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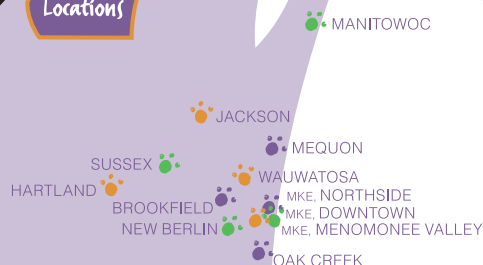
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## Editor's Letter

Dear Fetch Readers:

Ahh, Fall. It is the season of beautiful colors, amazing landscapes and the woods full of life as everyone gets ready for the winter ahead. Chipmunks scatter across the hiking trail as my dog, Louie, and I make our way through the woods. The geese are flying south. It seems everyone is going somewhere.

There should be some things in this issue that you can take along with you on your journey through the season. If you meet some new dogs along the way, we have an article that reminds you of the proper way to greet a dog. If you are curious as to what goes on in a kids' dog camp or in an agility camp, we have articles that will help you plan for next year. If you need a lift that comes from seeing a furry face, we have pictures of adoptables looking for home and pictures of beloved pets... including the occasional critter that goes "meow" instead of "woof".

As always, our calendar of events, both in this issue and on [fetchmag.com](http://fetchmag.com), bring you all sorts of places to go. And since you are out visiting, visit us on facebook. [com/fetchmag](http://com/fetchmag) and [twitter.com/fetchmag](https://twitter.com/fetchmag). May you enjoy the journey through the months ahead with a furry friend by your side!

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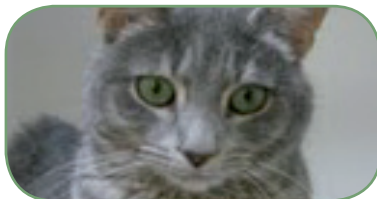
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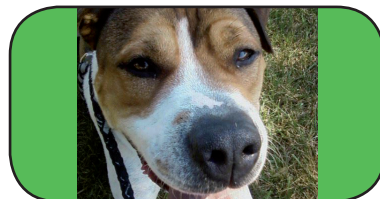
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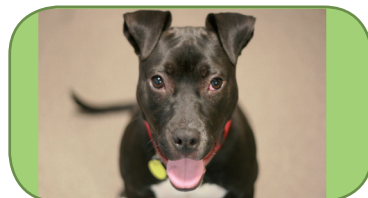
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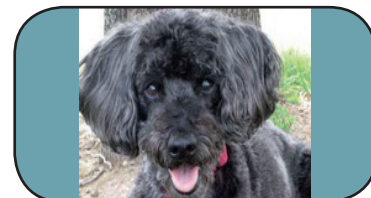
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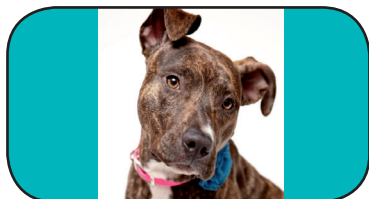
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Meet Lilly, an 8-month-old female American Pit Bull Terrier mix with an outgoing personality! Lilly loves to go on long walks or chase after tennis balls. After a busy day, she is a big snuggler & enjoys lots of belly rubs! Very intelligent, she learns quickly & would do very well in manners classes. Like all of our available canine companions, Lilly is already spayed, microchipped & vaccinated.



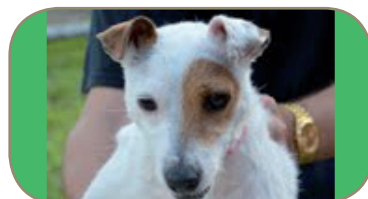
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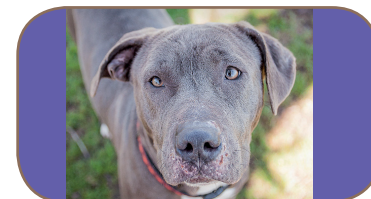
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# Eyes and Paws to the Future

The Christmas card arrives in our mailbox each year with beautiful penmanship wishing us a great holiday season. Enclosed is the super-cute family picture of Junior, Junior #2, Lovely Daughter, Junior #3...and the family's very happy Retriever. I can never tell who's smiling more – the kids or their beloved best dog buddy.



Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Smieja

As is the case for many families, these kids are sharing their youth with a pet. She was actually the third "child" to arrive on the scene, splitting the human arrivals right down the middle. From day one Mom and Dad have made sure everyone knows what it means to respect each other, how to interact properly and to treat each other with compassion and kindness.

We often talk of obedience training for our dogs to make them proper citizens in our human world. But do we also think about the importance of training our kids – to be proper citizens in the animal kingdom?

## LIFE IS EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK

An email from a recent HAWS client described her visit to the shelter to say goodbye to her dear pet with a loving, peaceful act. Her appointment was scheduled for mid-morning, usually a less busy time and more tolerable for dealing with an emotional situation.

That morning happened to be a Monday...and, the first day of summer camp! The woman noted the buzz of activity all around her: parents helping children get settled, young volunteers walking dogs, interns helping in the kennel. The

shelter was a full of "life" while there she sat, waiting for just the opposite.

In truth, she found it all to be very comforting! At the end of her pet's life, she was witness to many new beginnings. She saw the future. She saw parents guiding their children towards lives as compassionate adults. She saw the seeds of kindness towards animals being planted. She saw the lessons of responsibility being taught.

## THE FUTURE IN TRAINING

What do a Girl Scout Troop, a Car-

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kids deal with their pets but also in the way they approach each other and society in general.

HAWS' youth programs often look like controlled chaos. This is truly a good thing because it means children are actively learning (with the emphasis on active). While absorbing lessons and sharing their ideas, they are discovering how to properly interact with each other, how to treat our shelter animals and kindness towards all they will encounter outside HAWS' walls.

'Camp Gone to the Dogs' teams work to properly train the dogs they have been assigned as a group. The Lad Lake students muster every ounce of patience some days when working with a wiggly pup on simple commands. More than one intern has learned the real reason our caretakers wear scrubs! But,

all have also received the gift of gratitude from the pets they have met, and that feeling translates beyond just working with pets.

Bet you didn't realize classes in "kindness" are as close as HAWS or another area shelter.

Teach your children well: your pet (and the world) will thank you!

**Jennifer Smieja**

Jennifer Smieja and husband Andy share their Waukesha home with rescues Elliott the cat and dogs Freeway and Scooter - all "job hazards" from Jen's work at HAWS as Development Coordinator. Retired racing greyhound Diesel completes the family...usually lagging along behind.

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# Chow Chows

## Blue Tongued Wonders



Which breed is considered to be one of the most visually appealing breeds in existence? Its bear-like appearance, distinctive blue tongue and lovable scowl allow it to stand apart from other breeds. Why it's the Chow Chow, of course!

In addition to a striking appearance, the charming qualities of the Chow Chow make it a remarkable member of the household. Unlike many dog breeds, the Chow Chow is naturally reserved. They are not known to be vocal or destructive and are relatively easy to housebreak. However, Chow Chow owners should be prepared to spend extra time in training, as the breed commonly aims to please itself and may not respond well to traditional obedience training methods. Additionally, the Chow Chow is a highly intelligent breed that is very territorial. Unfortunately, many mistake the breed as vicious or aggressive. Although the Chow Chow may appear fierce in the presence of strangers, he is simply fulfilling his genetic duty to protect his loved ones.

Dr. Ann-Marie Schmid has been

the proud owner of Chow Chows for almost 20 years, all of which have been rescued. As an avid dog lover, Dr. Schmid has devoted several years to the proper training and socialization of her beloved

for adoption and became the first of many chows in my life.

