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After you've found what you're looking for, keep surfing our website. You'll find a listing of every local dog park, breed rescue groups, and canine pics of neighborhood pooches. Plus, the Event Calendar lists activities for you and your companions. And if you don't think your companion will behave at these events, check out the Training Calendar for listings of training classes in over a dozen topics from pet trainers throughout southeast Wisconsin.

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Ask the VET

Question: Although I routinely clean my dog's ears, it seems he still gets infections. Why?

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

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

Causes

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

of some other bodily infection or ear mite infestation.

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

Symptoms

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

Diagnosis and Treatment

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

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

to the pet, sedation or anesthesia may be necessary to complete the exam.

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

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

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

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

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

Medicating

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

Prognosis

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

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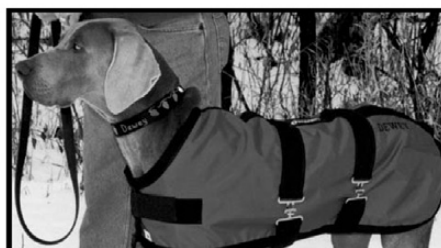
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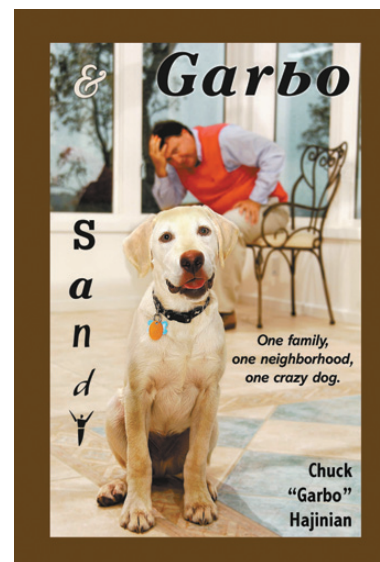
We, as dog lovers, love to read about the antics of other canine companions. Why? Because we can relate, or at least take a little pleasure in finding out someone else is living with a crazy, unpredictable, wacked-out, goofy, loveable, sweet, wouldn't-change-a-thing-in-the-world best friend. But how do you find a book like that when every year bookstores seem to take in new tales like strays. While many of those new narratives may be a good read, we've found a book that also hits you exactly where you live. *Sandy and Garbo* was written by Delafield native Chuck "Garbo" Hajinian. Written from the perspective of "Garbo," with commentaries by his yellow Labrador, "Sandy", this story is a humorous look at an American-Armenian family and an amazing dog.

Reluctant to get a dog at first, Hajinian was finally talked into it by his wife and daughters. He simply couldn't imagine having to deal with a puppy in the house amidst the family's hectic schedule. However, from the minute Sandy arrived, she found a way to his heart and the hearts of everyone around her. *Sandy and Garbo* is a poignant story of a dog's life with her beloved family and the entire neighborhood that grew to love her. Intelligent and mischievous, Sandy could lighten up nearly any situation or create drama in the most calm and peaceful moments. Her life story shows that even though having a pet may not be at the top of everyone's list, they have a way of winning your heart and becoming a major part of your life.

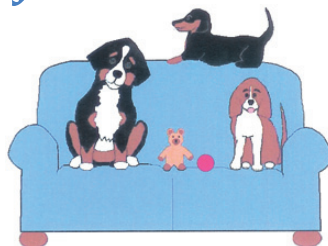
Beautifully written by Hajinian, *Sandy and Garbo* is a must read for pet-lovers everywhere, and especially for those undecided about having an animal in their homes. You will laugh and cry as page after page chronicles Sandy's adventures with the Hajinian family.

Sandy and Garbo is available at fine bookstores everywhere, such as Schwartz Book Stores, Barnes and Noble at Brookfield Square, Martha Merrill Book Store in Waukesha or at www.sandyandgarbo.com and also from the author at hajinian@yahoo.com.

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Training Bits

Identifying Cause of Aggression

Knowing the cause can help determine the solution.

Aggressive dogs may exhibit only threats such as growling, posturing or snapping, but aggression often includes a serious bite to a human. There are many causes of aggression in dogs. Before you go down the path of determining a solution, it may help to first understand the cause. Look through the list below for common causes of aggression:

Agonistic: Personality conflict between two dogs without another cause.

Barrier Frustration: A barrier (for example, the dog is tied up) causes frustration. The dog can't escape, so it attacks.

Competitive: Housemate dogs who fight, usually over social status.

Displaced: The aggressive intent was redirected from one target to another.

Dominance aggression: The dog mistakenly thinks he runs the house and reacts to a conflict situation with a known family member by turning aggressive.

Drug-induced: While on certain medications, a dog's perceptions may be affected and cause aggression.

Encephalopathic: Aggression caused by a medical condition in the brain (for example, epilepsy).

Fear-induced aggression: A dog that growls or snaps when afraid thinks he is fighting for his life. Because of a combination of genetic tendencies, early experience and sometimes abuse, a dog with this type of aggression that cannot escape when cornered will attack. During the growling, snapping or attack, the dog shows fear postures such as crouching with its tail between its legs.

Food guarding: The dog has the mistaken idea that people take food instead of give it.

