on such a long journey.

Before leaving, I 'decorated' my van, writing the dogs' names on the windows. Rain in Arkansas pretty much erased that effort. Not to worry. We just redid it in a Wal-Mart parking lot down in Texas. I also had magnetic signs made for the back of the van to publicize the events we were going to.

We had one full day to become acclimated before the games began. Part of that was spent at Millie Bush Dog Park in Houston's George Bush Park. Dedicated to the former president's dog, it is a great

place to romp with other dogs. We entered the area dedicated for dogs under 20 pounds. There was a concrete wading pond among other playthings. A man brought in a Collie puppy about 10 months old even though she was over the weight limit. She proceeded to gently herd our Dachshunds. That was fine until she put her paw on the back of one of mine and he took exception. He showed her his 'smile' and walked away.

Our first event on Tuesday was a tracking test with my Gidget. Unfortunately she encountered some neck deep water that she wouldn't cross so we didn't pass. The following day we started three days of field trials where the Dachshunds follow the scent trail of rabbits. There were the usual cottontails in Texas, but also some huge swamp bunnies. The dogs' eyes got pretty big when they caught a glimpse of those critters. While the four dogs we entered (all field champions) didn't make it into the ribbons, we had a good time trying. I also got to judge two classes; one day in blistering heat and the other in gale force winds. Friday and



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Saturday were the earthdog tests where the dogs work rats underground. My master earthdog, Eugene, did a nice job. Gidget wouldn't even look at the rats in their cage at the end of the tunnel. (She 'told' an animal communicator a couple of months earlier that rats are 'icky'.)

The field trials and earthdog tests were held on a working ranch near Hempstead, TX. The parking area is a cattle pasture, which made setting up exercise pens interesting. We tried to find spaces not 'fertilized' by the cattle but had to clear out some of their patties. People facilities were also primitive. In order to make it a little more palatable, the host club held a contest to decorate the port-a-potties. I won a nice box of decorated cookies along with my ribbon for first place in the contest. I'm not sure I want to add that win to my list of accomplishments.

After sunburn, windburn, nettles, and all the other joys of the outdoors, we moved on to the hotel show site in Houston itself for the agility trials. Here we had our biggest successes. Gidget passed in three different classes and finished one title. Denise's Rocky finished his excellent jumper's title. Her Boomer also got a 'leg'.

By Wednesday we had reached our ninth day of competition: the obedience and rally trials. Obedience was a bust but we had four qualifiers in rally - two in advanced and two in novice.

We had spent 11 nights at the same motel. When we had a few hours of down time we would set up our pen on grass near the parking lot and hang out with the dogs. A couple of times we were asked if they were for sale. It seems people often sell dogs in parking lots down there. We, of course, wouldn't part with any of them. One dog, my Bullet, was just along for the ride because he doesn't compete but he still isn't for sale.

All of the dogs are seasoned travelers so we didn't have any problems driving with them or staying in the motel. It was getting pretty clear by the end of our time there, however, that they were getting as weary as we were. When it came time to head home, I drove the 1260 miles straight with only gas, food, and

restroom stops. All of our Dachshunds - Boomer, Rocky, Eugene, Gidget, and Bullet - were excellent travelers. Denise headed out to her Cedarburg home after we got to my Nashotah home at 3:00 a.m. My guys were definitely ready for a night in their own bed and some time on their couch. They've got a year to rest up for the next nationals - in Georgia!

An owner of Dachshunds for over 25 years, **Barbara Teigen** belongs to Badger Dachshund Club and has been judging Dachshund field trials since 1988. She is also a lifetime member of the Dachshund Club of America and a member of Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club.

