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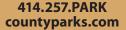
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#### **COVER DOG**

Watch out for your heart! We think our Fall Cover Girl just ran away with ours. Meet "Abby", from Menomonee Falls. She's got style, grace, and just enough know-how to knock a bologna sandwich off the kitchen counter. Gwen Mazanetz and her daughter Marti Donnell are the proud co-owners of this gorgeous Irish Setter. Abby is three years old, delights in her job as a show dog, and cozies up to just about everyone she meets. Learn why Irish Setters are such sights to behold, along with a host of other information about canines, in this Fall Issue of Fetch Magazine.

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# Editor's Letter

Dear Fetch Readers:

It's Fall! We still have many opportunities to go outside with our dogs as you will see by checking out our Calendar of Events. I love nothing more than walking through the woods with my dog, Louie. And doing it on a cool, Fall day with the leaves changing colors makes for an enjoyable hike.

For this editor's letter, I am getting the word out about some things about Fetch that you might not know. Did you know that we will promote your pet-related event on our blog, website, Facebook page and Twitter if it is an appropriate event and you give us enough time to get it out there? We do Fetch mostly as a labor of love. We want to make life better for dogs by providing information and celebrating our love of dogs. Fetch is run by less than a handful of people who all have day jobs. So, the sooner you give us the information, the better are the odds that we can promote it.

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### Marie



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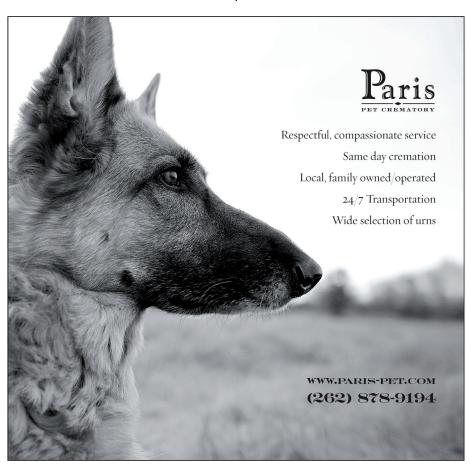
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Rock Co. HS 608-752-5622 rockcountyhumanesociety.com

Poptart is a cute Terrier mix looking for his forever home! Poptart was found as a stray so sadly we don't know anything about his background. We believe he is only about 2 years old and weighs 18 lbs. Poptart is sweet and full of energy! He doesn't jump right into new relationships, but once he knows you he'll "pop" right up into your arms! Poptart would do best in an adult only or home with older children.



Elmbrook Humane Society 262-782-9261 www.ebhs.org

Meet Gidgett, a sweet and cute 9-monthold Shepherd mix. Do you want to get more exercise? Action is Gidgett's middle name. She's got tons of energy, and just like the sun she'll keep burning and working 24 hours a day/seven days a week. Gidgett can run for miles, chase a ball for hours and still want to play at the end of the day.



Washington Co. Humane Society 262-677-4388 www.washingtoncountyhumane. org

Bolt is a 2-year-old affectionate boy who loves to meet new people. This active boy loves to go on walks & playing outside. One of Bolt's talents is climbing fences & specifically kennel walls. He is good with other dogs and cats, but he may be too energetic for small children so he would be best in a home without infants and toddlers.



#### Milwaukee ARC 414-421-8881 www.milwaukeearc.org

What a sweet, sweet face! Katie is a fivemonth-old mixed breed with a very sweet demeanor and a lot of love to give. Her ideal person or family will enjoy a devoted companion who is energetic, intelligent, affectionate and social.



Ozaukee Humane Society 262-377-7580 www.ozaukeehumane.org

Ready to meet a real champ? Meet our Champ, a 7-year-old male Beagle mix with lots of love to give! He enjoys occasional walks outside but mostly enjoys cuddling in your arms showing you his affectionate side! This gentle & loving boy loves to be by your side as you go about your daily tasks and at the end of the day relax with you as you read your favorite book!



#### Lakeland Animal Shelter 262-723-1000

www.lakelandanimalshelter.org Skyler is 3. Although shy, he comes out of his shell & gives kisses. He loves to play ball, play "catch me if you can", go on car rides, walk and hike! Skyler is enrolled in training where he is learning basic obedience & manners. Skyler loves it! If you are Skyler's forever home, he will repay you with unconditional love and loyalty.



Humane Animal Welfare Society 262-542-8851 www.hawspets.org

My name is Teddy & I am sad because NO ONE HAS TAKEN ME HOME YET! (Okay, I don't look that sad playing with my tennis ball, but really, I am!) I'm almost 2 years old & super cute, but not a dog for a first-time owner. I have a lot of spunk & sometimes want to do things my way so I will need an owner that helps keep me on track. Kids should be older. Hurry, because I'm sooo ready to go home, right now!



Safe Harbor Humane Society 262-694-4047 www.safeharborhumane.com

Igor is the life of the party and one big muscle man full of happy, friendly energy. Igor will need someone who is strong and would be willing to take him to an obedience class. He is a willing guy and would do well in a training class because he is a young guy of about 1 year old.



Hogan the cat has only one sighted eye. But, he can see the world as clearly as any two-eyed feline.

Emma Rose, a three year old Beagle/hound mix, came to the Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS), Ozaukee campus with a mutilated paw. But, after a compassionate limb amputation by WHS Veterinarian Dr. Randy Zeman, she still can dance around her kennel as joyfully as any other dog when a prospective new family comes to visit her.

And Max, a lively black and white Terrier mix, was adopted by a young couple, despite his peculiar gait because of a missing leg.

Different doesn't translate to handicapped for these three. Nor does different mean handicapped to their WHS caretakers who are disabled either. At both the Milwaukee campus and the Ozaukee campus in Saukville, WHS volunteers with disabilities provide care and love to the dogs, cats, snakes, birds, rabbits, mice or any other creatures that turn up at the facility. At the Ozaukee campus alone, nearly 2,000 abandoned animals are taken in each year.

Volunteers work in the office filing and putting packets together, socializing cats, walking dogs, greeting visitors, helping on the shelter crew and reading aloud to the animals. This helps the animals relax, become more comfortable and adapt more easily to their shelter environment. Volunteers also help in Animal Antics, the in-house retail store. As is true with all volunteers, volunteers with disabilities are assigned tasks appropriate to their skill levels and the needs at that campus.

Ozaukee campus Volunteer Coordinator Rachelle LeJeune explains that like all other volunteers, a volunteer with a disability initially goes through a rigorous training program. Then, he or she shadows another volunteer. Next, the volunteer takes on an assignment accompanied by a helper. Finally, when



Emma Rose

both the volunteer and helper feel comfortable and ready, the volunteer takes over full responsibility.

After training, a volunteer with dis-

abilities is given a minimum two hour weekly assignment. If the volunteer is using a wheelchair, a partner is assigned to help. Others volunteers work independently. According to LeJeune, "Our major concern is for the safety of both the volunteer and the animals."