Improper socialization: The dog may have been isolated as a puppy and socially stunted, causing aggression.

Intra-sex: Female dogs who fight only female dogs, or male dogs who fight only male dogs.

Irritable: This type of aggression is due to a medical problem that lowers a dog's aggression threshold.

Maternal protective: This type of aggression occurs in females when their young are present.

Owner protective: While this type of aggression is sometimes appropriate, some dogs may display aggression inappropriately in this role.

Pack response: Dogs act differently when in a group. Some may show aggression when in a group.

Pain-induced: This is a reflex aggression designed to relieve pain.

Play escalation: Some aggression starts as play such as roughhousing, and may escalate to aggression.

Possessive: Aggression associated with possessing toys or stolen non-food objects.

Territorial: The dog may display aggression in conjunction with inappropriate guarding of an area, such as the owner's home.

Trained: Some dogs are trained to bite people and may become confused and mistakenly show aggression or bite a person when not instructed to.

Unintentionally learned: Some people pet an aggressive dog to try to calm him. This action is understood by the pet as positive reinforcement or praise of the aggressive behavior so the behavior continues.

If you do have a canine companion showing signs of aggression, hopefully one of the causes above stands out. Now what? Professional dog trainers, dog behaviorists, and veterinarians are the best resource to help modify your dog's behavior away from aggression. To assist in determining the appropriate treatment and behavior modification, take this list with you as a guide to finding the best solutions.



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BULLDOG

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Bulldog Makes the List for First Time in Nearly 75 Years; Labrador Retriever Continues to Fetch Top Spot

The American Kennel Club® announced that the Bulldog, a popular sports team mascot and one of the most recognizable and iconic purebred dogs, has muscled its way into the 10th spot on the organization's annual list of the most popular breeds in America according to AKC®'s 2007 registration figures. The Labrador Retriever retains the title of "Top Dog"- a position it has now held for 17 consecutive years.

"This is the first time the Bulldog has made it onto the top ten list since 1935," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "This breed appeals to a very wide range of dog lovers so it's no surprise that it is a favorite amongst AKC's 157 breeds. The Bulldog is both docile and adaptive, and can thrive in small or large homes. It's an excellent all-around family pet."

The Bulldog was first recognized by the AKC in 1886 - just two years after the organization's founding - and was most popular in 1915* when it peaked in 5th place. The breed's popularity ebbed and flowed throughout the mid-20th century, but since hitting a low of 41st place in 1973, its ranking has steadily increased.

2007 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

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| 1. Labrador Retriever | 2. Yorkshire Terrier |
| 3. German Shepherd Dog | 4. Golden Retriever |
| 5. Beagle | 6. Boxer |
| 7. Dachshund | 8. Poodle |
| 9. Shih Tzu | 10. Bulldog |

MILWAUKEE'S TOP DOGS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Labrador Retriever | 2. German Shepherd |
| 3. Golden Retriever | 4. Rottweiler |
| 5. Boxer | 6. Beagle |
| 7. Cocker Spaniel** | 8. Poodle |
| 9. Pug | 10. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel |

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The nationally popular Yorkshire Terrier, Shih Tzu, Bulldog and Dachshund are replaced by the Rottweiler, Pug, Cocker Spaniel and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in Milwaukee.

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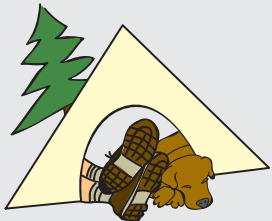
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It is unusual to have the Rottweiler in the Top 10 and especially remarkable that it placed 4th in Milwaukee. The breed ranks 15th nationally.

Milwaukee residents can see and learn more about all of their favorite breeds on Saturday, February 2 when the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship - where the world's top dogs compete for \$225,000 in prize money and the title of "National Champion" - airs on Animal Planet from 8-11pm.

"Milwaukee's top ten list had quite a few surprises," says AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Most cities have the Dachshund and the Yorkie on their lists and very few contain the Rottweiler. However, when it comes to the top dogs, Milwaukee still loves the national favorites above all. The Lab, Golden and German Shepherd took the top three spots."

The American Kennel Club, founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5, 000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 20,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog trials. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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Wednesday Feb. 13th, 6:15 p.m.

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Shall We Cook or Eat Off the Shelf?

Remember when Grandma and Grandpa fed their dog scraps from the dinner table? Ah yes, the simple life. Today's choices and opinions regarding what's best for our dogs can actually rival the confusion of diet choices for ourselves. A few basic considerations can help: your pet's specific needs, advice that you personally find credible, your available storage space, and available time in your life and kitchen for food prep.

While the commercial pet food recalls have influenced many folks to purchase human grade ingredients and prepare their pets' meals at home, the trend for some started several years ago. For example, Waukesha's Joni Olson started preparing food as a last resort for her 8-year-old Shepherd. He had bad hips, and she thought she'd have to put him down. Her holistic vet recommended that she make his food, so Olson turned to Dr. Richard Pitcairn's "Natural Health Care for Dogs and Cats." "I also made sure he got his supplements, including glucosamine chondroitin," she says. "He came right back and lived until he was 13."

