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Feature Photographer

Meet
Stephanie!



"How did you start photographing dogs?" is a question I get asked a lot! During my college days I was invited to be in an art show, & I brought the pieces I was most passionate about, all of which featured dogs. I received such great feedback & encouragement from that show! At that time, there weren't many photographers doing this type of work; those who were produced work with a more human-like portrait quality. My style has always been more candid – I enjoy showing dogs in their element.

"Aren't dogs challenging to photograph?" Yes & no! Dogs have wonderful quirks, just like their human counterparts, & my goal is always to embrace their unique character on camera in a lovable & honest way. Before the shoot day, I have a long talk with the owner(s) about their dog(s) – are they shy, silly, funny about something peculiar? Do they have a favorite spot to play or hang out? Location preparation & appreciation for the dog's personality combine to create an excellent shot. Photo shoots of any type are a challenge, & that's part of the thrill & fun of it for me. There's such magic when I know I got "the shot" – I love telling a story with my camera, combining all the elements (subject, location & quirks!) to draw out the inner nature of them all.

About the time doggy day cares & pet boutiques were opening up in the area, Fetch Magazine was created by Jen & Joe Kojis. The magazine has switched hands a few times, but it has always stayed true to its mission: well-written articles, & helping locals connect. I've been fortunate to work with Fetch from the beginning, enjoying the new perspectives each owner has brought to this unique publication!

CORRECTIONS

In the winter issue, pg. 5, Cover Dog Blurb, Carmen Rasmussen's name was misprinted. Last name is Rasmussen, not Glasdun.

-Pamela Stace

On pg. 37, in the ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN box, it should have read, "FETCH would like to print your Good Byes and give you some peace of mind." Not "piece of mind".

- Marjorie Pagel



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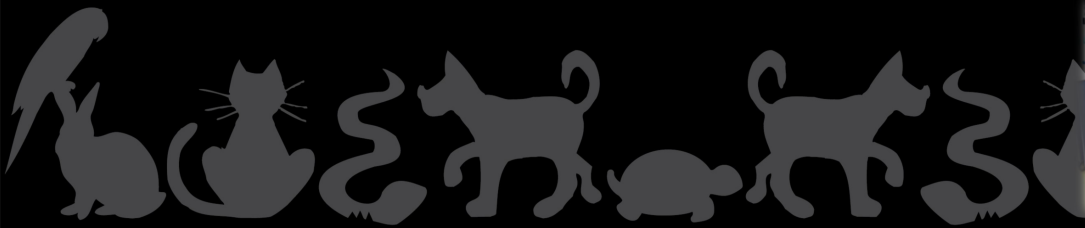
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Dear FETCH Friends:

This past year has been very hard for me. If it wasn't for FETCH (& all those individuals involved) I don't know how sane I would be. I know this sounds crazy but I have lost a dog, gained a baby, had another dog jump out of a window & injure herself badly & the list just goes on.

I find solace in this magazine, & I hope you do as well. I hope the articles, graphics & various listings help you make decisions in your life that lead you & your 4-legged companion down a fun, exciting & safe path. Life is so unpredictable that FETCH is one of those things I want to be predictable for you once you become acquainted with this new version. I want FETCH to be your No. 1 choice for dog-related information, events, anecdotes, adoptables, fun ideas & more. So please take the time to read each issue, email me & let me know how satisfied (or not) you are with the content.

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To acceptance, gratitude, new beginnings & saving lives,

N. Putz



**MEET THE 2-LEGGED PACK
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COVER LOOK

This cover represents the Spring themes, travel & emergency, & how they affect our lives with our 4-legged companions. Traveling with or without a pet can be fun yet quite stressful. Hopefully, the content provided will help answer your questions while giving you some peace of mind. That being said, emergencies are often unexpected & can be very tragic. We hope that the information provided helps you deal with an unfortunate situation if it arises. Top photo was taken by Stephanie Bartz and bottom photo was courtesy of WVRG (both digitally enhanced by NPutz).

AROUND THE WATER BOWL



There's No Place Like Home
2015 Spring Gala

Elmbrook Humane Society's Premier Special Event (From the EBHS)

In recognition of the thousands of homeless dogs and cats in Waukesha County whose future is dependent on the support of the community, Elmbrook Humane Society is hosting its annual spring gala, *There's No Place Like Home*. Previously known as *Wine & Whiskers*, this year's event is changing venues.

The event will be held on Saturday, March 21st, starting at 5pm at Marriott West in Waukesha. Festivities will be kicked off by Jessob Reisbeck with WITI Fox News, Karen Dalessandro with FM106.1 Morning Show and a couple of our four-legged friends. *There's No Place Like Home* will feature a cocktail reception, dinner, beer and wine pulls, dessert auction, silent and live auctions and the opportunity to give to the medical fund appeal benefiting the animals of Elmbrook Humane Society. Auction items will include local art, jewelry, vacation packages, spa packages, restaurants packages, theatre tickets, sport packages, pet baskets, bicycles and many more amazing items.

Elmbrook Humane Society is Waukesha County's only No Kill shelter and annu-

ally provides care for over 2,000 animals. With the help of over 200 volunteers, they are committed to saving every animal possible, which includes supporting injuries and illnesses before animals can be adopted into a new home. There's No Place Like Home will showcase many of the success stories from 2014 and highlight Elmbrook Humane Society's mission in providing care and shelter, promoting the human animal bond, and preventing animal cruelty and neglect.

As one of the largest fundraisers of the year, the money raised at *There's No Place Like Home* is vital to carrying out Elmbrook Humane Society's mission to help the community's pets along with the people who love them. It's going to be another memorable evening that you do not want to miss! Come and celebrate the work of Elmbrook Humane Society and those that support it.

To register and learn more, visit the Spring Gala page under the Events tab at ebhs.org. Tickets are available thru the link or can be purchased directly from Elmbrook Humane Society.

Found Stray Animals in Milwaukee Now Have a New Way to Let Their Families Know They Are Safe (From MADACC)

Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC), Milwaukee's animal control facility which takes in over 12,000 animals per year, announced in February that all animals taken in at MADACC will be posted on a Twitter account to keep worried families apprised of all animals that come in and hopefully make reuniting lost companions with their families much faster.

MADACC is hoping that Twitter will be a new tool for them to get the word out

when an animal comes into their facility and get them back into the arms of their owners much faster. The internet, along with the pervasive use of smartphones, already play a role in many aspects of animal welfare, such as promoting animals for adoption and for shelter donation needs. MADACC is hoping that they can find the same success promoting the animals that come into the shelter by sending out tweets each time one arrives.

"Our number one priority at MADACC is to get these animals back to their owners. Our return to owner rate for dogs is 28 percent and there is only a 3.5 percent return to owner rate for cats," said Karen Sparapani, executive director for MADACC. "Many owners are not sure what to do when they lose an animal and do not think to contact us to file a lost report or come into MADACC to search the animals we have in the building. In the case of cats, many owners simply assume the worst when a kitty does not come home and do not realize a neighbor or good Samaritan may have found their friendly cat outside and brought it in to MADACC."

If your dog or cat goes missing, after calling MADACC to file a lost report, you can go to <https://twitter.com/safeatmadacc> and see the animals that have come in, which are updated approximately every fifteen minutes. Using a smartphone you can set up alerts to be notified every time an animal comes into MADACC. These tweets will also be available for viewing on the MADACC Strays of Milwaukee County Facebook page.

"Nothing is more important to us than getting animals home as quickly as possible," Sparapani continued. "It is important for everyone in this community who shares their life with a companion animal to make sure those animals have collars with current identification, a microchip with current information and to be prepared if your animal goes missing. Have a current photo of your dog or cat, have several if possible. If your animal goes missing you should contact us immediately to let us know. Many times we can return an animal in the field without bringing it into our facility if we have the information we need as soon as there is a lost animal."

MADACC also wants Milwaukee County residents to know that if your animal is up-to-date on their rabies vaccine and have a current dog or cat license you will save up to \$50 if you need to pick up your animal from MADACC. You can purchase a 2015 animal license at MADACC during business hours seven days a week (Monday – Friday 10am – 8pm and weekends 10am – 5pm) or online at madacc.org. Call 414-649-8640 for more details.

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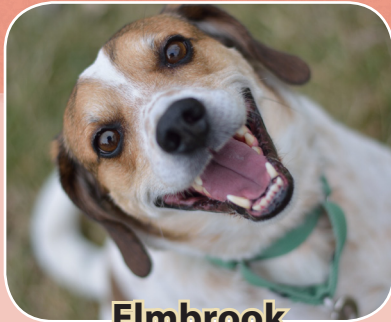
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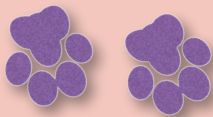
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BREED PROFILE

Master of Versatility

BY NASTASSIA PUTZ, PUBLISHER

Nearly facing extinction during World War II due to thousands of Hungarians fleeing their homeland and leaving their dogs behind, Vizslas have survived and flourished. It is thanks to those few individuals that took their dogs with them during wartime. Today, the Vizsla is a well-recognized breed, noted for hunting and canine competition in the United States and has been re-established in Hungary as the national dog.

Brief Background/Facts: Vizslas (a Hungarian word that means "pointer") were hunters and companions to the nomadic Magyar tribes and were selectively bred by Hungarian noblemen. They arrived in the US in the early 1950's and the Magyar Vizsla Club of America (known today as the Vizsla Club of America Inc.) was established in 1953. As part of its foundation stock, the American Kennel Club recognized the breed in 1960.

Today: According to the VCA, the Vizsla is one of the top three breeds used by the Transportation Security Administration. They worked in Search and Rescue at 9/11 and are used successfully in Seeing Eye programs.

Breeder and President of the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club Rebecca Smith has handled over 40 Vizsla fosters in her home and has taken care of her own Vizslas since 1991.

With over 15 years of breed experience, she and her husband Mark have produced 8 litters, participated in conformation, field trials, hunt tests, limited obedience and agility and rally. Rebecca loves conformation and Mark is an enthusiast for the field trials. Having no two-legged children of their own, Rebecca says her dogs are her kids, and having an active lifestyle with these versatile pooches is comparable to having kids in multiple sports.

"If someone wants a dog that is going to be their best buddy, prefers to be close to them all the time (if not on top of them), is athletic and smart, the Vizsla would be a good choice," says Rebecca. Also, Vizslas "are able to participate successfully in many activities..."

Photo by Cheryl Brimmer



Homeland: Hungary, nearly faced extinction, but today is the national dog!

Size: Males are 22-24 inches, Females are 21-23 inches.

Appearance: Golden rust color (various shades), minimal white markings on chest, medium-sized, short-coated athletic body.

Job: Originally bred to work/hunt in field, forest & water. Today, very versatile in all areas of canine competition.

Temperament: Energetic, natural hunter yet devoted family companion.

Ownership Pros & Cons: Besides their beautiful appearance, Rebecca notes, "They are a 50-pound lapdog ... It is rare that I sit down to watch TV or work on the computer that I do not have a Vizsla sharing my chair or sitting in my lap."

This is a trait she adores, but for some it may be a nuisance. Another potential bothersome trait may be their thought process. For a Vizsla it's "Let's go hunting," as opposed to "Many other pointing breeds ... which seem to think 'I'm going hunting' and 'you keep up.'" So "... when you are hunting with a Vizsla, they may go out quite a long way [on their own] however, they will always check back to see where you are." They are a bit needy and softer in temperament. A pro or con depending on the personality of the owner, she notes.

They do shed but not as much as a longhaired dog and are low maintenance when it comes to grooming. Brush their teeth, clean their ears, trim their nails and "they are good to go," notes Rebecca. She suggests not bathing them more than quarterly unless they get into something undesirable.

The High Maintenance Aspect: Being athletic and active dogs, they require a good

amount of exercise. "If you are not planning on exercising your dog on a regular basis, do not get a Vizsla," Rebecca says. If they don't get exercise or have a "job" they tend to act out. Her dogs run free for at least 30 minutes a day to burn off that extra energy. "Vizslas tend to be diggers, chewers and counter-surfers. I've seen more than one couch or chair ruined by a Vizsla ... they are not content lying around the house."

Highly Trainable & Intelligent: As for training, they need to use their brains. But, "You need to go easy with a Vizsla ... and not push too hard," she confirms. Rebecca advocates positive reinforcement and further states, "If pushed too hard, they will simply shutdown." On the bright side however, "they are quick to learn things and want nothing more than to please you." And "they are 'wicked smart,'" she continues. Her favorite memory is about her dog Jennie who could open "ANYTHING."

"We kept [a deli bucket with treats] underneath the basement steps. Every time I would go down in the basement, Jennie would follow me and open the deli bucket and help herself to a chew bone. I sometimes had a hard time getting deli buckets open, but she didn't!"

Vizslas Continued, See Page 37

If you are interested in rescuing a Vizsla...

BACKGROUND

The CWVC takes unwanted Vizslas (purebreds only) into foster homes, evaluates the dogs and tries to find them appropriate, permanent homes. While the dogs are in foster care, they are placed in a variety of situations to determine their temperament, activity level, hunting skills, trainability, etc. They are examined by a vet and given any necessary care. All rescues must be neutered or spayed. Most rescues remain in foster care a minimum of two weeks before being placed. Some dogs may not ever be placed. If the CWVC determines they are not placeable, if a dog is very old for example, it may remain in foster care for the rest of its life. In cases where extensive rehabilitation is necessary due to temperament problems or abuse, the dogs are sent to people in the Vizsla Club of America that have a great deal of experience in this area.