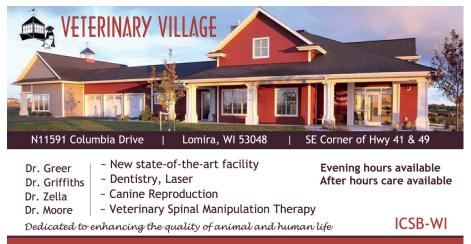
Saukville has several hundred volunteers, including five volunteers with disabilities, which is a fairly typical number. Some come from group homes, while others are community members who want to help animals in need of nurturing and will eventually settle into a loving, forever home.

Volunteers with disabilities benefit greatly from their experiences working at the Humane Society. Because of their dedication and respect for the animals, they break down barriers and prejudices between themselves and the non-disabled volunteers with whom they work. Sharing duties with the other volunteers and their mutual involvement with the animals emphasizes the common bond among all of the volunteers. Meeting and working with others help people feel appreciated as individuals and also helps

them understand that they can do pretty much what others can do despite some limitations.

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"Volunteering adds structure to their daily schedules," explains LeJeune. "They see how their efforts impact the animals they care for. As long as they make a commitment, we'll find a niche for any volunteer."

She continues, "Volunteers with disabilities are very dependable. Their work at the Humane Society allows them to meet and interact with other volunteers, which in turn increases their sense of selfesteem. Everyone's contribution is important in keeping the Humane Society functioning smoothly and effectively."

The future is bright for volunteers with disabilities at the Wisconsin Humane Society. On-going education and workshops, like animal behavioral seminars, are available to inform and train everyone interested in volunteer work. Too often, people with disabilities are underutilized and overlooked as a source for a diverse volunteer pool. At WHS, all volunteers are given the opportunity to learn new skills and the appropriate behavior necessary for success in the broader social situations in which they may find themselves.

Besides, who would want to miss some of the Humane Society's special perks for volunteers - like "Movie in the Bark" and a scrumptious potluck dinner at the end of summer.

#### **Gail Thomas**

Gail Thomas is a volunteer at the Wisconsin Humane Society Ozaukee Campus, mom to Pedi, a lovable Lab/Shepherd and a willing cat sitter to Fanny, her daughterin-law's black and white "purfect" kitty.



On a bright sunny day, Fetch was privileged to be at the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) event at Rotary Park in Menomonee Falls. We would love to share some of the cute mugs that we met and cuddled and loved!



Elmer is an adorable black pug that Fetch met at the booth of the Wisconsin Division of the Kentuckiana Pug Rescue group. Big, dark eyes. Soft, shiny fur. And a personality that just wants to cuddle. Elmer is looking for a home. He is great with kids. Because he is such a social dog, he wants to be with other dogs, especially pugs, and would need to go to a home with at least one other dog. His foster mom said he loves to sleep in bed with you. But watch out! Elmer will steal your pillow!

MacGyver was celebrating his fifth birthday at the HAWS event. Mac-Gyver is a beautiful herding mix with a red coat the same hue as a fox. MacGyver is a Wisconsin Humane Society alumnus who was adopted at four months old. He has lots and lots of energy. When Mom returned from vacation, the kennel folks told her that MacGyver was the most playful dog they ever had. He is working on becoming a therapy dog and with those beautiful eyes and that loving



personality that likes to lean against you for some petting, we are sure he will be successful!

Bulldogs Chuy (10 months) and Chelsea (18 months) were enjoying the day, too. Chelsea is very social as she has been to puppy day care. However,



she might prefer to be an only child. But little brother, Chuy, doesn't want to ever be without her. They both love kids. And, they love their canine friends! Chelsea has a preference for any smushie faced breed. Chuy



isparticularly fond of whippets. Chuy is show ล dog and recently got his first point! Keep an eye out for this

star in a future dog food ad as he was scouted by some agents at a recent pet event!

We found Zeva hanging out at the Friends of Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MA-DACC) booth with her Mom and Dad. Zeva is the sweetest, blue-coated American Pitbull Terrier. She was adopted from the Washington County Humane Society because her original family had a pregnant mommy and a daddy who was away defending our country. Zeva couldn't be happier now. Laying splay-legged with her



belly on the cool grass, she kept her loving gaze on her Mom. If Mom got too far out of sight, Zeva gave a gentle mumble of concern. She loves her family and enjoys four more dogs at home including a foster. However, no tennis ball is safe at home as that is her favorite toy and nothing is more fun than destroying one.

It was a great day at the park. Meeting all our furry friends and their loving families is so energizing. It is great to hear how much you all love Fetch and how much you love your dogs.

#### 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.



A warning of chaos at her home was provided when Gwen Mazanetz graciously invited me into her home. Instead there were three exuberant, soft-eyed, soft-coated mahogany colored beauties eager to make a new friend.

Gwen, along with her daughter Marti Donnell, started Calmarra Irish Setters in 1981. In Gaelic, Calmarra means "well made". The Calmarra foundation dog was American and Canadian Kimberlin Rockets Red Glare CD. Fetch's cover dog, Grand Champion Calmarra Abracadabra ("Abby"), is their seventh generation Irish Setter.

Developed in Ireland in the 18th Century, the Irish Setter is by nature very "in tune" with humans. According to Gwen, these dogs are highly intuitive, smart and sometimes cunning. The AKC breed standard describes the Irish Setter as having "a rollicking personality. Shyness, hostility or timidity are uncharacteristic qualities of the breed. An outgoing, stable temperament is the essence of the Irish Setter." It is thought that the Irish Setter's ancestry includes the Irish Water Spaniel, the Irish Terrier, the English Setter, Spaniel and Terrier, and the Gordon Setter. At first, the dogs were used only to "set" prey, but they soon became the consummate bird dog; and able



to find, point and retrieve. Unlike scent hounds who scan the ground for the scent of prey, the Irish Setters "quarter", moving nimbly in a zig-zag pattern ahead of the hunters in order to catch a scent carried on the wind. Irish are fast and agile. Gwen's Calmarra Destiny's Child "Kizzy" demonstrated how she can hop backwards on her hind legs when dinner is served. In the show ring, the Irish Setter needs

> to show efficiency of movement, covering as much ground as possible with each stride. Judges look for great extension with front and hind legs and a stable top line.

Originally, Irish Setters were mostly white with some red patches, like red and white Spaniels. In the 19th Century, however, they started to be bred for the characteristic solid red color that we see today. The solid color became so popular in Ireland that in 1812 the Earl of Enniskillen declared that he would have nothing else in his kennel. A solid red dog came to indicate very high quality.

The Irish Setter first came to the United States in the late 19th Century and was registered by the AKC in 1878. A member of the Sporting Group, the Irish is 25 to 28 inches tall at the shoulder and weighs between 60 and 80 pounds. Slightly longer than tall, they have a narrow but deep chest. The legs are muscular but should not appear overdeveloped, and the top line slopes from the withers to the tail. The tail itself is carried horizontally or down when relaxed. Generally speaking, the Irish should exhibit a balance of proportions, and this is one of the reasons that artists have often referred to this breed as the most beautiful of dogs. Irish have soft, fine, straight or wavy coats which are longer on the chest, tail, back of legs and ears. They wear snoods to keep their ears clean at mealtime. They should be mahogany or rich chestnut in color. Some white on the chest or the feet is acceptable. The Irish Setter is trimmed for the show ring in order to emphasize the head and neck. He should be combed weekly to prevent tangles and mats, but otherwise grooming is not difficult.