**FETCH:** What are your favorite qualities of the Chow Chow?

**Dr. Schmid:** You would be hard pressed to find a more loyal companion than a Chow, and I say this as a lifetime lover of all dogs. I personally enjoy the challenge that comes with this breed. The AKC has ranked the Chow as one of the "least trainable" breeds. It is not that Chows cannot be trained; it is that many Chows choose not to be (trained) as they are stubborn and aloof. It is very similar to training a cat. It CAN be done if the owner is patient, and when it happens it is magical!

**FETCH:** What distinguishes the Chow Chow from other breeds?

**Dr. Schmid:** Chows are the "cats of the dog world." Like a cat, they will show you affection on their terms. One should feel very honored if a Chow likes them, as it is a sign of trust and friendship that is not given to just anyone. This breed bonds very tightly to their family and is fiercely protective of their territory. Unfortunately the very trait which chow lovers find so endearing also puts the chow near the top of the bite list when people do not understand their protective nature and the chow bites someone while "doing their job."

**FETCH:** Are Chow Chows prone to any specific ailments or illnesses?

**Dr. Schmid:** As with any purebred animal, when you breed for a spe-

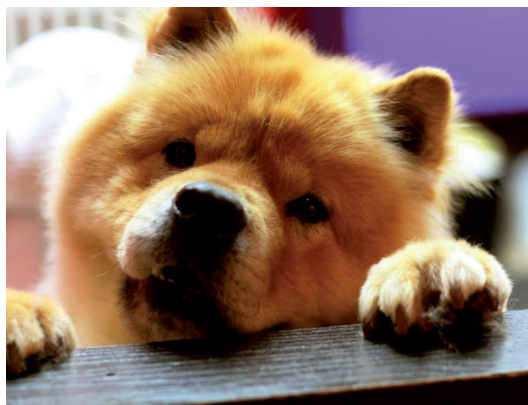


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Chows. **FETCH** was thrilled to have the opportunity to converse with Dr. Schmid about her experiences and knowledge of the breed.

**FETCH:** How did you become familiar with the Chow Chow breed?

**Dr. Schmid:** When I was in veterinary school, I had the opportunity to work with Ewok, the first chow I really got to know well. Ewok was a Chow female who was part of a research study involving genetic carriers for 'Shaker pup syndrome'. For film buffs, this was the study which was mentioned in the movie *Lorenzo's Oil*. At the end of the study, Ewok became available







cific look you unfortunately also get a predisposition for the medical ailments of that breed. Chows are no exception. The condition most frequently recognized within the breed is entropion or ectropion, which is a mismatch between the size of the eye and the skin of the surrounding eyelids. In some cases, the Chow may have a combination of entropion/ectropion and may benefit from having the surgery performed by a veterinary ophthalmology specialist. Additionally, Chows have a higher than average chance of developing glaucoma.

**FETCH:** In your opinion, what is the best home environment for a Chow Chow?

**Dr. Schmid:** I would not advise that a Chow be brought into a household where there are a lot of strangers coming and going due to the protective nature of this breed. As such, households with young unattended children may not be the most suitable match for this breed. When I have people visit my house, the dogs are kept in a kennel away from the activity, and the visitors are instructed not to touch the dogs. This is both for the protection of the visitors as well as the dogs.

**FETCH:** What advice do you have

for potential owners who are interested in purchasing/adopting a Chow Chow?

**Dr. Schmid:** If you are serious about bringing a Chow Chow into your life, be sure that you do your research ahead of time! Many rental properties as well as homeowner insurance companies will not provide coverage if you own this breed. You also need to look at your personal circumstances and make sure you can commit to this animal for the next 10-12 years, as this breed bonds very tightly to their family and does not do well if surrendered to a shelter or rescue group. A chow is not a 'starter dog' and will require a commitment to training and socialization from a young age. Be prepared for regular grooming, with at least twice yearly blowing of the undercoat. Finally, I would strongly encourage anyone considering a Chow to contact your veterinarian and groomer and have the Chow worked with from an early age.

For more breed information and how to contact a Chow Chow rescue group, please visit: [www.chowwelfare.com](http://www.chowwelfare.com).

Dr. Ann-Marie Schmid has worked in the veterinary field since 1987 and has been a practicing veterinarian since 1996. Currently, she is the primary veterinarian for Dr. Schmid's Mobile Veterinary Practice. When she is not on a house call, she also provides veterinary services for Cream City Kitty Clinic.

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# Around the *Water Bowl*

## MADACC LAUNCHES STRAY ANIMALS OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY FACEBOOK PAGE

Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) is launching a new Stray Animals of Milwaukee County Facebook page in an effort to raise awareness of the high number of animals that go missing and reach county residents with a social media platform to reunite more lost companion animals with their owners.

Owners who have lost an animal can post a picture and description on the Facebook page. As well, any individual who finds a lost animal can post a photo online. It is hoped that owners can connect with finders and will be reunited with a lost companion without having to bring them into the animal stray holding facility. MADACC staff will also update the page with photos and descriptions of select incoming stray animals.

"We want to provide the Stray Animals of Milwaukee County Facebook page as another resource to Milwau-

kee County residents. Social media is an incredibly useful tool that has been used to successfully reunite animals with their families," said Karen Sparapani, MADACC's Executive Director. "Animals and their owners will both benefit if they are reunited faster and without the trip to our shelter."

Each year animal shelters across the country are besieged with companion animals. Owners should make sure that their pets are always wearing identification such as a collar with a name tag and license, and to consider micro-chipping their companion animals as well.

Milwaukee County residents who lose their pets are urged to visit the MADACC facility to search for their animal. The shelter is open for lost animal viewing Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lost animal reports can be filed by calling MADACC at (414) 649-8640. MADACC also provides an online lost-and-found search of animals currently at the shelter, hosted by Petharbor.com



(<http://bit.ly/11nqXyx>), and is updated hourly.

## ORGANIZATIONS SPREAD HOPE FOR 'PIT BULL' DOGS



Photo Courtesy of Kelly Herbold

Why do some individuals stiffen when "Pit Bull" dogs and their owners walk down the street? Because these dogs are falsely perceived as "dangerous". Therefore, organizations and events are growing in order to educate communities on misconceptions.

This past August, the Animal Farm Foundation's (AFF) Manager Caitlin Quinn and Director of Behavior and Training Bernice Clifford, held a "pit bull" dog workshop at the Shorewood Village Center. The Milwaukee Animal Alliance (MAA) and Alliance of Wisconsin Animal Rehoming Efforts (AWARE) sponsored this event. Both groups work to improve the lives of companion animals in Wisconsin and encouraged 180 individuals to make an appearance. Topics included:

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Since January 2012, Breed Specific Legislation was rejected in more than 32 locations, repealed in roughly 24 places and outlawed in 16 states, according to the AFF—a private foundation dedicated to securing equal treatment and opportunities for “pit bull” dogs.

“We learned how to educate the public to lessen the prejudice these dogs face,” said MAA Director Kelly Herbold. “Pit bull’ dogs are just dogs—no better or worse than any other breed.”

Holly Lewis, certified dog trainer and AWARE member, noted that the public had great questions and insight; therefore, she hopes the information continues to spread.

Quinn said AFF was “happy to see that Milwaukee’s animal welfare community was interested in learning how to adopt out more dogs and decrease discrimination in the community.”

## BREW CITY BULLY CLUB ANNOUNCES 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Brew City Bully Club is not your typical nonprofit organization. Advocating for ‘pit bull’ type dogs is as difficult as it is rewarding.

Formed in 2008, BCBC focuses on Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties for public education, owner support, low cost spay and neuter, and humane education. We are also expanding our rescue efforts and revitalizing our efforts to end dogfighting. We have set our sights high; to build an educated and knowledgeable community where ‘pit bulls’ and people live together safely, respectfully and happily.

