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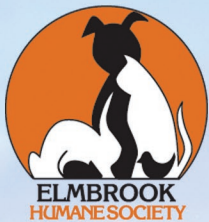
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Awww.....meet Munchkin, but don't get too attached. This four-year-old Maltese belongs to Craig Bodhoh of Wauwatosa, who's just as smitten as we are. When Munchkin is not out breaking hearts, he's at home with playmates Barney and Scrubbs. When Craig took Munchkin home from the Northcentral Maltese Rescue, we're pretty sure he didn't realize that this little cutie would one day grace the cover of Fetch. But then Craig admits that this boy knows exactly what he wants, and how to get it. Just one look at those eyes, and we heartily agree.

When you're done admiring our cover boy, keep reading. The 2011 Fall Fetch issue is a horn o' plenty so fill up your Thanksgiving plate with all our articles and special features. We know you'll be grateful you did.

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Editors' Letter

Dear Fetch Readers,

Welcome to our Fall issue! This time of the year brings wonderful sunny days, cool nights and LOTS of things to do with our dogs. Be sure to check our Calendar of Events. It is available both in this issue and online at fetchmag.com. Find fun things to do like classes, dog walk fundraisers and dog fairs.

With this issue, we continue some features that made their debut in the last issue. This includes the Spotlight Series with articles focusing on us dog lovers. The Adoptables listings have been expanded wherever space allows. And, Backyard Quotables, one of my favorite new pieces, which features your comments on different topics, is back. This time the topic focuses on your dog's favorite toy. *Fetch Magazine* will enlist the help of our Facebook and Twitter fans to create our winter segment of Backyard Quotables. So be sure to check us out on facebook.com/fetchmag and twitter.com/fetchmag!

In this issue we are introducing *Yip! The Voice of Young Readers*. The article is written by a youngster who went to vet camp. I laugh because while I read the article I found myself making faces at some of the examination processes. I could never be a vet! We are hoping more young people will submit articles for *Yip!* Please see all the details at the end of the *Yip!* article on page 34.

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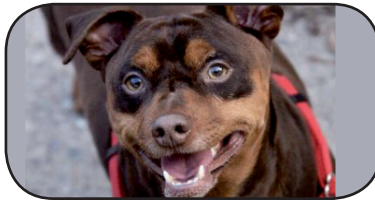
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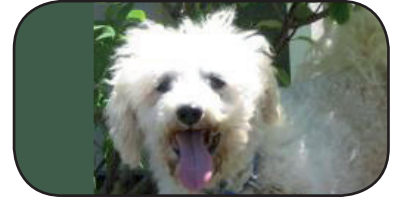
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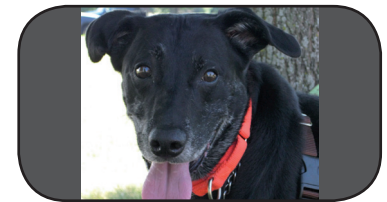
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Jasmine came in as a stray 6 months ago. She is partially blind in both eyes and a bit hard of hearing too but enjoys life fully! Jasmine is silly, spunky & loves nothing more than to romp outside like a pup! Despite her 120 pounds she walks extremely well on leash! Jasmine is good with kids over 12 years.



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Harley is a very low key 6 year old black lab mix. He'll be fine in a house with cats, dogs and kids as long as they don't disturb his "chill out" time. Harley has a rare condition called Fibrocartilaginous Embolism, which means his rear legs do not work correctly. He's not in pain, but sometimes stairs and uneven surfaces can be troublesome for him, so he'll need an understanding household to help out a little.



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Hi I'm Mandy, a 6-year-old, female Labrador Retriever mix. A friendly, social girl, I love spending time with my foster family. Ideal day is a quiet stroll, mini play sessions with my foster siblings, laying in the shade & getting my coat brushed. My new family will need to help me with my doggy weight watchers program. I'm a pretty laid back girl & am ready for a loving, forever home.



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This 5-year-old calm, sweet Shepherd mix with great brown eyes needs help to overcome shyness. Fred is good with kids & dogs. He's easy-going, loves attention & car rides are just the greatest! Fred has a quirky need to chew things like blankets and Kong toys, so he'll need supervision and gradual introductions to those things.



Fetch Spotlight Series:

Therapy Dog Team:

Ruth Driever and Bessie

"It's a great gig. You walk into a room and people smile. You make them happy." According to Ruth Driever, that is the best thing about forming a therapy dog team with her nine year old Golden Retriever, Bessie.

The seed for participating in a therapy dog program came long before Bessie arrived on her doorstep though. Ruth had a dog trainer friend who held therapy dog classes and then took the class to a nursing home at the end of the session. Ruth tagged along. She was amazed at the effect that the dogs had on the residents. They sat up straighter. They smiled. They reached out.

Bessie was five years old when Ruth brought her home after deciding to "just go look" at some adult dogs that were available. Ruth took Bessie to school to meet her special education pre-schoolers. Bessie was just amazing with the children.

When asked how to get involved in therapy dog programs, Ruth recommends that the dog and owner take a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) class and test. CGC is a good way to see how a dog responds to such things as loud noises, someone with an unsteady walk and groups of people. The next step is to take a therapy dog class. Ruth and Bessie are a registered therapy dog team with the Delta Society. Every two years, dogs are re-evaluated by Delta Society to ensure that the experience is still enjoyable for the dogs. As for Bessie, her tail still starts wagging every time Ruth takes out the therapy dog scarf for Bessie to wear "on the job".

Ruth and Bessie visit a variety of

places including libraries, hospitals, adults with disabilities centers and nursing homes. Bessie's calm manner makes her perfect to participate in the Read to Rover program. The kids smile when they see her. A child will sit down and Bessie will put her head in the child's lap. They will lie down next to her and put their hand on her paw. They'll even lay on her like she is a big pillow, and Bessie enjoys that very much.

At Columbia St. Mary's, the team visits patients in the oncology and the Intensive Care units as well as patients on the floor. Bessie doesn't do tricks



but rather puts her head in people's laps and waves to them as she leaves. Bessie changes the atmosphere when she comes in the room. For example, a waiting room is typically filled with hushed groups of people talking quietly amongst their own group. When Bessie arrives people start talking to each other. They reach out and touch the dog. Ruth says, "I can't find the words to describe what happens when a dog comes in the room, but it changes things."

At a recent hospital visit, there was a gentleman hugging and kissing Bessie and showing Ruth pictures of his own dog. The gentleman told them that they were the highlight of his

day. Ruth contemplates, "It took 10 minutes out of my day, and it made a difference. I have been blessed with a great dog. I have to share her."

For the past three years, the team also has been visiting Portal Industries which is a facility in Grafton for adults with disabilities. Portal Industries places people in the workforce in roles like mail carriers, grocery store stockers or baggers. Bessie and Ruth participate with a Visiting Friends group of 6 to 8 other therapy dog teams. Portal Industries has a great activities director. There are extensive recreation activities available such as attending baseball games or visiting farms. When the therapy dogs visit, they'll do such things as Dog Jeopardy (like dog trivia) or Dog Olympics (agility course). During the presidential campaign, Pups for President was the activity with a dog elected to be president!

Another group that Ruth and Bessie are involved in is Health Heelers. Health Heelers is a professional therapy dog service actively involved in many programs including Easter Seals camp and after school programs. By working with the dogs, kids learn cooperation by working in small groups. They do things like making paw print art or trying to get the dog to maneuver around cones without touching the dog. They have made dog biscuits together which helps with fine motor skills for tasks such as rolling out the dough. Then the dog biscuits were packaged and given to shelters.