Olson, a volunteer for German Shepherd Rescue Alliance of Wisconsin (gsraw.com), now has three dogs—two Shepherd mixes and one purebred. She finds it too much to cook regular meals for all three. But Olson finds it easy enough to prepare a big pot of chicken bouillon, oatmeal, and leftover vegetables every week. Each dog gets a "big dollop of this over vitamins. It's a cover!" she explains. In addition to their "vitamin cover," they get a quality commercial dog food and some yogurt.

Olson makes her own chicken jerky and sweet potato treats in a dehydrator and bakes dog biscuits in her oven. "I use different kinds of flour along with pumpkin or sweet potato," she explains. "I like to cook, and I like to bake, but I tell you the look in the dogs' eyes when I pull that out of the oven!"

Including supplements in homemade diets can help ensure nutritionally complete and properly balanced meals. Some vets

warn against taking on this responsibility and recommend either sticking to high-quality commercial pet food or strictly following guidelines and recipes on websites such as petdiets.com. There is no shortage of information out there, in fact the research can be overwhelming. Some websites require users to register and pay for information and/or recipes.

There is also no shortage of theories and opinions; it can be confusing. You'll read in one place a recommended balance of 40% protein, 30% grain, and 30% vegetables, while another authority will warn against using any grains due to allergies. Again, after thorough research and careful consideration, your final analysis needs to come from your personal beliefs, the prep routine your lifestyle will accommodate, and what feels "right" for you and your pets. Flexibility and a willingness to change course if necessary seem to be key as well. For example, what may have worked well for one dog, may be unrealistic time-wise if your canine family expands to two or three. Also, as your pet ages, your recipe quite possibly will need to adjust.

Over ten years ago, Bay View's Diane Herold tried cooking for her last two dogs—Bear, a Shepherd mix and Keesha, a

Lab mix—to relieve skin allergies, urinary infections, and digestive issues. "The vet wasn't helping, and both dogs kept getting worse," says Herold. She did her research and came across the book by Dr. Pitcairn, which made sense to her, so she tried his recipes for Bear and Keesha. "I think the diet change did a lot for them both," says Herold. "They no longer had the skin allergies and some of their other problems. While the digestive issue never completely resolved, it greatly improved." Both dogs enjoyed a healthy life into old age.

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A Story of Rescue

Thanks to the rescue efforts of Don Jacobson, John Condon and Cindy Fredricksen, a 3 year old Sheltie named "Tuppence" was saved and reunited with its owner. The dog was reported lost to MADACC on November 27th by the brother of the owner (the owner was vacationing in Ireland and left her dog in his care). Tuppence had been adopted at a shelter and was a little skittish, so the brother's owner had a hard time handling the dog and he ran away.

Cindy filled out a "Lost Animal" report and continued to update the brother's owner of the calls that came into MADACC from community members that spotted Tuppence, while also sending Don out to the locations to try to rescue the dog. Don tried to set a trap but the dog would not enter it.

Then finally on December 11th, Don and John were able to rescue Tuppence using a hand net! The dog was brought to MADACC and kept safe while Cindy notified the brother's owner. He came into MADACC and actually decided to keep Tuppence at MADACC for a few more days until his sister, the owner, returned to Wauwatosa from Ireland. He was afraid that the dog would get away from him again. The dog's owner did come in and redeem Tuppence.

Tuppence managed to survive two weeks out in the brutal Wisconsin winter. Community members would leave food out for him at night and he would retreat to a wooded area and den in a hollowed out tree trunk (see picture below).

Thanks very much to Don, John and Cindy for this collaborative rescue effort of Tuppence!

About Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC)

MADACC provides animal regulation and care services which protect the health, public safety and welfare of people and animals in Milwaukee County.

MADACC currently rescues and assures safe, temporary shelter, veterinary and humane care for nearly 13,000 stray, unwanted, abandoned, mistreated and injured animals each year - more than any other animal shelter in Wisconsin. MADACC provides a central location for owners to find and recover their lost pets at 3839 W. Burnham St. in West Milwaukee and is open seven days a week, including evening hours on weekdays. MADACC removes dangerous and stray animals from public areas providing effective animal control services by active enforcement of Wisconsin State Statutes pertaining to animal welfare. MADACC is an organization charged with the responsibility of rescuing thousands of lost and homeless animals and animals suffering from cruelty, neglect and indifference.

Animal Care and Control facilities are often referred to derogatorily as "the pound." They are often one of the most misunderstood organizations in any community. Although their mission

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Most people are guilty of sneaking their animal a quick bite and unfortunately, it can be the beginning of severe health problems. Animals who are overfed - and in turn become overweight - are more at risk for diabetes and arthritis, as well as skin, respiratory and urinary problems. Table scraps are also a leading cause of digestive problems.

The Wisconsin Humane Society would like to remind guardians of the following tips to keep their animals trim, healthy and off the table!

- Do it cold turkey: Stop feeding table scraps to your little beggar. Now.

- Establish a feeding schedule and stick with it. It is also suggested that you discuss the schedule with your veterinarian to determine appropriate portions.