We fulfill our mission by providing high-quality programs aimed at alleviating suffering of Milwaukee-area ‘pit bull’ type dogs, encouraging and facilitating responsible, loving dog ownership and raising awareness for the positive potential of ‘pit bulls’ as cherished pet in our communities. We attract pit bull lovers and critics as well. After all we are getting these dogs trained, their owners educated, drastically lowering the population and educating the next generation now so these problems don’t continue to repeat themselves! Regardless of which side of the ‘pit bull’ fence you’re on, you have got to love those results.

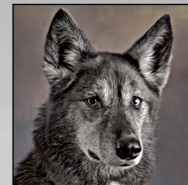
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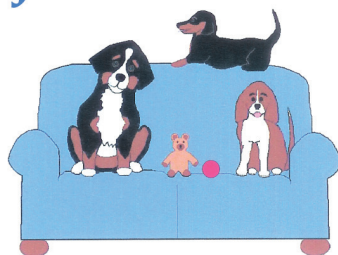
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## Caution: Dog Park Ahead

After a hectic week, coming home to a restless pup that is craving attention and stimulation can be just one more chore that sends you searching for a quick fix. People are easily tempted by dog parks that offer a one-stop shop to let your dog exercise, socialize and tire them out. However, it is important to have realistic expectations and weigh the associated risks. Here are some concerns to factor in before you go:

**HEALTH RISKS:** Direct dog interactions always have some risk of disease transmission and fleas. Many dog parks also border wildlife habitats which increase risk of exposure to rabies, Leptospirosis, Lyme disease and heartworm. According to Andrew Linklater, DVM with Lakeshore Veterinary Specialists, "Fecal-oral disease transmission can easily occur – primarily parasites like worms. The fact is that dogs are gross. They lick butts (their own and their friend's) and they like to smell and sometimes eat feces — which is how most worms are transmitted." Linklater recommends only taking your dog to the dog park when they are fully vaccinated.

**DOG PROBLEMS:** Although your pup may be polite and friendly with select dogs, it does not mean that behavior will transition to all other dogs, especially in an intense environment like a bustling dog park. Dog parks can be breeding ground for the dreaded dog fight scenario or even injuries due to overly rambunctious play. Cer-

tain dogs may also cause heightened reactions, such as intact males and females, toy breeds, puppies less than four months old and senior dogs.

Jen Digate, CBCC-KA, an applied behaviorist with Wild Canine says, "All owners should learn dog body language so they can know their dog's emotional state and help them navigate this complex environment." The



ASPCA website is a great resource for free dog body language information ([www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org)). Learn to recognize your dog's cues such as stress, fear, play and aggression. This will enable you to differentiate between play, which is often very active and sounds violent, and real threats. Know when you need to intervene.

**PEOPLE PROBLEMS:** Every dog owner has a different level of experience with dog-dog interactions. Know your dog, and know what behavior you will tolerate from your dog and other dogs. Do not let people argue with you about your limits and comfort level.

There is no authority figure at a dog park, so avoid heated disagreements that could result in confrontation.

### DOG PARK QUICK TIPS:

1. **Assess the situation.** Before

you enter, watch how other dogs are interacting. If the play seems too rough, come back another time.

2. **Be careful entering.** Dogs tend to ambush newly arriving dogs which can be quite intimidating and cause a reactive situation.

3. **Test your dog's comfort level.** Introduce your dog gradually by letting them sniff and greet other dogs through the fence.

4. **Constantly supervise.** Do not get distracted. Closely monitor your dog's activities.

5. **Watch for small children.** Dogs can be easily frightened by children's erratic behavior so be attentive. Furthermore, do not take children, as you can't adequately supervise both dogs and kids at the same time.

6. **No toys.** There is too much risk for guarding behavior.

7. **Use treats wisely.** Treats are great for rewarding good behavior but be careful about giving them when other dogs are nearby.

8. **Pick up your poo.** No one wants to step in your dog's mess.

9. **No bullying.** Stop other dogs from threatening or scaring your dog. Don't hope that your dog will "stand up for himself". It is more likely that the behavior will get worse.

10. **Know how to break up dog fights.** A harmless but effective citronella spray or a small hand-held air horn are your best bets.

**Jill Brown**

Jill Brown founded the Battle Against Dogfighting program after assisting MADACC in establishing both its volunteer program & Friends of MADACC. She is now the Community Partnerships Manager at Denver Animal Shelter.

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When Dana (rescue owner) was a child, her family always adopted animals from the local shelter. While the shelter was a no-kill facility, Dana felt sorry for the dogs and cats that spent their entire lives there. While the animals had a place to live in the shelter, she felt they should experience home life. Dana made a promise to herself that if she ever had enough land, she would have a dog rescue and sanctuary, an actual home for the dogs, even if they didn't get adopted. Years later, in 2008 Dana fulfilled her promise.

The sanctuary offers permanent homes to elderly, sick, troubled and injured dogs. A former nurse, Dana rehabs many dogs, getting them healthy and into rescue. The sanctuary dogs thrive when they have love and proper medical assistance. Some of them include Babe, a beautiful, hybrid mix dog with behavioral needs. Boston, who was a tenacious, paralyzed Pug, enjoyed many happy years in the sanctuary where he received exercise and socialization. There was Lucky, the gentle giant, who was a lovely white German Shepherd with numerous medical problems. While Lucky had a short life at YBR sanctuary, Dana made it comfortable, loving and happy.

Dana often educates new rescues.

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Many people have good intentions starting a rescue only to fall short when they realize the involvement. She has a list of things she would tell someone who would like to start a rescue: do your homework; learn your specific breed or all breeds; volunteer with other rescues;



study dog behavior; have a good trainer; attend classes with rescue dogs. Dana did training with her personal dogs before she started her rescue which laid a foundation for her rescue training work.

The daily duties like feeding, grooming, house training, providing mental and physical stimulation, vet visits, transporting and evaluating the dog's behavior are important. Home visits, reference checking and meet and greets also have to be done. And, the paperwork: viewing applications, keeping records, accounting, taxes, permits and licenses - these are all essential before the dog gets placed.

What should you watch out for? Avoid advertising on Craigslist. Craigslist harbors people seeking bait dogs for fighting. Rescues that don't do reference checking and home visits might place dogs at risk. Some rescues will adopt out dogs without basic vet care so a new owner may end up with a sick dog. Rescues should put the needs of the dogs first, not profit.

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## Triggers & Jitters: Help for the Anxious Canine

Are there things your dog is afraid of? Thunder, the roar of a motorcycle, the mailman? Understanding the fear and some tips to alter the behavior may help you have a calmer Fido.

Behavior issues that are rooted in fear and/or anxiety include the following: separation anxiety, thunderstorm or other noise anxieties/phobias and various types of aggression, including territorial aggression, resource-guarding behavior and conflict aggression. On-leash and off-leash reactivity toward specific "triggers" (dog, person, bike, scooter, restraint, vet clinic, etc) is also typically fear-based. The lunging and barking, etc is the dog's way of saying, "Stay away from me!"

It is important to understand the "fear response" so that we can effectively help the dogs to overcome their fears. Aside from having

their immediate needs met (food, water, shelter, etc), dogs are primarily concerned with wanting to feel "safe". The first thing a dog will do in any situation is determine, "Do I feel safe?" When a dog feels threatened or fearful, the dog reacts instinctively. A part of the brain called the locus ceruleans (the 'alarm system' of the brain) is stimulated, which in turn triggers various biological processes including a surge in heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate and metabolism. The dog is now readied for either confrontation or to run away.

The "alarm system" then stimulates the amygdala (the brain site for fear conditioning) to instantly call up memories of past events that were fear-provoking. This is important to understand because each fear-eliciting event that does not have a positive outcome is likely to further aggravate the problem. This is why punishment makes fear-based behaviors worse



and should therefore be avoided.