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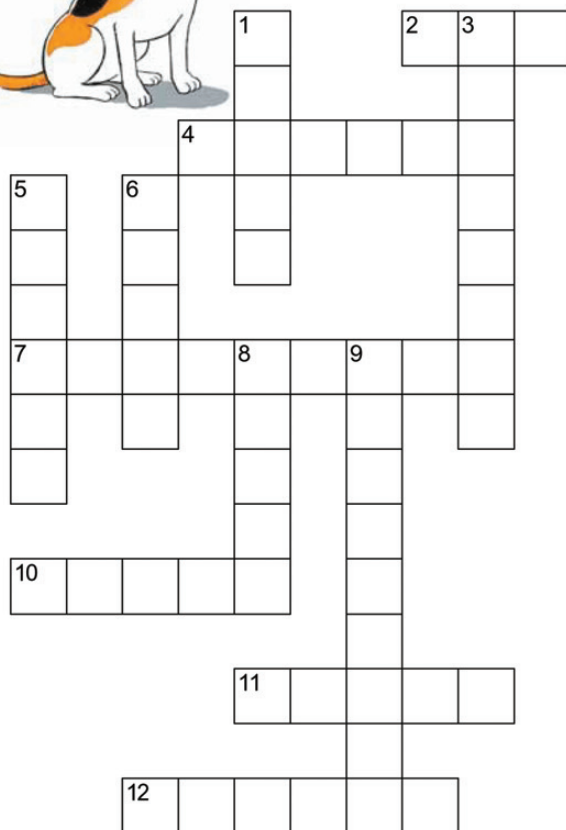
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K9 Kid Zone

Hey Kids! This canine crossword was created just for you. Have fun filling in the blanks. The Answer Key is on page 31.



Canine Crossword



Across Clues:

2. When your dog needs its annual check-up, you take it to the _____.
4. Dogs are members of the _____ species.
7. Old English _____ are skilled in guiding sheep and cattle herds.
10. You should bathe a dog only when it is _____.
11. Always ask a dog's _____ for permission to pet a dog.
12. _____ decide which dogs become winners at dog shows.



Down Clues:

1. Always use a _____ when you walk your dog.
3. In order to stay fit, most dogs need regular _____.
5. _____ Hounds have long ears and strong senses of smell.
6. Even in the winter your dogs need plenty of _____.
8. A cute, young _____ can grow to be a large adult dog.
9. _____ training helps your dog learn basic commands, such as heel, sit, and stay.



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Event Calendar

July 2005

July

1 Friday

What: Obedience Run Thru's
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 7:00 p.m.
Info: 262-502-3647

8 Friday

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

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: Utility & Novice 6:30 p.m., Open 7:30 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

9 Saturday

What: St. Bernard Rescue
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

10 Sunday

What: Golden Retriever Rescue
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Animal Communication with Rebecca Moravec
Where: The Natural Pet, Bay View
When: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. By Apt. Only.
Info: 414-482-PETS, 20 min./\$40, 30 min./\$60

12 Tuesday

What: Puppy Socialization
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Info: 262-502-3647

What: Beyond Basic Obedience
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Info: 262-502-3647

14 Thursday

What: Start of: Life Skills for Puppies 8-20 weeks
When: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (ends Sept 1)
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

15 Friday

What: AKC Agility Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

16 Saturday

What: Canine Massage by Doug Arthur
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

17 Sunday

What: Dog Daze of Summer 2005
Where: Autumglo Pet Lodge, Fredonia, WI
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-692-9797, www.AutumgloPetLodge.com

What: Animal Communication (Mini Consultations) w/ Rebecca Moravec
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (reservations req.)
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18 Monday

What: AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Info: 262-502-3647

What: Basic Obedience
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Info: 262-502-3647

22 Friday

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

23 Saturday

What: Fun Match/Dog Show
Where: LDC Professional Pet Products, Waukesha
When: 10:00 a.m.
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24 Sunday

What: Pet and/or Human Massage by Doug Arthur
Where: The Natural Pet, Bay View
When: Starting at Noon by Apt. Only
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What: Greyhound Rescue
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
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Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

