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When we launched Fetch Magazine four years ago, one of our main priorities was to promote local products and services. We have nothing against big box stores or nationally known products, but there's something said about supporting local businesses in their quest to serve Wisconsin dog owners and their companion animals. In this month's issue, we examine two local products that were imagined and developed from people right here in southeast Wisconsin. We encourage you to support these and all local businesses who create unique and much-needed products for dog lovers. If you've developed a product or offer a unique service for canine companions, plus call Wisconsin home, we'd like to hear about it.

We're also covering a topic in this issue that is much more serious, and at times, difficult to imagine. As an owner of canine companions, we all know the sad truth that in every dog's life, the end must come. Whether he passes quietly at night in his sleep or finds relief through the compassionate choices we as dog owners make, one thing is for certain, we'll all face the moment when we need to make tough choices. In this issue, we'll first cover the option of Canine Hospice. What occurs during hospice care and how will dog owners know if this is the best option. Sadly, we'll also discuss, in a separate article, the options for canine burial; cemetery or cremation. We hope these articles encourage you to proactively consider your options so when the time comes, you're prepared to make the most appropriate choice.

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* Due to limited availability within the August issue, **Dogs Around Town** will not be featured this month. Look for new photos of our local canine companions to be featured next month and on our upcoming website.

Ask the VET

Question: I've heard people say they got sick from their pet. Can that be true?

Answer: In some instances, yes, it can be true. Pet-owning households with young children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems need to be aware that their animals can play host to disease-causing microorganisms.

Humans are not likely to catch a disease through their pets, but in very rare cases it can happen. Fortunately, most of these diseases rarely occur in healthy individuals, are mild, and can be easily treated. Others, like toxoplasmosis, can be far more serious. Diseases transmitted from animals to humans are called zoonotic diseases. Zoonotic diseases usually live out their complex life cycles in animals, but sometimes cross into human bodies. Usually contracting a pet-borne disease requires very close contact with animals or their excretions, so zoonotic diseases can be avoided with common sense, cleanliness and regular pet examinations and vaccinations.

Children often put their hands in their mouths, providing an easy route for bacteria to travel into their bodies. For example,

children who eat dirt are more susceptible to contracting zoonotic diseases. Children also are more susceptible to pet-borne illness because they carry fewer antibodies than adults do. The same holds true for puppies, making them more likely to carry disease than older dogs.

Although the chances of getting a zoonotic disease from your pet are slim, these are some common pet-borne illnesses that can make people sick:

Salmonellosis This bacteria generally makes its way into human bodies through contaminated food. The bacteria can be passed through animal feces and may cause symptoms like fever, vomiting, diarrhea and exhaustion.

Roundworms Roundworm eggs and microscopic adult worms can be excreted in the feces of dogs and cats infected by the worms. Children may be at a higher risk for contracting roundworms because they play near pets or touch infected feces and put their hands into their mouths. Because of the risk to children, all dogs should be taken to their veterinarians for regular fecal examinations. Symptoms can include fever, cough, loss of appetite, weakness and lung congestion.

Strep Throat Though your pet is probably not the culprit bringing strep into your household each year, the possibility does exist. Recently, researchers have found that it's more likely that people are infecting their pets. In any case, keep your children from kissing, licking or exchanging food by mouth with their pets.

Ringworm A fungal infection of the skin, hair or nails, ringworm starts as a rapidly spreading hairless, circular lesion. Humans can be infected through use of contaminated objects like hair brushes, towels or by contact with infected animals like cats, dogs, mice, rats and guinea pigs.

Scabies Also called sarcoptic mange, scabies is a skin disease caused by itch mites which burrow under the skin. Scabies cause intense itching and scratching that can result in severe eczema. Humans can be infected through contact with infected animals.

The most effective way to prevent zoonotic diseases and ensure your good health is to ensure good health for your pets. This means taking your pet to the veterinarian for regular exams and vaccinations. Most pet owners find that by following their veterinarian's nutritional and health recommendations, their pets will lead happy, healthy lives with little risk of zoonotic infections.

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Training Bits

In this month's installment of Training Bits, we climb aboard for a lesson on Canine Cart Pulling. Join Deb Voss Quail as she pulls information from local authorities on an activity fitting for all canine breeds.

Field Trials, Flyball, & Agility; Move Over.

Carting is gaining momentum and it's got cool entertainment value, too.

Carting refers to an activity whereby an animal pulls a wheeled vehicle such as a two-wheeled cart or four-wheeled wagon. Originating with poor European farmers needing to transport goods to open-air markets, carting has evolved to a canine-family sport for pleasure and exercise. "Draft" breeds of dogs, having shorter stature and a muscular build, were originally the hardworking standard for the job. For recreation and entertainment, almost any healthy and fit dog can cart, even if it is just a small wagon with a teddy bear for a passenger.