Helping a dog overcome their fear or anxiety requires three things: Anxiety management, avoidance of the fear-inducing triggers and behavior modification. It is important to decrease the dog's overall anxiety for two main reasons. First, decreasing anxiety facilitates learning so the behavior modification will be easier to do. Lessening the dog's anxiety also improves its quality of life. Simple things that can reduce anxiety include daily aerobic exercise and mental stimulation, predictable daily routine, maintaining a strong positive relationship with the dog through mutually enjoyable activities such as play (behavior problems often stress the human-dog bond), and calming aids (pheromones, body hug-type products, calming pet music, flower essence therapy, etc).

The amygdala is loaded with serotonin receptors (serotonin is the mood-stabilizing neurotransmitter) which is why serotonin-increasing medications such as Prozac and Clomipramine are so effective for fear and anxiety-based behaviors. As serotonin goes up in the brain, reactivity and intensity of the outbursts go down, as does aggression, typically. Certain other natural products can help milder fears and anxiety including L-theanine, melatonin, and L-tryptophan. A veterinarian can also prescribe

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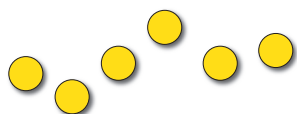
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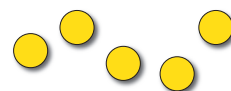
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# Human Meets Dog



The hands-on research for this piece could not have been easier. I was watering the little flower garden around the mailbox when my new neighbors walked toward me. One tall and two-legged; one on four, short legs. Tucker was the short one. With the face of a Teddy bear and fluffy wings for ears, Tucker looked like a stuffed animal to be picked-up and squeezed. But, I knew that would not be the right way to earn his trust and make him comfortable with me. Instead, I made myself smaller by bending at my knees into a squat. Without inserting myself too far into his space, I extended my hand, Tucker gave a little sniff, and I stroked him under the chin. Some friendly phrase came from my mouth like, "Hi, sweetie" or "Hey, cutie", which I said in a calm tone. I intended to communicate that everything is fine here, and I'm not going to harm you. We're just getting to know each other.

Tucker melted into my touch. He didn't object when I began to move my hand from under his chin and up to caress his wonderful ears. In no time, he rolled onto his back for a tummy rub. I had just made a new friend. A Pembroke Welsh Corgi friend, to be exact.

Meeting unfamiliar dogs can be that

simple and mutually rewarding for both human and canine. The goal, says Ana Ghim, Certified Pet Dog Trainer behavior consultant at Teacher's Pet Training Academy, is to be non-confrontational when meeting a strange dog. It starts with ignoring the misconception that a good dog-



ADORABLE Tucker

gie should be patted on the head. "It's not recommended to go over the head first," explains Ana, "Something over the face can seem pushy to a dog. They do not enjoy it."

Other canine etiquette tips involve how to approach the dog. Direct eye contact is typically threatening and should be avoided. Ana suggests keeping your eyes softly-open or half-closed. She stresses the importance of keeping your face and body relaxed.

Also, be watchful of how the dog is responding to the interaction. "If the dog is stiff or tense, it will show discomfort, like doing tongue flicks." If you sense the dog is not interested in meeting you, be respectful and back off.

While my neighbors were the ones to approach me for a greeting that lovely summer evening, in most situations I am the one eager to meet a new dog. I make it a rule to always ask the dog's guardian if it is all right to say hello. Being granted permission to greet, pet or otherwise interact with a dog is even more important when children are involved in the encounter. It is not safe to encourage a child to put her/his hand under the chin or near the mouth of strange dogs. At the same time, kids should not be encouraged to "pat the doggie on the head" as standard greeting. Rather, have an adult make contact with the dog first, and if the dog seems calm and comfortable, allow the child to approach and put gentle hands on that tempting fur. Keep in mind to always take extra caution when food is present. Even the nicest dogs can become aggressive when you or the kids are holding some tasty morsel.

Lastly, Ana offers a special note about meeting puppies. After asking if you may greet the dog, hold your palm out and down. Having access to you and your smell at a lower level dissuades puppy from jumping up for a greeting.

Meeting dogs (and the humans who love them) is one of my favorite things about writing for Fetch. Hopefully you will have many happy encounters making new friends, too.

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Read the descriptions below. Then unscramble the name of the term. A clue appears below each description to help you. Good luck!

1. A darkly shaded color pattern on the skull of some breeds. PCA  
Clue: You might wear one of these at a baseball game.
2. The portion of a dog's forelock (or bangs) that hangs over the eyes or partially covers them. AELRMLUB  
Clue: You use one of these to keep dry in the rain.
3. A white mark on the forehead. ARSTS  
Clue: You see these at night.
4. A large, black mark over the back of the dog. SDLEAD  
Clue: Horseback riders sit in these.
5. This is longer hair below the neck on the chest of a dog. RNOPA  
Clue: People wear one of these to protect their clothing in the kitchen.
6. This is the color of the coat on the back and upper part of the sides of a dog, between the neck and the tail. BATEKNL  
Clue: You place more of these on your bed when it is cold.
7. This is when a dog's hair turns gray around its muzzle. FRSOINGT  
Clue: Another term for "icing" a cake.
8. A group of puppies born together with the same mother and father. LIRTET  
Clue: Another word for "trash."



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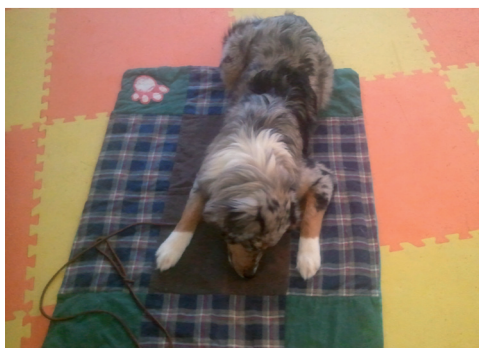
The process of getting your dog to settle on a mat is relatively simple but not necessarily easy. It is a systematic, step-by-step process that takes a small bit of time on your part.

You will begin working in a low distraction setting. The first step of training this exercise is to get your dog to engage with the mat. At this stage you will need to stand close to the mat and be silent. Any interaction your dog has with the mat gets marked. This means that when your dog does something you like you will say "Yes" or use a clicker and reinforce by give him a treat or praise. What your dog initially does with the mat can be simply to sniff it or to put a paw on it. Continue to mark and reinforce the dog's actions until your dog is actively interacting with the mat.

Once your dog gets the game, you can raise your criteria or expectations of correct behavior. The goal now is to get your dog to offer a different behavior. This could be putting all four feet on the mat or sitting if already standing on it. Try to get this to happen without luring. You want your dog to think. If your dog is simply not getting it you can lure one or two times. Then wait again to see if he offers the behavior. This leap to new behavior takes patience on your part. Each time your dog offers the new mat behavior you will mark and reinforce.

As soon as this new behavior is reliable (8 out of 10 attempts correct) you will raise the criteria again. The ultimate goal is to get your dog to lie down on the mat when he hears the doorbell ring or a knock at the door.

After your dog is going to the mat and lying down you will want to begin to increase the distance between you and the mat. Move away in small increments (a few inches at a time). If you move too far too fast your dog may not get the behavior.



*Photo Courtesy of Renea Dahms*

Generally as you work away from the mat, your dog will want to offer the behavior near you and not on the mat, so be ready to move closer to the mat and reinforce when your dog gets on it. You want to be able to get your dog going to the mat from a distance.

Adding your doorbell or door knock takes a small bit of retraining, and you might need the help of a second person. Most dogs will want to do their normal doorbell behavior (bark, dash or growl). As you begin to work with the door, you are going to need some way to keep your dog at the mat. If you are alone, you can toss treats. If you have access to another person, that person would remain near the mat to reinforce your dog for being on it.

Slowly add more activity at the door. Each time, you will reinforce your dog for being on the mat in the correct position (lying down for example). As time progresses, you will begin to fade out your food reinforcement. This is so your dog is

going to the mat because they are triggered by the door without the need for treats.