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Ruth states, "Therapy Dog work exposes you to different populations. Children with disabilities. People with cancer. Bessie is so calm and giving. Her nature makes me a better person. It makes me more patient and understanding. She has taught me to be more tolerant and understanding of other people."

For Ruth, the hardest thing about therapy dog work is "We can't do everything that we want to do. There are so many people at different facilities that definitely want therapy dogs to visit. We just can't go to all the places we would like to visit. More teams are needed."

Marie Tubbin

Marie Tubbin wears many hats at Fetch Magazine, but her roots are in writing. When not working on Fetch, Marie can be found hanging out with her two best buddies. She met her husband, Mike, at Burger King and her dog, Louie, at HAWS. She considers these two of the luckiest days of her life right along with the day when Fetch arrived and became a part of her life.

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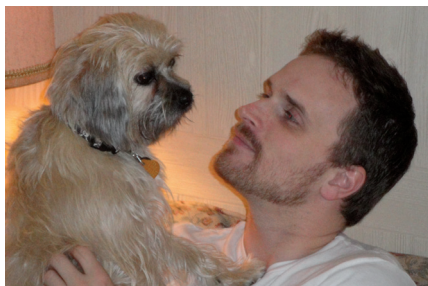
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You would not expect a 6-foot-something, tattooed correctional officer to have a dog that is a 17-pound ball of fluff. With all the negativity that his job at a prison can bring, when Weezy welcomes Nick Chmielinski home by dropping on the floor and staring at him in happiness, Weezy makes the whole day better.

Nick and a former girlfriend got Weezy, a 2½ year old Pug Beagle Shih Tzu Terrier mix, after the girlfriend kept asking to get a dog. When the relationship ended,

Weezy and Nick remained together. Nick says, "Weezy has a piece of my heart. She is the dog I initially didn't want but now can't imagine living without." Weezy broke his heart the first time Nick laid his eyes on her. She was about 7 pounds, mahogany brown-black with a little pug face and no nose. She morphed into an entirely different-looking dog as she grew. She became light colored and grew a snout!

It isn't easy being a single dog parent. Luckily, Nick's Mom and Dad welcome Weezy for "sleepovers" when Nick has a long, sometimes 16 hour shift. Weezy is a spoiled granddog as evidenced by the "I love my granddoggy" refrigerator magnet. She takes over the bed. She sleeps on the pillows. She'll lay spread-eagled with the ceiling fan blowing right on her. "Grandpa" checks the yard with a flashlight for raccoons before letting Weezy out at night. Grandpa has no willpower over Weezy's winsome face. She usually comes home from her sleepovers with a belly full of treats.

Weezy loves everyone and gets along with all animals. Nick's Mom and Dad have a cat named Karen.

Weezy and Karen are best buddies.

A well-trained dog, Weezy knows how to sit, doesn't need a leash and usually listens well. When sitting on the couch she'll put her back up against the back of the couch and sit like a human. She is definitely a man's dog because she has collars for the Brewers, the Packers and one with skull and crossbones. She has been known to have her hair styled into a Mohawk when feeling particularly "tough".

Adjusting to single life with a dog has meant less spontaneity for Nick. He feels bad having to be away from her due to work so he tries to spend his time off with her. When people are over, Weezy is always the center of attention though. No matter how many people are visiting, Weezy makes sure to spend a few minutes with each person "sharing the love" and then starts the process all over again. Her face is very expressive. You can tell when she is happy. She'll smile. When she is really, really happy, her tongue goes to the left and her tail wags like a helicopter. Thanks to the help of his family, Nick and Weezy plan on making each other happy for years to come.

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Magnificent Maltese - A Handful of Devotion

You can hold an adult Maltese in the palm of your hand. The breed standard according to the American Kennel Club (AKC) weighs less than 7 pounds, preferably 4-6 pounds. Once known as “Ye ancient dogge of Malta,” named for the place they were first recognized, the little dog has been considered an aristocrat of the canine world for over 28 centuries. Classified today as a toy breed, the Maltese has not been bred down in size. According to the AKC, the ancient dogs of Malta were the same size as the Maltese of today.

The dog’s ancient lineage has made it difficult to place the exact origin of the breed. Some historians guess Malta or Sicily, while others speculate Egypt or southern Europe. Their size made for such easy travel that their masters traveled all over the world with them. This later added to the difficulty in pinning down the dog’s origin. They were seen and left evidence of their presence in many locations.

Throughout their history, the Maltese have been symbols of status. They were seated in the laps of royalty, companions to women in the harems of Egypt and accessories in the arms of the elite during the eras of Roman and Greek Empires. Maltese first came to America in the mid-nineteenth century, and in 1888 the AKC accepted the breed for registration. Today, the little dog is no longer considered a symbol of status but remains the ultimate loving companion, and the perfect lap dog.

The breed standard, according

to the AKC, flaunts a long and flat, white, silky coat with black “points,” meaning eyes, nose, foot pads, and what looks like eyeliner, but isn’t. The long, hairy plume tail waves gracefully over the little dog’s back. He has no undercoat, so shedding is minimal, making him a great choice for people with allergies.



Bred as a companion dog, nothing more was expected of him, and he has always fulfilled his mission. His lifespan is 13 to 16 years, but has been known to live to 19. Among the gentlest of all the little dogs, he is also brave and fearless, energetic and playful. According to the AKC, Maltese are extremely intelligent and affectionate.

“They’re just great little dogs,” says Georgia Polansky, a former Wisconsin breeder and present owner of three Maltese. “In general they are excellent companion dogs. Very cuddly, faithful, and once neutered, they are very easy going.” She’s found that they are “really popular with single people and older adults. They’re so easy to manage and carry around.”

If ever you’ve doubted the advice to thoroughly research a breed before deciding on the right dog for you, this breed confirms your need to do that. “Maltese are very high maintenance dogs,” says Mary Palmer, President of Northcentral Maltese Rescue, Inc. (NMR). Really? How could that small handful of adorable dog be high maintenance? The

Maltese coat is actually hair, so it grows like human or Poodle hair. The upkeep on their silky, white coat requires considerable time and money. “If hair is kept long, they need combing, at least once a day, ideally twice,” explains Palmer. “Their hair mattes easily and can cause real problems.” One of the dogs she rescued was matted so terribly, she had to shave the dog. His hair had formed a rug-like fabric that was pulling and tearing his skin.

Okay, so you’re not going to show your Maltese, and you don’t plan to style and maintain the long flowing coat that dust mops your floors every day. In that case, the puppy cut your dog will need requires groomer visits every 4-6 weeks, says Palmer. And of course, he needs his teeth brushed every day. Small doesn’t necessarily mean easier!

Children are the most common reason for Maltese coming to the rescue. When Polansky was breeding and selling Maltese, she usually did not sell to families with small children. A toddler learning to walk is a serious accident waiting to happen in a home with a Maltese. “People often get their dog before having children,” says NMR’s Palmer. “Because the dog is high maintenance,” she adds.

nance, parents then find they no longer have the kind of time their dog needs. Add to that, the drastic change in attention is hard on the dog."

Because the Maltese is so smart, he reaps great benefits from obedience training. "He will probably be the first in the class to learn his lessons," according to NMR. Learning the basic commands - sit, stay, down, come, no - will provide nice bonding time and will enhance your relationship.