Cart pulling falls under the "pulling sports" category of canine activities. But it doesn't require an overly athletic dog. "Size is not a limitation, breed is not a limitation," says Jim Perry of For Pet's Sake Dog Training in Mukwonago. Even



age does not factor in this activity. More important is the dog's desire to please his owner and be trained to specific commands. Some dogs just love to pull, and don't mind in the least putting quite a bit of effort into it. Being engaged in a pulling sport activity like carting increases your communication skills with your pet as well as providing a break from boredom. Busy, engaged canines are less likely to have behavior problems.

You can acquaint a puppy to wearing a harness for carting soon as he is big enough to fit the harness. Be aware, however, that most harnesses won't grow as much as your dog will, so what fits as a puppy will need retooling at some point. Lynn Olenik, Executive Director of HAWS in Waukesha, recommends that serious cart training (involving weight or for competition) be delayed until the dog has finished its major growth, per advice of a veterinarian. The canine should also be in good health, but a properly fitted cart does not put undue strain on the dog, so nearly any trained pet can participate.

Ms. Olenik believes that carting is an activity well-suited for older dogs, particularly those "retired" from other competition

pulling sports as skill is more integral to carting than strength or speed. Individual breed organizations (such as Huskies, Newfs, and Berners) have competition club carting, but carting for family fun most often entails parades.

With forty-eight years of dog-training experience, Jim Perry has worked with numerous breeds of dogs. And when it comes to carting, he says "the tail is goin' all the time. Dogs love it!" Why?



According to Perry, most canines love to work and like to be busy with their owners. It's inherent in nearly every breed - they want to please. As well, Perry has his own "twist on carting," which is training toy breeds. It combines the novelty of the diminutive size with the - let's say - cuteness factor, that is a crowd pleaser. The typical Husky or Rottweiler can cart several adolescents through an exhibition. But Perry has successfully trained many small breeds to cart for parades, even the adorable Dachshund, which in this case pulled a mini-cart for the state fair!

To begin carting with your own dog, consider enrolling in a training class such as the one offered at For Pet's Sake (www.forpetssake.cc or 262-363-4529) in Mukwonago. Whether it's the local holiday parade or carting in conjunction with therapy dog work, both canine and human sidekick can benefit from learning the proper carting commands. Jim Perry, the expert on carting, provides instruction as well as information on fashioning an inexpensive cart tailored to each dog's build. Carting is affordable fun, and can be rewarding for the whole family.

Deb Voss Quail (now also known as Mrs. Neulreich) lives in Ozaukee County with Jim, the love of her life, and Duke, the terrier with personality plus. Duke's favorite new activity is going to soccer games where he does NOT watch the field but socializes with and distracts the spectators.

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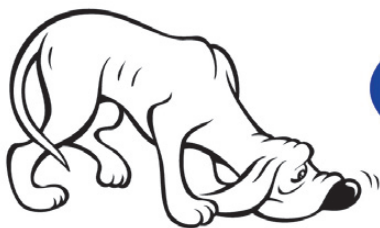
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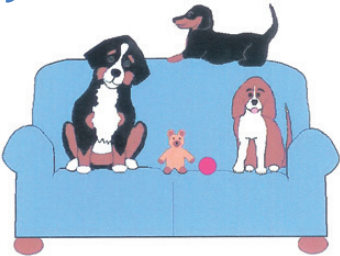
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O.K., so my first example is actually food related. Fromm Pet Food has been making their premium quality pet food right here in Mequon since 1949. In fact they were the first to create the dog kibble as we know it today, and the first premium pet food but their commitment to pet care goes back over 100 years, including the same man that invented the kibble, Dr. Willard Roberts, who was also responsible for creating the canine distemper vaccine in the 1930s.

Fromm is still a family operation after four generations, the same family. How many places can say that? When I called and explained to the receptionist my article topic, I was immediately transferred to the fifth generation, the owner's son Brian Neiman. It didn't take long to tell that this wasn't just a pet food company handed down, but a passion for providing quality that's descended through the generations.



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These products also look pretty tasty. As a treat for my pups, and for research purposes of course, I bought a can of the Chicken Thighs from their Four Star line of premium foods. Imagine my surprise when instead of a lump of unidentifiable brown goo, out plops actual chicken thighs. Talk about your truth in advertising. When asked how they come up with such a concept, Brian replied "Well we sit around and think about what we would like to eat and then formulate that into pet food." I know a couple of pups that give that brainstorming session 'two paws up.'

So inevitably what goes in must come out and it's a problem that's plagued dog owners since our interspecies relationship began. That's right I'm talking about picking up poop, whether that's the squishy plastic grocery bag on a walk or a Saturday spent cleaning the backyard, it's dirty, yucky and far from fun. The problem mainly lies in the utensils, whether it's your hand in a baggy, or one of those pincher things, they all lead to an aching back, tired arms and an overall feeling of grossness. Lucky for us someone right here has been working to relieve owner anxiety and make scooping, dare I say, fun?