- Talk with your veterinarian about a healthy diet for your animals. He or she can recommend nutritious foods that don't contain a lot of fillers.

- There is a large normal weight range for cats and dogs due to varied body structures. When gently stroking your animal, you should not be able to feel the ribs and backbone. However, if you press lightly, you should be able to feel both ribs and backbone.

Sparky and Mr. Whiskers should receive daily exercise - walks for your pooch and playtime for your feline. When it's really cold outside, consider bringing well-socialized dogs to "Pooch Playtime" at the Wisconsin Humane Society. Register at www.wihumane.org.

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BARKING Book Review:

Squirrel's Series of Unfortunate Events

Ever look into a rescued dog's eyes and wonder "what's your story?" Ann M. Martin has and spins out the tale in *A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray*, as she follows a sweet-natured wild dog named Squirrel through her melancholy life.

Written from Squirrel's point of view, Martin describes Squirrel's puppyhood: knowing her mother, brother and a shed at the edge of a country estate with many other animals. Living as a Ferrell dog, Squirrel is taught to fear humans (and it turns out for good reason) while learning the hard facts of survival. Martin doesn't hide the truth about animal behavior, noted with a blunt description of the third puppy brother who was too small and weak, so mother tossed him from the dog's bed to whimper twice and be silent. Yikes.

The heart wrenching events that befall Squirrel start only a few months after her birth as her and her kin begin their lifetime clash with humans. While there

are some that would deserve the title of a dog's best friend, such as a boy named Matthias and later Dr. Roth, a soft-handed veterinarian, Squirrel's story is overshadowed by the scourge of dog owners. After leaving the country estate, Squirrel and her brother are scooped up by George and Marci, who are the type of people who simply don't understand dogs. The couple took Squirrel and her brother home because they were cute. They had no idea how to be puppy parents, forgetting even that puppies need to be let outside often to go the bathroom. Finally, the swatting, scolding and overall painful experience is ended when George throws both puppies out the window at a mall and drives off.

At the mall, Squirrel and her brother are separated by a woman who only wants one dog, and leaves Squirrel alone. Lonely, Squirrel meets Moon, who she travels with until so hungry, they bolt across a street where there's another clash of human and canine, where moon doesn't come off so well. Squirrel gets taken to a very nice vet and for a moment you think Martin is approaching a happy ending, but when Squirrel is adopted by a family of four it's possibly the worst family of humans in the book. While not outwardly cruel they refer to Squirrel as their summer dog and slowly cease to think of or care for her as the summer wanes and they return to the city in the fall - simply heartless.

But, Martin eventually redeems Squirrel's tragedies with a heartwarming end-

ing - I won't give it away, but it involves two old ladies. Adolescents, who the book is written for, will find it satisfying. (You might recognize Ann M. Martin from other books, she's written many, including a somewhat dated series called *The Babysitters Club*.)

Filled with details about the world as it may appear to a dog, Martin gives the reader vivid snatches, like when Squirrel smells kids, but sees them dressed in costumes and wearing paint. They are collecting candy, which she eats some of, but knows to avoid chocolate since it makes her stomach hurt. Martin plays with color too, like green, the color of the fur trees inside people's house yet Squirrel admits is a color she can't see. One shortcoming of the book is how Martin jumps from Squirrel's obvious dogness (such as her name which she got because it's a thing important to a dog) and things a dog wouldn't know, such as Squirrel's description of holiday ornaments on a tree as glittery. I'm not sure a dog would know about glitter.

Admittedly the book starts out a little slow, but the reader is soon plunged into Squirrel's adventures, which are sure to pull on the heart strings in much the way the classics like *Lassie* and *Old Yeller* do, but with the fresh perspective of the dog herself.

Emily Reformat is a dog lover and long-time writer who just isn't content without a pen in hand and the prod of a cold nose.

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Today Herold prepares a raw diet for her 10-year-old Pit Bull Hero and 14-month-old Belgian Malinois mix Hershey. Neither dog gets kibble or canned food, "but I do use one of the commercially prepared raw meats," explained Herold. She purchases fruits and vegetables at Outpost Natural Foods-carrots, apples, kale, celery, lettuce, zucchini-and grinds them in a food processor, a week's worth at a time. She stores the veggie/fruit mix in plastic containers in the refrigerator, and mixes in the raw meat as she serves it. The weekly process takes her close to two hours. "It's a sink full of fruits and vegetables to prepare," she says. The dogs also get flax oil and a daily food based, multi-supplement from Standard Process.

While homemade diets certainly seem to bring their own rewards, both to you and your pets, a few possible drawbacks also need consideration before making the commitment: affordability-homemade is likely to cost more; portability if you travel with your dog; or feasibility if your dog stays home or is boarded while you're away.

"Making it easy is really the key," says Olson. "If it's not easy, you're not going to do it."

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Jean Scherwenka loves dogs, writing, and the opportunity to combine the two in her articles for Fetch Magazine.