RESCUE DETAILS

- Filling out an adoption application does not guarantee you will get a dog through the program.
- Sometimes you may need to wait for quite a long time for a dog. How specific you are in what you want can also determine the length of the wait. For instance, if you want a female under 2-years-old, you would wait longer than if you were willing to take a female up to 5-years-old or a male or female under 2.
- We rarely get in dogs that are under 3 years old. In the eight years the club has been involved with breed rescue, we have had only two dogs under 1 and less than 10 under 3.
- Most people want females. There are valid reasons for only wanting a female. However, if you feel you want a female, examine your reasons closely. Many times people want females because they feel they are more trainable, more affectionate, etc. That is not true in Vizslas. Talk to a "Vizsla person" before you rule out getting a male dog. You may find a male is more to your liking and they are often easier to get.
- Rescue dogs generally have some baggage. If you are looking for the perfect dog, you should not look to breed rescue. Many times they require more time and attention than raising a puppy. Rescue is not the place to look if you are interested in a hunting dog. We have placed a few dogs that hunt, but it is not the norm.
- Many Vizslas are turned into rescue because the family "doesn't have time" for them. Vizslas require exercise daily and playing with the kids or out in the yard by themselves is not adequate. Make sure you are prepared to provide them with the exercise they need.

Anyone interested in breed rescue should visit cwvc.org. There is a form on the website to fill out in order to adopt a Vizsla and/or surrender forms if someone wants to turn one into rescue.



Photo by George Noren

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: THUMPER LOCAL DOGS AROUND TOWN





ER Finance Options for Your Pet's Health Care

BY CHRISTINA MATTHEWS, MBA, LVS

Most people are not financially prepared for a pet's medical emergency. For those who have coverage through a pet insurance plan, most veterinary practices require payment upon completion of services or at the time the pet requires hospitalization. The insurance provider will then reimburse the client a portion of the services covered under the plan. There are more payment options available to clients than in years past. According to the American Pets Association, Americans spent an estimated 15.5 billion dollars on veterinary care in 2014. Being educated about the options available to help pay for those unplanned events will help minimize stress and anxiety and expedite the medical care a pet may urgently require.

Option 1: Cash

This is the least likely option that people have readily available, especially in emergent situations. If experiencing financial hardships, inquire if the practice offers a discount for services paid in cash.

Option 2: Checks

With the option for people to use a debit card linked to a checking account, not many use checks for purchases. Some practices may be willing to hold a check for a client with an established veterinary relationship.

Option 3: Major Credit Cards

Depending on the medical needs of the pet, some people may not have enough credit available to pay for the required care. If additional monies are needed that exceeds the credit limit, contact the company and ask for a credit line increase.

Option 4: Payment Plans

In recent years, other credit card options became available to help pay for medical treatment plans and may be offered by veterinary practices in the area.



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CareCreditSM – There are several finance options available through this payment method such as no interest and special financing. With the no interest plans on payments of \$200 or more, the plans available include 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. A special financing option is also available with 14.9 percent APR until the plan is paid in full. For purchases of \$1,000 or more, individuals are eligible for a 24, 36 or 48-month repayment plan. And for purchases of \$2,500 or more, people are eligible for a 60-month plan.

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Option 5: Charitable Organizations

There are several animal welfare organizations that may be able to provide assistance with veterinary bills, either with low-cost care, loans or grants.

Red Rover® – This organization provides financial assistance grants to help people with pets who need urgent veterinary care. An online application is required with rapid approval. For people who are approved, the typical grant is \$100 to \$200. Approval factors are based on medical urgency, financial need, funding and eligibility. redrover.org

Friends of Noah-WI – Noah's Animal Fund is a Wisconsin-based program that provides financial assistance to people for incurred and anticipated veterinary services. People are required to live in specific counties for eligibility purposes. An application is required indicating the pet's medical diagnosis with a good prognosis. Assistance is not eligible for routine veterinary care. A committee will review pending applications and contact the veterinarian and pet owner when approved and send an email to notify the person if not. friendsofnoah-wi.org

Helping Hands for Pets – Another Wisconsin-based organization, Helping Hands for Pets is available to those in need in Western Wisconsin. The general assistance program provides basic financial assistance including, but not limited to, food, medical care and behavioral issues. An application is required and will be reviewed to determine eligibility. helpinghands-4pets.org

Option 6: Raise Your Own Funds

For instance, you could ask friends and family directly for assistance or have a rummage sale. With online access, an actual fundraiser can also be established to raise the needed monies. **GiveForward.com** is an easy way for friends and family to contribute. After answering a few questions about the fundraiser and the purpose, a page will be active to start collecting. The company charges 7.9 percent and 50 cents per transaction.

Dealing with emergent situations is stressful for people and the pet. Be proactive to determine the payment options offered by veterinary practices. Should those unexpected situations arise, it will allow for medical decisions to be made more quickly and rapid medical intervention provided for the pet.

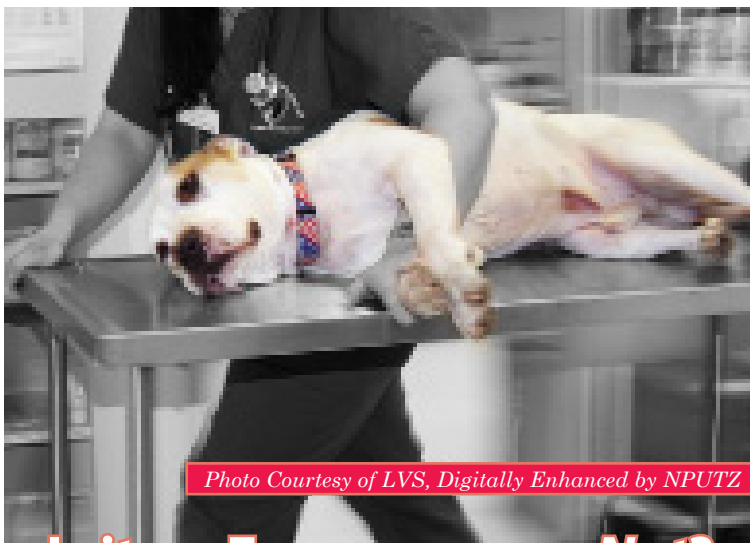


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Is it an Emergency or Not?

BY KERRI WIEDMEYER, DVM, WVRC

On a typical day, owning a pet is nothing more than unconditional love, playing, petting and feeding. But what happens when your furry friend is just not acting right? Do you wait to see your veterinarian the next day? Call and make an appointment for next week? Or should you be rushing to the closest emergency hospital?

Well, unfortunately the answer is not always that clear cut. While some emergency scenarios are obvious such as your pet experiences some form of trauma like being hit by a vehicle, dog bite wounds, jumping from places they should not or choking. If any of these happen, a veterinarian should evaluate the animal immediately.

But what if your pet is vomiting or having diarrhea, has ingested something it should not have, is coughing or breathing abnormally?

Well the good news is you can always call either your veterinarian or your local emergency hospital to discuss what is happening with your pet. They can then guide you on whether you should come in immediately or if the problem can wait for a day or two when an appointment can be made.

Here is a list of problems to look for in your pet to evaluate if it might be an emergency:

- Abnormal breathing
- Increased rate or effort in breathing
- Abnormal noises when breathing or coughing
- Vomiting, diarrhea or inappetence
- Lethargy or abnormal behavior
- Inappropriate urination or defecation or no urination or defecation
- Pale color to the gums
- Pain or restlessness
- Open wounds or bleeding
- Lameness

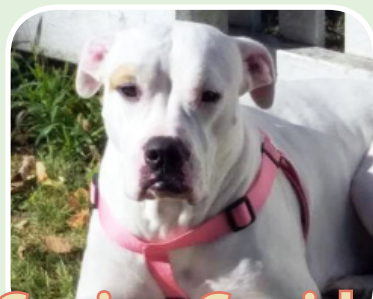
This list is not all-inclusive. The bottom line is that if you are concerned about your pet's problem you can always take him or her to an emergency hospital for evaluation. There are no problems considered too small or insignificant, and your peace of mind and your animal's well being are exceptionally important.



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READER SUBMITTED

Divine Intervention: Yukon Gets a Second Chance at Life



The week after Allison Pierce and her best friend Yukon moved to Wisconsin from Pennsylvania, Yukon woke her in the middle of the night gagging and pacing around uncomfortably. Knowing something was desperately wrong and being new to this region, Allison didn't know where to turn. She needed to get to the bottom of Yukon's health crisis and fast.



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Then suddenly, she remembered that the "first day folder" she was given at Central Bark Doggy Day Care in Sussex the week prior contained a current issue of FETCH Magazine. In that issue, Allison found the listings for veterinarians and contacted Lakeshore Veterinary Specialists in Milwaukee. The person she spoke to at LVS had her describe Yukon's symptoms. They explained to her that Yukon was most likely suffering from a life-threatening condition known as bloat where a dog's stomach flips and cuts off blood flow. This condition is fatal if not treated by surgery quickly, generally within a couple of hours.

When the representative of LVS found out where Allison was residing, they told her there was no way she would make it there in time and advised her to get to Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center in Waukesha as soon as possible. Allison immediately contacted WVRC, and the representative gave her door-to-door instructions and told her they would be waiting for Yukon.

When Allison and Yukon arrived at WVRC, they immediately took him in back to assess his condition, and Dr. Knutson began surgery within 15 minutes. Thankfully, the staff at WVRC intervened in the nick of time to save Yukon's life; otherwise, he wouldn't be with us today.

Allison is grateful for so many things that happened that night: she's grateful that she took Yukon to Central Bark Sussex, that she found the resources she needed to save his life in Fetch Magazine, that she was given professional advice and counsel from LVS, that she got to WVRC in time to save Yukon's life and that the fine staff at WVRC followed up with her constantly on his condition and progress. Considering Allison left her whole world behind in Pennsylvania just the week before, she would have been devastated to lose her best friend in a new and unfamiliar place.

Allison called Central Bark a few hours after Yukon's surgery to let us know what was happening and why he wouldn't be around for some time. When our staff member told me this, I immediately gave Allison a call to see how she and Yukon were doing. She tearfully told me that his prognosis was good, that she appreciated my call and that it was a lifeline to her when she needed it the most.

That day I was reminded of the most important lesson I have learned in the dog business ... that it doesn't matter whether you write and circulate a pet care magazine, run a doggy day care, give solid and timely veterinary advice or give a sick dog a chance to live. What we are all about and what we do is serve people and their dogs. This is a truly humbling yet gratifying experience that demonstrates to me how we are all partners with the same end in mind - keeping our clients and their dogs happy, healthy, safe and together!

As for Yukon, he is back at day care like it never happened, and I am still blessed to enjoy his warm smile and big juicy kiss every day! Thanks for sticking around, Yukon. You remind me that the glass is always half-full. I will never forget you for that!

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN EMERGENCY VET

BY KATHLEEN HUNTER, MS, FREELANCE WRITER

It's 4:00pm when the alarm awakes her from a deep slumber. She reaches over to silence the buzzing and crawls out of bed. Then she eats a bowl of cereal for breakfast, lets her dogs out for potty, feeds them and gets herself dressed - all by 5:00pm so she and her dogs are out the door. For Kerri Wiedmeyer, DVM, emergency veterinarian at WVRC Emergency and Specialty Pet Care, this is just another typical start to her workday.

As soon as she walks in the door of the clinic, Wiedmeyer meets with the team of doctors, interns and specialists from the previous shift. This "changing of the guards" is better known as rounds. The team reviews the current inpatients and "... collectively discusses the cases in order to get everyone's opinion on how to proceed with each."

But that is the more predictable part of the evening. For instance, one night, rounds were abruptly interrupted by a STAT triage. A dog needed surgery to repair a perforated bowel caused from eating a bone, and the dog had become septic. Wiedmeyer hurried to stabilize the dog while the owners weighed the extent of the injury and surgery, taking into consideration the costs involved.

"Within hours, I was in surgery with the patient to remove a piece of the intestine," says Wiedmeyer. The dog was hospitalized for a few days but has recovered well. This patient was enough for a day's work, according to Wiedmeyer, but the shift was just starting. What followed was an array of patients with everything from allergic reactions to constipation to vomiting and diarrhea to seizures.

Eventually, Wiedmeyer's shift comes to an end and she prepares for rounds with the incoming team at 8am. Then, exhausted and famished, she gathers her dogs and heads home to dinner and bed.

For an ER vet there is no distinction between weekdays, weekends or holidays. They seemingly all blend together. The day shift is from 8am to 6pm, the overnight shift is from 6pm to 8am and the swing shift begins mid-to-late afternoon until midnight.

Dr. Megan Tremelling, DVM, MA, an emergency & critical care clinician at Lakeshore Veterinary Specialists, works a 15-hour day

that begins at 5pm. If she's lucky, she is ready to go home by 9am. But on some days the paperwork and phone calls from a busy night take her until noon to complete. On these especially long shifts she says she doesn't try to get anything else done except go home to catch a nap before the next shift. "Having a life has to wait for a day off," she says.

Dr. Marla Lichtenberger, DVM, DACVECC, started the Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals (MECA) in June 2009. Her schedule is a 6-day workweek with each day beginning at 6am. And her patients are less typical because MECA does not turn away any animal that needs treatment.

For example, a few years ago a hoarder of exotic animals was arrested. He had been "collecting" animals since the 70s and had accumulated 750 of them. MADACC was able to house the animals but each time one got sick, they called on Lichtenberger and her team. For "... those six months we never knew what was going to come through the door," says Lichtenberger. MECA treated alligators, anacondas, spiders, and snapping turtles to name a few. Eventually, all of the animals found permanent homes in zoos across the world.