Randy Waltz never thought he'd be in the poop business, but a series of events led him to scooper creation. After a neighbor wrenched his back bending over to pick up after his dog, Randy thought "maybe I could make something to help him." He was able to get plenty of research in as he, a previous non-dog owner, found himself taking care of his daughter's dachshund for 9 months. "I bought three different scoopers" he said "and none of them really worked, they just squished everything." He became a man on a mission. "I thought of those gopher grabbers, used for picking up cans, and wondered if instead of suction cups they had fingers on the end to get under the poop and not mush it."

After trying a few designs, he handed a working scooper to his neighbor. "I wasn't trying to start a business" Randy said "I was just trying to help a neighbor. He thought that it worked so well it would sell." The Blue Ribbon Scooper was born.

Currently it's only being sold at The Natural Pet in Bay View, Fancy Paws Dog Grooming on the south side and online at brscooper.com. Despite limited retail distribution, people are definitely getting it with around 500 scoopers being sold since its debut six months ago, mostly through word of mouth and mostly out of state.

Not willing to miss out on a good thing, I decided to give the blue ribbon scooper a try. While there are demonstration videos online, I was lucky enough to be hand-delivered one and shown the technique by the creator himself. The first thing I noticed was how lightweight it was, weighing in at less than two pounds. Randy assured me that while light, the aluminum design was tough and there were no springs to wear out or breakable parts. It also compactly folds in half for a walk.



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But I wasn't about to embark on a single scoop walk, I have a city-sized backyard and two dogs and I planned to do some serious doo scoopin'. So after a little instruction I headed to the backyard. The claw like grabbers scooped nicely under the piles without smushing or tearing up our grass. In the thicker areas it only required a couple pumps of the comfortable handle to power through. It even picked up in the weedy areas without a struggle. Did I mention the attached bag for disposal? After picking up the pile, all

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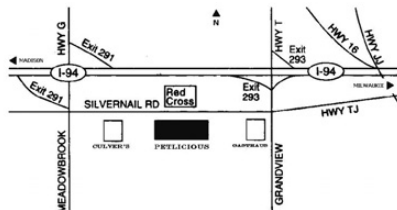
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Celtic Canines

There are plenty of festivals during the summer, as well as pet related events. In August, Irish Fest combines the best of both. At the Fest, you and your family can learn about Irish breeds in the Celtic Canine area. Located on the lake towards the south end of the Mayer festival grounds, the Celtic Canine area is fun for people of all ages.

The goal of the area is pretty much the goal of Irish Fest itself - to inform and educate people about the Irish and Irish culture. The myriad of Irish breeds are just one of the ways in which the Irish have had an impact on the world. The Celtic Canines area is annually one of the busy spots on the festival grounds. Nearly every breed is represented, and people are more than happy to talk about their companions. You may even be able to pet some of the dogs, just be sure to ask first! There's nothing like scratching the massive head of a Wolfhound, or touching the sleek coat of a Setter.

There are both popular and rare breeds of Irish origin, all with a rich history and purpose for which it was developed.

The Irish Wolfhound is officially the tallest dog in the world. Wolfhounds could have been bred as war dogs by the Irish Celts, who called them Cú Faoil, and were used as hunting animals for deer and wolves. Although great in size and sometimes intimidating in appearance, Irish Wolfhounds are gentle and friendly.

The Irish Setter, also known as Red Setter, was bred for hunting, specifically for pointing game birds. Irish Setters are friendly, playful, and very active. They enjoy human company and are excellent with children.

The Irish Red and White Setter: Originally all Irish Setters were mostly red, or red and white, but for many years breeders developed only the red varieties. Consequently, the breed came close to extinction.

Kerry Beagle: The Kerry Beagle is one of the most ancient breeds of Irish dog built for hunting and endurance. Today in rural Ireland there are many packs of Kerry Beagles which hunt hare regularly.

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Kerry Blue Terrier: Puppies are born black; the blue appearing gradually with age. Originally used for hunting, cattle herding, dog fights, and guarding, the Kerry is a companion and working dog. They are very active, intelligent, friendly, and stubborn.

Irish Terrier: Irish Terrier is possibly the oldest of the Irish terrier breeds. They were used as messenger dogs in the terrifying noise and confusion of trench warfare, thus proving both their intelligence and their fearlessness. Though the terrier may be fierce when the circumstances call for it, the Irish Terrier is easily trained and a gentle pet.

Glen of Imaal Terrier: The breed originates in Wicklow, Ireland, and was developed as a working terrier, for hunting badger and fox. He also is a gentle and docile family dog.

Irish Fest runs August 16-19. Make sure that you

check the web site, irishfest.org/entertainment/canines for information on the Celtic Canine area. Keep in mind that due to health and safety regulations, individual owners' dogs are not permitted on the festival grounds. The dogs in this area all have received special permission and permits to attend the festival.

If you enjoy the Irish Celtic Canines, be sure to check out Highland Games at the Waukesha Expo Center over Labor Day weekend. Many Scottish breeds will be represented as well as demonstrations. Check out wisconsinscottish.org for more information about the games.