One of the saddest reasons these little dogs who crave companionship end up in rescue is when they suffer separation anxiety from spending too much time alone. "Maltese are very social animals. They were bred to be companion dogs, and they thrive on love and attention," according to NMR. They are not meant to spend 6-8 hours alone, and they don't handle it well. It goes against their nature and causes serious problems. If your lifestyle

keeps you away from home for long periods of time each day, a Maltese might not be the best choice for you. A daily dog walker or doggy daycare may help the situation, but they love family best. Their attachment is deep.

Northcentral Maltese Rescue is a publicly funded, non-profit organization in Racine, Wisconsin, and they rescue Maltese nationwide. Think you might like a Maltese? NMR says, "If you can commit time and attention to a Maltese, your home will be filled with laughter, your life with love. That's the true magic of these little dogs." Is NMR's motto calling you? "Choose Love . . . Rescue A Maltese."

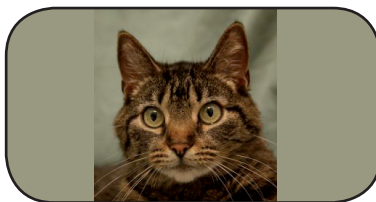
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FIDO FEST 2011 HELPS CHANGE MICHAEL VICK PROPERTY

In 2007, NFL player, Michael Vick made national news for his connection with an illegal interstate dog fighting ring on his property in Virginia. The news became one of the notorious and tragic cases of animal cruelty of our time. Today, a passionate effort is underway to turn that same place of tragedy into a place of hope for neglected dogs everywhere.

Central Bark's Fido Fest will help transform the former Michael Vick property into The Good Newz Rehab Center for Chained and Penned Dogs. The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. The event will take place at 6442 River Parkway, the Central Bark

Doggy Day Care in Wauwatosa.

Join Central Bark for the ultimate day out with your favorite pooch! This fun filled event includes activities for both two-legged and four-legged family members! All proceeds benefit Dogs Deserve Better, a national rescue organization that has purchased Michael Vick's former Bad News Kennels and will turn the property into the Good Newz Rehab Center. The Center will be a sanctuary and place of rehabilitation for dogs that have been neglected and spent their life on a chain.

Central Bark Doggy Day Care is a national chain, specializing in doggy day care, grooming, and dog training services, with more than 15 centers located in the Milwaukee area alone. The Central Bark staff hopes you'll

join them for some great food, music, and fun activities while helping change the lives of neglected and chained dogs everywhere. Some of the activities will include:

- Great Raffle Prizes including a 50/50 raffle
- Animal Communicator
- Ask The Trainer Booth
- Supervised Off Leash Play Area For Dogs
- Bobbing For Hot Dogs
- Loose Leash Obstacle Course
- Paw Painting
- Nail Trims
- Live Music

Leashed and socialized dogs are welcome to attend. For more information on the event, or how you can help, please contact Central Bark Doggy Day Care at: (414) 234-6112.

PET BURIALS AT SEA

New England Burials At Sea, (NEBAS), serving families from Maine to Miami with burial at sea scatterings for humans, has recently announced a new service – Pet Burials at Sea to memorialize beloved, furry and feathered friends. NEBAS company founder Captain Brad White now provides a dignified “celebration of life” ash scattering ceremony for pets. Pet burial services include a burial certificate marking the time, date, latitude and longitude of the ash scattering ceremony.

Capt. White explained, “We know that pets are also beloved members of any family and we treat their ash scattering ceremonies with deep respect and seriousness. Families may obtain better closure from an ash scattering at sea ceremony that celebrates and commemorates their cherished pet.”

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LOST DOGS OF WISCONSIN

Lost Dogs of Wisconsin is a volunteer group dedicated to helping reunite lost dogs with their owners, and educate the public on lost dog prevention and dog safety. You can find them on Facebook (facebook.com/findfido) which is their primary source of communication with the public. Lost Dogs of Wisconsin is a FREE service. Dog owners fill out a lost dog report which is found on the main page. An email is sent to the lost dog owner which includes a printable flyer of their lost dog with description and picture. This is also immediately posted on Facebook.

Then a trained (volunteer) caseworker will contact the lost dog owner by phone and go over important steps on what to do next. These suggested steps can increase the chances of finding a dog quickly and safely. Other volunteers check internet ads and posts on local animal shelters and rescues to see if they can find a match with any of the missing dogs.

The caseworker stays in touch with the owners offering advice, support and helpful tips throughout the search process. Lost Dogs of Wisconsin also provide the dog owners with other helpful resources, such as:

Websites: A list of helpful, well-known sites for lost dog owners.

PowerPoint presentations: Provides a visual understanding on what to do and why.

Phone Conferences: This helps to generate new ideas and recommendations for a specific or unique case.

Bittersweet Endings: Zip & Cody



Cody

They say lightning never strikes twice, but 911BC Search and Recovery founder A.J. Marhofke knows differently. Just two years after the death of Border Collie Molly Mae, his forensic evidence specialist, Marhofke is now dealing with another grim prognosis and equally devastating outcome. Zip, his 12-year-old search and rescue dog, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer. "It kills me because he still looks and acts fine," says Marhofke. "He's still happy and playful, and he'd search all day if I'd let him."

The diagnosis has signaled an end to Zip's brilliant search and rescue career. Recognized as one of Wisconsin's first search and rescue dogs, Zip and Marhofke have traveled across the country and conducted countless searches for missing individuals. One of the team's most notable work was done in New York following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. "Our job was on the DMORT (Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team), which is a division of FEMA," explains Marhofke. "We were stationed out on Staten Island where they dumped the debris and we had to sift through the rubble for remains."

Back home, Zip was recently recognized for his work in Wisconsin with two commendations: one from Gov. Scott Walker in June, and another from Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas in May. "To be recognized

like that made me really proud for my dog," Marhofke says. "All I've ever really wanted was to help people with my dogs and these dogs give so much, they deserve to be remembered." Molly Mae also received a commendation for her work from former Gov. Jim Doyle in 2009.

Though Zip's diagnosis has left Marhofke shaken, caring for him and training his younger dog, Cody, has given him some direction. "Zip is the best dog I have ever had, and one of the smartest," he says. "If he gets something in his brain, he's got it. He can do it. He's been very stoic and very good with all the medical stuff he's been through lately. He just takes it all in and keeps on going."

Though Zip is still holding steady, Marhofke knows their days together are numbered. "I have to give him a catheter a few times a day, and I definitely don't want him to suffer. He doesn't deserve that. When the time comes to put him down, I'll know. We all have to go through it. We don't like it, but we'll do it." When the day does arrive, Marhofke takes comfort in knowing that Zip and Molly Mae will be together again, and he'll go on as best he can with Cody. "Zip loves to be on the farm so he's going to be buried at a horse farm on a hill. We already have his monument planned out. The most important thing to me is to leave a legacy for Zip." The monument currently planned for Zip will read, "Zip, CSI Dog ... Noble, Flawless and Steadfast." "That's exactly what he is and how he'll be remembered," Marhofke says.

Jamie Klinger-Krebs

Jamie Klinger-Krebs is a freelance writer and web designer from Jefferson. She shares her home with her husband, daughter, two cats and one rambunctious Border Collie.



DON'T BUST THE BUDGET!