Each of these veterinarians agree that the most challenging part of their job is discussing the

level of care a pet owner can afford for their beloved four-legged family member.

"I wish I could give away care for free ... but the costs of running a clinic ... are amazing," says Tremelling. In the end, clients know she's doing the best she can.

Wiedmeyer shared a story about a gentleman and his Labrador Retriever. Radiographs and an exam showed the dog had "aspiration pneumonia secondary to megaesophagus, an enlarged esophagus." This dog was going to need extensive treatment including hospitalization. Wiedmeyer learned from the gentleman that his dog "... was his connection to his wife, who had passed away ... and his lifeline." Ultimately, he chose whatever it took to make his dog healthy again.

"It was a privilege to work with this man and his dog and to see how strong the bond is between human and animal. It reminds me of why I do my job every day," emphasizes Wiedmeyer.

Lichtenberger says she is "very blessed and lucky" to do what she does. And I think as pet owners, we can say the same about the ER veterinarians who have cared for our own dogs, cats and critters, both large and small.

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THE NEXT PLAGUE: Ebola Virus & Your Pet

BY DR. MEGAN TREMELLING, LAKESHORE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS

For many years, Ebola was one of those things that we just didn't have to worry about in the United States. From time to time we would hear of flare-ups in Africa, which seems like an awfully long way from the U.S. All that changed in September 2014 when a man in Texas was confirmed to have Ebola. In October, a man in New York developed Ebola. Healthcare workers in the U.S. and in Europe tested positive and were quarantined. Ebola virus had just become a First World problem, and the public reaction was little short of panic. Reports that Spanish health officials had euthanized a dog for fear that it would transmit Ebola led to widespread fears that our beloved pets could become ill or could make us ill.

Much remains to be learned about Ebola, but some things are clear. Dogs can develop antibodies to Ebola when they have been exposed to it. This means that their immune systems have recognized it and remember it. However, this does not mean that they can "get Ebola" in the sense of being sick or spreading the disease. Even with all the attention Ebola has gotten lately, there are no reports of dogs or cats becoming ill or shedding the virus. This means that not only are they at little risk themselves, but the risk of them giving Ebola to a human is also very small. And by "very small" I mean, it's never happened yet and scientists can't imagine how it would possibly happen.

To the Spanish authorities, it seems, "very small" was not small enough. To many of us armchair quarterbacks the decision to euthanize the dog seems overly cautious. In a similar situation in the U.S., health officials elected to quarantine a dog that might have been exposed to Ebola from its owner. Predictably, the dog developed no clinical signs and is now back home safe with its owner.

The Ebola cases here highlighted some weaknesses in our public health protocols. Although Ebola continues to rage in West Africa, no new cases have come to light in the U.S. as of this writing, which means that the protocols are currently working well.

However, that doesn't mean that we don't need to worry about disease transmission between humans and pets. Zoonotic disease,

meaning any disease that can be transmitted between humans and animals or vice versa, is widespread and deserves our attention. Rabies is probably the most notorious one, but many others exist including cat-scratch disease (Bartonella), skin problems like ringworm (dermatophytosis), intestinal parasites like Giardia and roundworms.

The best way to prevent zoonotic disease is to schedule regular checkups with your veterinarian and keep up with recommended preventive care such as vaccinations and deworming. Practice good hygiene around pets to further minimize the risk. When in search of additional information, ask a health care professional or check reputable websites such as the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) or the Mayo Clinic (www.mayoclinic.org).

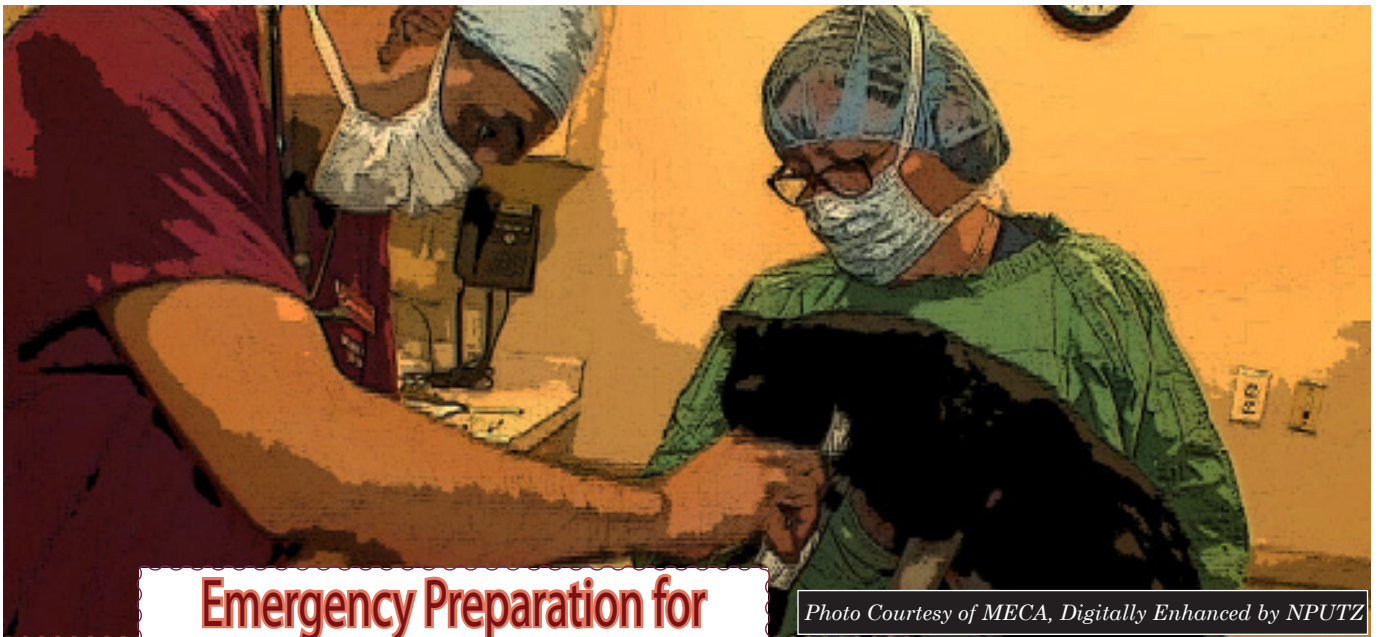
Solid scientific information is the best protection against real diseases as well as against unnecessary worries.

Symptoms of EBOLA Include:

- **F**ever
- **H**eadache
- **M**uscle and joint pain
- **W**eakness and fatigue
- **D**iarrhea
- **V**omiting or loss of appetite
- **A**bdominal (stomach) pain
- **U**nexplained bleeding or bruising

There is no proven cure for Ebola.

Patients are given supportive care, and research for definitive treatment is underway.



Emergency Preparation for When You are Away

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BY LINDSEY FOSTER, DVM, MILWAUKEE EMERGENCY CENTER FOR ANIMALS

When you are vacationing and leaving your pet with a kennel, there are steps you can take to ensure you are prepared should an emergency arise.

If you leave your animal at a boarding facility:

1. Make sure they have your contact information such as phone numbers where you are staying, dates and location of travel, additional contact information and an alternate contact such as a friend or family member that can be reached in your absence if veterinary care is needed.
2. Call every couple of days to check up on your animal if you are going to be away for an extended period of time. It is important to find out if your animal is eating, drinking and doing well during their stay.
3. If the boarding facility has a consent form in case your pet needs medical attention, make sure you sign it and ask what the protocol is. If they do not have a consent form, discuss what you would like them to do if a situation arises. Also, discuss taking the animal to the veterinarian for stabilization and discuss financial and treatment decisions before the veterinarian can proceed. Many times when an animal comes into an emergency clinic valuable time is wasted trying to contact an owner to discuss treatment options. If the boarding facility has this information prior to when they walk into the emergency clinic it makes everything easier.
4. If possible, have someone nearby who can be contacted by the facility where your animal has been taken. That person should be able to give a good history about the animal and make medical decisions on your behalf. They can also pass along valuable information to you while the emergency clinic is stabilizing your pet.
5. If necessary, make sure you have given the kennel/caregiver all of your pet's medications. Be sure your animal has enough medication for the entire time you are away.

Have fun, but be prepared. Emergencies happen; when you have a plan in place everything will go much smoother.

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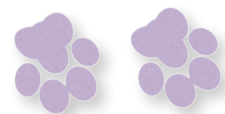
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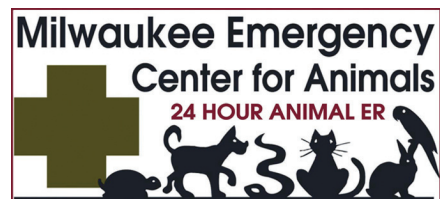
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DOGGY HOTEL GUIDE



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YOUR DOG-FRIENDLY VENUE GUIDE FOR MADISON, MILWAUKEE & RACINE/KENOSHA AREAS

BY PAULA MACIOLEK, FREELANCE WRITER

Planning your next vacation? Are you feeling uncomfortable asking friends and family yet again to take care of your four-legged family members? Consider packing up the dog bed, squeaky toys and water bowl and bringing your dogs along with you! More and more hotels, bed and breakfasts and vacation rentals by owner properties are becoming more amenable to accommodating furry travelers.

It is fairly universal that any property you choose for your overnight stay will have these requirements: keep your dogs leashed outside of room, don't leave dog unattended, house-keeping services must be arranged so that your dog is not present so staff is safe and secure to tidy up the room, clean up after your dog and noisy dogs will not be tolerated. You'll also be asked to sign an agreement to release the hotel of liability for harm or damage your dog may cause, and you agree to be financially responsible for property damage and extensive cleaning required. Some properties also require proof of vaccinations.

Take a look at some properties we found in the Milwaukee, Madison and Racine/Kenosha areas that are leaving the light on for you AND your dogs.

Madison Area Pooch-Friendly Pads

Hotel Red
(1501 Monroe St., 608-819-8228)

Hotel Red is an urban boutique hotel next to the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. Staffed by animal lovers, a vast array of dogs are welcomed and if you're in a bind, a staff person may be available to walk your 4-legged Badger fan. You can take your dog for a walk on a path nearby past trendy restaurants and shopping. Make your stay even more amazing with not having to find a parking space for the game since the hotel is located immediately across the street from Camp Randall.

Rules: Dogs must be leashed.

Cost: 2-legged rates start at \$189 per night and 4-legged guests add on an additional \$50 pet room-cleaning fee.

Speckled Hen Inn
(5525 Portage Rd., 877-670-4844)

Tucked away just outside of Madison, 7.5 miles from the Capitol, is a hidden gem for travelers who seek to lodge in a place that shares their eco-friendly, farm to table lifestyle and values. Your dog won't be the only animal here as you'll find resident llamas, chickens, sheep and the owner's Goldendoodle. There are walking trails in a down home country setting outside, and inside you'll find a room that's been designed for easy cleanup between guests. There is also a fireplace, 37 inch TV and a spa-like bathroom.

Rules: Dogs must be leashed when not in room. Only well-socialized, non-aggressive, non-destructive dogs with current vaccinations are permitted. Reserve your spot in their dog-friendly room - the new Madison Lakes room - ahead of your date of stay. Dogs are not permitted inside the common areas of the inn, the pond, pool or pasture. There is a maximum of 2 dogs.

Cost: \$240 per night plus \$25 fee per dog.

Bear Valley
(Spring Green, a vacation rental by owner property, 510-235-5729)

Consider the wind in your dog's ears on a road trip west of Madison to the Driftless Zone just outside of Spring Green. You can rent an entire VRBO-listed home with a fully-stocked kitchen and four bedrooms (sleeps up to 12 people). Short-furred guests will love to cozy up in front of the gas stove in one of the two screened-in porches on a cold day. Public lands span the area across the street and several state and county parks are nearby for you and your dog to explore. See VRBO listing online at www.vrbo.com/362474.

Rules: Contact the property owner for specific details about your dog staying in the home with you.

Cost: Starts at \$135 per night plus cleaning fee of \$50 and an extra refundable security deposit. Costs go up with more people staying. There is a cleaning fee of \$20 per dog and an extra security deposit of \$50 per dog.

Crowne Plaza
(4402 E Washington Ave.,
608-244-4703)

If your pack has a number of members of varying sizes large and small, the Crowne Plaza has a very generous pet policy. For the family that has a large dog or a number of dogs, you won't find stringent limits on number and size that you might find at other hotels. There's even a special treat for canine guests at the check-in desk. The property is adjacent

to East Towne Mall, minutes from the airport, and if you just look to the west you'll see the Capitol in the distance.

Rules: If you are bringing in leashed family members, your room will be on the first, second or third floor.

Cost: Starts at \$108.95 per night plus a \$25 fee per dog per night.

Milwaukee Area Puppy Packages

Hotel Metro
(401 East Mason St., 877-638-7620)

The Wag 'N Stay package is unique to this property and comes with lots of special considerations for your guests with collars that jingle. For \$75, your buddy receives a welcome toy, a pet bed, food and water bowls, in-room treats, a room service dog menu, information for nearby activities and resources for the four-legged traveler (dog-friendly dining, dog walkers, vets, parks) and this covers the cleaning fee as well. You can even stay in all the suites.

Rules: Dogs are not allowed in the hypoallergenic rooms and more than two dogs requires management approval before reserving.

Costs: Starts at \$143.99 with an additional pet fee of \$100 per stay. Wag 'N Stay package is \$100 per night per dog.