Be consistent with your training and the criteria you reinforce. Once you raise the criteria for reinforcement, stay at that level. Only raise your criteria when the dog is reliable at the current criteria. If you follow these steps you should be able to successfully set your dog up for success and impress your visitors when they see a dog that isn't jumping all over them but sitting on the mat mannerly with tail wagging.

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The queen's entourage (*other family members*) includes Winnie, a 4 year old English Bulldog, Bomb, a 5 year old French Bulldog and Lucy, the senior sibling, is a 12 year old Chihuahua. Winnie just started going to day care. Karol said, "Winnie was rescued from a puppy mill in Missou-

ri. I got (her) from the English Bulldog Rescue Network (and she had been) a breeding machine for years. She was so timid when I brought her home. It took EIGHT months to get her out of our house, whether it was a car ride, day care, anything. Now she comes here with me to work three days a week and just loves it. She's in retirement now with Mark and I. She has it so good!"



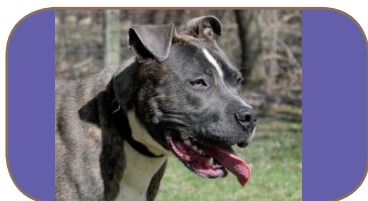
*Photo Courtesy of Mark & Karol Afaneh*

Mona's background per Karol is that Mona came from a breeder "who had

no use for her anymore because she hemorrhaged after having a litter of puppies". Karol chose Mona because she loves the breed as they "are so comical, so calming and so incredibly loving. She gets along with everyone!"

Mona's best friend is Dezel, who is deaf. Another friend is 7 month old Kevin the Dachshund. He loves to put his entire nose in Mona's big ears. And when Mona is not playing with her best buddies, she keeps busy by shaking her paw for a carrot stick. Or perhaps some of other her favorite treat such as a bully stick or shortbread cookie!

And at the end of a long day, Karol says you can find her "in mom and dad's bed, of course, instead of sleeping on one of the five dog beds in the house." But Mark and Karol don't mind, because they "love her to death and would do anything for her". Hmmm, it does sound like doggy heaven, doesn't it?



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# Is My Dog Having a **STROKE**?

Every so often, a client will bring their dog or cat to the veterinarian for an urgent evaluation because of a sudden onset of difficulty walking. The animal almost looks drunk, perhaps completely unable to get up and head is tilted. Vomiting is sometimes reported. Upon closer examination, nystagmus (eyes going back and forth rapidly) is seen. Clients will comment that they believe that their pet has had a stroke. Understandably, these pet parents worry that there may be some type of permanent injury and are distressed in watching their companion endure what can be very dramatic symptoms.

We understand a stroke from human medicine as a hemorrhage or blood clot to an area of the brain

that can lead to weakness, paralysis, loss of speech and cognitive functions and potentially death. While it is not impossible for dogs and cats to develop bleeding problems in the brain, the most common explanation for what is called a 'stroke' in small animals is actually vestibular disease.

Vestibular disease is a general term describing symptoms consistent with abnormal functioning of a part of the nervous system that controls the body's balance and equilibrium. The vestibular apparatus is the neurological equipment responsible for perceiving your body's orientation relative to the earth (determining if you are upside-down, standing up straight, falling etc.) and informing your

eyes and extremities how they should move. The vestibular apparatus helps us to walk and run without falling, helps us know when we need to right ourselves and allows our eyes to follow moving objects without becoming dizzy.

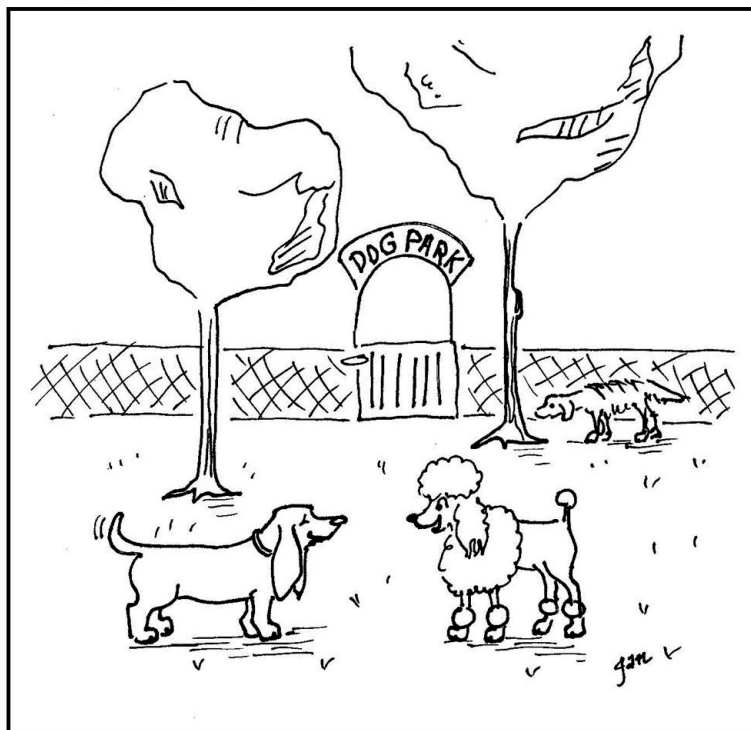
Many diseases can cause loss of balance so it is important that a veterinarian examine the animal to determine the most likely cause. An initial diagnosis is made by the history, the physical and neurologic evaluation and an ear exam. Your veterinarian might recommend further tests that could include blood work, imaging of the middle ear and/or brain and possibly chest x-rays to help rule out heart disease or tumors.

A middle ear infection is a likely possibility for vestibular disease especially if there is a history of ear infections. Since middle ear infection could be present with or without debris in the external ear, radiographs of the middle ear bones may be in order. If the middle ear appears abnormal, it may require surgical drainage. The problem is that x-rays are often not sensitive enough to pick up damage in the middle ear and a normal set of films does not rule out disease. In these cases, special imaging such as a CAT scan or MRI is better. These techniques also allow imaging of the brain tissue itself (which radiology does not) thus allowing brain abnormalities to be evaluated as well.

Brain tumors can be a cause of vestibular disease if the signs fit with a lesion of the central nervous system. In these cases, CT or MRI scans are needed to make the diagnosis. Such tumors may be treat-

## Gotta Luv 'Em

By Janice Biniok



*How old were you when you found out you were adopted?*





able depending on their location.

Idiopathic vestibular disease is the most common form of vestibular disease in dogs and cats. "Idiopathic" as defined by the Merriam Webster dictionary means "relating to or denoting any disease or condition that arises spontaneously or for which the cause is unknown".

The clinical signs of the disease happen extremely rapidly, sometimes over a few minutes, and can cause severe incapacitation.

Treatment depends upon the severity of the symptoms and the likely cause. If the cause cannot be determined, or if it is presumed to be idiopathic disease, symptomatic treatment and supportive care is given. It is not unusual for a dog or cat to be unable to get up and walk because the loss of balance is so severe. It is assumed that your pet feels dizzy and nauseous. With the more severe presentations, hospitalization, fluid support and medications for nausea are advised. If the patient is able to eat and drink and can move about without needing significant assistance, home care can be appropriate.

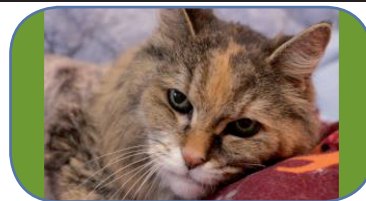
Most cases of idiopathic vestibular syndrome improve within sev-

eral hours to a few days but could take days to weeks to completely resolve. This syndrome can occur again at some point in your pet's life, however it cannot be predicted. Despite the severity of the clinical signs and the anxiety of your pet (and you), the chance of recovery is excellent. All your dog or cat needs is some time and your help.