SAVE MONEY ON PET SUPPLIES & PRODUCTS FOR YOUR POOCH

We all want to pamper our pets, but affording all the luxuries isn't always possible. However, there still are ways to save a little money and still keep all of our family members healthy and happy.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

There are many things you can do at home to keep your pet healthy and avoid costly medical issues.

Spay/neuter your pets: Despite the initial cost, spaying or neutering your pet may save you money in the long run. Frank Mahler, hospital administrator for the Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals in Greenfield, believes that aside from avoiding unwanted pregnancies, spaying and neutering can help lower your pet's risk of several forms of cancers, reduce hormone-related diseases and lessen aggressive behaviors in males.

Vaccinations/preventative medications: Mahler states that some vaccinations are now required only every three years after the first booster shot. It's best to consult with the vet to make sure you are following the right vaccination requirements and avoid over-vaccination of your pet. Mahler also said that while some online services provide preventative medications such as heartworm medications, at a lower cost, it's still best to purchase it through your vet. Most manufacturers offer guarantees only if the product was purchased through a vet.

Teeth brushing: Brushing your pet's teeth can help fight dental disease and other issues. Mahler recommends brushing your pet's teeth daily with either a finger toothbrush or regular toothbrush and dog toothpaste (do not use human toothpaste). There are also some liquids now available that can be added to your pet's water to help keep teeth clean.

Medications: If your pet does need prescription medications, check your local pharmacy to see if they carry the needed medications or supplies. Pharmacies may offer discount programs and are often comparable, if not less expensive, than getting the medications from your vet.



Dog food: Read the package labels for recommended portions. Many owners do not realize they are over feeding their pets.

DO IT YOURSELF

According to Valerie Lesak, owner of Snipz and N' Tails in Milwaukee, there are many ways you can save some money by maintaining your dog between trips to the groomer. Simple weekend projects can also add to the savings.

Nail trimming: "If you take your dog on a good walk every day, that will help," she said. In many cases, walking your dog can help file his nails and keep from needing additional trims.

Brushing: Lesak said learning to brush your dog properly is also key. "Any groomer should show you how to brush properly," she said. For those

dogs with longer fur, talk with your groomer about which cut is easiest for you to maintain between visits.

Bathing: It's recommended to bathe your dog every four to six weeks. For smaller dogs, bathing at home may be easier. For the larger dogs, seek out self-service shops or look for groomers that offer specials.

Ear cleaning: To avoid costly infections, clean your dog's ears on a weekly basis.

Dog toys: There are many websites that offer instructions on how to make your own dog toys, – including a braided toy made from the legs of a couple of old pairs of jeans. Just make sure the toys are suitable and safe for your pet.

Dog treats: Save some money on dogs treats by making them yourself. A variety of recipe books are available. For additional savings, check them out from the local library, or purchase them at a used book store.

ROOM FOR ONE MORE?

If you feel ready to add another pet to your family consider rescue organizations that specialize in specific breeds or take a trip to a humane society like the Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS) or Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC).

Both WHS and MADACC offer adoptions at reasonable prices and occasionally have deals that make adoption even more affordable. "We always have some special going on and the best thing to do is check the website," said Allie Yoder, marketing coordinator for WHS. All pets are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and micro-chipped. Owners are given a certificate for a free vet visit. Visit wihumane.org, madacc.com, other humane societies or even fetchmag.com for a list of rescue groups.

LUXURY ITEMS

We all want to splurge on special items,
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Breath of Life: Pet Oxygen Masks

National Fire Prevention Week is October 9 to 15, 2011. You probably already have a fire detector in your home. Chances are you have a carbon monoxide alarm as well. You may even have an Alert Sticker posted on the front door of your home notifying firefighters of your pets inside. But, what do emergency personnel have in their arsenal to help your dog or cat survive smoke inhalation after your four-legged family member has been rescued from a burning building? If you live in Rock, Green or Dane County, Amy Roehl may have already answered that question for you.

The statistics are shocking. Smoke inhalation is the leading cause of fire-related deaths, accounting for approximately fifty to eighty percent of fatalities. When first responders arrive on the scene, they come equipped with masks designed for humans that form a seal over a person's nose and mouth to maximize oxygen intact. However, that same mask loses its effectiveness when fit over the muzzle of an animal, and the reality is that the smaller lungs of our dogs and cats make smoke inhalation that much more dangerous.

As a certified veterinary technician with Badger Veterinary Hospital in Janesville and Cambridge, Wisconsin, Amy Roehl has seen first-hand the effects of smoke inhalation on pets. "We

had two separate cases of smoke inhalation last year at our clinic. One ended well, the other not so well." In addition to her job as a certified vet technician, Amy also works a night job as an Emergency Medical Technician and is married to a firefighter. So when Amy came across an article on pet oxygen masks, she knew a good thing when she saw it. "Pets will always benefit from getting oxygen after a fire. With everything else that is going on, if they can at least get oxygen to that pet in the first ten minutes, even before the animal gets to the vet - that can be life changing."

The pet oxygen mask is a reusable, cylinder-shaped mask designed to fit over and around the muzzle of an animal. That customized shape means more oxygen and lives saved. As Amy added, "The Fort Atkinson Fire Department has this same mask and has had to actually use it twice. Both of those animals survived." The kit itself includes three different sized masks designed to accommodate any size creature, from a rodent to small livestock. Oxygen lines connect directly to the oxygen tank all emergency personnel carry with them to a call. The kit also includes a safety leash.

In January 2010, Badger Veterinary Hospital began working in conjunction with Advanced Restorations, a

family-owned disaster clean-up service of Madison, WI to sponsor pet oxygen masks for fire departments in Rock, Green and Dane Counties. From that original donation of a pet oxygen mask kit to the Edgerton Fire Department, seven other fire departments quickly also became recipients: Milton, Belleville, Cambridge, the Town of Beloit, Janesville (Station 5), Brodhead, and DeForest, Wisconsin. The donation to the Belleville Fire Department came after that department responded to a fire at a doggie day care.

What originally started out as a conversation between Amy Roehl and Andy Aelson of Advanced Restorations now has turned into a mission to donate pet oxygen masks to fifty fire departments in southern Wisconsin. Amy explained, "We began as a single community gesture. Now we've been able to raise \$3,250 from two fundraisers, and that money has been spent on donating kits to 50 fire departments." The donation aspect is crucial since fire departments are generally only allowed to spend tax dollar money on equipment meant to save human lives. Each kit costs approximately \$76 and is purchased from Wag'n Safety Gear (www.wagn4u.com). Amy even gets involved with the training for emergency responders by demonstrating how to use the equipment on her own Great Danes. As Amy summarized, "With this equipment, there's no doubt about it, pets always have a better chance of survival."

If you would like more information, either on the program or how you can contribute, Amy can be reached at aroehl@badgervet.com, or by phone at (608) 754-1888. Or consider sponsoring your own fire department with a private donation.

Lisa Terry

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Fashion Faux "Paws": Dressing Up Your Pet

Are there justifiable reasons to provide our beloved pooches with fashionable accessories and clothing? Whether you're a dog owner or not, some have the perspective that pampering and clothing a dog to be "fashionable" is unreasonable, maybe even to the point of being ridiculous. Others have the view that fashion, clothing and accessories for a dog is just another way to show their affection and love for their animal. Should we let dogs be dogs?

According to the American Pet Products Association, approximately \$48 billion was spent on pets in 2010. Of that, \$3.5 billion was spent on pet services. What drives pet owners across the United States to spend on their animals? Fashion aside, there are many possible benefits to providing clothing and accessories to dogs. The primary purpose is for health reasons such as protection, warmth, and even allergies.