Iron Horse Hotel
(500 West Florida St., 414-374-4766)

Your dog is welcomed as a VIPooch at this property. No breed, number or size restrictions. Add on the "Big Dog" package to your stay. This includes a large dog pillow, food and water bowls, reusable tote with H2O to-go water bottle and toys, Stella & Chewy's treats, a "Big Dog" room service menu, area dog-friendly dining information and dog walking maps. Amenities include: a dog sitting service, grooming and canine massage for an additional charge.

Rules: Pets are limited to rooms on the second, third and sixth floors.

Cost: Rooms start at \$199 and the "Big Dog" package is \$125 (covers your whole pack). If you don't choose the package, there is a \$75 pet fee.

Home Away listed private condo
#614775 (Bay View, Homeaway.com)

This 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom loft-style condo boasting its classy style over two floors in a trendy Bay View neighborhood has modernity, a great location, an indoor parking space and the property owner will consider dogs. It has a fully-stocked kitchen, balcony, washer/dryer and Wi-Fi.

Rules: Dogs must be at least one year of age, must be spayed/neutered and be treated with flea preventive three days prior to arrival.

Cost: Starts at \$145 per night and there is a \$50 pet fee.

Staybridge Suites Franklin
(575 South 27th St., 800-225-1237)

If you're looking for a "Home Away from Home" ambience at an extended stay hotel, this property offers a wide range of rooms from studio suites to 2-bedroom suites — all with separate areas for sleep, living and work. Kitchen comes with everything needed for cooking meals and even includes a dishwasher. Relax with a movie in the hotel's 14-seat movie theater.

Rules: Limit of 2 dogs per room, maximum weight is 50 pounds,

Cost: Rooms start at \$92.99 with an additional cleaning fee of \$50 per dog.

Racine/Kenosha Area Doggy Digs

**Best Western Harborside Inn and
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This recently remodeled hotel and conference center is the only hotel on the shores of Lake Michigan and has great in-room views of the harbor. Enjoy the complementary full breakfast in the morning. A day trip to Chicago is easy from this property's location as it is just north of the Wisconsin-Illinois border.

Rules: Limit of 2 dogs, 80 pounds or less

Costs: Rooms start at \$80.99 with AAA discount and 89.99 without. There is an additional fee of \$20 per dog per day (maximum charge is \$100 per week) plus a refundable cleaning and damage deposit of \$50.

Grand Geneva Resort
(7036 Grand Geneva Way,
800-558-3417)

If you're looking for a golf getaway or a ski weekend, this resort has all that and more — plus you can bring your furry family members. It's tucked away in quaint and picturesque Lake Geneva. The hotel provides a pet bed, food and water bowls for your stay.

Rules: Limit of 2 dogs per room, pets left alone barking in room with be held by security at a rate of \$20 per hour. Weight limit: 25 pounds.

Costs: Rooms start at an average of \$199 depending on night of the week and number of nights with a pet fee of \$35 per day (if extensive cleaning is needed, there is a \$150 additional fee).

Extras: National Chains Found in Wisconsin

There are some national hotel chains found across the United States that make a getaway with your dog easy, no-fuss and inexpensive. At some of these hotels, pets stay free! Consider these options that are available in Wisconsin that every dog-loving traveler should know about:

La Quinta Inn & Suites
(800-753-3757)

With fifteen properties in Wisconsin, including seven in Milwaukee, one in Madison and one in Kenosha, La Quinta makes it easy to take your dogs with you when traveling. There is no deposit, no pet fee and no breed or size restrictions. The guest is responsible for room damages and excessive cleaning that may be required. There is a limit of 2 dogs per room.

Motel 6 (800-466-8356)

This long-time hotel chain allows pets to stay free except for Studio 6 locations which have a pet fee of \$10 per day with a maximum of \$50 per stay. There are 17 locations in Wisconsin with four in Milwaukee and two in Madison.

Red Roof Inn (800-733-7663)

You could playfully call this hotel chain the "Red Woof Inn" because their website says that they don't want your dog to spend the night in the car. There are no additional charges for 1 dog to stay. Wisconsin has two locations: one in Milwaukee and one in Madison.

Hotel Tips from Certified Trainer Holly Lewis:

- Many hotels require our dogs to be crated if alone in the hotel room. So it follows that crating is a valuable skill for your dogs. It is important to practice with the crate our dog will be using in a variety of different situations.
- A stuffed Kong, bone or favorite toy can help ease a dog's anxiety when being left alone in a hotel room.
- Consider playing calming music or other "white" noise to cover up outside sounds when you leave. This may help your dog relax and prevent nuisance barking.
- Continuing a regular exercise schedule for your dog will help your dog relax.
- Be courteous to other hotel patrons and be sure to cleanup after your dog.

My Dogs Come With Baggage!

Tips for Traveling with Your Dog

BY JEAN M. JAHNKE, CPDT-KA

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Would you believe my dog's packing list is longer than mine? Taking your dog along when you travel can be fun for everyone if you are prepared. Preparation includes questioning how the trip will impact your dog's physical and mental welfare.

Have you considered what happens if your dog becomes ill on the trip? What if there's an accident and you're incapacitated? Can the veterinarian treating your dog have access to his records? According to Manette Kohler, DVM, some states require client authorization to release records. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) website summarizes statutory and regulatory provisions addressing the release of veterinary records. Be sure to inform your vet of your trip. Phil Schoenborn, DVM, said that Bay View Veterinary automatically provides a dog's records if the client is "in good standing."

Research options for veterinarians and 24-hour Emergency Hospitals along the way and close to your destination. Bring current copies of records along. Put them in an obvious place (such as on the dog's crate). We prepared an emergency contact sheet that includes photos of our dogs, phone numbers and this verbiage:

In the event of an accident, please do not take (dog's name) to an animal shelter or humane society. Please use these Emergency Contacts: (numbers listed). (Your names) will be responsible for all vet and/or boarding costs.

We have discussed emergency care with (dog's name)'s vet and (dog's name)'s records will be shared with another vet

when and if contacted. Furthermore, care will be provided, knowing that we will be responsible for all incurred fees.

What if your dog suffers a minor injury? Do you have a first-aid kit? A kit should at least include bandaging materials, a digital thermometer, hydrogen peroxide, eye dropper, saline solution, tweezers and muzzle. Ask your veterinarian for suggestions and check the AVMA website. Keep the phone number for the ASPCA National Poison Control handy (888-426-4435).

Staying in a hotel? How safe is it for your dog? Before you bring your dog in, be sure to check the room. We have a flashlight handy to look for anything left on the floor (such as medications or rat poison).

Riding in the car or RV? Safely restrain your dog using either a crate or seatbelt harness. Before leaving on a trip, get your dog acclimated to the restraint through short, frequent rides. Make sure you stop every few hours for water and exercise. Our dogs are accustomed to stopping every 4 hours. However, you need to read your dog and act accordingly. If your dog is prone to carsickness, keep the car well ventilated.

Traveling by plane? Each airline has different rules for shipping dogs. Make sure you check on these well in advance. All airlines require proof of vaccination and a health certificate. Small dogs may ride in a small carrier under the seat in front of you. Larger dogs must be in approved crates to ship in the cargo hold.

Are there snakes, spiders or poisonous plants? Even going for a walk in a new environment can be dangerous for your dog. Familiarize yourself with what you may encounter.

Do you have enough food, water and medications packed? Changing your dog's diet during a trip because you didn't bring enough and can't find what he likes could cause dietary distress. Some dogs are even particular and sensitive to the type of water. Bring water from home or use bottled water. And if your dog is on any medication, make sure you have enough for the entire trip.

What if your dog runs away? Make sure your dog has identification tags with up-to-date information including contact information for your accommodations (just listing your home phone number isn't sufficient). Having your dog micro-chipped can improve your chances of getting your pet back if it becomes lost. Research what groups like Lost Dogs of Wisconsin are available in your travel destinations.

What about keeping your dog busy? Boredom is a huge danger to a traveling dog. A bored dog is more likely to run away, look for something to chew or potentially get into dangerous trouble. We bring along interactive toys (such as puzzles) and nose-work props. Some people will even pack an agility jump if there's room.

Can your dog handle the stress? The stress of new sounds, smells and sights can make your dog reactive or so afraid that it impacts his physical health. We use calming tools such as playing Through a Dog's Ear music and spraying lavender essential oil. Establishing a routine for mealtime, play and potty breaks helps your dog adjust.

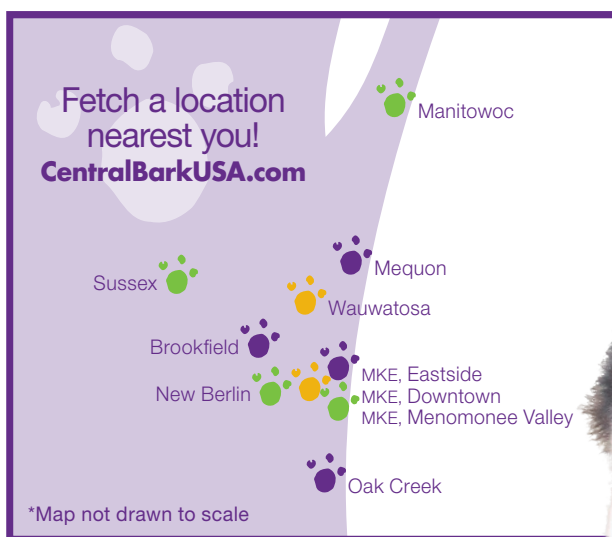
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BOARDING 101

BY DAWN ARMSTRONG, FREELANCE WRITER

Time to hit the slopes in Vail or closing a deal in London? What about your furry kid? Tippy probably does not fit in a suitcase! But do not worry; there are places that will have Tippy enjoying his staycation.

Some available options include: "In your home" sitters who stay or visit a few times a day, sitters who take your pet into their home or traditional boarding facilities. Below, we will be checking out boarding facilities including various services offered. First things first, do your homework and prepare your dog. Then pack his suitcase.

Boarding facilities fall into 3 categories: Spa type with numerous amenities, basic boarding kennels that offer a choice of kennel run or suite with some amenities and the typical doggy day care that does overnight boarding. Let's look at some possibilities!

Places to consider

Spa Paw and Tail, New Berlin
(262) 784-7297, www.spapawandtail.com

Boarding is hosted in cage-free suites with day care and grooming. Amenities include: Sports Bark Lounge with TV, leather furniture and doggy beer; senior's lounge with infrared lights for achy joints; nature walks,

sports massage, blueberry facials, pawdicures and a variety of package deals available. Owner Nina Race is working on the third expansion in five years! Race's spa was voted WISN Alist Winner for Best Pet Boarding in 2013.

\$Price: Boarding starts at \$37.00 per night. See website for packages/amenities pricing. **Special Needs Dogs:** Options for seniors, shy dogs, dogs with medical conditions, unsocial dogs, etc.

Paws Inn, Muskego
(262) 971-0850, www.pawsinnwi.com

Choose from indoor/outdoor kennel runs where dogs come in and out at will or pick from suites with doggy futons, throw rugs and color TVs. Grooming services are available as well as two different size kennel runs. Previous WISN Alist Winner for Best Pet Boarding in 2008-2009.

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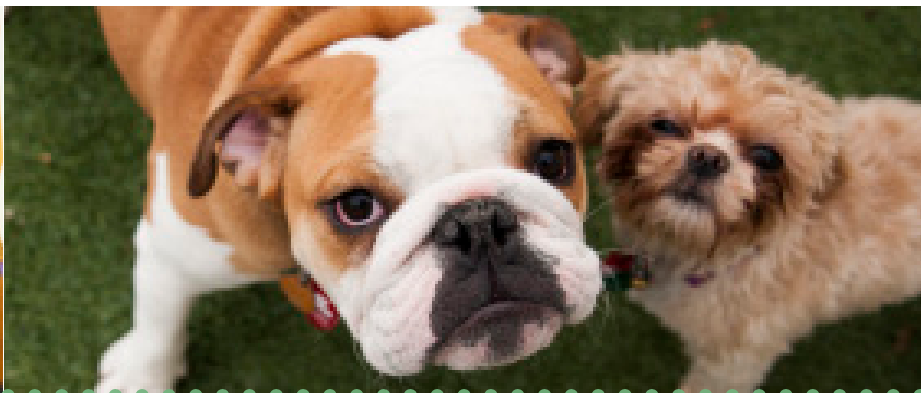
\$Price: Price varies. It's approximately \$33 for regular day care clients for each 24-hour stay. **Special Needs dogs:** Special areas for dogs needing their own space.

Time to choose

Before you book, take a look! View the surroundings and meet the staff. Look for cleanliness of kennels/suites and play areas inside and out. Look for safe and secure indoor and outdoor environment. Ask yourself the following questions: *Is the kennel/suite of adequate size or is the temperature comfortable? Are you getting a good impression of the staff? Do they love animals?*

Before the trip take Tippy to meet the staff and get a sense of his temporary digs. The American Boarding Kennels Association recommends an overnight trial visit, especially if he is a shy or nervous dog. This will make his extended visit a little easier. Once Tippy agrees, make an appointment well in advance.

Boarding 101 Continued, See Page 30



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(Submitted by Camp Bow Wow)

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Depending on the time of the year and the facility, it can book up quickly.

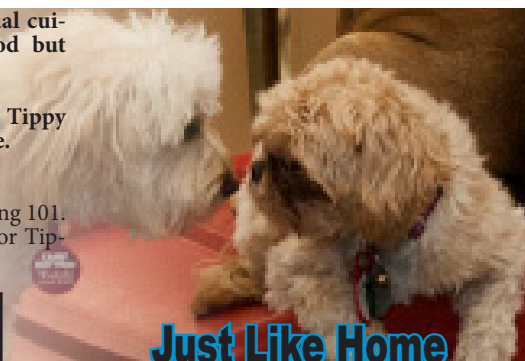
What goes in Tippy's suitcase?