**Lisa Flood, DVM**

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Emergency and Critical Care, WVRC



**Washington Co. Humane Society**  
262-677-4388

[washingtoncountyhmane.org](http://washingtoncountyhmane.org)

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# Calendar of **EVENTS**

## Camps/Classes/Seminars

### Training Help

Every Thursday evening 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Every Sunday 11:00 am – Noon  
Frank Allison III, APDT  
Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
262-679-6776 [www.psnmore.com](http://www.psnmore.com)

### Pet Loss Support Seminar

September 5th, 7:00 pm  
October 3rd, 7:00 pm  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### Dog Manners Class

September 5th, 7:30-8:20 pm  
September 17th, 7:30-8:20 pm  
October 5th, 1:30-2:20 pm  
October 11th, 6:15-7:05 pm  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### Puppy ABC's Class

September 5th, 6:15-7:05 pm  
September 9th, 7:15-8:05 pm  
September 17th, 6:15-7:05 pm  
October 5th, 12:00-1:00 pm  
October 11th, 7:30-8:25 pm  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### Beyond Manners Class

September 7th, 9:00-9:50 am  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### Paws to Remember:

Pet Loss Support Meeting  
September 9th, 7:00-8:00pm  
Greensquare Center for the Healing Arts  
6789 N. Green Bay Road, Glendale, WI

### Dog Behavior Seminar

September 11th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### Solving Common Canine

Behavior Problems  
6:30 pm  
September 16th  
October 7th  
November 11th  
HAWS Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### First Aid for Pets

September 21st, 1:00-4:00 pm  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Shy Dog Class

September 21st, 10:30-11:30 am  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### Patricia McConnell Talk

September 25th, 6:30-9:00 pm  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Lost in Translation

September 25th, 6:30-9:00pm  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Canine Massage by Doug Arthur

Noon - 4:00 pm  
September 28th  
October 23rd  
Petlicious Dog Bakery  
2217 Silvernail Road, Pewaukee  
[www.petlicious.com](http://www.petlicious.com)

### Dog Training Class - Basic Manners Level 1

September 30th, 6:00-7:00 pm  
October 5th, 9:00-10:00 am  
October 9th, 5:30-6:30 pm  
October 10th, 7:30-8:30 pm  
October 13th, 9:00-10:00 am  
November 11th, 7:30-8:30 pm  
November 12th, 5:30-6:30 pm  
November 24th, 9:00-10:00 am  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
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### Dog Training Class:

Basic Manners Level 2  
October 1st, 6:00-7:00 pm  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Dog Training Class - Life Skills for Puppies

October 5th, 10:30-11:30 am  
October 9th, 7:00-8:00 pm  
October 13th, 10:30-11:30 am  
November 23rd, 10:30-11:30 am  
November 24th, 10:30-11:30  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Nose Work Summit (Camp Dogwood)

October 10th-11th  
Henry Horner Camp and  
Conference Facility  
Ingleside, IL

### Clicks and Tricks Foundations

November 11th, 6:00-7:00 pm  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Dog Training Class-

Scent Work Sussex Location  
November 16th, 10:30-11:30 am  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
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### Dog Training Class-

Training Express: Come  
November 23rd, 9:00-10:00 am  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

## Fundraisers/Gatherings

### EBHS' Wagfest

September 7th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Mitchell Park  
19900 River Road, Brookfield, WI  
[Ebhs.org](http://Ebhs.org)

### EBHS' Fore the Animals Golf Outing

September 16th, 10:30 am – 6:00pm  
Wisconsin Club  
6200 W. Good Hope Rd. Milwaukee, WI  
[Ebhs.org](http://Ebhs.org)

### 2013 Paws and Claws Gala

September 21st, 6:00 – 10:00 pm  
The Pfister Hotel  
424 E. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
[Wihumane.org](http://Wihumane.org)

### 13th Annual Boxer Bash

September 21st, 10:00am – 3:00 pm  
Fireman's Park in Columbus, WI  
[Greenacresboxerrescue.com](http://Greenacresboxerrescue.com)



Bay View Bash Dog Walk  
September 21, 10:30 am - 10:00 pm  
Russell & Herman Avenues, Bay View  
[www.bustersfund.org](http://www.bustersfund.org)

Rummage for Rescue  
Fundraising Sale & Silent Auction  
September 22nd, 12:00 - 4:00 pm  
Bell City Veterinary Hospital  
4701 Spring Street Racine, WI

Barktoberfest for ROMP  
September 28th, 1:00 - 6:00 pm  
Elmbrook Humane Society  
Estabrook Park  
4400 N. Estabrook Drive, Milwaukee, WI  
[www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)

Winnebago Pet Expo  
October 5th, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunnyview Expo Center  
500 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI

Rottfest 2013  
October 5th, 12:00 - 3:00 pm  
Harmony Pet Care  
1208 Dolphin Ct, Waukesha, WI

Brady Street Pet Parade  
October 6th, 11:00 - 4:00 pm  
Brady Street, Milwaukee  
[bradystreet.org](http://bradystreet.org)

Strut Your Mutt  
Fundraiser for New Berlin Police  
Department K-9 Unit  
October 12, 2:00 pm  
Malone Park, New Berlin

Haunted HAWS  
October 18th, 5:30 - 9:30 pm  
County Springs Hotel  
2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, WI  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

Barktoberfest  
October 19th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Elmbrook Humane Society  
20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield  
[www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)

Kids' Night Out!  
October 25th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

Pittiepalooza Walk & Celebration  
October 26, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
The Barking Lot  
5000 N. 35th Street, Milwaukee  
[www.bustersfund.org](http://www.bustersfund.org)

Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale  
November 2nd, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

HambINGO  
November 24, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Hamburger Mary's  
2130 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, Milwaukee  
EBHS fundraiser [www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)

## Pet Parties/Play Groups

Playtime at the Playground  
Saturdays, 9:00 am - Noon  
Puppy Playground, Oak Creek  
414-764-PUPS  
[www.puppyplaygroundwi.com](http://www.puppyplaygroundwi.com)

Puppy Party  
Sundays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago  
800-581-9070 [www.forpetsake.com](http://www.forpetsake.com)  
Pup Social  
Sundays, 5:15 - 5:45 pm  
Best Paw Forward, Hartland  
262-369-3935  
[www.bestpawforward.net](http://www.bestpawforward.net)

Pooch Playtime  
1:30 - 2:15 pm  
September 22nd  
October 13th  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

Puppy Parties  
5:15 pm & 6:00 pm  
December 2nd, 9th, 16th  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

## Sporting Activities

Obedience and Rally Run Thrus  
2nd Friday of the Month, 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis  
[www.cudahykennelclub.org](http://www.cudahykennelclub.org)

Agility Run Thrus  
3rd Friday of the Month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis  
[www.cudahykennelclub.org](http://www.cudahykennelclub.org)

Rally Run Thrus  
Last Sunday of the Month 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Proper Paws University  
2625 Eaton Ln. Racine, WI  
[Properpawsuniversity.com](http://Properpawsuniversity.com)

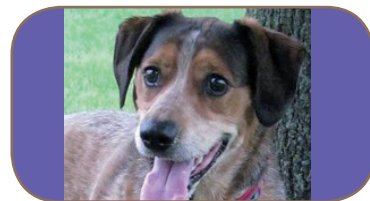
Rally Obedience Run Thrus  
Last Sunday of the Month 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Proper Paws University  
2625 Eaton Ln. Racine, WI  
[Properpawsuniversity.com](http://Properpawsuniversity.com)

Lure Coursing  
September 20, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Elmbrook Humane Society  
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[www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)

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Rizzo is a 9-years-young former stray looking for a quiet, permanent home. Enough wandering for this girl, it's time to settle down! Rizzo is a cattle dog who is fine with cats (they actually scare her a little) and may do well with older children but is not a fan of other dogs. She is smart and willing to learn - but still a little protective of "her stuff."

# Foster or Adopt? That is the Question

Jostling around the idea of getting a pet? Wanting to help homeless animals have a second chance without making a 12-15 year commitment? Consider the following pros and cons of adopting or fostering before burying all your bones in one hole.