Irish Setters live 14 or 15 years and have litters of 7-12 pups. Gwen said that eight is a perfect sized litter. Health concerns for the Irish Setter include: progressive retinal atrophy (there is a test available),







hypertrophic osteodystrophy, bloat, epilepsy, thyroid problems, allergies, and hip dysplasia, (testing available). Of course, good breeders conscientiously address any health concerns in their lines and want to produce healthy puppies with great personalities.

In 1962, the movie "Big Red" was released. It did not receive great reviews, but its Irish Setter star did. The Irish soared in popularity, and for a time it was number three on the AKC registration list. A few years later in 1969, the Nixon family was given an Irish named "King Timahoe" by the Whitehouse staff. Suddenly, everyone wanted an Irish Setter. Many new breeders popped up hoping to make a quick buck. These breeders weren't especially interested in turning out quality litters. The breed's reputation was challenged, and the Irish Setter got a bad rap. Responsible breeders diligently combated this unfortunate trend, however, and the breed today is in good shape.

Irish Setters are good hunting companions and impressive show dogs. They are athletic, energetic and eager to participate in obedience, rally and agility. They are easily housebroken and respond well to patient and gentle training. They are good with kids and especially good with active families. They like water and might go for a swim with you.

Irish Setters are devoted to their owners. They want to please them and want to be heard. According to Gwen, they can read human gestures and emotions and really do understand a lot of what we say to them. They have a sense of humor and sometimes watch TV. Like many breeds, they like to counter surf. Gwen said her purse is often raided by Calmarra Courting Destiny "Courtney", who takes the bounty back to her crate!

According to the AKC, "Afield, the Irish Setter is a swift moving hunter: at home, a sweet-natured trainable companion." For whichever reason you might be drawn to this remarkable breed, there are plenty of resources for you. The Irish Setter Club of America is a great place to start. The ISCA, the AKC and the Waukesha and Badger Kennel Clubs provide breeder listings. Gwen reminded me that just as breeders check out prospective puppy owners, people should check breeder references. Additionally, the Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee is very active. Among other things, in the past five years the club has donated almost \$5000 to Irish Setter Rescue.

Irish Setter Club of America www.irishsetterclub.org

Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee President: Barb Janicek janiceklegendlake@gmail.com

Pictures of dog on swing and head shot courtesy of Marti Donnell.

#### Pamela Stace

Pamela Stace is mom to three Afghan Hounds, one cat and an Arabian horse. She is a Milwaukee-based actor and voice talent. Also, she and her husband Bill run The Miramar Theatre on Milwaukee's East Side.



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#### PLANNING FOR YOUR DOG WHEN YOU ARE GONE

In *If I Should Die Before My Dog*, Joe and Cathy Connolly show owners how to make sure their dogs will be properly cared for and raised in the case of death, disability or other circumstance

In *If I Should Die Before My Dog* (ISBN 1475124511), Joe and Cathy Connolly tackle a topic that no dog owner likes to discuss. In the event pet owners can no longer provide care, whether through accident or bad health, few people can answer with certainty what would happen to their beloved pet. In this helpful new guide, these conscientious dog owners use real-life stories to show how every dog owner can take concrete steps to make sure their dog will remain in good hands.

The husband-and-wife couple decided to write the book after the death of both of Cathy's parents within an eight-month period. Among her father's last words were concerns about how his little dog would go on without him. Later, the couple realized that all dog owners face this dilemma. At any age, a concerned owner should recognize that their dog could possibly outlive them.

This guide shows pet owners how to take the appropriate measures to make sure that their dog will be well-taken care of after death, illness or any circumstance that render them unable to care for their pet. Essentially, this book shows dog owners how to organize their dog's information and summarize their life story so that any potential new owners will be able to provide care and love in a continuous way. It gives comfort and aid to pet parents who know that their dog will be well cared for during the transition from one home to another.

If I Should Die Before My Dog calmly answers questions that many dog owners would prefer they not have to contemplate at all. It provides security and resolution to a thorny topic and is a volume that the authors say will enhance the shelves of veterinarians, doctors and dog owners alike. The book is available for sale online at Amazon.com and other channels.

About the Authors: Joe and Cathy Connolly have been married since 1979. After long careers at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, they are both retired. Over their lifetimes, they have been involved with the owning, training and raising of dogs at all levels. Cathy, in particular, has experience as a dog breeder, groomer and handler.

#### COMMUNITY BARK NOW OPEN IN BAY VIEW

Community Bark Dog Wash & Coffee Bar has opened its 2nd store, in Milwaukee's Bay View neighborhood.

Community Bark, one of the nation's only dog wash and coffee bars, has managed to thrive since opening its first store in Bayside in September 2009, despite challenging economic conditions. It offers dog washing and grooming, dog training, as well as the opportunity for its customers to congregate and sip Alterra coffee in the dog-friendly "Barker Lounge."

Community Bark Bay View is one of the key retail tenants in new Dwell



Bay View building, the 70-unit apartment building recently opened on the corner of South Kinnickinnic Avenue and Conway Avenue.

Andrew Appel, Community Bark's Founder and a local entrepreneur, explains his choice of Bay View: "Bay View is just the perfect dogloving, close-knit community for Community Bark. It's also easily accessible to downtown and the South shore, and the Dwell building provides a fantastic pedestrian-friendly location right in the heart of the neighborhood. We're so excited to join this wonderful community."

Community Bark Bay View has a state-of-the-art bathing facility, with five step-in wash tubs and professional grooming dryers. It has a staff of eleven full and part-time employees.

To learn more about Community Bark online, go to www.communitybark.net/ or www.facebook.com/ communitybark.

#### FIDE FEST RAISED FUNDS FOR MICHAEL VICK'S DOGS

This past July, Central Bark Doggy Day Care was host of "Fido Fest", an event dedicated to raising money for DOGS DESERVE BETTER, a nonprofit organization whose goal is to transform Michael Vick's Bad Newz Kennels into a rehab center for chained and neglected dogs. Nicole Cybela, of the Mequon Central Bark location, said "We are amazed and thrilled at the turnout of people today. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 in order to help create a sanctuary for dogs that have been badly abused. We like to call it 'bad news turned good'."

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Puffy white tents housed a diverse line-up of vendors, offering samples of drool-worthy canine treats and unique merchandise. Dog trainers offered tips for teaching the basics, while rescue groups represented animals in need of a forever home. Folks soaked up the sun and the atmosphere while listening to live music from the band ONE TOO MANY. while enjoying exhibits on everything from doggie yoga to breed genetic testing, compliments of Silver Central Spring Animal Hospital. Bark featured a salon and spa break for your pooch, where a "paw"dicure and temporary tattoo were the order of the day!

Anxious dogs and their humans lined up on a lure course, where a \$5.00 ticket earned their dog a chance to chase a piece of cloth 200 yards around an open field. Pure joy for most any breed. An imposing Border Collie/Samoyed mix named Berkeley made his way victoriously around the course one time, while a crowd-pleasing Bichon puppy lost interest after just 10 feet. For Pet's Sake sponsored the course, and donated all the proceeds for the day to the cause.