- **Proof of up-to-date vaccinations:** For instance, Bordetella may be required and staff will administer it.
- **Flea and tick treatment** is a necessary consideration.
- **Any medications needed** along with a schedule. Include some extra.
- **Contact information** for you, your veterinarian and a close friend in the area.
- **An old item of clothing** that smells like home. Some facilities prefer you to bring blankets and beds while others do not.

- **Food** – always pack Tippy's usual cuisine. Many places provide food but keeping his routine is best.
- **Collar, tags and leash** of course!
- **And do not make a fuss** over Tippy while wishing him a Bon Voyage. Normal behavior is the key.

This has been a crash course in Boarding 101. Many more choices are available, so for Tippy's sake, do your homework.

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FAMILY PET BOARDING

Safety Harnesses: On the Road with Rover

BY KATHLEEN HUNTER, MS, FREELANCE WRITER

Spring is coming and with the warmer months come road trips with your four-legged buddy. But before you load up the kibble, water bowls and toys, be sure you have the proper safety harness to keep you, your pooch and other drivers safe on the road.

The ASPCA provides the following guidelines when using a harness in your vehicle:

Allow two fingers to slip between each strap and the dog's body, then check the fit of the harness each time you put it on your dog to make sure it has not become too loose or too tight.

In October 2013, the Center for Pet Safety and Subaru crash-tested a series of harnesses. Included were the Sleepypod Clickit Utility Harness, Klein Metal AllSafe, Cover Craft RuffRider Roadie, RC Pet Canine Friendly Crash Tested, Bergan Dog Auto Harness, Kurgo Tru-Fit Enhanced Strength and IMMI PetBuckle. The Sleepypod Clickit Utility Harness was the only pet restraint that earned a top score, providing “adequate protection to the dog and the passengers of the vehicle.” According to CPS, the main features to consider when testing harnesses for optimal safety are that the “... pet harnesses must maintain the dog's stability and restrain its movement.” Additionally, the harness must “... stabilize the spine of the dog and limit rotation in the event of an accident.”

The Sleepypod Clickit Utility Harness met these requirements. According to CPS, it “... uses three points of contact to keep your dog in the seat. This design also helps to absorb the force caused by a frontal car accident.” This harness can be used in the cargo area of your vehicle by using the D-ring on the back of the vest, which is like a carabiner without the capability of opening and closing. The Sleepypod website provides an infographic showing in detail the pros and cons of their product versus other products. (sleepypod.com)

The remaining harnesses in the test group had less than optimal performance. In fact, three of the harnesses, the IMMI PetBuckle Seat Belt Harness, the Kurgo harnesses for the 25 pounds and 75 pounds sizes and the Bergan Dog Auto Harness in the 75-pound size “were labeled catastrophic failures.”

IMMI is a company that manufactures a number of safety products ranging from fire engines to school buses to dog harnesses. Their website touts that their PetBuckle

Seat Belt Harness was crash-tested leading a consumer to believe it performed high in regards to safety when in fact only the materials scored high. (imminet.com)

Kurgo has made significant improvements in their products since the 2013 report. According to Jennifer Joyce, the VP of Marketing at Kurgo, since the date of the CPS report, both the Tru-Fit Enhanced Strength for 25 pounds and 75 pounds have been revised to meet CPS requirements for safety. Primarily, this means their harnesses now have a tether strap which provides a third point of restraint for your dog. (Kurgo.com)

Bergan Dog Auto Harnesses are not crash-tested by Bergan. However, the materials used in the harnesses are tested to meet or surpass the Pet Safety Durability Test responsible for pet harness products (a test designed by Bergan). Kirk Dixon, product development manager at Bergan, says they have made revisions to how their harness should be secured in the vehicle to address the issue in the CPS report. Again, buyers beware when a company states their product was crash-tested. It is possible the materials were tested but not the product as a whole for safety. (berganpet.com)

The right harness is essential and will make everyone's road trip fun and safe. So keep Fido in mind when researching all the products on today's market.



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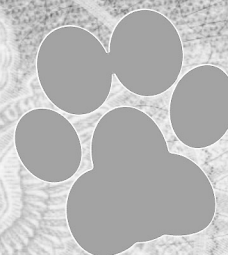
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Glancing Into the Lives of Dogs in Other Countries

BY AMY A. FREE, FREELANCE WRITER

If you travel from Milwaukee to Madison to Merrill, Wis., it is not surprising to see dogs along the way. Several are seen walking on leashes, some running through parks or hunting lands and even a few are being cradled or carried in purses. According to the Humane Society of the United States, 83 percent of dogs are spayed or neutered. Many are licensed in compliance with local ordinances, some are homeless, but all are domesticated representatives of their species.

The care and respect dogs receive here in Wisconsin is based on a lengthy history influenced by factors like economics, ecology, politics, religion, pop culture and evolving values. The same is true for dogs all over the world. So grab your pawpassport and let's take a quick jaunt around the globe looking at the lives of dogs in other countries.

First stop: México

As a self-professed lover of dogs, Michel Maza is mom to London, a French Poodle. They live in the state of San Luis Potosí in north-central México. Many people here love their dogs, she says. On Sundays, the main street of the capital city is closed to vehicular traffic so that Potosinos may stroll, bike or walk their dogs. It is more common to have dogs as beloved pets in a smaller Mexican city of 1 million residents, like this one, as opposed to a denser metropolis of 9 million people. "In México City, it is more difficult to have a dog if you

live in an apartment because many times they are forbidden," Maza explains. "And it is more likely that in México City you live in an apartment."

Large cities in México have huge issues with stray or free-roaming dogs. In the Yucatan, the Mayan word Malix - meaning "ordinary" or "mutt" - refers to homeless dogs - and the people residing there are often afraid of them and avoid interaction. Locals fear these dogs may be dangerous due to aggression or having had contact with diseases such as rabies. However, in rural villages in Mexico, many of the inhabitants will "keep dogs," but these dogs roam freely and are known as "village dogs."

"While visiting my friend's family, I noticed that all the stray dog's technically belonged to someone in the village but slept in the streets and roamed about freely," says Nastassia Putz, dog owner and FETCH publisher. "I consistently fed one dog in particular during my entire month's stay. She followed me throughout the day as we walked around the village and even slept outside the gated complex we stayed in. I ended up taking her home with me."

Veterinary researcher Antonio Ortega-Pachero has written that laws regarding dogs in México are lax and enforcement of those they have are weak. Maza concurs with this and adds an example. She says although dog fighting is a crime, corruption in police departments allows it to continue.

Next destination: Malawi

In Africa, wild dogs of the genus *Lycaon* struggle to exist in the remaining forested habitats in sub-Saharan countries like the Republic of Malawi. **Note: The dog you snuggle each day is of the genus *Canis*.** Senior Research Assistant with Wild Dog Conservation Malawi Rob Davis says, "In Malawi, competition or run-ins between wild dogs and domestic dogs is very uncommon. This is due to the very low density of wild dogs in the country." However, other countries experience increasing problems with feral dogs harboring diseases that are then spread to indigenous dogs. Rabies is known to wipeout an entire pack.

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In Malawi, domesticated dogs have a history of guarding property and have been used for hunting in rural areas. Presently, many stray dogs now roam the streets. "Dogs are highly regarded, especially because of their role in provision of security," says Peter M. Jiyajiya, a dogless resident of Blantyre, a city of about 1 million. But when family budgets are meager, "[Dogs] wander off to look for food... Eventually, they end up in the streets where they can find it." A Department of Animal Health and Industry campaign in the 1970s and '80s killed many strays in an effort to curb the spread of rabies. Cultural perceptions seem to be slowly changing however. While fear of aggressive and sickly dogs persists, some people have dogs "for fun," says Jiyajiya. In the capital city, Lilongwe, the Society for Protection and Care of Animals was founded in 2008 and a "vaccination week" is held.

Now arriving in: Malaysia

This past October, Syed Azim experienced a massive social media attack and received

death threats after planning an event he called, "I Want to Touch a Dog" in Bandar Utama, Malaysia. His aim was to show the Malay Islamic community that dogs are worthy of respect by allowing persons to interact with and pet them. Sonia, a college student from Malaysia, offers insight as to why the reaction against the event was so strong. "It's a Muslim country so not many people own dogs. Dogs are considered a dirty animal. Most Muslims have cats as pets."

Sonia is currently studying at the University of Wisconsin - Madison while her two dogs, Sox and Sparkie, are back home in Malaysia. Sonia's family is Catholic and both of her parents grew up with dogs. Both dogs are mixed breeds and were adopted.

According to Sonia, most people in Malaysia don't have mixed breeds; those are the ones you see homeless on the streets. In recent years, Sonia says toy breeds such as Poodles have become popular for Malays

who are open to living with a dog. "It's a new craze and definitely more popular with women and families with smaller kids," she says. More pet products and outfits for dogs are now hitting the Malaysian market, though not as strongly as what has been seen in China and Japan where small dogs are more often dressed-up and accessorized.

Back at Home

Socioeconomic factors, cultural norms and traditions shape how dogs are valued and viewed around the world. As seen during this brief journey, feelings toward dogs can run the gamut from love to fear. It is clear that humans and dogs affect each other, perhaps in more ways than any other human-animal relationship has or does.

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Since we all like our dogs to have fresh breath, let's start with these easy treats...

- 2 cups brown rice flour
- 1 tablespoon activated charcoal (find at drugstores, it's not the briquette!)
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2/3 cup low-fat milk

Preheat oven to 400F. Lightly oil a cookie sheet. Combine flour and charcoal. Add all the other ingredients. Drop teaspoonfuls on oiled sheet about 1 inch apart. Bake 15-20 minutes. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator.

How will your dog benefit from this recipe? The parsley is high in fiber, rich in anti-oxidants and vitamins and minerals, which help fight cancer and enhance the functioning of all organs. It also helps the body pass toxins and fights bad breath. Fresh parsley rather than dried is best. The ingredient mint can help with nausea, bad breath, flatulence and motion sickness.



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LIFE THROUGH THE EYES OF A DOG,
TRANSLATED BY KATHLEEN HUNTER, MS



Hi Friends,

It's me, Bowser Barks A Lot. I'm super excited to introduce my column in FETCH Magazine. My human is very proud of me. I think her name is Mommy because her ears perk up every time someone says, "Mommy."

Guess what? Okay, I'll tell you. Mommy says, "Spring is in the air." Sometimes I have a spring in my step like when I smell lots of good smells like squirrels. Sometimes I spring from the couch, like when Mommy comes home from work. But this kind of spring is different. It is the time of year when snow turns to liquid and the air gets warmer. That means I won't be able to make steam anymore when I pee in the snow. But that's okay because now my paws won't be cold and the ground won't be slippery. One time I went running out the door, and I slipped and slid. I was belly-up on the frozen sidewalk! SPLAT! After that, Mommy bought me a pair of paw warmers to keep my paws warm and dry. They have pillowy-soft insides and super thick rubbery stuff on the bottom that squeaks when I walk. That takes all the fun out of sneaking up on squirrels. Every time she puts them on me, I try to lift my paws out of the darn things, which makes me walk funny, but they just won't come off. Good thing spring is here because now I get to feel the earth beneath my feet and the grass tickling my pads. And I won't have to wear paw warmers for a really long time ... like maybe two months or maybe two two months. Math is not my strong point!

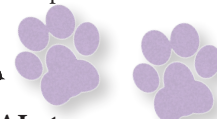
Guess what? Okay, I'll tell you. Mommy took me to the big pond where there is lots of grass. I got to run FAST! My ears were flying in the wind. I ran and ran and ran. There were lots of good smells. And then I did something really BAD! Have you ever done something that you should not have done? I hope so because I don't want to be the only doggy who gets into trouble. Oh, yeah, I forgot I was going to tell you what I did. I got frappy. That happens when I get too excited and I don't know which direction to go in so I go in all of them. ALL at the same time! Mommy said it was like the good ol' days when I was a puppy pup and didn't know any better. That's not all. I used her arms like chew toys. I didn't bite hard, just gave her love nibbles. Mommy yelped. That was not a good thing. I felt really bad. Mommy didn't get mad. Instead, she rubbed my jaws until my tongue hung out. She massaged my shoulders, too. Soon, I was drooling and super relaxed like one of my squeaky toys. And I felt like my stuffing was going to come out, too.

Guess what? Okay, I'll tell you. I have my own email address. And you can write to me about something you did that was not a good thing. Maybe you peed on the rug because you were too lazy to go outside. Or maybe you chewed on a piece of wood in the house. Write to me and maybe I'll bark back in my next column. Got to go chase a squirrel now!

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PILOTS N PAWS

The "Dog" Behind the Mission that Saves Lives

BY MANETTE KOHLER, DVM

Brock, a kind and soulful Doberman, was a physically, mentally and emotionally damaged dog in desperate need of a loving, forever home. Debi Boies was a passionate, kind-hearted advocate for dogs in need. With a soft spot for Dobermans, Debi has worked for many years with various Doberman rescue organizations. In 2008, while looking to add another dog to her family, she learned of Brock and his heart-breaking story through her work in the rescue animal world. Now a new story was set into motion.

"Brock was severely abused while being used to train fighting dogs," says Debi. "Thankfully, he found his way to a shelter, and it was there he found the loving hands of a rescue group willing to treat his wounds and heal his spirit." The points had been filed off his teeth and he had multiple wounds on his head. Today, he sports scars and white hairs all over his head and a big scar on his back from a healed abscess. Once healed and after going through heartworm treatment, Brock was ready to embark on a new journey.

