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"Milwaukee has thousands of pet lovers who travel to Madison or Chicago every year for pet expos. Our goal in organizing an event in the Milwaukee area was to put together an entertaining, informative event that is family-friendly and offers local pet lovers with a wide array of products and services they may not know about." said Penny Romasko, President, AWARE.

The show hours are from 10 am to 4 pm at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex located on 60th and Ryan Road. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

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So, what are you doing for your sweetheart this month - it's February, remember...Valentine's Day? No, I'm not talking about your significant other. I'm referring to that four-legged family member lying down by your feet. Have you ever thought of spoiling that one for Valentine's Day? There are dozens of ideas to show your love...

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Jodi's philosophy of training is "keep it simply positive - one step at a time." Jodi states, "One of the many things I teach my clients is to keep a positive mind set." Our dogs can certainly pick up on our emotions and training should be fun and rewarding for both us and them. Jodi also mentions, "We have a responsibility to our dogs to guide them toward positive behaviors with clear instructions and plenty of praise and rewards. I find it much easier to teach "do" instead of "don't." Don't pull on the leash, Don't jump on people or cats, Don't, don't, don't, - no one likes to be yelled at, especially our dogs. It is so much easier and much more rewarding to teach do walk nicely at my side, do sit politely for petting, do come right to me when I call you. It makes training much more enjoyable for both canines and humans!

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Genetics is one factor, as several breeds of dogs seem to be predisposed to developing diabetes. Some of the commonly affected breeds include: Keeshond, West

Highland white terrier, Cairn terrier, miniature schnauzer and pinscher. Other factors such as obesity, infection, steroid therapy and concurrent illness may also be contributors to developing diabetes.

The disease most commonly affects middle-aged dogs, with females affected twice as frequently as males. Signs to watch for at home are excessive drinking and urinating, and losing weight despite a very good appetite.

Sometimes these dogs come in to the veterinarian for "housebreaking" problems because they are urinating in the house (due to their excessive water consumption). Dogs may also become suddenly blind because they are prone to developing cataracts secondary to diabetes.

Although diabetes mellitus is a chronic, life-long disease, many dogs can be managed with insulin therapy. This requires a strong commitment from the pet's owner, good client education from your veterinarian, close monitoring and frequent follow-up visits.

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# Training Bits

## And There Was Trust . . . Adopting the Abused Dog

As I walked down the row of kennels on a grey January afternoon, a movement caught my eye: a black dog in the back of her kennel, head lowered, eyes unfocused, with the slow motion of one who's history is unknown, has nowhere to go, nothing to look forward to, for days beyond counting - a refugee. I don't know why this non-descript black dog captured my attention. I had just lost my first dog. The hole in my heart seemed beyond filling.

Lulu was her name, at least the name given to her at the shelter. She had lived there for four of her alleged six years. She doesn't do well with men, they said. Lulu stood in the office trembling, not daring to look at anyone, as I filled out the paperwork. A gentleman friend waited in the car to drive us home. We loaded Lulu into the back of the station wagon. She stood with her tail tucked so far under her that she appeared tailless. She stood, not looking at anything, the entire two-hour drive home.

Lulu did not eat, drink or eliminate for 36 hours. She seemed to appreciate that I had good intentions, cowering against my legs if anyone else got too close. My male friend tried to put a collar on her to take her for a walk; she bit his hand. Hard.

There is much more to tell about Lulu and her eventual but incomplete rehabilitation. I believe she was more or less depressed all of her life with me, six too-short years, before succumbing to cancer, a condition I believe was stress-related. I also believe she had some joyful moments which I was so very thankful for. There are many "Lulus" waiting to catch someone's eye. I see a lot of them in my practice, the lucky ones who have found caring homes. All are emotionally damaged, many physically so.

It sounds like adopting a dog who has suffered abuse is a daunting proposition. And having adopted two more abused dogs I can absolutely guarantee that it is. But I can also affirm that it's some of the most gratifying work I've ever done, and with the right support can be a win for both the animals and their new families. Here are some suggestions to stack the odds in favor of success.