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Aging and serious illness happen to all living things, and with the advent of Hospice for humans, the philosophy has been brought to four-legged members of the family. Brenda Biermeier, DVM, and owner of Harmony Pet Care in Waukesha, WI, talks about this new

movement in ailing canine care. Hospice, Biermeier explains, is "a program designed to provide a caring environment for meeting the physical and emotional needs of the terminally ill." The human program is much more common for one reason - humans can not be euthanized when their quality of life is poor, explains Biermeier. Though dog parents do have that option, there is sometimes a lag between diagnosis of a disease and when life enjoyment really stops. An elderly dog may still wiggle with joy if it has regular, full pain dulling treatments. In certain instances like this, hospice care can truly be a benefit.

Biermeier says that for owners, animal hospice can give them and other members of the household a chance to create an intimate bond and adjust slowly to letting go. She goes on to say most owners feel more in control and that they're repaying their companion for all the unconditional love he's given. For the pet, there are fewer stressful vet clinic visits and more time in the comfort and familiarity of the home. It's more peaceful.

Hospice gives time to say goodbye in a place of comfort and with the people your canine companion loves. Many vets offer similar services, showing owners how to administer simple procedures on their furry friends to keep them comfortable, but most vets don't refer to this as hospice care, or are aware such a movement is coming. A foundation called Nikki is changing that.

The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets is working to educate veterinarians, owners and support personal in effective hospice care, says Biermeier. They have also been instrumental in creating guidelines for hospice care formalized by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Although hospice is one of the options for ailing companions it many not always be the appropriate course. Hospice care means more time during the day and can be difficult emotionally. Biermeier explains that many owners with full time job simply cannot devote the required time for true hospice care. There's also owners who are uncomfortable with administering the medication needed. According to the American Animal Hospital Association, some owners are not ready or able to deal with the often painful, emotional and time-consuming work. They mention ill or elderly owners and those who would feel saddened by providing such care as their family friend passes into twilight. Biermeier stresses that she would never look down on the choice to euthanize an ill canine instead of trying hospice care.

Hospice also doesn't mean a pet will die a natural death at home, explains Biermeier. A viable option for slow progressing illnesses, including diseases found in older pets, most care givers opt for using hospice for awhile before choosing euthanasia when the quality of life is no longer acceptable, says Biermeier.

Human hospice has given many families comfort and peaceful endings. And this is undoubtedly the reason animal lovers are demanding it for the canine world. Biermeier sees more and more owners opting for quality time at home when a terminal illness isn't immediately life threatening. "Having time to say goodbye and find closure with a beloved pet is a wonderful way to honor their place in the family," says Biermeier. Because it's a time that comes for all owners, maybe

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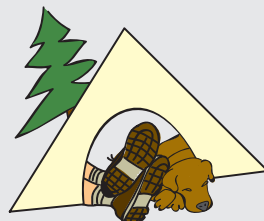
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On August 11th, a picnic will be held on the German Shepherd Dog Club of Wisconsin grounds in Big Bend. One of the highlights of this picnic will be the presentation of funds raised to Arf's GSD Rescue, Badgerland GSD Rescue, Good Shepherd K-9 GSD Rescue, and White Paws GSD Rescue.

Although this event is held only for members of the Club and listed Rescues, everyone involved would like to thank all individuals, businesses, and organizations who gratefully provided the needed funds to continue the missions ahead. If you'd like additional information on German Shepherd rescues, click over to www.gsdcw.com.



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Paws in the Park will include a walk to raise money for local dog parks, exciting demos including duck and sheep herding, agility, field/hunting dogs, lure cursing, and obedience, and fun games and contests for all K-9's. There will also be educational and vendor booths along with adoptable dogs from local rescues and animal shelters.

Admission is \$5 per person on any of the three days and if you attend more than one day, you only pay admission once so canines and their two-legged companions can come throughout the weekend. The registration fee for the walk is \$20 per person, which includes admission and a bandanna for canine walkers while supplies last. Proceeds will benefit local dog parks including the Runway Dog Exercise Area and help establish new dog parks throughout Milwaukee County. ROMP is a 501c3 non-profit organization so all donations are tax-deductible.

"ROMP is pleased to partner with the Milwaukee County Parks System and the Cudahy Kennel Club on this unique event which will help promote dog parks and responsible pet ownership. We hope people will make a weekend of it and visit the CKC dog show in addition to coming for Paws in the Park on Sunday," says dog park board member and event chair, Robin Barry.

ROMP advocates for dedicated off-leash dog exercise areas in Milwaukee County and educates the community about responsible dog ownership. ROMP works closely with the Milwaukee County Parks System to ensure dogs have places to run free and play safe in fenced-in, clean environments and raises money to help develop and improve local dog parks. ROMP led the campaign for the new permit system for Milwaukee dog parks and the opening of the Runway Dog Exercise Area, a 26-acre fenced in dog park on Rawson Avenue, establish in July 2005.