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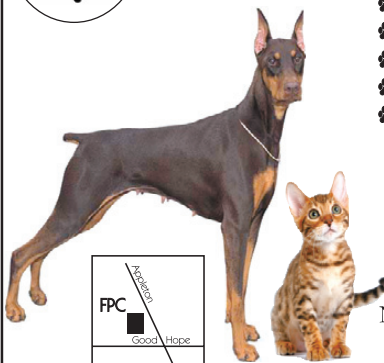


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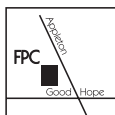


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Charlie Bear Dog Treats

Ava Gordon is one of those lucky people who loves her job and gets to bring her dog to work everyday. Actually, Ava works from home and brings her work to her three year old Corgi and German Shepherd mix, Suerte. Ava is the Brand Manager and sole dedicated employee for Charlee Bear Pet Products (a subsidiary of Wixon, Inc.). Suerte, whose name means "Lucky" in Spanish, certainly earned his name due to Ava bringing him home as a rescue from a trip to Costa Rica. And, he ended up in the enviable position of living in a house with an unending supply of Charlee Bear treats.

Those little flying saucer-shaped treats have been around for 15 years and originally started in Madison, Wisconsin. Steve Brown, a well known nutritional consultant focusing on dog diets, developed the treats because he couldn't find any low calorie training treats that were easy to take everywhere. Ava helped him from the start with marketing, packaging and selling in stores. Ava points out that Charlee Bear treats "were one of the leaders in the whole concept of low calorie treats and the concern with dog obesity."

Ava enthuses "The whole idea was to create healthy products that enforce the bond between people and dogs. It is a connection that shows up in the world in more than

people and their dogs because it teaches children responsibility and love. There has been a lot of research that shows the way that people treat dogs is often connected with how people treat each other."

What makes Charlee Bear treats so good? The two current flavors are liver and a cheese and egg combination. Ava states, "The main goal was to keep the ingredients very simple and the ingredient list really understandable so that people could see that these were just simple, wholesome ingredients. There is no sugar, no artificial colors, no artificial flavors, and no artificial preservatives. Basically just a really wholesome treat that has ingredients that dogs like. Plus, the dogs really like the crunch and they won't make a mess in your pocket." Since all the ingredients are from the USA, Charlee Bear was not affected by the recent pet food scare.

Was there a real Charlee Bear dog? Yes, Steve Brown adopted a dog called Charlee from a California pound that everyone said looked like a bear. Everyone loved him and called him Charlee Bear. Steve even went on to introduce a breed called Charlee Bear dogs. Zach, one of the descendants of the original Charlee Bear, appears on the treat package. Ava says Zach would go on sales calls and was the perfect "business dog." He was well-mannered and would sit quietly under the table.



The future looks bright for Charlee Bear products. Well, bright PINK actually. Coming in February 2008, just in time for Valentines Day, will be a bright pink package with a new flavor: turkey liver and cranberries. These ingredients were chosen because turkey is a good protein source and cranberries are known for their antioxidant qualities.

Charlee Bear Pet Products feels it is important to provide a low calorie treat that maintains the human and dog bond and aids in training. Training and the love of dogs is so important that they send a lot of free samples for goodie bags to dog clubs, rescue fundraisers and assistance dog programs.

Ava emphasizes, "I am not just a salesperson. This has always been a mission driven purpose. This is not just a business. This is a cause. This is doing some good in the world. It creates love between people and their dogs and keeps the dogs healthy."

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Marie Tubbin loves spending time with her two best buddies, her husband, Mike and her dog, Louie. She met Mike at Burger King and Louie at HAWS and considers those two of the luckiest days of her life.



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Finding Fido

While the best defense against a lost pet is prevention, it still pays to know what to do ahead of time should the worst happen. Most owners walk around the neighborhood calling out their dog's name and posting flyers, but could they be doing better? With all the advances of modern society, haven't we improved our lost dog protocol?

Signs, Signs, Everywhere are Signs

OK, so while this is pretty old school it is still a great tool for finding your dog. Problem is most people do a lousy job at it. Think how many unreadable signs you see while waiting at a red light. The writing is small, there's a lot of it, and there's a grainy black and white image of something that could be a dog then the light turns green and you go on with your day. Not exactly memorable, was it?

The Missing Pet Partnership recommends the 'Five words-five seconds' rule. You get five words to make an impact in five seconds. "Lost Tri-Colored Beagle Reward" gets more information across quickly than simply saying lost dog. Use a large marker on a big piece of brightly colored poster board so that it's easily visible and check its condition often.

Meet the Neighbors

The more people looking for your dog means there a greater chance of getting him back. Sure, it can be uncomfortable knocking on doors of neighbors you never bothered to meet, but if it brings your baby home it's worth it. Hand out fliers with your pet's description and your cell number and always have your cell on. Children are great at helping out. While it's never ok to ask for their help in searching (can we say stranger danger?), their frequent time outside and propensity to play in parks and other popular pet areas means they might get a good visual on your dog.

Decorate the yard and bring a friend

Something you might not have thought of before is to leave some of your pet's favorite toys and blankets in the yard. Scent is just as attractive as sound in

helping your friend find his way home. For those of us that also fancy felines, use a litter box for finding fluffy. While canvassing the neighborhood, take your dog's favorite canine companion, and encourage him to make noise. The sound of his best friend calling could be enough to lure your pup to you.