Debi just needed to figure out how to get him from Florida to the Upstate South Carolina. She reached out to her friends and asked if anyone was headed her way from Florida. "My friend Jon Wehrenberg, a pilot in Knoxville, Tenn., replied by offering to fly him to me," says Debi who was astounded by his offer.

Jon has his own plane and on Feb. 8, 2008, he delivered Brock safely to Debi in South Carolina. "He asked me if this was a one-time thing or if animals really did need to be moved," says Debi. She explained the overpopulation problem to Jon and how rescues were always in need of moving animals from high-kill areas to other areas of the country with greater

numbers of adoptive homes. They decided at that moment, right there on the tarmac, to create a network to connect volunteer general aviation pilots with rescues and shelters. Little did Brock know that his trip to his forever home would set into motion a program that would be responsible for saving thousands of animals' lives. "The name came to me immediately," says Debi, 'Pilots N Paws'. Jon liked it and the commitment began.

Pilots N Paws is an online volunteer organization where general aviation pilots can connect with rescue volunteers to transport animals in need to safe haven. Presently, PNP has over 4,000 volunteer pilots and has saved over 70,000 animals in just six years. Their mission is simple: Saving the Lives of Innocent Animals. They transport all kinds of animals. They flew an Afghanistan eagle that had been shot and brought back to the states by our Navy Seals to a bird sanctuary in New York City. They also flew a burned bear cub from California to a wildlife treatment center this past summer. Most recently, they transported more than 400 sea turtles that were stranded along north-shore beaches on Cape Cod to various aquariums where they received care.

Brock was fearful at first of hands being raised around him or of anything above his head. "He would run and cower," says Debi. He did not want to feel confined so they could not give him a hug. "With lots of love, patience and our other Dobe named Chelseabuggs to train him about humans, he is now a love bunny!"

Brock was recently diagnosed with Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM), a disease of the heart muscle affecting the heart's ability to pump blood effectively, but his medications are keeping him stable. Dobermans, along with several other breeds, are genetically predisposed to DCM. "The dog who has literally



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saved thousands of animals is now spending his remaining days continuing to be the best representative advocating for other animals," says Debi. "Bless my 'Brockie' for fueling a passion that led to a national organization that has changed the face of rescue."

Education is key to preventing pet overpopulation. Through their new book, Radar's Dream and their coloring book, Too Many Puppies, Too Many Kittens, educating kids and the next generation is the education path PNP has chosen." Debi's ultimate goal is for PNP to no longer be needed.

(pilotsnpaws.org)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: CHARLIE
LOCAL DOGS AROUND TOWN



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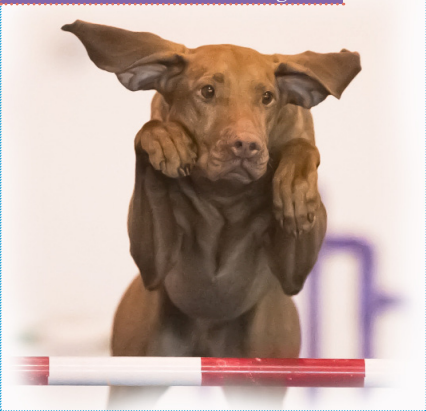


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Playing Nice with Others: First and foremost, they have a notable "prey drive", and "as a rule, Vizslas are good with other dogs and animals, but remember they are hunting dogs," says Rebecca.

As far as children are concerned, "... dogs are dogs, and I try not to leave the kids and dogs alone together," says Wendy Kempfer, Vizsla breeder, owner and handler. However, "... our Vizslas are great with children."

Wendy is also an active member of the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club and mother of two young boys, Sully, 3 and Sebastian, 6. "I work hard to try to teach my boys how to behave around dogs as well as teaching the dogs how to behave around kids," she notes.

Dogs are individuals and will each act differently around children. Wendy's three dogs each respond and react to her kids in their

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own unique way. Brody is "super tolerant and accepts it all" yet gives them space. Lexis wasn't raised around kids and tends to be grumpy and growl at them, so she stays away. And then there is Gracie, the puppy. Gracie loves them and wants to play with them constantly. Sometimes too much and they get jumped on and end up crying in the process.

Even though she finds having dogs (especially Gracie) and kids a challenge at times, she wouldn't change a thing. "You have to be willing and able to commit as much time to that puppy as you do to your children."

Final Decision: Just like with any dog or breed, the Vizsla may not be a good fit for everyone and Rebecca stresses visiting a Vizsla in their home environment prior to making a long-term commitment. "They

[the potential owner/adopter] need to plan on spending a couple of hours with the dogs so they can see what they are really like, and maybe visit more than once."

Also, if getting one from a breeder, "... choose a breeder that you like as a person, someone you feel you could be friends with as that breeder should be there to offer advice and help you for the entire life of the dog, not just until you take it out the door," insists Rebecca.

Note: Rebecca and Mark Smith currently reside outside of Fall River, Wis. and have three Vizslas of their own while co-owning a number of them with friends. "It's sort of like having grandchildren. We get the benefit of the fun but the dogs live somewhere else."

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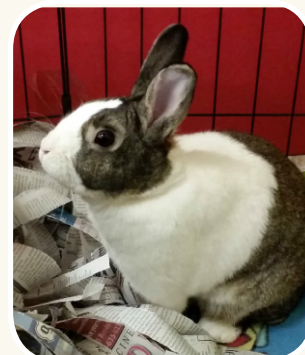


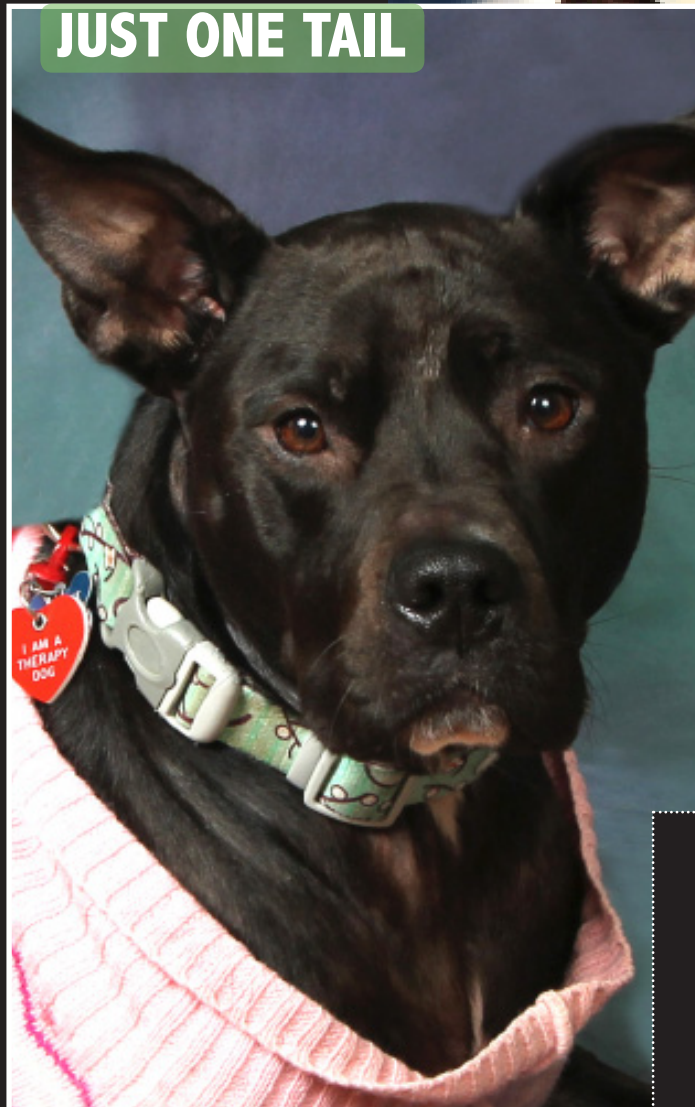
Meet spunky senior, Ra Ra! This red-head is believed to be a Terrier/Shar Pei mix (because of her adorable wrinkles everywhere!) & has a lot of pep in her step! She loves to go for walks, come home & relax somewhere near her humans. Prior to being rescued by MPA, Ra Ra had been bounced from home to home, used to produce puppies her whole life. With such a rough past, Ra Ra is ready to be someone's baby herself & queen of the castle as an only dog, without young children in the home. Her wish is simple - to finally be loved & cherished in a forever home of her very own. Will you be the forever family Ra Ra has dreamed of her whole life?

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Miika reborn

MIIKA'S PAST

At 6 weeks old, Miika was thrown from a second story window in Milwaukee, subsequently breaking her pelvis and multiple teeth. She was taken to MADACC and abandoned there. With financial constraints, animal control couldn't do much for Miika, so they contacted local shelters to get her out for adoption. In April of 2010, I saw Miika (known as Amelia) at the Elmbrook Humane Society shelter while looking for my FIRST dog ever. Her breed was listed as a Lab Mix. Knowing nothing about dogs, I didn't realize some shelters label dogs as Lab Mix when they aren't sure of their specific breed. The EBHS staff told me her story, and I fell in love in an instant. She was the calmest and sweetest dog. When walking by the cages, Miika was the only one not barking, she just came up to the door and did the "head tilt" while giving me her puppy-dog eyes. When I met her in the adoption room to get a closer look, Miika just bounced around despite her chronic limp. She kept nudging her head into my hand to be petted. It was at that point when I realized that even after all that had been done to this dog, all she wanted was love and affection, and I could give her that. I signed the papers right away to adopt her.

It wasn't until my first vet appointment that I was told she was part "Pit Bull". Never having a dog before, I have to admit that I was a little scared because of all I had heard in the media. However, my vet reassured me that they are great dogs "if raised right". That was the moment when I decided that what I had heard was ignorance and must be why some individuals think all "Pit Bulls" are inherently mean dogs. So I pledged to give Miika an even bigger purpose in life. I wanted to change minds.

From there on out, I did research and exposed Miika to various people and situations in hopes to make her a well-rounded dog. I got involved with a local bully organization, Brew City Bully Club. They suggested getting her certified for therapy work with Therapy Dog International. For the last six months, we did tests and visited elderly care facilities. I am happy to tell the world that today she is a certified therapy dog, and our mission is to work with the Brew City Bully Club to "change minds and save lives".

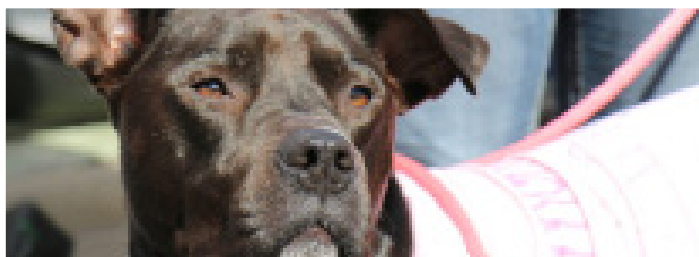
Miika has lingering effects from her injury including a tilted pelvis, bowed legs that make her unable to jump and is not allowed to run anymore. Though she is physically limited, her injury doesn't slow her down. She sometimes pushes it too hard, and I have to rein her back in.






MIIKA'S PRESENT

Today, Miika is happy and healthy and about to celebrate her 5th birthday on Valentine's Day. She is in the process of becoming a therapy dog for Waukesha Memorial Hospital, and we are exploring other therapy options including reading with children and outreach events. Miika has given my life a new direction and a new purpose. I take great joy in sharing her spirit with others. The road ahead for Miika will not be an easy one with her medical issues, but I made a commitment to her when I adopted her - to care for her always. I am blessed that she chose me to be her forever family, and I am happy to work side-by-side with her changing minds and saving lives.

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**Saturday
May 30, 2015
10 am
Hart Park in Wauwatosa**

-  **5k run**
-  **5k run with your dog**
-  **1 or 2 mile walk
with or without dog**

Online registration is open!

**Visit
madaccwalkrun.org
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Dogs Welcome!



Brew City Bully Club
adopt@brewcitybullies.org brewcitybullies.org

Mabel is roughly 2 years old & is about as sweet as they come. She's a World Class Peanut that is crate-trained, housebroken & knows sit, down & paw. She's the current BCBC Nervous Nellie, so she needs a strong owner that will provide her consistency, structure & of course, unconditional love! Although Mabel likes doggy visitors, she's looking to be your only furry child. She'd rather be in a house full of kids, teens & adults than other animals. The more people to spend time with her the better!

A DOG'S LIFE

Jump Start Puppy Class & Basic Obedience classes

Ongoing throughout the year
Waukesha 262-782-9261
Elmbrook Humane Society, ebhs.org

Training Help

Every Thursday evening: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Every Sunday: 11:00am-Noon
Frank Allison III, APDT
Muskego 262-679-6776
Pet Supplies 'N' More, psnmore.com

StoryTime: Tails & Tales for 2-7-year-olds

3rd Thurs. each month: 11:30am-Noon
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
WHS, wihumane.org

Friends of HAWS Monthly Meeting

2nd Wed. each month: 7:00pm-8:00pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, haws pets.org

Nail trims

Every Wed.: 5:00pm-7:00pm (call ahead)
Every Sat.: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Milwaukee 262-679-6776
Pet Supplies 'N' More, petsuppliesnmore.com

Animal Communication Sessions

March 7, April 4 & May 2: Noon-4:00pm
Bark N' Scratch Outpost 414-444-4110
Milwaukee, barknsratchoutpost.com

Come, Fido!

