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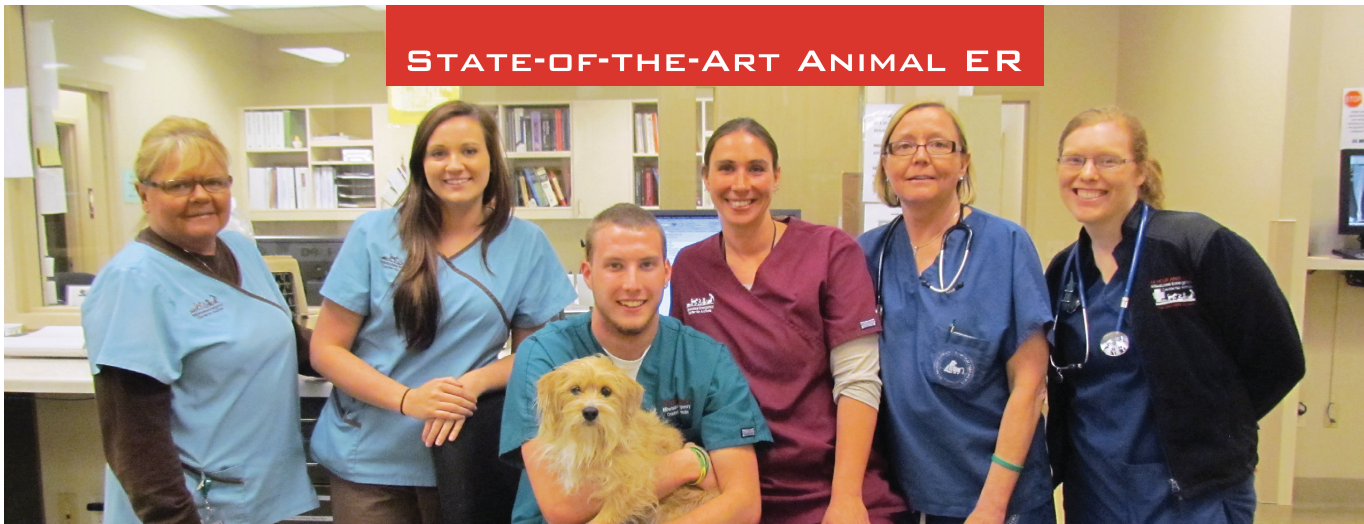
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Editor's Letter

Dear *Fetch Readers*:

When I took over Fetch in 2009 with my dear friend, Ginny Theisen, I really had no clue as to what I was doing or going to do. Since that time, I have been touched by many people and their stories and their dogs. The magazine has touched others too and made some dogs' lives better. I feel as if I have gone through college all over again as I learned many things these past 5 years. It is graduation time. It is now time for me to pass the magazine over to the next person. Passing Fetch to the next caretaker will allow me to focus my time on different activities. I look forward to writing, sleeping in, hanging out with my new puppy, Clarke, and being creative in different ways and mediums than I did with Fetch.

I wrote down my goals back in 2009. They were:

- To provide an entertaining and informative magazine
- To "better" the lives of dogs
- To provide a community for dog lovers in order to provide support and a place for information sharing
- To do something that I love that I deem is meaningful
- To provide a means for advertisers to reach their target audience
- To be profitable
- To remain sane

My sanity might be questionable but I have achieved my goals. I thank everyone who has ever touched Fetch for all that you have given me.

I ask that you all welcome, Nastassia Putz, as the new editor/owner of Fetch. Please drop her a line at info@fetchmag.com. Tell her what you love and maybe what else you would like to see. You can already see her work throughout this issue. Nastassia, I wish you all the best. Please love Fetch as much as the caretakers who came before you. I know you will be successful.

Thank you to everyone. Thank you.

Marie

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These cover girls are best friends by chance and in fact, one is responsible for saving the other's life ... can you guess who saved who? Notice the little one whispering into the ear of the bigger one ... perhaps saying, "Thank you for saving my life!" or perhaps giving her a kiss of gratitude. This duo is Gracie (on left) and Tess (on right). Tess is an 8-year-old "Pit Bull" terrier from Georgia and Gracie is a "Pit" mix adopted from MADACC. The story of Tess and Grace is a good one ... one that warms the heart on a chilly, fall day. Tess and owner Nastassia Putz went to MADACC to pick out a foster dog that Tess would get along with. Well, dog after dog came into the room and the only one Tess liked was Gracie. So Gracie came home with them and has been with Tess almost every day since. They are the two sweetest four-legged girls in Putz's life.

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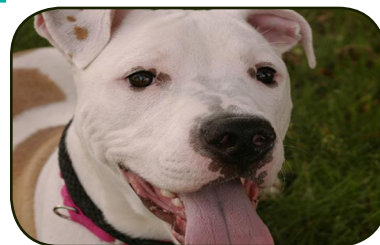
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Dana is a 2-year-old Pit Bull mix and is a sweet, gentle lady. She loves walks and is working on perfecting leash manners. She's potty-trained and gentle with taking treats. She is currently in foster care and loves playing with her canine foster brother. Dana would do best in a home with no cats/dogs or in a home with a younger, docile male dog. This sweetie wants to show you how much love she has to give.