Pet Detective - not just for movies anymore

So if you're still not having any luck, it might be time to call in a professional. Yes, there are professional pet detectives. While Ace Ventura brought laughs, it did nothing for the credibility of the profession. Real pet detectives have been trained in many of the same techniques used to find lost people. They have access to specialized equipment like search cameras and listening devices, and they might have a tracking dog trained to find lost pets. A national directory of pet detectives can be found at lostpet.org.

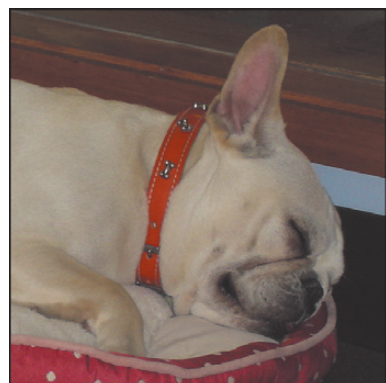
GPS - for your Ford and your Fido

A recent excursion in a rental car with a lousy map in Colorado taught me what a lifesaver GPS can be. Now instead of finding a popular tourist destination, you can find your dog. Companies like Global Pet Finder have created GPS devices that fit onto the dog's collar. If

your dog goes outside the boundaries you set, a text message will be sent to your cell phone alerting you of his whereabouts. While it does require a little forethought and a hefty chunk of change with systems starting just under \$300, it could be a small price to pay for peace of mind.

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







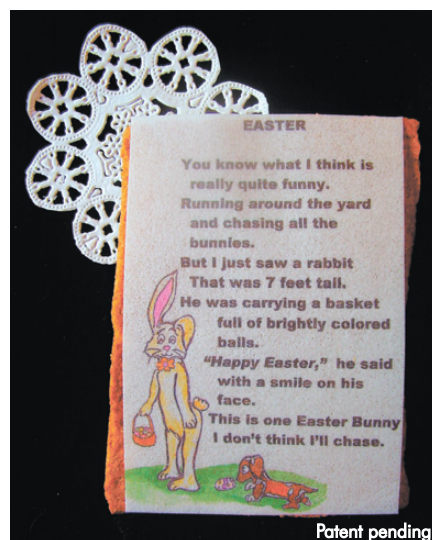
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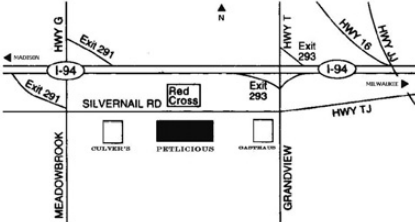
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The Lhasa Apso

Though the Lhasa Apso can sometimes come across as regal and hoity toity, this headstrong and protective breed is very much the contrary. Originating from Tibet, the Lhasa Apso is a breed that has remained unchanged for centuries and though it is fastidious by nature, they are also serious little guard dogs. What they lack in size they can certainly make up for in bark.

According to the American Kennel Club (AKC), the Lhasa Apso is also known in Tibet as Abso Seng Kye, or the "Bark Lion Sentinel Dog." These small wonders were originally used as special dwelling guard dogs. While large mastiffs were kept outside to prevent intruders from entering a residence, Lhasa Apsos were kept inside as special "indoor" guards. Because of this work, the small breed quickly adapted their intelligence and quick hearing to develop a finely tuned instinct for distinguishing strangers from family members.

Along with the Tibetan Spaniel and Tibetan Terrier, the Lhasa Apso is one of three natively Tibetan breeds in the AKC Non-Sporting Group. It was also the first of the three admitted to the AKC in 1935.

"The fact that Lhasa Apsos are a very independent breed, their goal in life is not necessarily to please their owner," says Sandy Brunelli-Kornkven, director of LhasaLuv Dog Rescue, Inc. of Mukwonago. "This is quite different from most breeds of dogs and why Lhasa Apsos are a breed that is not for everybody."

Because of their protective instinct, Lhasas are highly intelligent and while they can be trained in obedience using the right methods of positive reinforcement, they are not by nature an obedient breed, adds Brunelli-Kornkven.

"The Lhasa Apso has a curious, loving and stubborn personality," explains Jan Graunke, a registered merit breeder of AKC champion Lhasa Apsos in Manitowoc. "They can be quite silly and happy, but they can also be protective.



Most breeders' puppies are well socialized which gives the puppy a happy personality. Puppies that are handled from birth and have a lot of stimulation grow up to be happy little guard dogs. Unfortunately, there are some Lhasas that are not as well socialized nor trained, these dogs can become aggressive."

Because of the nature of the breed, both Graunke and Brunelli-Kornkven do not recommend the Lhasa Apso to homes with young children, usually under the age of 14. "The reason behind this is simple," explains Brunelli-Kornkven, "a good majority of Lhasa Apsos surrendered to shelters/rescues, in our rescue at least 75-80 percent, are given up because they bit or nipped a child, most commonly a child between the ages of 2-8. Lhasas are very notorious for being intolerant of children. Unfortunately, many of the Lhasas that come into rescue either have been manhandled roughly by a child or teased so they are quick to nip at them. However, if a Lhasa Apso is acquired by a reputable breeder and socialized with children at a very young age they can be good with children. The children must be taught to be respectful of the dog."