Most importantly, plan ahead. Be realistic about assessing your commitment to meeting the needs of a dog that is not living a normal life. Depression, anxiety, aggression, obsessive-compulsive disorders, even post-traumatic stress disorder are conditions you may need to deal with. Abused dogs often have unknown histories; people who surrender these animals don't want to confess to abusive practices, and many are strays. So the triggers which may elicit responses from avoidance to aggression are unknown, and typically may not appear until the dog has been in your home for a long period of time, typically anywhere from 3 weeks to 3 months. This is the amount of time it may take for a dog to relax enough in the new environment to show its characteristic behavior patterns. If you decide to seek help with training and behavior modification, it may take a lot longer than with a dog whose history is known, because patterns and triggers are ambiguous and need to be deduced or elicited through trial and error.

Make every effort to adopt from a shelter or rescue group that will welcome the dog back if your home doesn't work out. On the chance that this happens, it's important to recognize that adopting an animal with a history of abuse and neglect is a huge gamble; it might not work for you, but it might for someone else, which is why a shelter or rescue with a door that swings both ways is so important. It may give the dog a second chance at a home. If you should have to return a dog to the shelter, knowing you can do so without recrimination will make it more likely you'll be willing to try again, and less likely you'll be stuck with an arranged marriage that causes a lot of chaos in your life. This is an unhealthy and potentially abusive situation for you, and will limit your ability to help the dog.

Because of the behaviors abused animals can exhibit, many people seek the help of a professional trainer or behaviorist.

While this can shorten the rehabilitation period, it can also be costly. Competent and knowledgeable professionals typically charge anywhere from \$50-100 per hour or more for their services.

Expect that your life will revolve around your dog until she adjusts to her new environment. The adjustment time can be shortened by providing a very structured, predictable environment. Many of my clients who've adopted abused animals feel sorry for them, and want to make it up to them for all the trauma they've suffered. While this is on the surface a noble and altruistic approach, it can guarantee failure. Abused animals often come from situations where everything from affection to food to punishment to water was delivered unpredictably. What they need most is a highly-structured and predictable routine to restore their confidence and self-esteem. If anything, they need even more structure than dogs who have led a non-traumatized life. It will be very helpful to sit down with your family, prior to looking for a dog, and write down what each family member is able and willing to do to create this structured environment. Put all activities (exercise, feeding, training, socializing) on a schedule and list who is responsible for that particular activity and what time it will be done. Also make sure everyone is familiar and willing to implement some type of learn-to-earn program, where the dog can learn to manipulate its new, structured environment in positive ways. This increases the dog's confidence and self-esteem.

Take your time, and let the animal take its time. It's quite common when we have a new dog to want to let everyone know about this wonderful addition to our family. But your dog may not be ready for all the attention and stimulation. Within the context of the predictable and structured environment you've created, allow the animal to "call the shots" in terms of how much attention he gets. Watch for signs of stress in the dog's body language. "Calming signals" or appeasement behaviors such as licking the lips, yawning, scratching, turning head away or taking time to approach when you call may indicate the animal is getting into a situation over its comfort level. A helpful preparatory step would be learning more about these so-called "calming signals," and a good source is the booklet *On Talking Terms with Dogs* by Turid Rugaas. Familiarizing yourself with these behaviors can alert



you to when you need to step in and help your dog cope with a situation before it gets volatile.

Your new companion will need the opportunity to unload the emotional baggage she's gathered along her less than smooth road to your home. Some modalities I particularly find helpful for offloading this baggage include Tellington TTouch™ bodywork (massage) and the flower remedies developed by British physician and visionary Dr. Edward Bach. The effects of touch therapy are well-documented, and include increased immunity, decreased cortisol levels, emotional and physical release, and positive changes in brain wave patterns, not to mention bonding and the fact that it feels good. Bach flower remedies are powerful facilitators of emotional release and have no side effects. The remedies I particularly like for animals who have suffered abuse include Star of Bethlehem to address trauma, Larch for self-esteem, Rescue Remedy for general stress relief, and Walnut to help the animal adjust to change. I've found it's not unusual for another issue to surface as one resolves. Treating behavior cases with abusive backgrounds is a lot like peeling layers off an onion.

Once your dog has reached a level of comfort in your home and behavior issues have been addressed, take her to classes that will build confidence and self-esteem as well as a partnership with you. Only classes that use modern, non-compulsive methods should be considered.

To briefly summarize:

- Plan ahead and expect speed bumps, detours and dead ends.
- Work with reputable shelters and rescues.
- Enlist the help of a professional.
- Provide an environment with structure, routine and predictability.
- Take your time and allow your dog to do the same.
- Provide for the unloading of emotional baggage.
- Learn how dogs display stress.
- Take your dog to school.