March 7: 9:00am-10:00am
Ozaukee Campus 262-377-7580
WHS, wihumane.org

Dog Training Class - Basic Manners Level 1

March 7: 9:00am-10:00am, 6-week class &
10:30am-11:30am, 6-week class
March 16: 7:00pm-8:00pm, 6-week class
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, haws pets.org

Boy Scout Dog Care Merit Badge Clinic

March 8: 1:00pm-5:00pm
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
WHS, wihumane.org

HAWS Companion Circle: Estate Planning for Pet Owners

March 9: 6:00pm-7:30pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, haws pets.org

Pet First Aid & CPR Class

March 10: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
WHS, wihumane.org

Scout Night

Mar. 12, 26, Apr. 16, 29 & May 7, 21: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Milwaukee 414-264-6257

Mar. 11, 25, Apr. 8, 22 & May 6, 20, 6:00pm-7:45pm
Ozaukee 262-377-7580
WHS, wihumane.org

Dog Training Class: Basic Manners Level 2

March 16: 5:30pm-6:30pm, 6-week class
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, haws pets.org

Pets & Oils Class

March 16, April 20 & May 18, 6:00pm-7:30pm
March 17, April 21 & May 19, 10:00am-11:30am
Milwaukee 262-679-6776
Pet Supplies 'N' More, psnmore.com

HAWS Solving Common Canine Behavior Problems

March 17: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, haws pets.org

HAWS Canine Body Language

March 31: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, haws pets.org

Kids Night Out

March 20: May 15, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
WHS, wihumane.org

Paws On Agility Workshop

March 21 & April 18: 12:30pm-2:00pm
Milwaukee 262-227-6830
Bay View Bark, bayviewbark.com

Puppy ABC's Class

March 21: 10:15am-11:05am, 6-week class
Ozaukee Campus 262-377-7580
WHS, wihumane.org

Dog Manners Class

March 21: 9:00am-9:50am, 6-week class
Milwaukee Campus 414-264-6257
WHS, wihumane.org

Dog Manners Class Level 2

March 21: 11:30am-12:20pm
Ozaukee Campus 262-377-7580
WHS, wihumane.org

Party with the Sled Dogs

March 29: 3:00pm-9:00pm
Serb Hall, Milwaukee, 414-967-9677
Doorcountysleddogs.com

Tails, Tales & Treats!

March 30: Noon-1:00pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, haws pets.org

Puppy Class

March 30: 6:00pm-7:00pm, 6-week class
May 11: 6:00pm-7:00pm, 6-week class
Dane County Humane Society, giveshelter.org

Adult Dog Class

March 30: 6:00pm-7:00pm, 6-week class
May 11: 7:15pm-8:15pm, 6-week class
Dane County Humane Society, giveshelter.org

HAWS Companion Circle: Planned Giving

April 22: 6:00pm-7:30pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, haws pets.org

Camp Critter Spring Break

Session 1: April 8: 9:00am-3:00pm
Session 2: April 9: 9:00am-3:00pm
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
WHS, wihumane.org

Positively Pitties Lectures

April 8 & May 20: 6:30pm-8:00pm
Madison 608-838-0413
Dane County Humane Society, giveshelter.org

First Aid for Pets

April 18: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Waukesha 262-879-0165
HAWS, haws pets.org

Baby-Ready Pets

May 12: time & location in Madison TBD
608-838-0413 ext 115
education@giveshelter.org



Adopt
Wilbur!
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Hosting a pet-related event?

Send your event details to

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We'll get the word out!

Fundraisers/Gatherings/Vaccines

Shelter from the Storm Adoption Event

Every Saturday: 10:00am-2:00pm
PetSmart Madison East

Greyhound Meet 'n' Greet

4th Saturday of each month: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, hawspets.org

Vaccine Clinic

Mar. 3, 24, Apr. 7, 21 & May 5, 19: 9:30am-11:30am
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
Mar. 5, 19, Apr. 2, 16, 30 & May 14, 28: 10:00am-Noon
Racine 262-554-6699
WHS, wihumane.org

St. Patrick's Day Practice Pawty

March 7: 6:00pm
Spurs, Waukesha
Benefits Seniors Rock & Canine Cupids

Bark of the Bay (All That Jazz)

March 7: 5:30pm (dinner & auction)
KI Convention Center
Green Bay 920-469-3110
bayareahumanesociety.com

Vaccine Clinic (Walk-in Shot Clinic)

March 7, April 4 & May 2: 2:00pm-3:30pm
Milwaukee 262-227-6830
Bay View Bark, bayviewbark.com

Dog Day Afternoon at the Milwaukee Admirals Game

March 8: 4:00pm
Waukesha, Brian at 414-227-0567
HAWS, hawspets.org

Vaccine Clinic

March 14: 10:00am-12:00pm
Mar. 28, Apr. 11, 25 & May 9, 23: 9:00am-11:30am
Safe Harbor Humane Society
Racine 414-694-4047
animals@safeharborhumane.com

HAWS Extreme Makeover - 4th Annual Grooming Competition

March 15: Noon-4:00pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, angela@hawspets.org

Friends of MADACC Soiree for Strays

March 20: 6:00pm
Hot Water Wherehouse, madaccfriends.org

Dog Days at Lynden Sculpture Garden

March 21, April 18 & May 16: 2:00pm-5:00pm
Lydensculpturegarden.org

Elmbrook Humane Society Spring Gala

March 21: 5:00pm
Marriott West Waukesha
Ebhs.org

Dane County Humane Society Spring Vendor Fair

March 28: 9:00am-4:00pm
Winnequah School, Madison
Theresa.klawitter@mgschools.net

Easter Egg Hunt

March 29: 11:00am-2:00pm
Milwaukee 262-227-6830
Bay View Bark, bayviewbark.com

Brew City Bully Club Annual Meeting

March 29: 1:00pm
DoubleTree Hotel, Brookfield
brewcitybullies.org

Fashionistas for Fur-babies

April 11: 11:00am-3:00pm
Marriot West Waukesha, iPAWaid.com
iPAW(Integrating People for Animal Wellness)

CSAW Adoptathon

April 11: 2:00pm-4:00pm
Milwaukee 262-227-6830
Bay View Bark, bayviewbark.com

Heroes for Health Wellness Fair for Pets & People 5KRun & Dog Walk

May 2: 9:00am-4:00pm
Aud Mar, muskego.org
Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce benefitting iPAW

HAWS K9 Carnival

May 2, 262-542-8851
Sussex Village Park, HAWS

HamBingo Mary's Charity

May 6: 8:00pm-10:00pm
Milwaukee 414-988-9324
Benefits Friends of MADACC

Second Chances Annual Charity Dinner

May 8
Lakeland Animal Shelter, 262-723-1000
lakelandanimalshelter.org

11th Annual Milwaukee Pug Fest

May 17: 9:45am-4:00pm
Milwaukee County Indoor Sports Complex
Franklin, milwaukeepugfest.com

Walk Run Wag

May 30: 10:00am
Hart Park, Wauwatosa

Humane Society of Jefferson County Furry Friends 5K

May 30: 920-988-1277
Margo at jeffersonfurryfriends@gmail.com

Pet Parties/Play Groups

Playtime at the Playground

Saturdays: 9:00am-Noon
Oak Creek 414-764-PUPS
Puppy Playground, puppyplaygroundwi.com

Puppy Party

Sundays: 11:30am-12:30pm
Large Adult Dog Play Party
Saturdays 11:30am-12:30pm
For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
800-581-9070, forpetsake.cc

Pup Social

Sundays: 5:15pm-5:45pm, Hartland
Half-pint Social
1st & 3rd Fridays: 6:30-7:30pm,
Pewaukee 262-369-3935
Best Paw Forward, bestpawforward.net

Puppy Parties

Sundays: 4:45pm-5:15pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, hawspets.org

Small Dog Play Group

1st Sunday of each month: 2:00pm-3:30pm
Winter Playgroups in March
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 5:30pm-7:00pm
Saturdays 2:00pm-3:30pm
Milwaukee 262-227-6830
Bay View Bark, bayviewbark.com

Saturday Recess at Central Bark Sussex

March 7, 14, 21, 28: 10:00am-12:00pm
Hawspets.org

Obedience Run Thrus

2nd Friday of the month: 6:30pm-8:00pm
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis 414-769-0758
cudahykennelclub.org

Agility Run Thrus

3rd Friday of the month: 6:30pm-7:30 pm
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis 414-769-0758
cudahykennelclub.org

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airedale@frontiernet.net

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262-993-2606, bagsforwagsrescue.org,
bagsforwags@gmail.com

Bichons & Little Buddies Rescue

414-750-0152, bichonrescues.com,
bichonandlittlebuddies@gmail.com,
Specializing in Bichons, Poodles, and Shelties

Brew City Small Dog Rescue

414-313-2040, brewcityrescue.org,
Heather@brewcityrescue.org

Canine Cupids

caninecupids.org, caninecupids@live.com

Furever Home Finders Dog Rescue

262-495-DOGS, FureverHomeFinders.com,
info@FureverHomeFinders.com

Heavenly Hearts Rescue

heavenlyheartrescue.org,
HeavenlyHearts@wi.rr.com

JR's Pups-N-Stuff

414-640-8473, jrspupsnstuff.org,
jrspupsnstuff@yahoo.com

Loving Fosters K9 Rescue

262-605-4073, lovingfostersk9rescue.org,
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Milwaukee Pets Alive

milwaukeekeepetsalive.org,
adopt@milwaukeekeepetsalive.org

Patches Animal Rescue

920-306-1102, patchesanimalrescue.org,
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Remember Me Ranch

remembermeranch.org,
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Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue

262-617-8052, tailwaggers911.com,
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Underdog Pet Rescue of Wisconsin

608-224-0018, underdogpetrescue.org,
info@underdogpetrescue.org

Yellow Brick Road Rescue

414-758-6626, yellowbrickroadrescue.com,
loveqmoment@wi.rr.com

AMERICAN WATER SPANIEL

American Water Spaniel Rescue, Inc.
312-339-4177, awsrescue.com,
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Basset Buddies Rescue, Inc.
262-347-8823, bbrescue.org
info@bbrescue.org

BEAGLE

BrewBeagle Rescue
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MidAmerica Border Collie Rescue
414-449-0888, midamericabcrrescue.com,
MidAmericaBCRescue@yahoo.com

Steppinstone

608-745-8414, steppinstonerehabcenter.com

Wisconsin Border Collie Rescue

Making a difference one dog at a time
WIBorderCollieRescue.org

BOSTON TERRIER

WI Boston Terrier Rescue
414-534-2996, wisconsinbostonterrierrescue.
com, Ollie1022@sbcglobal.net

BOXER

Green Acres Boxer Rescue of WI
greenacresboxerrescue.com,
info@greenacresboxerrescue.com

BRITTANY

American Brittany Rescue
1-866-brit911, americanbrittanyrescue.org,
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National Brittany Rescue & Adoption Network

708-567-2587, nbran.org,
nsinbran@gmail.com

CATS

Little Orphan's Animal Rescue
608-556-6130, littleorphansanimalrescue.org
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CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rescue Trust
262-253-4829, rguarascio@wi.rr.com

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920-954-0796, crrow.org

CHIHUAHUA

Wisconsin Chihuahua Rescue, Inc.
608-219-4044, wischirescue.org
chigirl1983@gmail.com

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Wisconsin Cocker Rescue
262-255-0246, geocities.com/WiCockerRescue,
WiCockerRescue@Juno.com

Shorewood Cocker Rescue

262-877-3294, cockerrescue.net,
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COLLIE

Minnesota-Wisconsin Collie Rescue
612-869-0480, mwcr.org, collietalk@aol.com

COONHOUND

American Black and Tan Coonhound
920-779-6307, coonhoundrescue.com,
sjoch@yahoo.com, jayne23@neo.rr.com

Coonhound Companions

coonhoundcompanions.com

DACHSHUND

Badger Dachshund Club, 847-546-7186

Oolong Dachshund Rescue

oolongdachshundrescue.org,
sarahdermody@oolongdachshundrescue.org

MidWest Dachshund Rescue, Inc.

mwdr.org, rescue@mwdr.org

DALMATIAN

Dal-Savers Dalmatian Rescue Inc.
414-297-9210, dalrescue.us,
loveadal@yahoo.com

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Operation Bring Animals Home S&R Team
262-224-1964, obahrescue.com

DOBERMAN PINSCHER

Wisconsin Doberman Rescue, Inc.
414-536-4477, wi-doberesue.org,
widoberesue@aol.com

ENGLISH BULLDOG

Chicago English Bulldog Rescue, Inc.
ebullymatch.com

ENGLISH SPRINGER

English Springer Rescue America, Inc.
715-845-8716, springerrescue.org,
kcmcheinking@verizon.net

FRENCH BULLDOG

French Bulldog Rescue Network
414-744-5717, beemeli@sbcglobal.net

GERMAN SHEPHERD

German Shepherd Rescue Alliance of WI
414-461-9720, gsraw.com, yur_rltr@execpc.
com or gsdrsq@hotmail.com

Good Shepherd K-9 Rescue

608-868-2050, gsk9r.org,
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ARF's German Shepherd Rescue Inc.

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WhitePaws German Shepherd Rescue

920-606-2597, whitepawsgsr.com,
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Wisconsin German Shepherd Rescue

920-731-1690, CFilz@aol.com

Rescue A German Shepherd (RAGS)

414-529-4642, RescueAGermanShepherd.org

GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER

Wisconsin German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue Inc.
920-522-3131, wgspr.com, wgspr.petfinder.
com, wgsprinfo@gmail.com

GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER

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GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Golden Rule Rescue & Rehabilitation (GRRR)
608-490-GRRR (4777), goldenrulerrescue.org,
info@goldenrulerrescue.org

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

WAAGR

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

GREAT PYRENEES RESCUE OF WISCONSIN, INC.