Approximately, 5 to 7 million companion animals enter shelters nationwide each year. Of those, 3 to 4 million are euthanized and only 20 to 30 percent are adopted out, according to ASPCA. Rachel Coolbroth, director of Community Relations and Development at Elmbrook Humane Society, says people should adopt homeless animals because the relationship is mutually beneficial.

“Adoption gives homeless animals a second chance at life,” says Coolbroth, “and it has been shown that animal guardians are happier and have lower stress levels.” According to her, pros of adopting from a shelter or rescue are that you receive a fully vetted animal, possibly trained, as well as a friend for life. The only con is commitment—can you commit no matter what life changes you face? “Adoption should not be a spur of the moment decision,” notes Coolbroth. “It is a true commitment with years of responsibility.”

As for fostering, Coolbroth says foster parents are in great demand for providing temporary care for animals that may not yet be ready for adoption but respond better in a home environment. A positive for the pet is that fostering increases the likelihood of adoption because of socialization from being with people in a home.

“You get to learn about the animal while helping it recover quicker from medical or behavioral issues without being financially responsible,” she notes. “You get to make a difference and save a life!” And most, if not all, organizations endure the cost.



*Photo Courtesy of Kelly Herbold*

On the opposing side, a con is that it takes time and effort to get the animal ready for adoption. Meanwhile, family pets may need to be separated from fosters for various reasons, according to Coolbroth.

Canine Cupids, a local rescue established this year by volunteers, is one of many groups in need of adopters and foster parents. Their focus is mainly on Milwaukee's homeless dogs and finding them the “right” match (home) through personality profiling. Tracy Duerr, Canine Cupid's foster coordinator says, “If you cannot adopt, then foster, if you cannot foster, then volunteer, if you cannot volunteer, then donate....Every little bit helps.”

Milwaukee Animal Alliance member Kelly Herbold has had a pas-

sion for animals her entire life and understands the need to help in every capacity. Besides having her own dogs, she volunteers for rescues, spreads the word on dogs through social media sites and currently fosters for Remember Me Ranch.

“It's the best decision I've made in my life hands down,” emphasizes Herbold. “Seeing the animal blossom, once safe in a foster home, is amazing. It set me on a new path and ignited a passion in me that I'll have until I die.”

Consider becoming involved with these rescues and all the other wonderful rescues in this issue of Fetch Magazine:

**Seniors Rock! or Save the Seniors** is dedicated to rehabilitating abandoned, neglected or homeless senior dogs in Wisconsin. “We are not looking for perfect people. We are looking for responsible people who love their pets and want to give them a good life,” says Lori Drew, certified vet technician responsible for training, maintaining and monitoring foster homes. ([info@seniorsrocksts.org](mailto:info@seniorsrocksts.org))

**Muttley Crew Rescue**, founded in 2012 by Kristin Benjamin, focuses on saving local animals facing death due to shelter overcrowding. “Fostering one dog saves 3 lives—the life of a dog removed from the shelter, the life of a dog that would be euthanized due to overcrowding and creates space at the shelter for another dog,” says Benjamin. ([admin@muttleycrew.org](mailto:admin@muttleycrew.org) or [kristin@muttleycrew.org](mailto:kristin@muttleycrew.org))

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# RESCUES

## Airedale Terrier

ATRA-Airedale Terrier Rescue & Adoption  
715-526-5961, [www.aire-rescue.com](http://www.aire-rescue.com)  
[airedale@frontiernet.net](mailto:airedale@frontiernet.net)

## All Breeds

Bags for Wags Rescue, 262-993-2606  
[bagsforwagsrescue.org](mailto:bagsforwagsrescue.org), [bagsforwags@gmail.com](mailto:bagsforwags@gmail.com)

Brew City Small Dog Rescue  
414-313-2040, [www.brewcityrescue.org](http://www.brewcityrescue.org)  
[Heather@brewcityrescue.org](mailto:Heather@brewcityrescue.org)

Furever Home Finders Dog Rescue  
262-495-DOGS, [www.FureverHomeFinders.com](http://www.FureverHomeFinders.com)  
[info@FureverHomeFinders.com](mailto:info@FureverHomeFinders.com)

HeavenlyHearts@wi.rr.com  
[www.heavenlyheartsrescue.org](http://www.heavenlyheartsrescue.org)

JR's Pups-N-Stuff, 414-640-8473  
[jrspupsnstuff.org](http://jrspupsnstuff.org), [jrspupsnstuff@yahoo.com](mailto:jrspupsnstuff@yahoo.com)

Milwaukee Pets Alive  
[www.milwaukeekeepetsalive.org](http://www.milwaukeekeepetsalive.org)  
[adopt@milwaukeekeepetsalive.org](mailto:adopt@milwaukeekeepetsalive.org)

One Life @ A Time Small Breed Rescue  
414-517-7469, [www.onelifeatatime.petfinder.com](http://www.onelifeatatime.petfinder.com)

Yellow Brick Road Rescue, 414-758-6626  
[www.yellowbrickroadrescue.com](http://www.yellowbrickroadrescue.com)  
[loveqmoment@wi.rr.com](mailto:loveqmoment@wi.rr.com)

Bichons & Little Buddies Rescue  
414-750-0152, [www.bichonrescues.com](http://www.bichonrescues.com)  
[bichonandlittlebuddies@gmail.com](mailto:bichonandlittlebuddies@gmail.com)  
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Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue  
262-617-8052  
[rescuedogs@tailwaggers911.com](mailto:rescuedogs@tailwaggers911.com)  
[www.tailwaggers911.com](http://www.tailwaggers911.com)

## American Water Spaniel

414-840-7411, [info@awsrescue.com](mailto:info@awsrescue.com)  
[www.awsrescue.org](http://www.awsrescue.org)

## Basset Hound

Basset Buddies Rescue, Inc, 262-347-8823  
[info@bbrescue.org](mailto:info@bbrescue.org), [www.bbrescue.org](http://www.bbrescue.org)

## Beagle

BrewBeagle Rescue  
[midwest@brewbeagles.org](mailto:midwest@brewbeagles.org), [brewbeagles.org](http://brewbeagles.org)

## Bichon Frise

Little Buddies Rescue, 1-888-581-9070

## BPB Rescue

(Bordeaux, Pug, & Boston Terrier)  
262-573-7837, [bordeauxdogue@gmail.com](mailto:bordeauxdogue@gmail.com)

## Border Collie

MidAmerica Border Collie Rescue  
414-449-0888, [www.midamericabcrrescue.com](http://www.midamericabcrrescue.com)  
[MidAmericaBCRescue@yahoo.com](mailto:MidAmericaBCRescue@yahoo.com)

Steppingstone  
262-424-2820, [www.steppinstonerehabcenter.com](http://www.steppinstonerehabcenter.com)

## Boston Terrier

WI Boston Terrier Rescue  
414-534-2996, [Ollie1022@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Ollie1022@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.wisconsinbostonterrierrescue.com](http://www.wisconsinbostonterrierrescue.com)

## Boxer

Green Acres Boxer Rescue of WI  
[info@greenacresboxerrescue.com](mailto:info@greenacresboxerrescue.com)  
[www.greenacresboxerrescue.com](http://www.greenacresboxerrescue.com)

## Brittany

American Brittany Rescue, 1-866-brit911  
[www.americanbrittanyrescue.org](http://www.americanbrittanyrescue.org)  
[info@americanbrittanyrescue.org](mailto:info@americanbrittanyrescue.org)

National Brittany Rescue & Adoption Network  
708-567-2587  
[www.nbran.org](mailto:www.nbran.org), [nsinbran@gmail.com](mailto:nsinbran@gmail.com)

## Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rescue Trust  
262-253-4829, [rguarascio@wi.rr.com](mailto:rguarascio@wi.rr.com)

## Chesapeake Bay Retriever

[www.crrrow.org](http://www.crrrow.org), 920-954-0796

## Chihuahua

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# WHAT I LEARNED AT SUMMER AGILITY CAMP

Ann Braue has been hosting summer agility camps at her agility training center in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, for the past several years. Ann and her dogs have represented the United States numerous times as members of the world agility team. This year Ann was joined by co-instructors Karen Holik, a fellow world team member, and Blake Stafford. All three instructors subscribe to Linda Mecklenburg's Awesome Paws Handling System which uses motion as its primary cue.