I changed her name. Lulu the refugee became Chappa, the Lakota Sioux word for 'beaver' which means 'swims with stick in mouth.' Seemed to me a good name for a Labrador retriever, even if there was something else mixed in with it.

But all the love and safety I could provide were never quite enough to overcome the separation anxiety, fear of storms, fear of men, fear of . . . But Chappa looked into my eyes, and there was trust.

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# The Legal Beagle

**How much is that puppy on the Internet?**

**Puppy Mills and what the law is doing about them**

When Jessica's mother called me for legal advice, she was distraught. Just three weeks ago, Jessica's dreams had come true. Having turned seven, Jessica was finally old enough to have a puppy. Jessica's parents searched for the perfect puppy and ultimately purchased their new family member on the Internet.

Jessica named her small brown puppy "Coco." Jessica and Coco were inseparable. Everywhere Jessica went, the little brown bundle of joy enthusiastically followed. But then one day, inexplicably, Coco became gravely ill. Jessica's parents spent \$2,500 for veterinary services to try to save Coco, but their new puppy died only two weeks after Jessica and her family brought her home.

When Jessica's mother asked their veterinarian why their seemingly healthy puppy had suddenly died, the veterinarian said that he believed Coco probably was born with genetic defects. But, what the veterinarian said next was even more alarming: he believed that Jessica's parents had unwittingly purchased Coco from a puppy mill.

This month's Legal Beagle provides an overview of puppy mills, puppy lemon laws, and recently proposed federal legislation to regulate the treatment of dogs in puppy mills.

**What is a Puppy Mill?**

A puppy mill is a mass-breeding operation in which the dogs (both breeding dogs and puppies) live in abhorrent conditions. A reputable breeder should not be confused with a puppy mill. Puppy mills are distinguished by the fact that they are operated solely for profit from the mass-production of puppies, with costs saving measures routinely placed over the health and welfare of the animals. Thus, the basic necessities of veterinary care, food, water, proper shelter, and

human contact are unlikely to be provided to dogs in a puppy mill.

Puppies from puppy mills commonly suffer from genetic defects due to poor breeding, which results in illness, behavioral problems, and sometimes, like Coco, even death.

**Are Puppy Mills Legal?**

Unfortunately, puppy mills are, generally speaking, legal. Although the living conditions in many puppy mills violate animal cruelty laws, such laws are often not enforced due to lack of resources to investigate the problem and prosecute the offenders. Due to a loophole in federal law, many puppy mills are exempt from complying with the minimum standards of care established in the Animal Welfare Act.

**What about Puppy Lemon Laws?**

Some states have passed "puppy lemon laws" to protect consumers who purchase "defective" puppies. Such legislation typically requires the seller of a "lemon" puppy to reimburse the consumer for the cost of the puppy and other damages. Currently, 17 states have puppy lemon laws. Wisconsin is not one of those states. However, critics of puppy lemon laws believe such laws fail to address the real problem: the inhumane treatment of dogs in puppy mills.

**The Pet Animal Welfare Statute**

In May of 2005, a bi-partisan federal effort was initiated in the United States Senate to solve the puppy mill problem. Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), along with Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), introduced the Pet Animal Welfare Statute ("PAWS"). Representatives Jim Gerlach (R-PA) and Sam Farr (D-CA) introduced an identical bill in the House of Representatives.

The purpose of PAWS is to close a loophole in the Animal Welfare Act that exempts large-scale breeders of dogs and cats who sell directly to the public. Under PAWS, high-volume breeders who sell dogs or cats to the public would have to be licensed and comply with the minimum standards of care in the Animal Welfare Act. PAWS would also require licensure for any retail pet store that imports dogs or cats from outside the United States. Animal rescue groups and animal shelters would not be covered by PAWS, which applies only to businesses which sell the animals.

Despite its good intentions, PAWS has been extremely controversial. Its supporters contend that PAWS is necessary to protect the welfare of animals and the rights of consumers. Supporters of PAWS include: the American Kennel Club, the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Humane Society of the United States.

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Critics of PAWS say that it is too broad and will ultimately harm hobby and sports breeders that are already complying with animal care standards. However, the American Kennel Club refutes this concern, stating that 96% of breeders will be exempt from PAWS. Nonetheless, PAWS faces much opposition.