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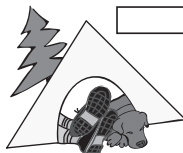
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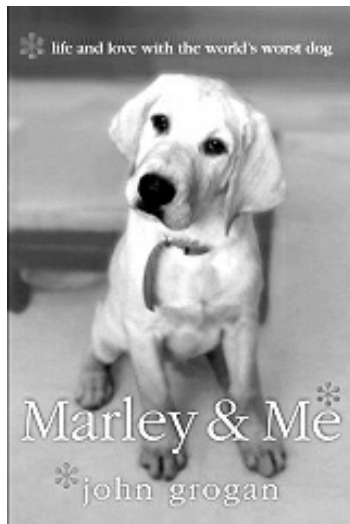
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BARKING Book Review:

Dog Owners are Optimists



As much a story about life as dog ownership, John Grogan's book *Marley and Me: Life and love with the world's worst dog* is a tribute to the canine spirit and a human's ability to overcome. Opening with Grogan newly married, he and his wife Jenny adopt a Yellow Lab puppy that quickly grows into a destructive and disobedient beast. Of course, Grogan shares these antics, striking a nice tone between horrifying the reader and making them laugh. He recounts the time Marley ate the gold necklace he had given Jenny for a present. How Marley started dragging a large, outdoor dining table down the street to greet an indignant French Poodle. The Grogan's bought the biggest, sturdiest dog crate they could find, but nothing could hold Marley. And when a thunderstorm hit, and he was alone, Marley began a bizarre burrowing that destroyed anything in the way, including concrete. But of course Grogan and his family fall in love with their enthusiastic dog and accept the trials and tribulations he brings.

In the book, Marley is weaved deeply into Grogan's life, but isn't always center stage (an interesting approach to a 'dog book'). Sometimes, Marley was merely the nose waiting between the front window blinds or the furry hump Grogan's hand rested on during the night. Grogan is also not afraid to delve into personal

details either. He tells about the prenatal tragedy that turned the rambunctious Marley into a compassionate and caring friend who just let himself be hugged and wept over. Grogan talks about the violence in his previous neighborhood and how on one infamous night the friendly Marley took an uncharacteristically protective stance, as though he could sense the situation was serious.

What Grogan truly captures in his recounting of extreme Marley antics, including the special Marley Mambo that signifies something has been stolen and lodged in a towel, is the spirit of true dog lovers. There's no middle ground, you are either in the dog lover's club or your not. Grogan is clearly one of the executive members, elected when he says at one point in the book, "we could have had a small yacht with what we spent on our dog and all the things he destroyed. Then again, how many yachts wait by the front door all day for your return?" Grogan captures the dog lover's ability to adapt and celebrate the indomitable canine spirit. For all canine flaws a dog might have, and Marley clearly has many, a dog returns your affection one hundredfold, to quote Grogan.

An adult read, I'd give it a PG-13 rating to share with the whole family. Grogan tells about real life, which is sometimes scary and cruel, but Grogan is never graphic. Mostly he catches the essence of Marley, making the reader feel like they have a giant, yellow dog clearing all objects at tail-level or blasting down the street with them in tow. Even as Marley comes to the end of his life, Grogan recounts the stubborn drive Marley had to find just the right spot to relieve himself, despite his ailing hips. You laugh with Grogan and Marley, and cry. But it's a touching story that really exemplifies what true dog owners know, no dog is worth giving up...they give too much back.

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

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I had to do was raise up the scooper and it slid nicely into the attached grocery bag. No more heavy rake and shovel set and no more dragging around a nasty poop filled bag. It all felt easy, clean and even a little fun. Hey I'm not saying its now my favorite way to spend a Saturday night, but it does makes my Saturday afternoon a lot more pleasant.

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Keri Weyenberg has had the good fortune to have spent the majority of her life in the company of canines. She currently shares her home with Sophie, a Golden Retriever, and Rufus the rebel beagle.

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What initially comes to mind when you think of a rare breed? Scarcity? Distinct? Expensive? Why rare? I threw the last one in there because that's the first thing that came to my mind. Why is a breed considered rare? I share my home with a West Highland White Terrier and have yet to see another one anywhere in the neighborhood or even at the local dog park. Does that mean Westies should be labeled rare... or just rare in my neighborhood? After all, the American Pit Bull Terrier is considered rare yet I see this breed everywhere. It's a word that conjures up so many other questions and makes one wonder where the line is drawn.

However, luckily for us, we don't have to draw that vague line, someone else has done the legwork for us. In most instances, the term rare is symbolic purely for numbers. That's according to the American Rare Breed Association. A breed is considered rare when their registered litters are few each year and the club overseeing breed standards take great pains to monitor bloodline quality. What exactly does that mean? For fanciers of a rare breed, close monitoring of standards is a priority. In addition, responsible breeders of a rare breed are less likely to simply place an ad in the newspaper and allow anyone to take a puppy home. Extremely stringent policies are enforced to maintain a gene pool of exacting standards. Do these extra measures demand a higher price? Absolutely. And why not? Some rare breeds date back to the 1800s with few going back as far as the 14th Century. If you were part of a group maintaining a strict bloodline that's been unchanged for hundreds of years, you'd probably ask for a little more when sending a puppy to a new home. But, it's not for the extra money that draws breeders to pursue a life with a rare species. It's the pure love of the breed and the determination to continue the legacy of the breed standard.