Depending on the breed, age and climate in which they live, some dogs may benefit from being fitted with a sweater or specialized boots. Even for dogs that are not very fond of cold, harsh winters, a warm, dry sweater will provide an extra layer of comfort, especially for those without thick fur. Dog boots will assist in protecting feet from snow and

ice. For dogs (and owners) that are not fond of rainy seasons, owners can purchase dogs raincoats. Some owners provide their beloved pals with a shirt designed to help reduce anxiety during treacherous thunderstorms. Summer months have their perks for the pooches too, as dogs can benefit from special doggie life jackets and sun protectant clothing that can be useful during those sun-filled days.

In most cases, if a pet owner is already providing these types of garments for their dog, and has an opportunity to be fashion-forward with their pets, they will certainly take advantage of the opportunity. Dog owner and lover Dominique Matthews finds that fashion and dogs really do go hand in hand. "How could you live, have a dog, and not have fashion?!! I think everyone caters to their dog in different ways. Those with great fashion taste will spend extra to make sure their pooch has the cutest pink dress or 'flyest' army-style vintage sweater. Those who aren't into fashion have their dogs walking around naked! I think that when it comes down to dogs and fashion, it's a must, especially for those pet owners without children. We must spend our hard earned money on someone besides ourselves and our

dogs are the next best thing!"

Another passionate dog owner, Jordan Anderson, provides her take on doggie fashion: "Dogs only care about smelling butts and stealing table scraps. But, puppy fashion is definitely for their human counterparts; if the dogs don't mind so much, why not be fashion-forward with them?"

Regardless of the reasons behind a pet owner's choice to provide fashion for their dog, the primary concern should be the safety and comfort of their pets. Here are some fashion tips to consider:

- Introduce, not don't force.
- Do not attempt to clothe your dog while it is playing or exercising.
- Consider comfort and fit.
- Clothing and accessories should never constrict a dog's movement.
- Consider the breed - not all dogs are compatible with clothing.
- Consider the dog's environment and climate.
- Never leave a clothed dog unattended.
- Always remove any clothing or accessories from your dog, if it appears to be agitated with the items.
- Consider the materials - all clothing and accessories should be made with non-toxic materials.

While there may never be a clear consensus as to whether fashion and dogs truly belong together, it is clear that providing protection to our dogs, through the form of clothing and accessories, can truly be beneficial. If fashion is helpful in keeping our dog's good health, then so be it.

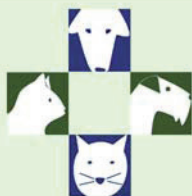
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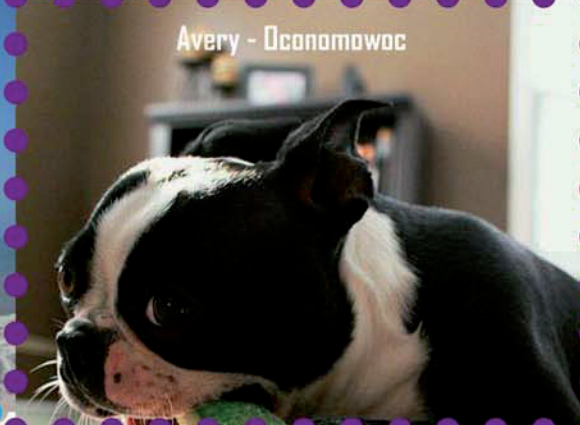
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Several months ago, two West Allis policemen made the news when an outrageous bandit shot them. One of the officers was Ryan McNally. He was seriously wounded, as was his partner. Ryan is one of two West Allis Police Department K9 Unit handlers. Ryan's dog "Diesel" was along on duty at the time of the shooting, but wasn't released from the squad car in time to avert the shooting. Diesel is one of two K9 unit dogs. The other is named Sonny. These two canines are also considered West Allis officers. They wear badges, uniforms and bullet proof vests.

Diesel, a German Shepherd, weighs 75 pounds. His coat is described as "sable", and it's sleek and shiny. He runs like the wind, is very smart and highly educated. He was trained at an East Coast dog training school and was probably the valedictorian. He is very strong and has big teeth. The most important commands he knows are "bark", "hold" and "apprehend". I would not want to be the next bandit in front of Diesel when he is commanded to apprehend. The phrase "faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive" comes to mind. Part

of Diesel's personality is like that of a Green Beret Special Operations soldier on the front lines, ready and eager to go with amazing reflexes. The other part, when he is "at ease", is that Diesel is a playful pet. Ryan threw a "Kong" about 70 feet and Diesel was under it before it



Photo of Ryan and Diesel by Lynn Moritz

landed. He is very protective of his partner, Ryan.

The other West Allis Police Department K9 super-dog is Sonny. Sonny moves like greased lightning. His partner is

Jeffrey Zientek who is an undercover officer, and could not be photographed for the article. Sonny is a sleek Labrador and his jet black coat has a high sheen. He is truly muscular and beautiful. His function as a K9 unit partner is totally different than Diesel's. Sonny is a highly trained tracking dog who can sniff out narcotics. If a suspect is detained, Sonny and Nick immediately go to the scene and find the contraband.

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Small Steps: The Success of a Puppy Mill Dog

When Peggy Brunner adopted Ellie, a purebred Yorkshire Terrier that had been a puppy mill dog for eight years, Ellie was not warm and fuzzy like other dogs. She had convulsions and anxiety attacks. She couldn't go through doors. "Ellie had never been touched by a human," Peggy said. She wasn't potty trained, and she didn't (and still doesn't) bark. At the beginning, it took an hour and half just to walk around the block with her. "She was with me for a year before she wagged her tail."

"Ellie didn't like me at first," Peggy admitted. When she first met Ellie, Peggy brought along her two-year-old Golden Retriever, Mason. "Mason is a very mellow, old soul," Peggy said. "He and Ellie fit together right away."

LEARNING THROUGH ANOTHER DOG Peggy could see that Ellie had not matured like other dogs that had interacted with humans their whole lives. Ellie had missed developmental steps in her behavior. "Ellie had not made progress like other dogs, and I could see that she couldn't heal without another dog." Mason has become Ellie's mentor. Through him, Ellie is learning how to be a dog. "Ellie gets so excited to be with Mason that she wiggles from her neck to her tail. These little things are huge."

Peggy adopted Mason just after she had lost another beloved dog. Mason was four months old then, and he began going to obedience school at six months old. He has been trained as a therapy dog with Therapy Dogs International, and Peggy regularly visits nursing homes with Mason. "Mason is truly a gift," Peggy said. She has had a lot of dogs, but Mason is different. "He teaches me!" Peggy said.

Ellie learned how to accept Peggy by watching Peggy interact with Mason. Peggy could touch Mason and then touch Ellie. Ellie learned from watching Mason with Peggy that Peggy wouldn't hurt her. At the beginning, when touched, Ellie got stiff, "like a stuffed animal. She just shut down. There [was]



still gets stiff, though she has learned to accept Peggy. Peggy has learned to accept that Ellie needs to do things in her own way at her own time.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND ENJOYING HUMAN CONTACT

Ellie has lived with Peggy and Mason for more than two years now. Last spring, Peggy took Ellie along on one of her visits to a nursing home. Peggy was amazed at how much Ellie had learned. "Ellie went through a sliding door with hesitating. She went up in the elevator." Last Memorial Day, Ellie walked the parade for the war dog organization that Peggy is involved with. "I want to do more with her," Peggy said. "She enjoyed the parade. While she still freezes, she also recovers."