The Kenosha K9 Police were on hand too. A team of dog handlers demonstrated scent discrimination and nose work, much to the delight and awe of event-goers. "Mike", a threeyear-old German Shepherd from the Czech Republic, revealed how police utilize these dogs to attack assailants on command, in order to protect the police and the public.

The teams at Central Bark worked tirelessly to bring Fido Fest to Milwaukee. Six months of careful planning, generous giving on the part of the co-hosts (Fromm and Lakeshore Veterinary Specialists), exhibitors and other sponsors made Fido Fest a true testimony to the spirit of businesses giving back to the community. The afternoon proved to be a crowd and canine-pleaser, and certain to turn the dog days of summer into a celebration of responsible dog ownership.

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# George & Buster - Dart 2

Editor's Note: This is part two of a three part article. The writer will share a story of a man and a dog as they go through the seasons of life together.

The cicada bugs beat out a steady shrill of sound, announcing to anyone who wasn't paying attention, summer heat had arrived. It wasn't the usual Wisconsin heat of 80 degrees which brings out lots of complaining from Wisconsin faithful who want a perfect 76 degrees. Some days we reached one hundred degrees. Surely George and his dog Buster are not here today. I asked the employee in the Nagawicka golf pro shop if he had seen them.

"They are sitting on the bench at the 15th green watching the early risers come in," he chuckled. Sure enough. From a short distance, the 15th putting green appeared like a giant table cloth perfectly manicured and rolled, displaying subtle hills and valleys made of a soft, flat yellow green grass contrasted by the deep green rough surrounding it. If all of humanity disappeared and Martians landed on the green, what would they think of such a strange sight? Perhaps they'd see the white flag on a pole in the middle of the green with the number "15" on it and think it was some secret code or country.

"Hey Buster, look who is here, Garbo! Come over here Garbo, grab a cold bottled water and watch. The pin placement is a killer", announced George. Walking up to the bench, I petted Buster's head first then shook George's hand. Buster tried to jump up, but his old hips wouldn't let him. I bent down and laughed, pet his shaggy head and scratched behind his long Springer Spaniel ears. That al-**16** ways made him shake his head while his ears rotated back and forth like a

big furry fan. 2

Fall "Good boy, Buster. Hi George, good to see you. Got room on the bench for an old guy?" I elbowed.

"Old guy? Why, you are a spring chicken compared this raggedy old dog and me. Come on Buster, move down and make room," George commanded with a smile.

Buster's former owner, Maisy, had gotten the Springer Spaniel as a puppy. His black and white silky hair hid his big puppy feet as he stumbled retrieving everything Maisy could throw. Years would go by and a backvard full of memories ended when Maisy came home with a tumor diagnosis. Before she died, she arranged with the Humane Society to care for Buster. Loyal Buster was at her side during the final hospice visits at home. The nurses took him into his



Writer, Chuck Hajinian

backvard for the last time. His many chew toys, balls, rubber bones, rubber rings on ropes, all lay scattered. A sign of good times with Maisy, now no more. They say dogs deeply sense a loss. A few days later, George a recent widow, with the prodding of family, found Buster at the Humane Society.

"Garbo, one guy four putted! His friends told him he should take up lawn bowling, and they then told him he lost twenty bucks!" George laughed as he pounded his cane for emphasis while his half-covered steel blue eyes sparkled in the shade.

"George, that is why I don't play this

silly game. And besides, you gotta be nuts to play in this heat," I commented. Buster began to slurp up the water George poured in a bowl. The golfers walked by. One told us he was giving up the game. Another petted Busters head. Buster stopped drinking and suddenly jumped up and licked the fellow's hand getting him all wet.

"Hey Buster, get down," George called out. "He hasn't jumped up in a long time, he must really like you."

"He feels sorry for me after my terrible putting. I'll take any affection I can get," sighed the golfer. Walking away, the final golfer who played so poorly remarked about how their wives make them play to get out of the house no matter how hot it is.

"I wish I had my wife to tell me what to do," George spoke to the hot air surrounding us. "So Garbo, there was this guy who was about to make a putt, and on the road next to the course a hearse goes by. The guy takes off his hat, bows his head then puts on the cap and makes the putt. His buddies ask him what that was all about. The golfer replies, "For 35 years she was a great wife!""

Sweat dripped into my laugh lines and began to burn my eyes. "Ha ahh good one George!" I laughed. I always had a joke for George. Today the heat made my quick wit go numb. We sat quietly and watched as another white ball hit the green.

Read the finale of George and Buster in a future issue of Fetch!

#### **Chuck Hajinian**

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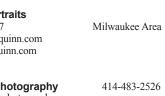
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I'm Heidi, and I am a 7 year old Beagle that deserves the best home ever, but don't we all?! I am a sweet, friendly girl that loves everyone I meet. I think other dogs are so much fun and cats are good buddies really! Kids are the best because they will play with me, and that's what I love. You just HAVE to come to HAWS and hear my Beagle yodel. It's so funny.



Safe Harbor Humane Society 262-694-4047 www.safeharborhumane.com

This little guy is a sweet 2-year-old, Pekingese Mix. He came to us with his brother because the owner was unable to keep them. Jack is easy to love and has a 23 picture perfect smile. Jack would be a great companion for someone who wants him to be the only dog. He prefers not sharing a home with small children (they make him nervous).

# Mod Squad! - Behavior Modification

"What more can we do? There has to be more that we can do." This question was posed by Sarah Wiesner, a volunteer, to Lynn Olenik, Executive Director at the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS). That question is the reason that over 500 dogs, who might not have found a home otherwise, have been adopted after successfully going through a behavior modification program, the Mod Squad.

The question got under Lynn's skin. Then, about four years ago, HAWS received a grant to start a behavior department. Lynn says "There are so many dogs that are turned in because of training and behavior issues; dogs with bad attitudes because they have not had anyone spend a lot of time with them or older dogs that have bad habits."

HAWS took a behavior modification plan and made it a tool in designing a program to re-home these dogs. The grant covered one person to oversee the program and Dr. Claudeen McAuliffe became the Behavior Department Manager. Lynn says, "This program is successful because of Claudeen's leadership."

The idea of the program is that it is "volunteer-driven, staff-supervised." Shelter staff already have a full workload. So, a fleet of volunteers work with the toughest dogs that come through the shelter. The volunteers agree to work a minimum of 8 hours a month. Lynn says "We owe it to the animals to use every resource we have. And, volunteers are one of our resources."

Leann Boucha, a dog walker at HAWS, describes the program, "First we do an evaluation of the dog. If a dog is suffering on some of the tests, they have Mod Squad scripts to deal with the issues. We pick four or five priority scripts to work on with the dogs. We have binders with a list of the dog's scripts and with logs of when the various volunteers worked with the dog. We try to keep the session to 30 minutes to not overburden the dog."



An example of some of the scripts are:

 $\bullet$  Food boot camp – to address food possessiveness

- Drop it and leave it
- Look! Watch me!