So, now that we've covered the definition of a rare breed, you're probably wondering which breeds qualify for this distinction. According to the American Rare Breed Association, the following are rare breeds:

Aidi	Cirneco Dell'etna
Akbash	Coton De Tulear
Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog	Danish Swedish Farmdog
Alaskan Klee-Kai	Dingo
American Bulldog	Dogo Canario
American Hairless Terrier	Dogue De Bordeaux
American Pit Bull Terrier	Drever
Anatolian Shepherd	Dutch Shepherd
Anglo Francais Tricolor	(Holland Shepherd)
Appenzeller Mountain Dog	English Shepherd
Argentine Dogo	English Toy Terrier
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Azawakh	Eurasier
Barbet	Fauve De Bretagne
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Basset Griffon Vendéen	German Spitz
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Bergamasco	Grand Bleu De Gascogne
Black Forest Hound	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Black Russian Terrier	Greenland Dog
Blue De Gascogne	Griffon Nivernais
Bolognese	Hamilton Hound
Boykin Spaniel	Hanoverian Schweisshund
Bracco Italiano	Havanese
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Braque Dupuy	Hovawart
Braque Francais	Iceland Sheepdog
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Caucasian Ovtcharka	Kooikerhondje
Cavalier King Charles	Kyi-Leo
Central Asian Ovtcharka	La Catahoula Leopard Dog
Cesky Terrier	Laeknois
Chart Polski	Large Munsterlander
Chinook	Leonberger

Lowchen	Rastreador Brasileiro
Magyar Agar	Redbone Coonhound
Maremma Abubruzze	Redtick Coonhound
Mi-Ki	Russell Terrier
Mini Australian Shepherd	Russian European Liaka
Mini-Pei	Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka
Moscow Toy Terrier	Sabueso Hound
Mountain Cur	Sanshu
Mudi	Schiller Hound
New Guinea Singing Dog	Shiloh Shepherd
Norrbottenspets	Sloughi
Norwegian Buhund	Slovakian Hound
Norwegian Lundehund	Slovensky Cuvac
Ogar Polski	Small Munsterlander
Old Danish Pointer	South African Boerboel
Olde English Bulldogge	South Russian Ovtcharka
Owczarek Podhalanski	South Russian Steppe
Parson Jack Russell Terrier	Spanish Mastiff
Patterdale Terrier	Spanish Water Dog
Perdigreiro Portugues	Spinone Italiano
Peruian Inca Orchid	Stabyhoun
Petit Bleu De Gascogne	Swedish Lapphund
Petit Griffon De Gascogne	Swedish Vallhund
Picardy Sheepdog	Telomai
Picardy Spaniel	Tennessee Treeing Brindle
Plott Hound	Thai Ridgeback
Podengo Canario	Tibetan Mastiff
Podengo Grande	Toy Fox Terrier
Podengo Medio	Transylvania Hound
Podengo Pequeno	Treeing Walker
Poitvin	Trigg Hound
Polish Lowland Sheepdog	Tyrolean Hound
Porcelaine	Verelade
Posavaski Gonici	Wachtelhund
Presa Mallorquin	White German Shepherd
Pumi	Wirehaired Hungarian Vizsla
Pyrenean Mastiff	Wirehaired Istrian Hound
Pyrenean Shepherd	Xoloitzcuintli
	Yugoslavian Hound

I'm sure you looked at that list and had a hard time pronouncing some of the names, or even picturing what the breed looks like. You're not alone. For most of us, there is little chance we'll see a majority of these dogs going for a walk in our neighborhood. However, you may be able to get a good look at some of these





breeds at local AKC Companion Events. The AKC offers a program to breeders of rare breeds that allows them to be listed in the AKC Foundation Stock Service. For more information on this service, click over to www.akc.org/breeds/fss_breeds.cfm

Since we're not able to provide photos for all of these breeds within the space of this article, you can perform a search online and find a U.S.-based or International club sharing information and plenty of photos. Most clubs will also provide a list of breeders who may have litters available. But remember, in most cases you won't be able to simply call a breeder and have a puppy to play with the next day. If you're serious about bringing one of these breeds into your home, my suggestion to you would be to research everything you can on the breed, including general appearance, temperament, and certain tendencies to work well with families or other pets. You'll also want to ask yourself if you're willing and able to enter your new dog in obedience shows or to participate in canine sporting activities as some breeders have these as requirements before discussing a purchase. You may also be required to sign a contract stating your responsibility to, or not to, produce additional offspring. For true aficionados of a rare breed, all of these requirements are appropriate and necessary to maintain strict standards.