26 Tuesday

What: Basic Obedience
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Info: 262-502-3647

28 Thursday

What: Lead Dog (Beginner) Class Starts
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:30 p.m. (4 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

29 Friday

What: Waukesha Kennel Club Annual All Breed Dog Show
Where: Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
When: Fri/Sat/Sun, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Info: www.waukeshakennelclub.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

What: For Pet's Sake Puppy Parties
Where: Central Bark Doggy Day Care, Downtown
When: Noon (except holiday weekends)
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What: For Pet's Sake Puppy Parties
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 1:45 p.m. (except holiday weekends)
Info: For Pet's Sake 1-888-581-9070

Who: "Your Family Pet" with Amy Ammen
Where: WRRD 540am The Word
What: Radio Show 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Info: Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

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.

Do you have a dog-friendly event that needs to be listed? We'll be happy to add it to our Event Calendar. Send us an email at info@fetchmag.com with the following details: What, When, Where, and Contact Info.

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Unleash the Hounds!

Announcing the Grand Opening of the Runway Dog Exercise Area

The Milwaukee County Park System along with Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks announces the grand opening of The Runway Dog Exercise Area-Milwaukee's newest off-leash dog park, on Saturday, July 9th. The grand-opening event will kick-off with a "leash cutting ceremony" at 10:00 a.m. followed by giveaways, games, and fun for all furry residents who attend.

The Runway is a 26-acre, fenced in dog exercise area where dogs can run free and play safe. It also features a separate fenced-in area for puppies and small dogs to safely exercise in, ample parking, and double gated entryways to ensure safety. "We took a piece of property that was unused before and made it a community asset. I predict it will be one of the highest-used parks in the

county system," said Milwaukee County Parks Director Sue Black.

The new dog exercise area is located off of Rawson Avenue between Howell and Nicholson Avenues on former airport land. The entrance to the park is adjacent to Gastrau's Golf Center on 1300 N. Rawson Avenue. A \$20 annual permit fee per dog will support maintenance of the new dog exercise area. Each additional dog per owner will cost \$5 for a permit and residents can also pay a daily use fee of \$5 per dog. To obtain a permit, all dogs must be licensed, with proof of current rabies immunization in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 174.07 and Milwaukee County Ordinance 29.01 before entering.

Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks was founded three years ago with the goal of establishing several new off-leash, fenced-in dog exercise areas throughout Milwaukee County. The group's main goal is to educate people about the benefits of off-leash dog exercise areas within a community and responsible pet ownership. The group's president, Kevin Frank, said "Many dog owners report that after a visit to a

dog park their dog is more relaxed and in general nicer to be around. Allowing dogs to exercise off-leash brings them in contact with other dogs and causes them to be less aggressive in each future encounter with dogs and people."

In the future, the group plans to work with local dog trainers on weekends at the park who will help educate dog owners on properly socializing their dogs and help people evaluate how their dog is doing as a member of a pack. Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks also hosts an annual Howl-o-ween Dog Walk in October at Veteran's Park and several indoor Yappy Hour events throughout the year to raise awareness and money for equipment at the new dog parks.

For more information about Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks, visit www.milwaukeedogparks.org. For information about the Milwaukee County Park System, visit www.countyparks.com.

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Prognosis

Most often, with proper diagnosis and treatment, your pet's ear infection will be cured. However, if ear infections are chronic or recurrent, an underlying problem, such as allergies or thyroid disease, may be the cause.

Prevention

Pet owners can help their pets avoid ear infections by practicing preventative care at home. This is especially important for those animals that have pendulous ears, have lots of hair in their ears, or have allergies or other medical problems that make them prone to ear infections. A weekly ear cleaning with a veterinarian-recommended ear cleansing solution can minimize or prevent infections.

In addition to ear cleanings, pets with lots of hair on the inside ear flap should have those hairs plucked periodically by their groomer or veterinarian.

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