• Touch and treat handling – creating a positive association when touched

• Paw massage – getting a dog comfortable having their paws touched

 ${\mbox{\cdot}}$  Possession manners – an offshoot to drop it and leave it

- · Mouthing a leash
- · Behaving politely to other dogs

There are multiple other aspects to the behavior program.

• Among other things, Claudeen does a lot of Tellington Touch and teaches it to the volunteers.

• A body wrap can be done which swaddles the dog and provide a sense of safety.

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# DOGS AROUND TOWN





# Fetch Spotlight Series: Penny Romasko

Penny Romasko, Founder and Director of the Milwaukee Pet Expo, knows what it feels like to have a sick dog, to want to provide the dog with medical care and to wonder how to pay for that care. Pooba, her Great Dane, had been diagnosed with bone cancer. She wanted to fight it, "I just remember searching for any resource I could find to identify what was my next move." She personally could not deal with putting her dog down for the lack

of money to pursue treat-The bills kept ment. growing and there came a point where she couldn't keep on top of it anymore. So she took a second mortgage on her house. The typical expectancy after a bone cancer diagnosis was 6 months to a year with treatment. Pooba lived 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> vears after diagnosis. Penny says he is "the inspiration around almost everything I have done."

Around the same time as Pooba's diagnosis, Penny was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS). Her positive attitude made people question as to whether or not she truly understood her diagnosis. Penny states "I said to (them) that I understand perfectly. This is not going to whip me. It is not going to break me down. Everybody gets something in life. This is what I got."

that ran it did not make enough to  $\underline{\simeq}$  continue doing so. Penny said, "I was lying on the couch one day after being diagnosed with MS. I felt animal control for a 'sunshine' prothat I wanted to help the helpless. That is when I decided to bring the expo back. The main goal is to give rescues and shelters a professional event to showcase their animals and give them tons of exposure."

The expo gives funds to senior citizens and people with disabilities when they can't afford even basic diagnostic tests for animals. Penny illustrates, "If a senior has a

gram. Various \$500 grants to rescues to care for sick animals. \$1,000 to a rescue for an outside run. The amount that goes out is just about what comes in."

In addition to the expo, Penny has also fostered over 300 dogs with a special love of Labrador rescue. She also takes in litters of kittens because shelters are usually unable to take kittens unless they are eight

> weeks old or weigh two pounds. She has two of her own dogs, Suzie, a lab and Boone, a bloodhound and two cats, Gil and Tigoo.

> Born and raised in Brookfield, her early years gave hints of the rescue woman that is within her. When she was 16, she was on her way home from work coming down Capitol Drive. And, she saw a struggling animal in the road. It was a huge yellow Labrador

that had been injured. She got him in the back of her car, drove him home and tracked down the owner. The dog received medical care. A year later the owner knocked on her door and offered her the pick of a litter as a thank you.

And another episode in her teenage years was when she came across a lady who had a backyard full of rescued puppies. She took home a sick German Shorthaired puppy. Her mom didn't want to keep him and took the dog to Elmbrook Humane Society. Penny ran away from home on foot and walked over to Elmbrook. Penny confesses, "I lied



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fixed income, they go into vet care or emergency care and they have to spend \$200 or \$300 or \$400 for a test. They are often faced with gut-wrenching decision. The expo helped a senior woman whose dog had all sorts of bad symptoms. The expo paid for the diagnostics which identified a heart problem. The senior could afford the medicine. The care kept the dog alive an extra year and a half longer than if she hadn't (pursued that route)."

The expo gives back to the rescues and shelters. Penny details some of the activity, "\$4,000 to start a spay and neuter program. \$1,000 to on the application and said I was maybe I won't if someone as good 18. I set out to live on the streets with that puppy." Her beloved. Pooba, also came from Elmbrook and now anytime she can she supports them. Penny says, "There is a misconception about them because people think they are in Brookfield that they get a lot of money. But they are continually overlooked. I always try to support them because of my history and I know of the very, very good things they do."

Penny says her favorite way to spend a day is boating on a lake "anywhere and everywhere. I'll gather up some of my rescue friends. We drive out to middle of lake, jump in and swim and talk a whole lot of smack." Penny's husband, Marty told her "that her life seems to be nothing more than boating and dogs."

Penny asks that everyone try to foster, "Let me put it in this perspective. If everybody fostered just one time a year for one month (the average time in foster) so many more dogs would get adopted. Any given rescue can take 10 to 20 calls a day (about dogs in need of foster homes)."

And as for the concern about not being able to say goodbye to that foster, Penny says, "I am very well known to cry over anything. That is what I do. I cry. I am a pretty emotional person. I have two dogs already. When I bring in a foster dog, that dog is third on the pecking order for attention. If I were to adopt that foster dog, they are going to remain third on the attention list for the family. If I let them go to some wonderful family that walks in my door, they will be first for that family. Every time I walk into my house with a foster dog, I say that I am going to keep this dog....but as, or better than, me comes along. It always happens. There might be a tear here and there but when you see these wonderful people it makes it easier to let them go. And, if you want to keep them, KEEP THEM!

Penny summarized what she wanted people to remember the most. About the Expo, Penny said, that when they give out the money and help a sick animal or a senior citizen, it feels so good. "The team of magnificent people who volunteer on the expo committee all feel the same way." On rescues, please remember how easy it would be if we all volunteered to foster just one month a year. Penny laughs, and "On me, well, if there are any volunteer personal trainers out there. I would LOVE them to volunteer to train me!"

#### **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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With her hair tied back and a look of apprehension on her face, Michelle Serocki, co-founder and Executive Director of the Brew City Bully Club (BCBC), runs from one end of the parking lot to the other directing volunteers and coordinating activities. She's a woman on a mission, and in that particular moment her mission was to make the Ride to End Dogfighting event a complete success.

Presented by Harley Davidson, this annual motorcycle ride and event raises funds and awareness of the horrendous blood sport that goes on illegally throughout the country between innocent pit bulls and their inhumane human counterpartsone of several events Serocki sets up each year to support the breed.

For those who do not know what the BCBC is or does, Serocki explains:

Putz: When did BCBC begin and why?

Serocki: We incorporated in October of 2008. It began because we felt bad that so many folks were afraid of our pit bull Capone. We wanted to help educate people so they could get over their fear. We had also 28 learned that many other owners needed support. The overpopulation problem needed addressing a and the dogfighting needed to stop. So we started BCBC. Milwaukee

# **Bally Club Brew** City

had no pit bull resources at all. Currently, we have a couple dozen very dedicated volunteers that help regularly. We have about 100 volunteers that help out at least once or twice a year.

Putz: What were your failures/ hardships along the way?

Serocki: Rescue is so, so difficult. It's emotionally and financially draining. We have never dialed it in yet. We've learned too many lessons to list honestly. Non-profit/ animal welfare world is very difficult to work in. But we've grown from every mistake and every lesson, and I feel we've always gotten better.

**Putz**: What does the future of BCBC look like? How can the public help/ get involved?

Serocki: We would LOVE to have a small shelter and just continue to help more and more folks with and without pit bulls! We also want to do 500 spays and neuters consistently each year. The future looks busy and bright for all the Milwaukee area! The public can get involved by going to our website (brewcitybullies.org) and signing up to be a volunteer or by attending our events!