Although not everyone agrees on a solution, most everyone, except the profiting puppy millers themselves, agree there is a problem. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, more than 200,000 American households purchased a puppy online in 2004. These families, like Jessica's family, had no idea that their puppy came from a puppy mill. Sadly, the Internet sale of puppies represents only a fraction of the puppies that come from puppy mills. The actual number of puppy mills nationwide is anyone's guess.

### Conclusion

After listening to her story, I explained to Jessica's mother that she could sue for, at a minimum, the cost of Coco and the veterinary fees incurred to try to save her life. She was polite, but seemed dissatisfied with my response. I think we both knew there was little that a lawyer could do to mend her daughter's broken heart.

To learn more about puppy mills and the details of PAWS, visit the American Kennel Club website at:

[http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=2514](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=2514)

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This Valentine's Day, forget the romance, it's all about Rover.

According to an AKC survey of dog owners, an overwhelming majority of women - nearly 90% - find at least one quality in their dog that they'd like to see in their significant other. Thirty-four percent of the women responded "The works! If my dog was a man, he'd be my boyfriend!" Asked the same of men, 33% said the number one canine quality they wished their women had is "always being in a good mood." Eleven percent fewer men than women (23% to 34%) responded "The works! If my dog was a woman she'd be my girlfriend."

**FOR WOMEN:** What qualities in your dog do you wish could be found in your man?

The works-if my dog was a man he'd be my boyfriend	34%
Perennial good mood	25%
Always willing to spend time with you	21%
Always up for cuddling on the couch	20%
Motivates you to exercise	12%
Eagerness to eat your cooking	11%
Don't know/refused	12%

**FOR MEN:** What qualities in your dog do you wish could be found in your woman?

Always being in a good mood	33%
The works-if my dog was a woman she'd be my girlfriend	23%
Just as happy to hang at home as go out on the town	16%
Always greeting me enthusiastically when i get home	15%
Doesn't get mad when I want to watch sports	15%
Being up for anything I want to do	11%
Don't know/refused	13%

The poll also found that:

\* When it comes to meeting women, 58% of men say a puppy is a foolproof babe-magnet in the park (only 25% say a baby

is better). Forty-six percent of women saying they'd stop and talk to anyone with a cute puppy.

\* Before you date a dog lover, make sure you like their dog too! A whopping 66% dog owners say they wouldn't even consider dating someone who didn't like their dog.

\* Make sure your mate's feelings for you are genuine! Fourteen percent admitted they might continue dating someone they didn't like all that much, just to spend time with their dog.

\* Dating is hard work, but particularly so if one owns a dog. One in seven dog owners (15%) say that their significant other has become jealous of their relationship with their dog. Reasons for the jealousy include "because I dedicate so much time to my pet" (43%); "the dog likes me better" (33%); "I prefer to cuddle with my dog rather than my mate at night" (12%); "things have been tense ever since I did more for the dog's birthday than my significant other" (3%).

\* Ask any dog owner and they'll tell you about the special bond they have with their pet - 18% of dog owners say they either have included (or would include) their dog in their wedding ceremony. That trend is likely to continue as those

under 30 years of age are 17% more likely than those 60 and up to say "I do" with their dog by their side (27% to 10%).

\* Some say you should let sleeping dog lie, but you better make sure they're not lying on your side of the bed! Twenty-one percent of dog owners say their pet regularly sleeps in bed with them, with women more likely than men to allow the practice (25% to 16%). 44% men and women actually admit their dogs get more room in bed than they do!

\* Canine custody is no laughing matter. If things go awry with your significant other, be prepared for a battle. Sixty percent of dog owners say if they split up with their significant other, they'd definitely get the dog. Married dog owners were more than twice as likely as their single counterparts to say they'd have to call in Judge Judy to settle ownership (14% to 6%).

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## How to recognize/treat separation anxiety in your dog

Do you often come home and find that your dog has completely destroyed something in your home? Are you at your wits end in trying to determine why your pet is acting out the way it does? Though it may seem your dog is simply displaying mischievous behavior, the underlying truth is he/she may just desperately miss you when you leave. Separation anxiety is a common and often misunderstood disorder among our canine friends. In fact, you may notice that this is not the first time we've covered this topic. Separation anxiety can sometimes be tricky to figure out and to treat. Therefore we're constantly working hard to find new methods and ideas that we can pass along to you.