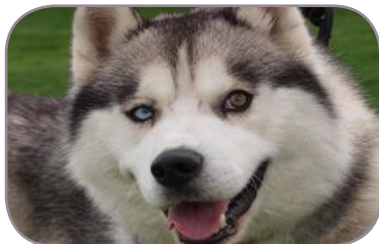
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Meet Dharma! This girl is a 7-year-old Pit Bull mix. This gal is looking for a family who values a pet who is more mature and is still active but would love to just join you for a night of TV or sitting outside enjoying the sunset. She's a calm girl who knows a few basic commands, but as we all know, you CAN teach an old dog new tricks and she is ready to learn.



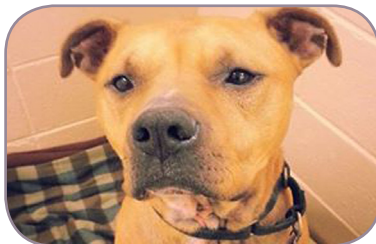
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Meet Jonnie! Jonnie is a 14-month-old white and tan Pit Bull mix. He's an active guy that likes action and fun from both the canine and human pals in his life. He loves to play but also loves to curl up for a bit of snuggling when the day is done. Consider giving him a chance and welcoming him into your home.



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Rocky is an adorable, fluffy, energetic, 4-year-old male Husky Mix - did I mention that he is Adorable? Rocky is good with other dogs but prefers to not associate with cats! Rocky came to the shelter as a stray in June and being of a very energetic breed, he is ready to break out of the shelter and join an active, loving family of his own. Come Meet Rocky Today.



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Sparky truly lives up to his name. He is an energetic dog who loves to go for walks. He is smart and knows "sit" and is learning to fetch a ball, bring it back and drop it for a treat. He is good on leash and likes to be petted (especially behind his ears). He is a sweet dog who loves attention and being around people. Stop by and see for yourself what a wonderful dog he is!



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Roxy is a sweetheart....and a little goofy. She likes to have fun....spending time outdoors while going for a good walk or hanging out with you while you do chores around the house. She will make you the center of her world if you are willing to make her the center of yours.

Adoptables Continued Throughout...

Helping The Community With Your Furry Friend



Would you and your pooch like something more to do together? Perhaps you would like to volunteer and give back to your community of dog lovers. The following are a few ideas to get you started in finding the best new activity for you and your best friend.

OccuPAWS Guide Dog ASSOCIATION

In conjunction with the Oshkosh Correctional Institution and Pathways to Hope, OccuPaws is helping to raise puppies that will eventually work with inmates who will train them to be future guide and service dogs. Kristen, a volunteer at OccuPaws, says there is always a need for volunteers and their dogs to be puppy raisers – a handler and trainer in one. The recommended age is 18-years-old and you must be willing and financially able to take on the responsibility of caring for a pup. OccuPaws will pay for major veterinary care but all other basic needs and vet care is the volunteer's responsibility.

To get started you and your dog will have a meet and greet with the prospective puppy in your home. If everyone gets along, then you and your dog will begin the training/socialization process. According to Kristen, it is important to keep in mind that the puppy is not your pet. "He is being trained to be a working dog." The dogs do not stay in any one home for longer than three to four months. This prevents them from becoming too attached to you.

After about two years, the dogs graduate to harness training and are paired with an inmate to continue their training as a service dog. Kristen has two dogs of her own, a 10 and a 2-year-old Golden Retriever. Her OccuPaws dog is Traveler, a 1-year-old Golden who she has been training for one month. He goes everywhere with her, including her job as a teacher. The benefits for you and your own dog are increased