"Ellie isn't a dog for everybody," Peggy said. Ellie made small steps and then regressed. "You can get frustrated." Ellie requires patience and a willingness not to take rejection personally. Peggy noted, though, that despite Ellie's behavioral issues, her temperament is solid. "There are no aggression issues."

Peggy decided to adopt Ellie because she knows that she works well with "broken dogs." Peggy had some insights into the plight of puppy mill dogs. She is active with Wisconsin Citizens against Puppy Mills, a puppy mill protest group that helped formulate the administrative rules for "The Puppy Mill Bill" / Act 90, which became law in March 2011 and for which licensing began in June 2011. Peggy has protested outside of pet stores that sell puppy mill dogs, and she collected signatures for the recent law that regulates dog breeders and sellers in Wisconsin.

nothing in her eyes," Peggy said. "Ellie was like a broken soul." Now, Peggy can pick Ellie up. She

"The Puppy Mill Bill" requires that dog dealers, breeders, dog breeding facilities, animal control facilities, and animal shelters be licensed annually. It defines the standards of care that regulate animal feeding and watering, animal health and veterinary care, housing and transportation, exercise, and behavior and socialization. For example, dogs must have access to exercise daily and must be housed in clean, healthy enclosures that are large enough. They must have "daily full body physical contact with other compatible dogs" and "daily positive human contact besides feeding time." See <http://nowisconsin-pupmills.org> for details of the "The Puppy Mill Bill" and rules.

Remember that nursing home visit? While Peggy was giving a speech about life with Ellie, a nursing home patient asked if she could pet Ellie. "Ellie sat in her lap and fell asleep. I'm not sure who enjoyed that more!" Peggy said. This was a huge success for a dog that had to be taught how to be touched.

Kris Majdacic

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Country Dogs and City Dogs

Moving from the fast-paced city of Milwaukee to the rural surroundings of Oak Creek has opened my eyes to the difference between the hustle and bustle of “city living” and the “cozy country” lifestyle. The neighborhood surrounding my new home is filled with a plethora of new advantages: closer proximity to Lake Michigan, far less traffic, and nearly every one of my neighbors has a dog! As a proud new owner of a Siberian husky puppy, I can see firsthand the difference in lifestyle when raising your cuddly canine outside of the big city. Regardless of the type of setting you reside in, city or country, it is important to consider the breed-specific needs of your four legged companion. Meeting those requirements can allow your pet to have a joyful and fulfilling life for years to come.

Dog owners that live in the country may have a yard, often consisting of numerous acres, that is larger than the average city lot. While this environment may seem ideal for the high energy dog, it does not necessarily mean that your dog’s daily exercise requirement will be met simply by being a “backyard dog.” Dogs that have an excessive amount of energy to burn need to have an outlet such as playing fetch with a ball or Frisbee. Many of these high energy dogs (which include Border Collies, Labrador Retrievers, Australian Cattle Dogs, German Shorthair Pointers, and Spaniels) need plenty of exercise and mental stimulation to fulfill their needs. Even

if your dog has 20+ acres to call home, he still needs to have an owner that will ensure that his daily exercise requirements are being met. A dog owner with a busy lifestyle should still be able to set aside time for play, walks, exercise and mental stimulation for their energetic pet. If you are a busy person who feels that you may have difficulty meeting the needs of a high energy dog, thoroughly do your research on the breed before bringing them into your home. The last thing that any dog owner wants is a pet that is under-stimulated and unhappy.

Dogs that are more adaptable to life in the city will be very happy and comfortable in an apartment or a house with a smaller yard. For example, toy breeds and smaller breeds like the Yorkshire terrier, Maltese, Pekinese, Chihuahua, Miniature Poodle, Pomeranian, and Cavalier King Charles would be far more content in a city setting. While every breed requires some exercise, these smaller breeds do not need nearly as much exercise as the herding and sporting types, making them an ideal fit for the “city slicker”. If you are considering a smaller dog to live in your city space, it is still very important to research breeds. Not all small breed dogs are suitable for the city lifestyle. Jack Russell Terriers and Shelties are both smaller breeds, but have lots of energy to burn, so they will need a dog owner that is willing to go the extra mile to meet their exercise needs.



Contrary to popular belief, there are some large breed dogs that would be more than happy to live the couch potato lifestyle. Mastiffs, English Bulldogs and Great Danes could be an ideal fit for the city dweller, but an apartment or home with limited space may not be the best living environment for these larger breeds.

Any breed of dog can survive in the city or the country, as long as the owner is willing to provide the proper amount of exercise and mental stimulation their breed requires. Providing an adequate amount of exercise combined with proper nutrition can greatly reduce the risk of canine obesity, which can lead to joint disorders, diabetes, cancer, and respiratory problems (Dr. Kristy Conn-Cesarsway.com). From small breeds to tall breeds, every dog can benefit from exercise, mental stimulation, and an abundant amount of love from their owner.

Brenda Rynders

Brenda Rynders lives in Oak Creek, WI with her husband Rob, two frisky felines Merlyn and Odin, her beloved ball python Medusa, and her rambunctious yet adorable Siberian husky, Kratos. She is obtaining her degree in English with a minor in Natural Sciences through Univ. of Maryland University College. She has worked in the veterinary field for over 3 years and is currently working for North Shore Animal Hospital in Racine, WI.

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From Hope to Heartache:

Once Tale of How Breeding Can Go Wrong

Barbara called the clinic with questions about her 9-month-old Chihuahua, Dinky, who was in labor. Since Dinky wasn't making any progress at home, we recommended bringing her in. It didn't take long to ascertain that Dinky was going to need a C-section to get the pups out. Barbara didn't want Dinky to have surgery, but I explained to her that without the surgery Dinky could die. Dinky and her pups came through the procedure fine, but Barbara was a nervous wreck. Dinky wasn't interested in the tiny pups at first so we taught Barbara how to care for them.

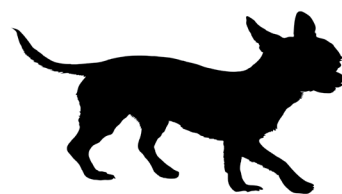
A couple of days later, Barbara and Dinky were back at the clinic at 2 am. Neither one of them looked as if they had slept since we saw them last. Dinky had started nursing the pups, but she had developed eclampsia and started shaking and having seizures. She had to be hospitalized for IV calcium support. Barbara started crying as I explained the situation to her. "I

wasn't expecting any of this," she sobbed. "I just wanted to have puppies so I could sell them to make back the money I spent on Dinky."

The technicians and I couldn't help shaking our heads a little. Barbara had made every mistake in the book. To us, the outcome was completely, and sadly, predictable.

Barbara's first mistake was in thinking that breeding dogs is an easy way to make a profit. Unfortunately, pregnant bitches and their pups require care that costs money, and when complications occur, the expenses can be extreme. Dinky's medical care cost about three times the money that Barbara could hope to get for the pups, and she still had to pay for the pups' food, vaccinations, and de-worming.

Barbara was also wrong in thinking that Dinky was a good candidate for breeding. Dinky was a nice dog, but she had some issues that she



would pass on to her babies. Her kneecaps were loose, which could over time cause serious lameness. Like many Chihuahuas, she had not lost all of her baby teeth, and the crowding in her mouth meant she was destined for a lifetime of dental disease. There is simply no need to make puppies that come with those inherited defects when healthier breeding stock can be found. If Barbara had done some research, she might have learned about kneecaps and baby teeth, as well as the fact that a lot of Chihuahuas need C-sections to give birth.