Summer camp consisted of three days split into morning and afternoon sessions. Attendees were divided into three groups based on ability. The dogs rotated between instructors located in indoor and outdoor rings. My first morning was spent outside with Karen, who helped us with rear crosses on the flat. When your dog needs to change direction immediately after a jump, it is obviously much more efficient to set him up for the turn before he takes off. Many of us never realized there was more than one type of rear cross! Karen had each dog and handler team run a simple sequence several times, tweaking it until it was smooth. She reminded us how our shoulders and motion play such a big part of where our body is telling our dog to go, versus where we think we are sending him. A few of the other campers and I agreed to meet in the motel parking lot that evening for rear cross line dancing.

That afternoon my group rotated indoors to Ann's air-conditioned, carpeted training building where things took on an "international"

flair. Ann's sequences focused on blind crosses and the new turns favored by the European handlers. Although the blind cross is considered a no-no by some handlers, Ann explained when to use it appropriately and the importance of timely



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execution; i.e., don't trip on your dog! The fancy turns were new to more than a few of us, but once the footwork became second nature it was clear how these turns can definitely save time on the course.

The next morning was spent outside with Blake working on front crosses. He ran us through a number of sequences, patiently walking each team through their footwork and re-emphasizing how line of motion affects the dog's path. Contrary to what many of us thought, being able to run fast is not the secret to doing a front cross. By using lateral motion and sends, together with some vigorous encouragement to "Run!" we all managed to rotate in plenty of time to execute the front cross of our dreams. At the end of the morning, even those of us who are old enough to be this young man's mother were running like the pros.

Camp ran each day from 9 to 4:30 with a DIY sandwich bar at noon served inside the training building. After another half-day session with each instructor, camp was over, and it was time to say good bye. None of us could believe camp was over and all of us were eagerly talking about returning next year.

## GLOSSARY OF AGILITY TERMS:

**FRONT CROSS:** Handler crosses in front of the dog's path while turning toward him.

**REAR CROSS:** Handler crosses the dog's path behind him as the dog moves ahead.

**BLIND CROSS:** Handler crosses in front of the dog while turning away from him. This is considered "taboo" because the dog is momentarily out of handler's view.

**LATERAL MOTION:** Handler moves laterally away from the dog.

**LINE OF MOTION:** Handler's direction of motion, which tells the dog where he will be going.

**SEND:** Handler cues dog to go past or away; ex., "jump!"



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# 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's your favorite physical characteristic of your dog?*

"He looks like he is smiling at me. Oh, and I LOVE the way he trots – like a little pony."

Kathy Zarse, owner of "Bear"  
Waukesha, WI

"His ears (he). His eyes (she). They start out small, about the size of raisins, but then they get as big as golf balls when he's begging for food!"

Sho and Vikas Sood owners of "Joules"  
Waukesha, WI

"Our dog has super soft fur. It's like human hair."

Mary Gonzalez  
Brookfield, WI

"Their beards (they're both Schnauzers). They just have really great personalities too."

Jennifer Guilbault  
New Berlin, WI

"We love the tri-color look, and their brown eyebrows. And it's fun to watch them catch Frisbees. They are amazing at it!"

Jack Cameron  
Owner of "Duncan and Doogie"  
Waukesha, WI



"Their ears. They are so so soft they feel like velvet."

Megan and Tanya Schachner  
Muskego, WI

"He's cute. His little brown eyes and the way he looks at me so helplessly. So cute."

Kristi Resch  
Waukesha, WI

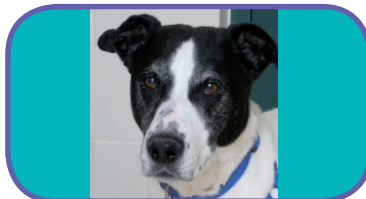
"I love his paws. They have multi-colored fur and multi-colored nails. And I know it is a cliché to say they smell like Fritos but they do!"

Marie Tubbin  
Waukesha, WI

"His tail. His cute little tail. I always know how he feels. If it is wrapped around him, he is scared. If it is mid-way in the air, happy. And if it is pointing to the sky and wagging, life is good."

Monica St. Claire  
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Recommended books:

"The Cautious Canine: How to help dogs conquer their fears" by Patricia McConnell

"Help for Your Fearful Dog", by Nicole Wilde

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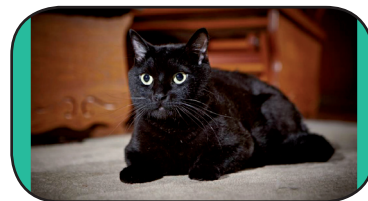
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# Dog Days Journal

## Yip! The Voice of Young Dog Lovers

*Editor's Note: Below is an article by one of the kids who attended HAWS' "Camp Gone to the Dogs". She wrote it with a fun viewpoint from the canine perspective.*

**DAY 1** - The kids from dog camp are here to play with us this week! Once we got to know them, we went on a walk and I tried out the mini agility course. The kids learned how to control us and how to keep us away from other dogs. While I took a nap, the kids learned about dog safety. They learned dogs are very territorial. You never know when a dog might be defending something. Please ask the owner before you pet a dog.

We played a fun game. The kids used something called a clicker. If I did something right, it made a clicking noise that meant I was good and I got a treat. The kids learned timing with the clicker so I didn't get confused. It was really fun meeting the kids today.

*By Pierre The Toy Poodle*

**DAY 2** - A search and rescue lady came in with her golden retriever, Dexter. The kids learned many things about search and rescue dogs. Did you know that even little dogs can be search and rescue dogs, but they have to have a good nose!

Then we took a walk. I played in the baby pool and with the hose. I love water! I also went on the agility course and went on the jumps! Next, we learned tricks. I learned how to leave it and stay! Did you know that when you are teaching a dog how to stay, you shouldn't say stay and walk away? You should say stay and stay with the dog. I

had lots of fun learning tricks today with the kids!

*By Beau The Black Lab*

**DAY 3** - The kids took us on walks. I got my energy out in the kennels where I chased a tennis ball that is much bigger than my mouth! We



*Kiera and Pierre*

came inside and I took a break before we practiced tricks! We played a game with two cups and there are delicious treats under one of the cups. If I knock over the right cup, I get the treats!

Then the kids cleaned our cages. I think it was very kind of them to help us out and I tried to be extra good.

*By Gary The Chihuahua Mix*

**DAY 4** - We went on a walk, played in the kennels, and practiced our tricks. The kids learned about puppy development. They learned that when puppies are born, tissue covers their eyes and ears. I didn't know that I was born without sight or hearing!

Next, the kids went on a fieldtrip to Pawsitive Choice Training. They

played a fun game. There were lots of boxes with treats in one box; the dog had to find the treats. They got to run the dogs through the agility course, learning different agility commands.

I missed the kids! I can't wait until tomorrow when I get to play with them.

*By Sweetpea The Lab Mix*

**DAY 5** - Last day of dog camp. First, we went on a walk. Then the kids wrote letters to the kind people who are going to adopt us. The kids learned about different types of training. Did you know that even goldfish can be trained? It sounds weird but it's true! Lastly the kids broke into two teams. Each one did different tasks with their dogs. It was really cool!

I had so much fun with the kids at camp this week. HAWS treats us well, but I know every animal here wants a forever home.

*By Mya The Mini Pincher*

### Kiera Christensen

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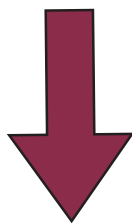
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