"All dogs are social animals and need and want to be with us," says Fawn Richards, owner of 4 My Dogz, LLC, a professional pet training studio in Sussex. "Any dog that is left alone over and over, day after day, and not given the appropriate amount of exercise and attention they need can develop separation anxiety."

Common signs that may indicate separation anxiety, according to Richards include:

- Digging at a door area, tearing up carpet by the door, lifting the linoleum near the door you leave through
- Excessive barking when left alone
- Urinating, defecating, vomiting, excessive salivating when left home alone.

Though it isn't fully understood why some dogs experience separation anxiety and others don't, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) points out that the destruction or soiling that often occur with separation anxiety is not the dog's attempt to punish or seek revenge on his/her owner, but is instead a part of panic response.

"Sometimes separation anxiety behaviors can be the result of a traumatic event in

your dog's life such as a house fire, burglary or home alarm sounding off," says Richards.

Some dogs adopted from humane societies and shelters can be more likely to display separation anxiety behaviors as well, she adds. Dogs with severe cases of separation anxiety cannot be left alone for much longer than 10-15 minutes before they panic and start to show anxiety behaviors.

To help alleviate your dog's negative behavior, Richards suggests teaching your dog that he or she does not need to be afraid when left home alone. "In many cases it may just be a matter of the dog being bored and needing something to do when you leave him home. In this case using items like rubber Kongs or hollow cow bones filled with good things such as peanut butter, treats, cream cheeses, canned dog food, yogurt, etc. can help. After filling these items with the yummy treats, freeze them. When you are ready to leave, do not make a big deal out leaving. Quietly put your dog in the same place every time, give him the Kong and leave."

"If boredom is not the case and the dog is suffering from separation anxiety, then you need to begin desensitizing, which takes time, commitment and consistency from everyone in the home," Richards explains.

"A crate is the best place to keep your dog when you need to leave the house," she adds. "It's a safe way to keep him secure and prevent him from getting into things that could harm him."

If you do not wish to use a crate, you can also do short exercises of desensitization practice with your dog, says Richards. HSUS reports that desensitizing requires a systematic process of getting your dog used to being alone. In doing so, you must teach your dog to remain calm during "practice" departures and short absences.

"Dogs can learn our routines too," Richards concurs. "For instance a dog can learn that every time you go to pick up your keys, you leave. This can trigger your dog's anxiety, so try keeping your keys in the pocket of your coat, so as not to jingle them when you leave."

As we continue to educate ourselves on new techniques to help calm our canine companions during episodes of separation anxiety, look for additional articles where we'll share what we've learned.

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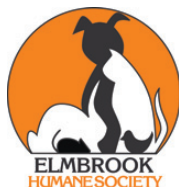
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Either way, it looks like you're in the market for a dog trainer. Sounds simple enough, right? Their ads, books and phone numbers are everywhere; they fill up sections in the bookstore, in the yellow pages, and on the poster boards in the pet stores. But you don't want to find just any trainer, you want the right trainer, so your dog doesn't become that dog. Well, roll up your sleeves, because it's going to take a little grunt work to find the perfect dog trainer for you.

When scouting out a trainer, don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions. After all this is your best friend you're talking about. Ask about their previous experience, how long they've been training, if they're part of any professional organizations or if they participate in any continuing education. Also, if there is a specific problem you're dealing with, such as a shy or aggressive dog, ask what skills they have in that particular area.

Make sure that the trainer uses methods you approve of. A qualified, experienced individual will never resort to harsh handling such as kicking, hanging or beating. If anyone ever treats your pet in a manner you disapprove of, speak up and then grab fluffy and head somewhere else.

To be sure that the trainer is someone you're comfortable with, ask to sit in on a class. Most will be more than happy to welcome you in. Notice how the trainer interacts with the owners in addition to the pooches. There are two sides to every leash and you want someone who can recognize that. Are they friendly and

receptive to questions? Do they train the humans as well as they do the pets, also meaning no harsh human handling methods? While training your dog is a lot of work, class should still be fun for both of you.

While you're in class, ask the other owners how they enjoy it. Are they getting all they expected? How are they and their pets treated? Consider asking the trainer if he or she can provide references, such as prior students or employees. Ask your friends, family, veterinarian, groomers, or anyone else you can think of if there is someone they can recommend. Scattered throughout this article are advertisements from local dog trainers. Review their offerings and see if one is located in your area.