Can a breed designated as rare ever lose that distinction? Yes, after all, we're talking simply numbers here. If enough litters are produced and offspring continue to flourish, a breed can become as

common as any other breed listed in the AKC or UKC. However, most rare breeds are years, if not decades, away from finding themselves part of the typical American family.

Here's a challenge for all readers of Fetch Magazine who share their home with a rare breed. Send photos of your canine companion by August 15th and we'll publish them in the September issue. Remember to include the name of the breed with your submission.



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August 2007

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Where: Central Bark DDC, North
When: 7:00pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: Noon (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

2 Thursday

What: Carting Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00pm (4 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

3 Friday

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

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

What: Agility Fun & Games Night
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

5 Sunday

What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 10:45am (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Nail Clipping (receive free bag of food)
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: 2:00 - 3:00pm (\$8)
Info: www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

7 Tuesday

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

What: Pet Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec
Where: Animal Doctor, Muskego
When: 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Info: 414-422-1300

What: Puppy Foundation Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 9:30am
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Advanced Agility Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 10:30am
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Beginners Agility Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 11:45am
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Intermediate Agility Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 1:00pm
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What: Intermediate Agility Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 2:15pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Corner's Pet Store, Hales Corners
When: 6:30pm (7-week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

8 Wednesday

What: Canine Good Citizen Class Begins
Where: Harmony Pet Care, Waukesha
When: 7:45pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Canine Good Citizen Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

10 Friday

What: CKC All Breed Dog Show
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: 7:00am - 7:00pm (Friday & Saturday)
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

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

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

11 Saturday

What: Canine Massage
Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 4:00pm
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12 Sunday

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

What: 3rd Annual Washington Bark Dog Day
Where: Washington Park Bandshell, Milwaukee
When: Noon - 4:00pm
Info: 414-475-9072

13 Monday

What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 5:00pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Shy Dog Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:15pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

15 Wednesday

What: Canine Cancer Support Group Meeting
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: 6:00 - 7:00pm
Info: www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

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

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

16 Thursday

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

What: Celtic Canines at Irish Fest
Where: Mayer Festival Grounds, Milwaukee
When: Thursday - Sunday
Info: irishfest.org/entertainment/canines.htm

17 Friday

What: Cleaning w/ Essential Oils by Cindy
Where: Animal Doctor, Muskego
When: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Info: 414-422-1300

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

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

19 Sunday

What: "BEACH PARTY"
Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 2:00pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Fun in the Sun Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00am - 3:00pm (reservations suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Celebration of Pet's Day
Where: Arlington Park Cemetery, Greenfield
When: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Info: 414-282-0840 (Companion's Rest)

What: 3rd Annual Doggy Dips
Where: Jackson & Sheridan Park Pools
When: 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Info: 414-769-8806, www.milwaukeekeeparks.org

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

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

25 Saturday
What: BassetFest
Where: Muskego Park, Muskego
When: Saturday and Sunday
Info: www.bbrescue.org

26 Sunday
What: Open House (see facility, ask questions)
Where: Paws-itivly Behaved K9s, Oak Creek
When: Noon - 4:00pm
Info: 262-488-1982, www.pawsitivlyk9s.com

What: Paw Print Art (let Fido be the artist)
Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc
When: 11:00am - 3:00pm (\$5/picture)
Info: www.thedoggybagllc.com, 262-560-1717

28 Tuesday
What: Puppy Kindergarten Class w/ For Pet's Sake
Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, Pewaukee
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31 Friday
What: Yappy Hour (+ \$5 Nail Trims)
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
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Every Sunday
What: Puppy Social
Where: Best Paw Forward Dog Training
When: 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.
Info: 262-369-3935

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

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

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

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

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: Happy Hounds Hour (playtime)
Where: Release the Hounds DDC, Muskego
When: Morning
Info: 414-412-8264

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

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

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Doggy Dips - A Cool Event for Cool Dogs!

Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks (ROMP) is pleased to announce dates for the 3rd Annual Doggy Dips events. ROMP and the Milwaukee County Parks System know how to treat local dogs - with a cool event. Doggy Dips allows dogs to swim in several local Milwaukee Pools after they close for the season.

This year's Doggy Dips will be held on Sunday, August 19th at Jackson and Sheridan park pools from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Labor Day, September 3rd at Cool Waters from 5 to 8 p.m. Cool Waters features a big slide which is a favorite among past canine attendees. The cost is \$5 a dog, with proceeds going to benefit Milwaukee dog parks.

"ROMP is so pleased to partner with the Milwaukee County Parks System again to offer the Doggy Dips. These events have been great fund-raisers for us in the past but the best park is watching the pure joy each of the dogs experience at these fun events. That's worth the admission price alone!," says dog park President, Kevin Frank.