920-293-8885, greatpyrrescuewi.com,
woolfodge@yahoo.com

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Greyhounds Only Inc., Adoption & Rescue
414-559-0445 or 773-297-GREY (4739),
greyhoundsonly.com, goinc@aol.com

Greyhound Pets of America - WI
414-299-9473, gpawisconsin.org

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Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee
920-734-6734, muttsgo@aol.com

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414-559-0445, midwestigrescue.com,
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JAPANESE CHIN

Luv-A-Chin Rescue
605-940-7811, luvachinrescue.org,
info@luvachinrescue.org

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Labrador Education and Rescue Network
847-289-PETS (7387), labadoption.org,
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The Labrador Connection
414-299-9038, labradorconnection.org

Labs N More
414-571-0777, LabsNMoreRescue.petfinder.
com, LabsnMoreRescue@yahoo.com

Steppinstone
608-745-8414, steppinstonerehabcenter.com

MALTESE

Northcentral Maltese Rescue Inc.
262-633-9371, malteserescue.homestead.com,
malteserescue@hotmail.com

MINIATURE PINSCHER

IMPS (Internet Miniature Pinscher Services)
414- FOR-IMPS, minpinrescue.org

MIXED BREED

Fluffy Dog Rescue, fluffydog.net

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neorescue.net, mhweglarz@msn.com

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Helping Pitties in the City
remembermeranch.org/pittiesinthecity,
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RAT TERRIER

Wisconsin Rat Terrier Rescue INC.
608-697-7274, wrtr@bigfoot.com

ROTTWEILER

True Hearts of Rottweiler Rescue (THORR)
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Wisconsin Rottweiler Rescue
608-224-0272, wirottrescue.org

MidAmerica Rottweiler Rescue
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AllSaints Rescue
414-761-6305, allsaintsrescue.com,
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WI St Bernard Rescue
414-764-0262, wstresq.com,
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SHAR PEI

Shar Pei Savers, sharpeisavers.com,
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SHELTIE/SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

Central Illinois Sheltie Rescue
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Gotta Luv 'Em

By Janice Biniok



Shedding season...

Horoscopes 4 Dogs & Tips 4 You

Pisces (Feb. 19 – Mar. 20) "Getaway Girlie"

Are your furless parents planning a road trip this Spring? If so, your gentle and timid nature may lead you into the arms of a beloved neighbor or relative for a week, so soak it up! They will pamper you and switch up your routine, which you love. Tip: Your four-legged friend will be just fine staying with your two-legged friend, but a boarding facility may not be ideal for this pup.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) "New Territory Timmy"

Get ready my little spring chicken ... warmer days are ahead and you will soon be out and about with all your canine chums once again. Perhaps you will even get to experience some new territory. Just take it one paw at a time! Tip: If you are planning a trip this season, your pooch would love to go with, so consider everything you will need to make this happen.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20) "Take Me Home Henry"

Don't feel like sniffing out new land this Spring? Well, that's ok. Traveling isn't for every hound. Tip: Your quiet & passive pooch prefers a sitter to come hang out with them rather than being uprooted to unfamiliar places.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) "See Spot Run"

It's that time of year again to burn off your access nervous energy and make friends in the process. Boarding is the perfect getaway for you. Tip: Find a spot for your furry compadre that is conducive to his need to explore and run free.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) "Hot Or Cold K9"

Being sensitive and temperamental will not get you what you want this season. It's time to step out of your comfort zone and try something new for the benefit of your two-legged pal. Tip: This little lady doesn't make it easy for you to travel, but if you find the right situation for her, it could make it tolerable for both.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) "Lovin' It Up Libby"

Strutting your stuff around a boarding facility is definitely what the canine doctor ordered. Enjoy the comfy couches and newfound freedom. Tip: Choose a place with all the amenities you would want if you were a dog. Think luxury and serenity.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) "Be Vigilant Vinny"

It's ok to be a doggy daydreamer, but now's the time to step out of your own world and into another...one with tons of new and exciting furry and not so furry friends. Tip: Depending on your Virgin's personality, she may do well in a boarding facility if you're traveling this season or not, so be prepared.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 23) "Playful Penny"

It's your favorite time of year again and the small play groups are barking your name. So get ready for some mild-mannered fun. Tip: This little girlie loves to be pampered within reason. Let whomever cares for her know that she prefers classical tunes playing in the background.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) "Snappy Sammy"

Hmmm...so you prefer to be the only dog. Well, then your adventures this season may be limited. That is unless you put your jealousy aside. Tip: Take caution with this stinger, he prefers to be in a situation where no other dogs will bother him.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) "Philosophical Pooch"

You were meant to travel the world or at least your neighborhood. So pack light this season and let yourself become one with your environment. Tip: This philosophical pooch of yours can't wait to go with you on an adventure, so don't leave him behind.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) "Praise Me Paulie"

Your patience all winter long is finally paying off. Embarking on new territory and staying in some awesome digs will have you getting all the praise you deserve. Tip: This boy needs and thrives on praise, so find a suitable home away from home setting in which you yourself would feel comfortable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) "Back Off! Buster"

Ever wonder why the dog down the street growls at you? Well, you tend to push the limit. Butt sniffing is a privilege and not a right. Remember that when visiting the dog park or other doggy-inhabited areas. Tip: The innate curiosity of your furry creature can be bothersome to some, so keep that in mind when planning his stay away from home.



Photo by Lynn Allen

ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN

"This section is dedicated to you Gracie! I miss you and love you more than you'll ever know. Please forgive me." -NPutz

To Horatio: Dogs can grieve, too. We miss you, Horatio our feline brother. You were in the pack before we joined it, and the space you left behind is noticeable everyday. For now, enjoy stretching out in that ray of sunshine on the carpet in heaven. Love, Valkyrie and Jerry. -Paula

"Bubba: You are deeply missed, and someday we will be together in heaven" -Karen

"To Orbit: When I left the house that day I was supposed to be coming home with a different dog, but I came home with you. With your beautiful face, your shy welcome and your goofy, light-footed prance you had my heart forever, at that first meeting. I will truly love all the dogs in my life, but you are the one that will always hold my soul." -Dawn

"Never could I have imagined the fun, the laughter, the hiking adventures, the car trips, the meditative walks, the frolicing water adventures, the stinky dead duck breath, the beautiful soulful gazes with your charming brown eyes, and all of the amazing love that you shared with me for 15.8 years. Linda loves Gatsby, and misses you tremendously!" -Linda

Jefferson County Girl Jump Starts Walk for Dogs,

Q&A with Nora Wichman

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With a twinkle in her eye, a wholesome heart and a proactive mind, 12-year-old Nora Wichman set her sights on helping the Jefferson County Humane Society's homeless animals. How you ask? By taking her passion of running in charity events (5ks) from age 10 on and proposing to the HSJC an annual event in which proceeds would go to building a new shelter. Last year was the very first Furry Friends 5k, named and directed by Nora with the help of many volunteers. There were more than 500 participants from all walks of life, some with their four-legged companions by their side.

According to Nora's mom Margo, she "spent countless hours after school, weekends and holiday breaks presenting her cause to businesses and asking for sponsorships. When stopping by businesses, she always kept her inspiration close by her heart." Nora raised roughly \$24,000 for the local humane society and plans to do the same this year for the second annual Furry Friends 5k on May 30th.

What was your inspiration behind starting the first Furry Friends 5k?

I like running in charity events with my parents because it's fun. We always talk about which charity our entry fee benefits and I wanted to run in one to benefit homeless animals. While I was growing up, my best friend Mickey was an abandoned dog that my parents rescued. Mickey followed me everywhere. She even liked getting stroller rides from me around my neighborhood. I just wanted to help other homeless animals like Mickey. We can't bring them all home

but we can help other homeless animals be as comfortable as possible while waiting for their forever homes.

When I met with the HSJC to tell them about my idea, I saw that they do a really good job of helping animals but their building is falling apart. I wanted to help them spread the word and raise money for a new shelter. By registering for the Furry Friends 5K, everyone can have fun and help homeless animals at the same time.

What are your plans for the upcoming event?

Last year, each human finisher was given custom medals that I picked out. This year, all dog finishers will get medals too. Last year our top human and canine finishers were given awards. This year we have even more, really cool prizes for the Fastest Top Dog Finishers. All friendly dogs are welcome to participate on non-retractable leashes. For more information and to register visit the webpage: <http://hsjc-wis.com/event/second-annual-furry-friends-5k/>. Early registration helps us plan for a great event.

Where are proceeds going this time?

One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the Humane Society of Jeffer-

son Co. WI, Capital Campaign, to fund their new shelter.

Are you involved in helping homeless animals in other ways?

After every meeting we had at the HSJC I would stop and say "hi" to the adoptable dogs. I found a dog that would be perfect for my aunt, uncle and little cousin. They just celebrated their one year adoption anniversary with the dog I picked out for them.

What is your favorite aspect of the event?

My favorite part of this event was to see everyone smiling and having fun while making a positive difference in the lives of homeless animals. It was neat to see 5K runners and walkers cross the finish line for the first time. I saw all ages participating from babies in strollers to elderly. I saw all athletic abilities and experience levels having a great time with their dogs by their side. I even saw two senior-aged beagles participate in a wagon!

Anything else you wish to add?

Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/FurryFriends5Khsjc>.

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BOSCO

Bosco's head appears too big for his body, but the truth is his body needs to get bigger. He is too skinny but will put weight on in no time. Bosco is a friendly 1 & a half-year-old, very handsome guy in need of a family to call his own. Bosco's perfect day would include a walk or run & then time to train before taking a nap. He knows shake & really likes to perform for a crowd.



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EDGAR

Edgar is 2 years old & very handsome. He's a fun guy & ready to meet you. Running around the yard, chasing toys & snuggling on the couch would be an ideal day! The MADACC volunteers love to take Edgar into the yard to play. He is short in stature but big on personality.



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TIP

Tip is 2 years old. He is a friendly happy guy that just needs a home to make his life complete. He'd love a family with a yard & maybe a few people to play with. Tip is a really cool guy. He walks calmly by other dogs, takes treats nicely & is a perfect gentleman when meeting new people.



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SOCHI THE RABBIT

This sweet & gentle little gal has been a part of the HAWS family since the 2014 Olympics! A former stray, Sochi is a lovely lop-eared bunny with Magpie/Harlequin coat. She is a low-energy adult who enjoys just lounging around with her people.



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ZEUS THE GOD-IN-TRAINING

Zeus is a 4-month-old Pit Bull pup. This smart little gent is enrolled in HAWS' "Pup Squad" to learn manners & basic commands. With love from the right family, plus socialization & training, Zeus will be a heavenly best friend!



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TRACKER THE TABBY

Tracker is one chill dude. This 4-year-old male shorthair came to HAWS as a stray back in December & has been enjoying cuddle time with our volunteers ever since! Tracker is low-maintenance & high-affection & would make a great addition to your couch or recliner.



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PERCY

Meet Percy ... rabbits are great pets for older children with parental guidance & supervision. Hop on down to WCHS & meet a beautiful bunny today. Percy needs to go home with his buddy Oliver.



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AXEL

My name is Axel, & I am a 1-year-old American Pit Bull that needs a new home. I am a sweet boy, & I even have manners when I meet new people. An active home would be best for me as I am a busy body. Stop in today, & we can talk about what it would take for you to adopt me!



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CHICO

A whole lot of awesome in a furry little package - that pretty much sums me up! I'm Chico, & I had a couple homes before coming here in search of my FOREVER home. I've learned a lot in my life & someone out there is going to be lucky enough to get adopted by me & have the BEST DOG EVER! I'll be waiting for you!



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DAMON

Damon is a playful 6-month-old American Bulldog/Labrador Mix that is available for adoption. He is an outgoing boy, & he is good with other dogs. Damon would love to meet you so stop in soon. Be prepared to fall head over heels for this handsome boy!



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DENZEL

Come & meet one of the sweetest, smartest, handsomest Golden Boys around! He still has plenty of good years left & would just love to spend them with a family in a home of his own. At 8 years old, that is exactly what he deserves! Denzel is enrolled in our training class & knows many commands. He walks well on leash, likes toys & treats, & would appreciate a family who would spoil him from time to time!



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PRINCESS

This adorable 2-year-old Princess is a little shy & timid at first, so going at her pace is a must for new people. But after a short time, she will be your BFF! Princess is good with dogs, cats & has a handsome boyfriend here at the shelter named Luke. A doggie friend may be what she needs to help her gain confidence! Most of all Princess would love a kind, patient family & home where she can be treated like the Princess she is!



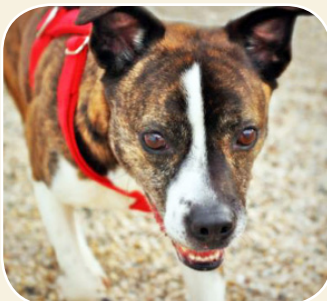
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HENRY

He is one of the sweetest, most forgiving boys you'll ever meet even though he was left behind by his family with literally nothing! Henry is in a foster home as the stress of the shelter, along with a manageable disc problem, was becoming too much for him. He knows he's safe now & is a playful bundle of love & joy, anxiously waiting for a family. He walks well on leash, loves attention, toys & treats, & knows several commands.



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SAMMY

Hi all! Sammy here! Children 8 years & up would be best in my new home. If you have other dogs, they probably should be pretty tolerant & energetic because I am a fun-loving kinda guy. Don't be shy-- come on in & meet me, "Sammy!"



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