Barbara's third mistake was breeding Dinky much too young, on her very first heat. Dinky was not done with her own growth so the strain of pregnancy was a great burden on her health. Had Barbara waited for Dinky to reach her full growth, she might have been able to have the puppies without surgical assistance, and she might have been able to make enough milk for her babies without dangerously depleting her own calcium reserves.

Lastly, Barbara knew nothing about the process of whelping, as it is called when a dog gives birth. She did not know how to tell when Dinky was getting ready to whelp, or how long labor should take. By the time she called, Dinky was already exhausted and the pups were in serious danger. If Barbara had known to call us right away when Dinky ran into trouble, she might not have been able to avoid surgery, but the risks would have



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been less. And if she had known more about whelping, she would have known that Dinky might need help taking care of the babies. Very young bitches that have C-sections seem to be the likeliest to be bewildered or frightened by their pups, and likelier to snap at them or run away from them than to nurse and groom them. Hand-raising pups, incidentally, is almost as much work as raising a human infant.

So what should you do, if you are interested in breeding? Start by thinking long and hard about the number of unwanted dogs that are euthanized in shelters across the country, and ask yourself whether you want to risk contributing to that problem. If you are sure you can find good homes for every pup, then learn as much as you can about the dogs that interest you, and take everything with a grain of salt, especially if you read it online. Learn what problems your breed is subject to (and every breed has some). If you can, find someone who has experience breeding good healthy dogs, observe and learn. Ask your veterinarian whether the dog you have in mind is a suitable specimen for breeding.

Remember, however, serious and tragic problems can occur for even the best prepared breeders and the healthiest dogs. Breeding dogs can be a complicated and expensive project, and it is not right for every owner.

Megan Tremelling, DVM

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September 20th, 7:30:20 pm
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Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin

Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin's mission is to encourage and educate the public in responsible dog ownership and to accept unwanted Golden Retrievers, care for them medically, spay/neuter, rehabilitate and place them in loving forever homes.

Dogs are surrendered to Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin (GRRoW) for many reasons:

- Inability of the owner to pay for routine medical care
- Owner unable to physically care for a dog
- Owner no longer has enough quality time to spend with a dog
- A once-cute puppy has now turned into an energetic adolescent dog that requires training to overcome certain behaviors
- Owner may have to move where dogs are not permitted

A dog recently surrendered to GRRoW is Colby, an energetic 3 year old sweetheart. She was surrendered after being rescued from an abusive situation. The rescuing family did not plan on having another dog so they brought Colby to GRRoW. The day after Colby's arrival, she was seen by a veterinarian and diagnosed with whip worm, Lyme's disease and heartworm. Medical treatment for Colby began immediately. Her treatment plan will cover the course of

over 3 months and cost approximately \$1500.



Because of the time and efforts of GRRoW volunteers, help was provided to Colby first with an intake team that took the surrendering family's call. A foster team then worked together to find her a foster home. An assessment team was able to go to the surrendering family's home and assess Colby's behavior, and then a transport team drove Colby halfway across Wisconsin to her foster family. Finally, a placement team will see that she is placed in a wonderful forever home that has been assessed by a home visit team. Colby's life will have a happy ending. However, GRRoW cannot do this alone. Colby's medical care will need to be paid for

through donations and fundraising.

GRRoW is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that pays for the veterinary needs for all the Golden Retrievers surrendered into our care, like Colby.

Fundraising is critical for our continued success. Since GRRoW began in 2000, it has rescued over 1800 dogs. In 2010, 88 dogs were fostered with GRRoW with an average cost for medical care of \$842 per dog.

On October 22, 2011, GRRoW will host the 10th Annual Trails on Trails Dog Walk at Lapham Peak State Park in the Kettle Moraine. It promises to be a fun-filled day which includes a walk, dog related vendors, food and raffles and hopes to be our biggest fundraiser of the year. Join us with your dogs for a day in the park! All breeds are welcome!

For details, check out the Trails on Trails Dog Walk information at www.grow.org, Facebook or Twitter.

Dianne Fitting

Dianne Fitting loves dogs, and is a mom to Cooper and Belle. She is also foster mom to Colby. She has been a volunteer with Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin for the past 7 years.



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WANNA be a Vet WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Almost every kid in America has wanted to be a veterinarian at one time or another, but do they really know what they are yearning for? I was lucky enough to attend a summer course for middle school students at Tufts University that showed kids what it really means to be a vet.

One of the things that we learned is that there are lots of different types of vets and frankly, most kids don't think about this. They just assume a vet is a vet; so the fact that there are many different fields came as a bit of a shock for some of us. If you take an interest in a veterinary career then you should think about what it is exactly you want to do and what types of animals you would like to work with. Another thing that was unexpected is just how dirty it is working with animals.

When we were working with cows a vet taught us how to get a urine sample by stimulating the bladder. The vet said that we should all try to make a cow pee. There were several girlish squeals, several eye rolls and many kids' vet dreams flying in the air that day. Only about two thirds of the people even came close to the cows, even after we had moved on to checking vitals.

Later in that lecture the veterinarian taught us how to tell if a cow is pregnant by sticking your arm up to your elbow in the cow's anus and feeling the uterus. In order to do this the vet needs to first clear out all of the feces. At this point most of the girls were completely spun around and looking nauseous. After the vet had shown us what to do he

offered to allow two people a chance to try feeling the uterus. There were only five volunteers (myself included) and only one guy in the group. All of the other kids looked at the few who were raising their hands with shock, horror, disgust and awe.



On a different less eventful day the squeamish were proven again for a more common procedure of taking a dog's temperature - in the dog's butt. It is very simple, but what is required is that you must take a thermometer and actually hold it in a dog's anus. Once again there were very few people who even looked at the example. The point of this information is that if you think that you may be interested in being a vet, you should make sure that you're not too squeamish, because in order to do even the most basic tasks, like taking a temperature, it can be an interesting experience.

Once I got back home, a friend was nice enough to let me help give their horse immunizations. This can be a vet's job or just a regular owner's, so I thought it would be a good experience. A horse has a very thick hide so in order to properly inject

the immunizations you need to stab the needle in. Emphasis on STAB. So because of this violent motion it is kinder to the animal to lightly punch the injection site before you, well, inject the immunization. So after punching the horse's neck a few times you need to take the pre-

pared needle into the neck by literally making a fist, punching it into the horse's neck and pushing down on the syringe. This may not seem very bad, but the fact of the matter is that it is a sickening thud noise and the thought of even doing it is hard. So in order to be a vet you have to be able to do things that seem hard, and you need to be sure of what you are doing because if you have even a moment of hesitation, you may not

get the injection in deep enough under the skin.

I hope that now if you are thinking about being a vet you are a bit more informed, not simply hoping for an unknown dream.

Jackie Olivas

Jackie Olivas is a 14 year old girl living in Brookfield where she attends Brookfield East High School. She has never been published before, so she is thrilled about the opportunity to write for Fetch.

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When your dog barks, do you hear “blah blah blah,” or do you understand what your dog is really communicating? The messages may not be as complex as Lassie barking, “Timmy is in trouble! Come quickly!” but research has shown that the noises your dog makes do have meaning.