Despite their fastidious tendencies, however, the Lhasa Apso is a popular breed in many households. "Lhasas make good pets because they are loyal companions - a large dog in a compact body," says Graunke.

"They have a natural tendency towards being wary of strangers, but their loyalty to their family is one of their most wonderful traits," adds Brunelli-Kornkven. "Lhasas do have a mind of their own and are

definitely not pushovers to raise and train. Many are quite willful, stubborn, and want to be the "Top Dog" in the home, so to speak."

Though wary of strangers, Lhasas can also be playful and are very well-mannered house dogs. Requiring minimal exercise (usually a daily walk to maintain a healthy weight); they can be great companions for condo or small home owners. "Many owners enjoy the human-like qualities Lhasas have because of their





expressive facial features and their ability to be very sensitive to their owner's human feelings," adds Brunelli-Kornkven.

Along with being an intelligent little guard dog, the Lhasa Apso is also a popular show breed. According to the AKC the coat of a Lhasa Apso can range from heavy, straight, hard, not woolly nor silky, of good length, and very dense. With such variations, this is a breed that requires a certain amount of grooming.

"A good grooming routine that starts as a puppy to maintain a healthy coat is the best approach," says Graunke. "Learning to be groomed by brushing, clipping, bathing and blow drying keeps the Lhasa healthy and clean. We recommend that the Lhasa go to the groomer every six weeks or that the owners learn to maintain the coat themselves."



Though the Lhasa Apso is considered a healthy, hardy breed, several common health issues can arise including cherry eyes (third eyelid eversion), hernias and teeth issues, says Graunke. There are also several very serious health conditions such as kidney disease and liver shunts. "Both of these are occurring less and less due to research and proper breeding. Reputable breeders know their dog's pedigree and know their genetics."

For Graunke, the Lhasa Apso stands out from other breeds because of its medium size, soft, serene eyes, and playful attitude. "The Lhasa is a big dog in a little dog body. The beautiful coat takes a lot of work, but at a dog show is so beautiful that it can take your breathe away. They live a long time and that was important to us - a lifelong companion."



With a long life-span (an average of 14-15 years, though many live longer), a long memory and a protective attitude, the Lhasa Apso is certainly a lovable breed. However when acquiring a dog or puppy, both women agree that adopting or purchasing from a reputable breeder or rescue organization is paramount.

"The Lhasa Apso has and is being exploited by puppy mills because of its hardiness and litter size, says Graunke. "Do your homework. Ask questions. See the parents, littermates, grandparents. Check references - ask for references. Get the names of breeders from the parent club, such as the American Lhasa Apso Club."

"Lhasas are not dogs that should be spoiled or babied," adds Brunelli-Kornkven. "They are dogs that require a very strong dominant owner. This is why it is imperative people really explore the breed they are considering before they bring the dog into their home. It will save a lot of heartache in the long run."

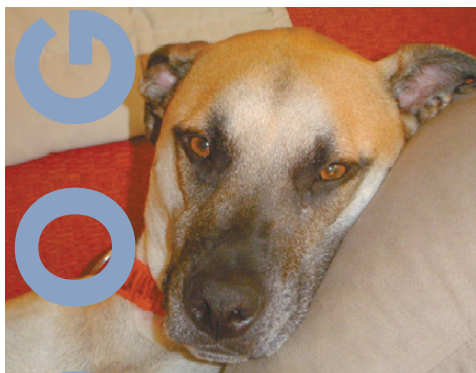
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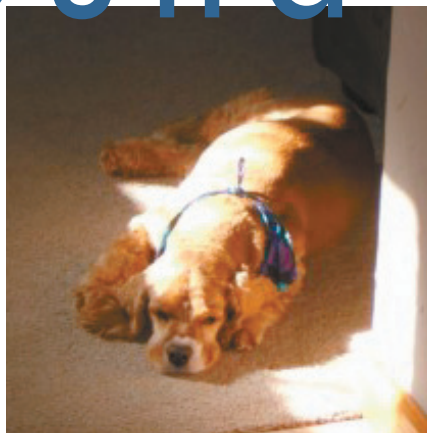
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Event Calendar

February 2008

1 Friday

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

3 Sunday

What: Nail Clipping (dog, cat, bunnies)
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: 2:00pm - 3:00pm (\$8 cash only please)
Info: 414-444-4110, www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

What: Pooches Play Groups (Only \$5)
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: Noon (Small Dogs <10lbs)
1:15pm (Puppies <6mos), 2:30pm (Adults >6mos)
Current Vaccinations Please
Info: 414-444-4110, www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

6 Wednesday

What: Homeopathy Consults w. Kate Morse
Where: Animal Doctor Annex, Muskego
When: 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Info: 414-422-1300, www.animaldoctormuskego.com

8 Friday

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

What: Obedience & Rally Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: Gate entries (6:30-7pm), Run thrus 7pm
Info: www.cudahykennelclub.org

9 Saturday

What: Reiki I Class w/ Jeanette
Where: Animal Doctor Annex, Muskego
When: Noon - 4:00pm
Info: 414-422-1300, www.animaldoctormuskego.com