You want someone who is committed to your dog's overall health. A good trainer will always require that students be up to date on vaccines, parasite free and not carrying fleas. They should also take the time to teach dog care, especially in a puppy class.

In addition to being committed to your pet, are they devoted to dogs in general? Do they behave ethically and put the well being of canine companions before profit? Not that they should run class for free, but maybe they volunteer at a humane society training dogs or offer free public instruction on dog safety at local pet shows or exhibitions. While it may not be a requirement of yours, it's certainly someone who is making a lifetime commitment to bettering the human canine relationship, not just looking for a few extra dollars.

Some trainers offer guarantees. It up to you whether that's important. While it sounds promising, it's hard to guarantee something with so many variables. All dogs are different, even within the same breed some animals just respond better than others. All owners are different, some put in more effort than others. Be sure to discuss what is being guaranteed before signing up for a class. If you don't like the instructor another round in the

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# BREED PROFILE:

## *The Dalmatian*

### The Delightful Dalmatian

Man's best friend is his dog. Never-the-less, some best friends are content to sit quietly in the corner and keep to themselves. Not the Dalmatian.

Perhaps more than any other breed, the Dalmatian has a compulsive need to be in the mix of the action and absolutely at the heels of his family members. According to Lori Holz of Brown Deer, this breed stays very close to the human pack and is referred to as the "Velcro" dog. Says Holz, "They have personalities that are so people-like. Having a Dalmatian is like having another person living in your house. They like to be next to you where ever you are."

The Finn family of Dousman have had the pleasure of two Dalmatians as part of their household mix. First Liberty, and now Lucky, occupy special places in their hearts. "It's like adopting a kid," explains Joann Finn, "Lucky can't stand separation, refuses to use his dog house, and needs to be where the action is all the time."

The Dalmatian is often referenced as the "Firehouse Dog" and with good reason. In addition to being a loyal and eager companion for the firefighter, the Dalmatian loves a job. Experts agree that Dalmatians are an ancient breed with characteristics for running and working. They were a perfect pairing with horses and were capable of hustling for hundreds of miles alongside chariots, carriages, and then steam engines. Dalmatians are fairly large dogs; adult males can be two feet tall and weigh approximately sixty pounds while females will be slightly smaller. More than a mascot, the Dalmatian loves to please and may go into the community with the emergency team personnel making fire-safety presentations to schools or other civic groups. Dal-Savers Rescue of Milwaukee recently placed a Dal with a fireman in the Allouez/Green Bay Fire Department, and previously placed one in a Chicago area fire station as well.



The same characteristics that make the Dalmatian so suitable for working also cause this dog to be easily bored. This is a canine of very high energy, definitely "not an apartment dog" according to Shelley Karnopp of Luxemburg, who has fostered over 30 Dals. A Dalmatian loves retrieving balls, chasing frisbees, herding, chewing on toys, going for walks, lure coursing, greeting other dogs, sniffing out new smells, hiking, learning tricks, freestyle dancing, water sports and games, just to name a few. "They are very intelligent and therefore, very easy to train if you use positive methods. They are loyal and also protective," explains Holtz.

A Dalmatian is also known as a "smiler." Shelley Karnopp says that Dals have temperaments similar to humans and are very good at reading emotion. When a Dalmatian smiles, he curls his lip and



shows off his teeth, just like his family members. A Dal may also smile to show submission or when he thinks he may be in trouble, but it is usually just a simple show of affection.

It was the "beautiful, unusual coat" of the Dalmatian that first attracted Joann Finn and her family to the breed. Indeed, the spots of a purebred Dalmatian make him recognizable to everyone. "Their entire coat makes them a very striking animal, very classy and elegant looking," says Cheryl Hentz of Oshkosh, who has been keeping company with Dals for seven years. Although most of us immediately think black and white when we consider a Dalmatian, the breed can often be liver and white in color as well. The brown spotting can range from a light brown to a dark chocolate color. Dal puppies are generally born pure white, with the spots appearing in the first two weeks of life. Wisconsin winters and the Dalmatian, however, can be an issue. The short coat of the Dal renders them unsuitable to remain outdoors for very long. Responsible Dal owners will provide



their dogs with a sweater or coat if they will be outside for more than 10 or 15 minutes in our colder Wisconsin weather. It's also said that Dals do not have a "doggy" odor and are therefore thought of as a very clean breed.