HOW A DOG SPEAKS

A dog’s vocal apparatus is very similar to that of a human’s. The larynx or “voice box” is made of cartilage. Four key muscles open, close, tense and relax the vocal cords. Air passes through to produce sounds. The difference, explains canine anatomy instructor Dr. Kim Lord Plummer, is a thicker layer of vibrating tissue on a dog’s vocal cords. “Dogs can make many sounds, but not as fine-tuned as humans.” Plus, the size, shape and muscle structure of a dog’s head affect the sound’s quality, she says. A big dog has a larger larynx and therefore produces lower-pitched sounds. Pitch is just one component that gives a noise its meaning. Other meaningful parts are tone, pauses and repetition. According to biology professor Eugene S. Morton, all animals make use of these components to create the three basic building blocks of communication: bark, whine and growl.

BARK

A dog’s bark rises and falls between high and low pitch. Barks are commonly considered to be neutral introduction labels that say, “Hello, my name is _____. Who are you and what brings you here?” In this way, a bark establishes a connection between the dog and another being.

Veterinarian and animal behaviorist Sophia Yin wondered if barks are really all the same. She analyzed nearly 5,000 barks recorded of dogs in three different situations. Dr. Yin

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found that barks are lower in pitch and longer in duration when a dog is in a disturbance situation (her study used a ringing doorbell.) The barks of a dog separated from its owner are tonal - like a musical key - and higher in pitch. Dogs at play also bark at a higher pitch. This goes to show that barks are anything but blah.

WHINE

Whines are made when a small amount of air passes through tensed vocal cords. Whines are high in pitch and the sound is usually repeated without much pausing. When a dog whines the message is “I’m scared” and/or “please be nice to me.” This is why your shrill exclamation of “yip!” can be effective to teach a puppy to not bite your fingers so hard.

Whining noises often accompany behaviors that emphasize the sender’s plea. A submissive dog may whine and rollover to expose its neck or belly. A child begging for candy may throw himself on the floor for added effect. “Please, please, pleeeeeease?”

GROWL

Of course, animals do growl. It’s quite easy to identify the sound when you hear it. (Some humans are even known to growl a lot!) Growls express aggression through lower pitched, harsh noise made through recurring vibration of the vocal cords. Serious dog growls often include pauses: “grrrr” (pause) “grrrr” (pause) “grrrr.”

Broderick Grimm, a grammar expert who looked at how bark, whine and growl are used by all noise-making creatures, offers some interpretations of the growl. He says a growl can mean “get out of here”, “don’t bother me”, or “do what I want you to do or else.” If you or another dog has tried to take a bone away from your otherwise friendly pooch, a growl was probably the response.

LAUGH!?

Before you laugh off the idea of a dog going into giggles or guffawing, keep reading. The late animal behaviorist Patricia Simonet described dog-laughing as “forced, breathy exhalation from the mouth.” Imagine a sort of “huh. huh. huh” sound. It’s not the same as the noise of a pant which is also breathy but flat. You may notice the noise of dog-laughter before or during playtime. To train your ear to catch the difference between a dog-laugh and a pant, listen to audio files at www.petalk.org.

The best thing about dog-laughing is that its effects can be contagious! Dogs who listened to recordings of dog-laughter responded with play faces or play bows. When a dog-laughter soundtrack was played in animal shelters dogs showed less stress-related behaviors. They barked less, tail-chased less and relaxed more proving that laughter is good medicine.

“WHAT DID YOU BARK?”

Did you know there’s an App for that? Reviewers say the free Bow Lingual Dog Translator for iPhone seems more fluffy fun than science-based, but it is entertaining. Your dog barks into the microphone of your iPhone. After a moment of analysis, a translated sentence appears on the screen. But why not apply what you’ve learned here? Perk up your ears, and the next time you hear, “Arf! Yap! Bow wow!” or “Woof!” you can interpret Fido’s important messages.

Amy A. Free

Amy A. Free is a licensed sign language interpreter with a degree in Zoology. She enjoys learning about animal communication and behavior. Her wonderful bunny, Nestle, has growled at her on two occasions and the message each time was quite clear! .

Backyard Quotables



Fetch Magazine loves listening to our readers chat about their canine companions. So don't be surprised if we admire your pooch, pull you aside and ask a question or two. This season, we asked Fetch readers to respond to the following question:

What is your dog's favorite toy?

"A tattered, ripped-up softball. Sweet addiction."

Ben and Lilli Clark, West Bend, WI

"I have a round plastic ball, and it used to be covered with a bunch of furry material. Of course, that's all ripped off, but when this ball moves a bunch of bells and sounds go off. That's what drives our dogs' nuts."

Sarah Pietenpol, Waukesha, WI

"Any other dog. Seriously, that's what she considers a toy. Or, maybe our hands."

Lori and Steve Grassel
New Berlin, WI

"We have a little rubber 'balloon dog'. She just loves it. She's already chewed one in half. We're on number two."

Jean Schroedel, Muskego, WI

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but think twice before spending money on that fancy collar or high-end sweater. Most dogs probably think spending time with you is a luxury in itself. A nice walk, game of fetch or belly rub is more what your dog wants, — and it's more affordable.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Let your computer help you save money. Many manufacturers will have you to sign up for free samples (which usually come with additional coupons), newsletters and money-saving offers or coupons.

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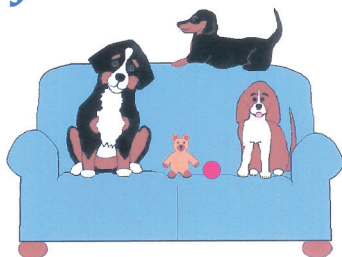
pets. Lesak said many products packaged for pets are often more costly but contain the same ingredients as those packaged for humans. "There's nothing special in them for your pets," she said. "Do your homework, just like you'd do for yourself or your kids."

Finally, when considering other services, check out websites and do some comparison shopping. Making a few calls and shopping around can help the savings add up.

Ana A. Menendez

Ana A. Menendez is a freelance writer from Milwaukee who loves hanging out with her dog, Wrigley.

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Thanksgiving - Bone Appetit!
Here's a fun, nutritious recipe for your dogs. You'll need:

2 cups organic sweet potato cooked until tender
1 cup rooibos tea
1-1/4 cups whole wheat flour
2 large organic vegetarian omega 3 eggs
3 organic turkey breasts pureed or equivalent organic turkey baby food
Spirulina vitamin sprinkles

Mix all ingredients together and place spoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Allow for cookies to cool down before serving. These are great for serving your guests' pooches that are over for Thanksgiving. *Fetch reminds readers to always check with your vet before introducing new food.*

Recipe courtesy of: Claudia Griffin-Bensimoun

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Hers seems to be an AKC Squirrel, but she took all the stuffing out of it. It's destroyed. It's flat and it doesn't even look like a squirrel anymore. It's the first thing she plays with every day."

Marilyn and Dean Jablonski
Waukesha, WI

"It's a long, skinny toy dog. He carries it around all day. He'll show it to ya, but you can't have it!"

Jim Russell, Waukesha, WI

"She's got a squeaky little mallard duck, and she shakes it really hard, chucks it in the air, and keeps doing that over and over again."

Darrell and Maureen Radke
New Berlin, WI

"It's one of those plastic toys that you can put a water bottle in. It makes the most annoying noise, but she LOVES it.

John and Dawn Heine, Muskego, WI

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October 8th
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October 14th
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10th Annual Trails on Trails Dog Walk
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October 22nd
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