10 Sunday

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

What: Pooches Play Groups (Only \$5)
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: Noon (Small Dogs <10lbs)
1:15pm (Puppies <6mos), 2:30pm (Adults >6mos)
Current Vaccinations Please
Info: 414-444-4110, www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

12 Tuesday

What: Young Living Oil Demonstration
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: 6:30pm - 8:00pm (\$8 per person)
Info: 414-444-4110, www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

15 Friday

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

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

What: Agility Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: Gate entries (6:30-7pm), Run thrus 7pm
Info: www.cudahykennelclub.org

16 Saturday

What: Canine Massage
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

17 Sunday

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

What: Pooches Play Groups (Only \$5)
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: Noon (Small Dogs <10lbs)
1:15pm (Puppies <6mos), 2:30pm (Adults >6mos)
Current Vaccinations Please
Info: 414-444-4110, www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

20 Wednesday

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca
Where: Animal Doctor Annex, Muskego
When: 2:00pm - 6:00pm
Info: 414-422-1300, www.animaldoctormuskego.com

What: Homeopathy Consults w. Kate Morse
Where: Animal Doctor Annex, Muskego
When: 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Info: 414-422-1300, www.animaldoctormuskego.com

22 Friday

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

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

23 Saturday

What: Reiki II Class w/ Jeanette
Where: Animal Doctor Annex, Muskego
When: Noon - 4:00pm
Info: 414-422-1300, www.animaldoctormuskego.com

24 Sunday

What: Pooches Play Groups (Only \$5)
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: Noon (Small Dogs <10lbs)
1:15pm (Puppies <6mos), 2:30pm (Adults >6mos)
Current Vaccinations Please
Info: 414-444-4110, www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

29 Friday

What: Yappy Hour
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Info: 414-289-7785

Every Sunday

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

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

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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

Give a hand... to save a Paw

There is an unfortunate situation that occurs everyday, without fail...a pet is either turned in to animal control or a stray animal is captured and finds a steel cage as his new home. When a dog or cat finds himself at animal control, known in southeast Wisconsin as Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC), they quickly realize there is a revolving door policy. At some point, usually within a couple weeks, the animal becomes adoptable - but not at MADACC.

If the animal is a cat, they go shopping. Well, actually, you can visit available cats when you go shopping. In Southridge Mall, located by Sears, is an extension of MADACC called Companion Animal Resource and Adoption Center (CARAC). Here you can view cats available for adoption and submit an application to make one a member of your family.

If the animal available for adoption is a dog, a local breed rescue group may welcome him into their family as a foster. If there isn't a group able to foster the dog, they also can end up at CARAC but unlike the cats, canines are not housed at Southridge Mall. Dogs that are awaiting a new family live in foster care and are available for viewing at Petsmart in Greenfield every Saturday from noon to 3:00pm.

The Companion Animal Resource and Adoption Center (CARAC) will be celebrating two years at Southridge Mall at the end of February and during that time they have located homes for over 1,000 animals from MADACC!

Named "Best Rescue" by the Shepherd Express for 2007, CARAC takes great pride helping an animal move from the cages of animal control to the warm bed of their new owner. It's a task that's repeated everyday by dozens of volunteers who give up countless hours to find homes quickly for these animals. After all, there will be more coming in tomorrow.

So, how can you "Lend a hand...to save a Paw?" CARAC has recently been granted permission to renovate its facility in Southridge Mall to include cat living rooms to replace the cages. We're asking you to consider making a donation to help build this new living space and for items that will be used when animals find this to be their temporary home.

Visit www.companionanimal.org or call 414-421-8881 for more information.



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Donations can also be made on-line at www.companionanimal.org or in person at the adoption center during open hours.

It is the mission of the Companion Animal Resource and Adoption Center to facilitate an adoption center to place available animals from the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission into loving, permanent homes as well as provide behavior consultations, humane education programs, spay/neuter assistance, and when appropriate, re-homing services for eligible companion animals in the greater Milwaukee area.

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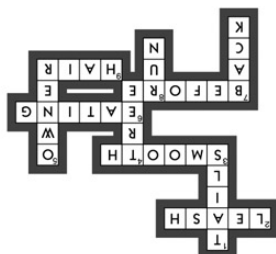
Down

1. Don't tug on dogs' _____.
4. If a loose dog approaches you, stand very still like a _____.
5. Don't approach a dog without its _____.
7. Before you pet a dog, let it sniff the _____ of your hand.
8. Never _____ when you see a loose dog.

Across

2. Dogs should be kept on a _____ when walking in public places such as the park or near a playground.
3. When a dog's coat is _____ along its back, it may be relaxed.
6. Never disturb a dog while it's _____.
7. Always ask permission _____ petting a dog.
9. When a dog's _____ is raised along its back, it may not be in a friendly mood.

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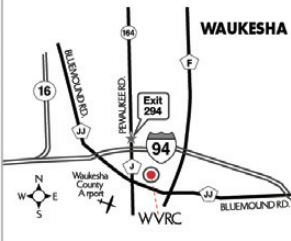
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