**Putz:** Can you give an example of a situation where BCBC made a difference in a person's and dog's life?

Serocki: There was this kid Jeremv who was recruited to our Pit Bull Training Team (PBTT) by his cousin Marquis. He came in with a chip on his shoulder the size of Texas. The dog smelled worse than a Midwestern farm and was skinnier than a runway model. The

black dog's name was Black - a sign of either extreme lack of creativity or dogfighting. Kids don't want to get attached to their fighting dogs so they either don't name them or they name them something totally unemotional.

Anyway, this kid was sure that PBTT was going to be a huge waste of his time. But it only took about 15 minutes to get Jeremy's attention. Black would only do what we wanted when Jeremy was handling him. I said to Jeremy "Wow, he must really like you. I'm a professional trainer. I do this for a living but can't get him to do it. How are you doing that?" Jeremy looked at Black and at me a few times. He gruffly admitted, "I don't know." I said ok and sent him back to his spot. He needed to think about that a little while. Jeremy had no idea what was going on. He wasn't used to doing anything right, have anyone listen to him or respect him and he sure hadn't experienced much positive reinforcement in his life. The following week Black came

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# **Canine Words**

Dog owners can use unique definitions when describing their dogs. A common word, 5 such as "socks," has a different meaning for dog owners than the clothing item you 50 might wear under your sneakers. A dog's socks are white marks on its feet. Nº. Read the descriptions below. Then unscramble the name of the term. A clue appears below each description to help you. Good luck! 20 5 PCA 1. A darkly shaded color pattern on the skull of some breeds. Clue: You might wear one of these at a baseball game. 50 50 2. The portion of a dog's forelock (or bangs) that hangs over the AELRMLUB eyes or partially covers them. 3 Clue: You use one of these to keep dry in the rain. 50 3. A white mark on the forehead. ARSTS 3 Clue: You see these at night. 5 4. A large, black mark over the back of the dog. SDLEAD Clue: Horseback riders sit in these. 3 5 RNOPA 5. This is longer hair below the neck on the chest of a dog. Clue: People wear one of these to protect their clothing in the 1 kitchen 5 6. This is the color of the coat on the back and upper part of the BATEKNL 5 sides of a dog, between the neck and the tail. Clue: You place more of these on your bed when it is cold. 50 10 7. This is when a dog's hair turns gray around its muzzle. FRSOINGT Clue: Another term for "icing" a cake. 1 8. A group of puppies born together with the same mother and LIRTET father. **1** Clue: Another word for "trash." American KENNEL CLUB 3 1. cap 2. umbrella 3. stars 4. saddle 5. apron 6. blanket 7. frosting 8. litter 1 3 www.akc.org

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# Challenges to Keeping Your Dog Slim

So, you know your dog is overweight and you're trying to solve the problem, but you just aren't seeing the results you want. Let's troubleshoot some of the potential challenges:

**SCENARIO #1:** One family member doesn't get it and keeps sabotaging the dog's weight management program. Invite that family member to be the one to take the dog to the vet. Your vet will be happy to make clear to Dad how important this is. Sometimes Dad will listen to us when he won't listen to you. If that doesn't work, all you can do is take Dad into consideration. If you know he will be slipping Maggie three dog biscuits a day no matter what you do, then you know that her allotment of biscuits has been used up for the day and that, unfortunately, everyone else is only allowed to hand out baby carrots. Substitute low-calorie biscuits for the really rich ones. Put them in the old biscuit box, and Dad will never know.

**SCENARIO #2:** Your dog doesn't



get it and keeps sabotaging her own weight management program by stealing the other dog's food, the children's food, and anything else she can reach. This is where you get to play MacGyver and set up the house so that she can't get at anything. Put the cat's food up on a shelf where the cat can jump



up to it, but the dog can't. Put the overweight dog outside or in a kennel while other family members are eating. Teach the command "Off." Childproof the kitchen. You're the one with the three-pound brain and the opposable thumbs, after all. Are you going to let a dog get the better of you? Setting yourself up for success is better than waiting for the dog to steal the Thanksgiving turkey off the table.

**SCENARIO #3:** Dog refuses to eat the low-calorie food. Oh, they can make you feel so cruel. Small dogs are the pros at this. They sit in front of the bowl and sadly watch you move around the kitchen, occasionally glancing at the bowl to see if the rejected offering is still there. Surely there is some mistake? Surely you didn't intend for them to... to *eat* this stuff? Well, no there isn't, and yes you did.

Start by introducing the low-calorie food slowly if your dog is the fussy type. Mix it with the old high-calorie stuff. Over the course of several days, decrease the proportion of high-calorie food and increase the proportion of low-calorie food until there is nothing but low-calorie food in the dish. Your dog may well pick out the stuff she likes and leave the rest. That is fine. The smells of the two foods will rub off on each other, and she will get accustomed to the new food even if she doesn't eat much of it or particularly like it.

And then, once you have been working on this routine for three to seven days, the low-calorie food is all that you offer. PERIOD. You do not top it with gravy or give her a peanut butter sandwich. Does your dog decline to eat? Don't wor-

ry. I have been a veterinarian for longer than I care to admit, and I have *never*, *ever* heard of a healthy dog starving itself to death because it didn't like the food that the owner offered. (And, you did get her checked out by the veterinarian before starting this project, right?) If she is not eating, she is not hungry. Watch for evidence of other problems such as vomiting or lethargy, and take her to the vet if she is genuinely sick. Otherwise, replace the food with a fresh offering at the next scheduled mealtime. When she is hungry, she will eat. Once she gets used to the new food, she will like it just fine, I promise.

**SCENARIO #4:** Dog eats the lowcalorie food and wants more. And more. And more. Say, isn't that the same way she acted when you fed her the regular food? Let's face it: some dogs are just always hungry.

There are some dogs out there who will eat past the point of feeling full until they physically cannot cram any more food down their throats. Many a dog owner has come to the emergency clinic with a dog that is so bloated it can scarcely walk, telling a story that starts, "I don't know how he got into that closet, but that bag of food was full yesterday." The moral of this story is that you cannot rely on certain dogs to stop when they have had enough because they have never had enough. Now, I'm not saying I blame them, but you need to be the brains of the gang and step in when they've had enough. It helps if you can find something else for them to do, too. A dog that's busy playing will spend less time staring at his empty food bowl.

Is it hard work to keep your dog slim? Well, sometimes, but it isn't too hard if you remember that you're doing what's best for him. Your work will be rewarded with every veterinary visit you avoid. More importantly, you'll be repaid for your efforts every time you see him play - happy and full of energy.

#### Megan Tremelling, DVM

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#### Humane Animal Welfare Society 262-542-8851 www.hawspets.org

Hi, I'm Diesel. I am a 10-years-young black Labrador Retriever that just wants a nice, calm home. I was with younger kids. It just didn't work for me as they made me a bit too nervous! Teenagers would be fine because they could play & take me for easy walks around the block. Cats & other dogs would also be OK. I would like a nice, quiet home, and I will be your best pal forever.