For the prospective family considering a Dalmatian, there is no better place to start than with the rescue organizations. The Finn family did just that and not only learned everything they never knew about the breed, they also found the



opportunity to consider many different dogs and examine their varied personalities. After the adoption process, the Finns also found that the socializing activities offered through the rescue group were beneficial to Lucky and the rest of his family. SOS Dal Rescue, Inc. of Brown Deer, where Lori Holz donates her time, is a resource for the public, owners, adopters, shelters, and other rescue organizations. This hardworking and highly trained group of volunteers provides education, training, and behavior modification for the Dalmatian breed. Dal-Savers Dalmatian Rescue, Inc., is another Milwaukee-area nonprofit volunteer rescue organization dedicated to rescuing and adopting homeless Dalmatians, serving Wisconsin and Illinois. "Absolutely check out the rescues," advises Joann, "there are many worthy Dals to choose from and the rescue personnel do an excellent job of helping to match dog to family based on characteristics of both."

Despite what's been said on occasion about the Dalmatian breed, it's only myth and rumor about Dals and children. Like any breed, you can always find a Dalmatian that doesn't care for little kids, but that has more to do with the individual dog, according to Cheryl Hentz, who volunteers her time and resources to Dal-Savers Rescue. In perusing the Dal-Savers Rescue web site for adoptable dogs, it is apparent that the majority of spotted candidates are listed as family oriented and "good with children". Indeed, Overall, Dals are terrific with kids and are as drawn to them as kids are to Dals. Cheryl says that if you take a Dal for a walk down any street and there's a kid around you'll hear them yell with delight, "Mommy, look -- a Dalmatian!"

**Deb Voss Quail** is a writer living in Oconomowoc. Duke, her fearless terrier, helps her parent four teens. Duke also keeps track of every passing hour and lets Deb know when it's time for their daily walk.

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Dan received the Voluntary Action Award for the Dane County Humane Society and has worked as a Badger Kennel Club trainer. Bonded and insured, the Sykoras are members of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters.

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### 3 Friday

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

### 4 Saturday

**What:** Tellington TTouch Workshop  
**When:** Sat. & Sun., 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants,  
 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

### 5 Sunday

**What:** Valentine's Day Photos  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Info:** 262-679-6776

### 10 Friday

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

### 11 Saturday

**What:** Canine Massage (Great Valentine's Day Gift!)  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (only \$15/session)  
**Info:** 262-679-6776

**What:** Canine Massage (Great Valentine's Day Gift!)  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Info:** 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

### 12 Sunday

**What:** Great Lakes Pet Expo  
**Where:** Milwaukee Co. Sports Complex,  
 60th & Ryan Rd.  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Info:** www.aware-wi.com

**What:** Valentine's Day Photos w/ SliderPhoto  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (reservations suggested)  
**Info:** 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

**What:** "Working w/ Crystals" by Rebecca Moravec  
**Where:** For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago  
**When:** 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070

### 13 Monday

**What:** Scratch-n-Dent Adoption Event  
**Where:** Elmbrook Humane Society, Brookfield  
**When:** 13-19  
**Info:** 262-782-9261, www.ebhs.org

### 16 Thursday

**What:** Life Skills for Puppies  
**When:** 7:45 p.m. Start of 8-week session.  
**Where:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants,  
 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

### 17 Friday

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

### What:

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

### 18 Saturday

**What:** Nail Trimming  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
**When:** 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (only \$10)  
**Info:** 262-679-6776

### 19 Sunday

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

### 20 Monday

**What:** Pet Food Nutrition Seminar by Wysong  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
**When:** 4:00 p.m. (FREE!!)  
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### 24 Friday

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

### What:

**Where:** Yappy Hour  
**Where:** Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield  
**When:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (FREE)  
**Info:** 414-289-7785

### What:

**Where:** Obedience Run Thrus  
**Where:** Western Waukesha Co. Dog Training  
 Club, Ixonia  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
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### 25 Saturday

**What:** Positive Dog Training Session  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
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**Info:** 262-679-6776

### 28 Tuesday

**What:** Grand Opening: Companion Animal  
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**Where:** Southridge Mall, Greenfield  
**When:** 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Info:** www.companionanimal.org, 414-975-0344