ROMP advocates for dedicated off-leash dog exercise areas in Milwaukee County and educates the community about responsible dog ownership. ROMP works closely with the Milwaukee County Parks System to ensure dogs have places to run free and play safe in fenced-in, clean environments and raises money to help develop and improve local dog parks. ROMP led the campaign for the new permit system for Milwaukee dog parks and the opening of the Runway Dog Exercise Area, a 26-acre fenced-in dog park on Rawson Avenue, establish in July 2005.

For more information about ROMP and the Doggy Dips, visit the group's website at www.milwaukeekeeparks.org, email info@milwaukeekeeparks.org, or contact 414-769-8806.

When it's Time to Say Goodbye

When it is time to say goodbye to our much loved pets, personal preference (and likely cost) will determine how we say goodbye and remember them. Talking to the people who provide services gives insight into not only the options available, but also as to how much they care.

When Mark Lux, owner of Paris Pet Crematory, started his business he said "At first the best part was being my own boss and being able to be home for my kids. While that is a bonus, the best part really is being able to help people. You can just see them come in here very sad and seem to leave more upbeat. It makes me feel good when they say it is a great service that I offer."

Mark who has four rescue dogs and multiple cats initially became interested in cremation when he saw the equipment at a conference. Then one of his cats passed away and he attended the cremation. Mark said everything was "very cold and industrialized. They really preferred you weren't there so they could get on with business."

When someone inquires about Paris Pet's services, the first thing Mark does is ask for the pet's name as it makes everything personal. Paris Pet Crematory offers several cremation choices. With group cremation, multiple pets are cremated together and the remains are not returned to the owners but rather spread over the countryside. Private cremation is for an individual pet and the remains are returned to the owner. Attended cremations are for those who wish to be present and want added comfort knowing they are receiving their own pet's remains.

Prices vary based on the pet's weight and whether or not the cremation will be attended. A private cremation (not attended by the owner) for a 50 pound dog would be approximately \$175. This includes a pawprint tin urn with the pet's remains inside a poly bag and a velvet bag. A multitude of urns are on display at Paris Pet including handcrafted Jardinia and even Amish made wooden urns.

Mark has business relationships with multiple vets and pet hospitals. He makes two visits each week to these locations, personally returning pets' ashes within days instead of more than a week like other cremation services. Some owners prefer to come to him directly. Paris Pet is in Union Grove, less than an hour from Milwaukee and Waukesha counties. Mark encourages not only the businesses he works with but also individuals to visit his facility and understand the compassion that he shows all pets. Mark designed and built the soothing décor of his business. Everything, from the lit candles, comfortable couches and granite tabletops to the three cats that greet you, providing comfort to anyone facing a loss.

One of the businesses that Mark works with is Companion's Rest Pet Cemetery. Marianne Anderson, a dog and cat owner, is an Owner Representative for Companion's Rest Pet Cemeteries which encompasses three locations at Arlington Park in Milwaukee, Forest Hill Memorial Park in Oak Creek and Sunset Ridge Memorial Park in Kenosha.

The pet area at Arlington Park cemetery is entered by driving over a bridge reminiscent of the Rainbow Bridge and is very park-like with tall trees and grass kept trimmed a bit longer. Companion's Rest is an endowed care cemetery meaning that a set amount from each purchase is set aside with interest used to ensure care and upkeep.

Companion's Rest offers individual cremation, in-ground burial and graveside services. Burial requires a casket but not a vault as is required for humans. A wide variety of urns are on display including a burnished bronze urn with pawprints and even urns that look like cat statues. Memorials (gravestones) are also on display including those that have a vase holder or a laser etched pet photo. Marianne says that some people buy a larger burial spot for all the pets they will have in their lifetime and then place one large memorial. Costs can be minimal to something quite extravagant. 15% pre-planning discounts as well as monthly payments are available for land, memorials or urn purchases.

A full service is available at graveside including chairs for guests. Marianne

has spoken at several services where the attendees have even included other dogs. Guests receive a St. Francis medal at the end of the service.

Wisconsin State Law does not allow the burial of any pet in a human cemetery according to Marianne. However, a person's cremated remains may be buried with a pet in a pet cemetery. At Arlington there is also a human section directly across from the pet section so that pet owners can be buried near their loved ones.

Companion's Rest has an annual Celebration of Pets event including many vendors and activities that benefits the Milwaukee County K9 Unit. Marianne says that people come back and visit at this event and other times with their new puppies so that the staff can "see the new baby. They think of us as family." This event is held at Arlington Park Cemetery on Sunday August 19th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

There are many options available when it is time to say goodbye to our pets. The very caring people who provide these services will provide comfort when it is most needed.

Paris Pet Crematory
923 Commerce Drive
Union Grove, WI 53182
262-878-9194
www.paris-pet.com (available soon)

Companion's Rest Pet Cemeteries
www.cemeteriesforpets.com

Arlington Park
4141 South 27th Street
Greenfield, WI 53221
414-282-6600

Forest Hill
3301 Forest Hill Avenue
Oak Creek, WI 53154
414-762-4446

Sunset Ridge
6211 38th Street
Kenosha, WI 53144
262-652-7488

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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