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  - October 13th
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Dog Training Class - Life Skills for Puppies September 26th, 7:00 pm October 2nd, 9:00am October 6th, 10:30 am November 7th, 5:30 pm November 13th, 9:00 am November 24th, 10:30 am HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165 www.hawspets.org

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Dog Behavior Seminar October 2nd, 6:00 pm Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee 414-264-6257 www.wihumane.org

Let's Go: Loose Leash Walking October 2nd, 6:00 pm HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165 www.hawspets.org

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Patricia McConnell October 25th, 7:00 pm Radisson Hotel 2303 N. Mayfair Road, Milwaukee www.wihumane.org

Dog Training Class-Canine Good Citizenship November 12th, 6:00 pm HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165 www.hawspets.org

Dog Behavior Seminar November 13th, 6:15 pm Wisconsin Humane Society, Ozaukee www.wihumane.org

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Fall Fiesta with HAWS September 14th & 15th, Noon Casa del Rio 408 E. Main St., Waukesha www.hawspets.org

Border Collie Day September 15th, 11:00 am **Greater Racine Kennel Club** www.wibordercollierescue.org

Paws and Claws Gala September 22nd, 5:30 pm Pfister Hotel 424 E Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee www.wihumane.org

Green Acres Boxer Bash September 22nd, 10:00 **Columbus Fireman's Park Pavilion** Columbus www.greenacresboxerrescue.com

Greyhound Meet'n'Greet, 1:00 pm September 22nd October 27th November 24th HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165 www.hawspets.org

Kids' Night Out September 28th, 6:00 pm Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee 414-264-6257 www.wihumane.org

Romp the Runway! September 28th, 5:30 pm Silver Spring Country Club Menomonee Falls www.hawspets.org

Dogtoberfest September 29th, 11:00 am Capital Brewery 7734 Terrace Avenue, Middleton www.giveshelter.org

Barktoberfest September 29th, 12:30 pm Estabrook Park, 4400 N. Estabrook Dr. www.milwaukeedogparks.org

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# Yp: Bentley and My Brother

Bentley is a white dog with fluffy fur that is curly but wavy because he is a Bichon mixed with poodle. He is a three year old who loves to run and play with my brother. He lives with my Grandma, but when we visit, the dog is always excited. My brother Tyler and Bentley play with each other for hours at a time!

It is so fun to watch them together.

My cousin Adrian, who is a few years older than Ty, also claims to be the owner of Bentley. They are buddies too. It is even more exciting when they are both over. Tyler backs off and Adrian runs the show with the dog. Adrian and Ty's favorite 'toy' at Grandma's is Bentley.

When Ty was one, my

Grandma got Bentley. He felt like he was his very own. They were alike when they were younger more than they are now. Ty was like a puppy! He crawled around and barked and even chewed on some of Bentley's toys. Once he tried Bentley's food. He didn't like it. They attacked each other but in a friendly way. Ty would pull on Bentley's hair in excitement and Grandma would say, "No Ty, stop." But Bentley seemed to like the attention that he would have all the time by this crawling kid on the floor.

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Ty likes to let Bentley outside without asking Grandma. Bentley runs so fast that my brother will be tripped! But he always gets up and

<sup><sup>LL</sup></sup> time it was quiet and I walked into

the kitchen and Ty's head was on Bentley's chest and they were both sleeping.

One time Grandma took Bentley to get groomed and when they came back, Ty asked me, "What happened to his fur"? I told him that Grandma took him to get his hair



cut just like when he got his hair cut. I thought it was funny that he was so concerned about Bentley's missing fur.

Now that Ty is older, they go outside and Ty throws tennis balls to Bentley. He retrieves them, but Ty has a hard time getting them back. Ty will give Bentley his food and water and act like his owner. Ty thinks he can boss Bentley around like Grandma, but it doesn't work. Bentley just keeps on barking.

My Aunt Emily just got a new dog for her birthday, Geo, a teacup Chihuahua that is a new friend to Bentley. Tyler tries to join in on the fun, but the Chihuahua will nip at Ty unlike Bentley ever did. Grandma says, "Stay away from Geo, Ty!" Ty will go outside with Grandma to run the dogs in the yard. It is really cute. Ty is told constantly, "Bentley is your dog and Geo is Emily's". When the dogs play, Ty wants in on it and doesn't care that the little one will nip at him. He knows Bentley has his back! He thinks so anyway.

Looking back at how cute Ty and Bentley were, I hope we can get

> a dog of our own someday. Maybe one that is like Bentley – loving, caring, and tolerant of little kids! I am going into sixth grade and watching my little brother grow up with Grandma's dog has been a blast! I think Bentley is a good family dog because he runs, plays, and sleeps next to little kids. I like that he is nice looking and really white right after a bath. He is not afraid of new people. He is a perfect

dog for our family.



#### Arianna Collins

Arianna Collins is in the 6th grade at Hadfield Elementary School, and lives in Big Bend, Wisconsin.

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Wisconsin Division of Kentuckiana Pug Rescue 414-764-0795 www.kentuckianapugs.com

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# C'MON IN! Introducing a New Dog to your Home

So, you're thinking about adding a new dog into your household? I've been there and I know the anxiety and excitement that comes along

with this decision. Maybe, like my family, you have an older dog that has been your constant companion and walking partner for the past 13 years and playmate to your only child for the past 5 years. Maybe he's slowing down a little and you think to yourself, gosh, maybe we should adopt another dog to bring that "youthful spark" back into our household. Sound familiar? Yep, that's exactly where we were last summer.

When introducing a new dog into your home with an existing dog, you should choose the new dog carefully. After a few months of searching (and discussing), we adopted Neil, a two-year-old Border Collie from Wisconsin Border Collie Rescue (WBCR). He had all the energy and intensity that you would expect from a young dog, and he seemed to match the personality of what our older guy was when he was younger.

Since we had never been in a situation where we had to introduce a new live-in companion for our older guy, Dale, we consulted the advice of those we were adopting from. Kasey Fowler-Finn, a volunteer with WBCR (and Neil's foster-mom) was a huge help. She suggested having an activity or two that you do with the older dog alone such as daily walks or playtime. "This will help them not feel as if they are losing

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everything," she explains.

In our case, new dog Neil required much more exercise and activity



than our older guy did. In the attempt to balance the two and make sure Dale received some alone time with us, we would take Dale for a short walk on his own and then exercise Neil as needed which usually consisted of two walks or more per day. "It's important not to leave the old dog behind too much or they might not get enough exercise and will age faster in my opinion," adds Fowler-Finn.

Giving your older dog space is also important in helping him adjust to a new dog. This was something we did with Dale by giving Neil some down time in his kennel. "With fosters, I would leave them in the kennel for just 15-20 minutes after mealtime so that my dog could have some 'me time,' "adds Fowler-Finn. "I also crate them when I'm gone so my older dog can have his space during the day." In order to give each dog his own space, we make it a rule of thumb to kennel Neil when we aren't home. This helps us avoid any territorial

> issues and keeps Neil from destroying things when we aren't in sight.