### Every Thursday

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

### Every Saturday

**What:** Puppy Parties  
**Where:** Central Bark Doggy Day Care, Downtown  
**When:** Noon (Starting Oct. 1st)  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070

### Who:

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

### Every Sunday

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

### What:

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

### Who:

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

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# Hair of the Dog

## Winter Grooming

Letting your dog's coat grow long in winter is a great way to keep him warm, but it requires maintenance, either at home or at a professional salon. Long coats will tangle and form mats if not brushed regularly, and when that tangled coat gets wet with rain and snow, it becomes an uncomfortable mess for you and your dog. Mats hold moisture, which can chill your pet and ultimately cause skin problems. A long coat can keep your pet warm, but only if it is clean and fluffy, not dirty and matted.

For breeds that grow continually such as poodles, shih-tzus, and terriers, a gentle slicker brush and metal comb work best, and proper technique will make all the difference. It is important to brush gently, but make sure you are getting to the skin, and not just the top of the coat. Mats will hide down at the skin, while the outside of the coat looks smooth and pretty. Get in there with that comb! Be sure to brush more than the visible parts of the dog. Chins, armpits, and bellies get matted the worst. Brush the inside of legs as well as the outside, and don't forget between the toes!

If the tangles have gotten out of hand, and can no longer humanely be brushed out, it is better to remove the mats with a short trim. Even if your matted pet needs to be shaved in winter, it is better for him to wear a sweater for a few months than have a matted coat.

Dog skin can get dry just like ours does, and a soothing oatmeal bath and moisturizing treatment can combat the winter dander and itch. If bathing at home, be sure to brush and comb your pet thoroughly before bathing. Mats hold soap and tighten as they dry, causing skin discomfort. Choose a shampoo made especially for dogs, and be sure to rinse, rinse, rinse. Frequent bathing can dry out skin and coat, so bathe no more than once a week. If using a blow dryer, set on low or cool, as dogs can burn easily. Sometimes a blanket or pile of towels in a kennel or

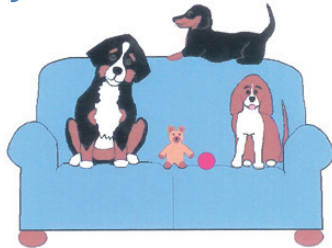
small room with a fan is just right to dry a dog that "hates" the blow dryer!

Not everyone has the time or space to keep up on home grooming. If this is the case, consider a professional groomer. Going to the groomer does not necessarily mean a haircut. Your pet styling professional can help you set up a maintenance schedule to keep your pet's long winter

locks looking, and dry winter skin feeling great until spring!

**Helena Buettner** has 11 years of professional pet styling experience, and has a degree in Animal Science. Helena is a member of the International Society of Canine Cosmetologists and is currently working to achieve Master Stylist Certification. Pets are Pheebee the poodle and Balthazar the cat. Helena Buettner owns and operates Madra Pet Styling. 414-332-2289 [www.madrapetstyling.com](http://www.madrapetstyling.com)

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class won't seem like such a good deal. One you found that special someone remember to not squander all your hard work by taking training passively. Training your dog is on going lifetime commitment. As my trainer told me, "Training your dog is an investment, you

have to be willing to put in to see a return."

Surrounding this article are Dog Trainers that cover various cities throughout southeast Wisconsin. Each of them is available to discuss your specific training needs and to be a resource from puppy months through adult years. Feel free to give them a call today.

Keri Meyer has spent her life surrounded by the joy of companion animals. She's worked, volunteered and educated others to provide a better life for pets and their people. She now spends her days writing and spending time in the company of her friends and family, both with and without fur.

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February 28th is also Spay Day USA, an annual occasion hosted by the Doris Day Animal Foundation. The purpose of Spay Day USA is to save the lives of homeless animals through the spay or neuter of our pets and feral cats. To help showcase this occasion, the Center will feature an art exhibit by local young artists depicting this year's theme, "Do it for Love."

The Companion Animal Resource & Adoption Center's hours will be Tuesdays & Wednesdays, noon - 7:00 p.m., Saturdays, noon - 7:00 p.m., and Sundays, noon - 6:00 p.m. Viewing of animals is also available by appointment. You can contact the Center at 414-975-0344 or [www.companionanimal.org](http://www.companionanimal.org).

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