> Since our older guy is a very mild-mannered dog. we had very few territorial issues. But, there were a few growling matches and the occasional tussle over things both dogs wanted to claim as their own. "You definitely have to let them work out who is on top," explains Fowler-Finn. "This is not to say you should let the young one beat the old one up, but you also shouldn't influence

who is getting the upper-edge. "It will be hard to watch at first but will make things much easier in the long run."

So if you're considering the adoption of a younger dog into your household, keep the best interests of both dogs in mind. Be sure to spend adequate time with both dogs, and give them a chance to adjust to each other and to you. Though we certainly didn't do everything by the book when we adopted Neil, he has adjusted nicely with our family. Of course, he did have a good teacher with his older-brother Dale and the good people from WBCR.

#### Jamie Klinger-Krebs

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

# 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:

Do you travel with your dog?

"All the time. They go where we go – except vacation."

> Kelly and Bob Beauparland Milwaukee, WI

"Oh ABSOLUTELY! He's a world traveler. My husband is a comedian and he'll bring 'Batman' (the dog) on the road with him."

> Erin and Johnny Beehner Waukesha, WI

"Always. Absolutely. I wouldn't plan a trip without my dogs. Or I don't plan a trip at all."

> Sue Stebbins Waukesha, WI



"No. I usually drop her off at grandma and grandpa's. Sasha loves grandma and grandpa."

> Brian Braunreiter. New Berlin, WI

"Of course. Everywhere I go, my dog goes too - especially shows!"

> Teri Brumsfield West Allis, WI

"My dogs are so entertaining I don't need to go on a vacation. I'm happy just to save the money and stay home with my buddies."

> Joe Martin Milwaukee, WI

"I take him camping with me but I think he would rather be laving on the couch at home. He was happy when we got a new RV. "

> Marie Tubbin Waukesha, WI

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Sam, age 5, is a "gentleman cat." He's a super cool dude who is not pushy or assuming, but he will pout respectfully for a bit until he gets some loving, after which he is VERY grateful. Sam is a wonderful cat and an absolute joy to be around.



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#### **Yorkshire Terrier**

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#### Wash. Co. HS, 262-677-4388 www.washingtoncountyhumane. org

Louie is 12 years young, a super-sweet 🗄 soul and a quiet lap lover who is shy at first but very affectionate. Louie was surrendered along with his brother Mo.

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the following common distractions: a) A person using crutches, a wheelchair, or a walker

b) A sudden opening or closing of a door

c) Dropping a pan, folding chair, or other large object

d) A jogger running in front of the dog

e) A person pushing a cart or crate dolly

f) A person on a bike

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#### **Brenda Rynders**

Brenda Rynders lives in Oak Creek with her husband Rob, two cats, a Siberian husky, and a ball python. She is a college student studying English with a minor in Journalism. She currently works for North Shore Animal Hospital in Racine and is happy to be a part of the FETCH team.

#### Sporting Activities

Rally Obedience Monday Nights, 8:00 pm Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis www.cudahykennelclub.org

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Obedience Run-Thrus 2nd Friday of the Month, 6:30 pm Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis www.cudahykennelclub.org

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- 3rd Friday of the Month, 6:30 pm
- Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis www.cudahykennelclub.org

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back several pounds heavier and bathed and Jeremy came in eager to learn. No one asked him to feed or bathe Black. He chose to do that because he wanted to. And he came back eager and ready to learn because he wanted to. That's huge. In less than an hour that dog went from property to pet. And that boy gained a best friend.

**Putz:** What is your advice to someone who wants to start a rescue?

Serocki: If you want to start a rescue, you need to have more emotional strength than anyone I've ever known. You need to have ample room in your own home for all the dogs whose fosters fall through. You need to have great training knowledge or learn really, really quick on the job. You need to be immune to burnout and always willing to admit that you were wrong and do it a different way. You need to be able to accept failure, learn from it and move on. Above all, you need to have a lot of money set aside because you'll never have enough and no one will give you enough.

#### Natassia Putz

Nastassia Putz is a freelance writer and pit bull advocate. She is the mother of two pits, Tess and Gracie Putz and step-mom to a boxer named Sonya.

#### Pet Parties/Play Groups

Pooch Playtime 1:30 - 2:15 pm September 9th Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee 414-264-6257 www.wihumane.org

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Paw-a-Ween October 20th, 12:30 pm Stone Mountain Pet Lodge 9935 Radisson Road, Blaine, MN www.mnmidwestpugrescue.com

Petlicious Halloween Party October 28th Petlicious 2217 Silvernail Road, Pewaukee www.ebhs.org

Cavapalooza October 28th, 11:00 am Winnegamie Dog Club W7245 Manitowoc Road, Menasha www.badgerlandckcsc.org

HAWS Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale November 3rd, 9:00 am HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165 www.hawspets.org

Holiday Pet Photos November 10th, 9:00 am November 11th, Noon HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165 www.hawspets.org

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Playtime at the Playground Saturdays, 9:00 am – Noon Puppy Playground, Oak Creek, 414-764-PUPS www.puppyplaygroundwi.com

Puppy Party Sundays 11:30 am – 12:30 pm For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago 800-581-9070 www.forpetssake.cc

Pup Social Sundays, 5:15 – 5:45 pm Best Paw Forward, Hartland 262-369-3935 www.bestpawforward.net

PuppyParties 6:00 pm & 6:45 pm September 2nd HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165 www.hawspets.org

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different experiences for the dogs like walking through PVC pipes shaped like a "Z" and is used to build confidence in the dogs.

• Desensitizing dogs to strangers by walking through kennels and tossing treats inside so the dogs come to the kennel to greet strangers.

• Puzzles for mental stimulation.

• Playing "find it" by hiding treats under plastic orange cones.

Lynn says the volunteers are "People with a passion that get to channel it and see the results. People get hooked on the program because they see what they can do." Additionally, dog walkers provide exercise for the dog and allow the dog time to just be a dog. Having a variety of volunteers allows the dog to get comfortable with a variety of people – older, younger, male, and female. One of the goals of the program is to take it to additional shelters. Among others, HAWS has worked with or talked with Fox Valley, Dane County, Iowa County and Oshkosh.

Some dogs are out on the adoption floor while they are on the program and some are not. Additionally, any HAWS alumni can come back and work with a behaviorist.

The Mod Squad provides a "Guide for Adoptive Families " for dogs that have been in the program. It details what has been worked on while the dog was at the shelter. Leann says, "This helps people take something physical home and get excited about training. It transfers the training from our hand to theirs and ensures the training we did is not going to get dropped."

While there are currently enough volunteers to cover the dogs in the program, people who are interested in volunteering can call or e-mail for more information. The group is very close. They have held meetings to educate the staff on the program. They also all meet as a group every 2 months.

The program has been very successful. The rate on dogs that have gone through the program returning to the shelter is very low. In May of 2012, Snickers was celebrated as the 500th dog that went through the program. Lynn says, "It wasn't easy to start. But with the opportunity to get the grant and get the right person in charge of the program and build a team, we were fortunate". And, I am sure if you ask the 500+ dogs who went through the program; they would say they were the fortunate ones.

#### **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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