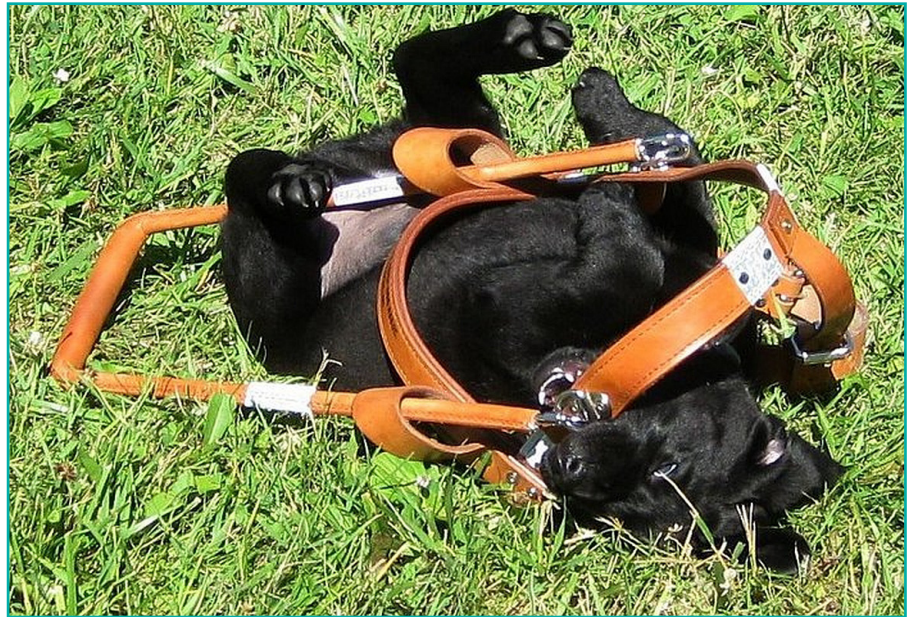


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socialization and the bar for training is raised for your own dog because now he must follow the same rules for the OccuPaws dog. And you both have the satisfaction of helping the community. Kristen recommends viewing their Facebook page to watch a video of Pilot, a 2-year-old Chocolate Labrador who recently graduated.

(www.OccuPaws.org).

Dogs ON Call

The comfort a dog gives to the elderly or ill is priceless. Liz Morrison is the UW-Madison program coordinator for Dogs On Call, Inc., a dog therapy service. She and her French Bulldog Charlotte became volunteers five years ago.

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She cannot say enough positive things about their experiences together. According to Liz, becoming a volunteer team is easy. Simply register, pay your \$100 and attend an 8-hour class. The minimum age is 10, so even the younger dog owner can volunteer! If you do not have a dog, that is okay, too. They accept any mammal – rabbits, cats, miniature horses, llamas and the list goes on. Liz says the number one trait that makes for a good therapy pet is “if they like to be around people.”

(www.DogsOnCall.org).

BARK FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society’s “fundraising event honoring the life-long contributions of [their] Canine Caregivers,” is a fabulous way to volunteer with your dog either on your own or as part of a team. Mary Howell of the ACS says, “Bark For Life is a non-competitive dog walk/event (not necessarily a run) that takes place in ... areas of the community that are dog-friendly.” The walks are less than a mile or

can be longer. There are also “vendor tables, agility contests, dog look-alike contests and other family and dog-friendly activities.” There are events in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Guam. The website has a zip code search to find an event near you.

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BLASTOMYCOSIS: The Shape-Shifting Menace

I'll never forget the first case of blastomycosis that I diagnosed as a veterinarian. It was a busy Sunday morning in the ER, and Max, a middle-aged black Labrador, came in with a primary complaint of "lumps." He did indeed have lumps all over his body, and they were starting to ooze fluid. He looked as if he had been in a fight with another dog and had a number of bites that had gotten infected. The problem was, the owner knew he had not been in any fights, and there were no bite marks. I took a look at the fluid under the microscope, and there I saw it: the big, blue, broad-based budding yeast that is *Blastomyces dermatitidis*.

With an unforgettable presentation like that, you would think diagnosing "Blasto" would be a breeze. So it might surprise you that the next case I diagnosed had no skin lesions at all, just a cough that would not quit. The X-rays showed the lungs to be infiltrated with what looked like a snowstorm but proved to be granulomas — tiny nodules of inflammation — caused by Blasto.

But then there was the dog that came in with a red eye or the one that was limping. There was also the one who was just getting a little picky about his food, oh and the one with seizures... In short, there is no single characteristic presentation for an infection caused by Blasto. Blasto does what it wants, when it wants. It is a fungus that lives in the soil, preferring places that are wet, sandy and relatively acidic.

Northern Wisconsin is a hotspot for Blasto, while southern Wisconsin has less of it. Typically, a dog is exposed to Blasto by inhaling it from the soil. Humans can also become infected, although not as frequently as dogs. Blasto is not transmittable

from dog to dog or from dogs to people. Blasto starts in the lungs and can spread to the eyes, bones, skin, brain, lymph nodes or other tissues. Naturally, outdoorsy dogs are most often affected. Max the Labrador, for example, loved to go for long, expeditions in the woods with his owner.

However, it can affect any pet. Recently, some of my colleagues have also identified Blasto in unexpected patients such as a cat and a city-dwelling Shih Tzu. Because it is a fungus, Blasto cannot be controlled with the kind of antibiotics that are used to treat bacteria. Antifungal medications such as itraconazole or fluconazole must be used. Treatment can take months and can be complex and expensive. The average cost of medication alone is between \$1,000 and \$4,000. Unfortunately, not all dogs recover and it is very common for severely ill dogs who are started on treatment to get worse before they get better. Survival rates are believed to be between 50 and 75 percent.

Part of the difficulty in treating Blasto is that the infection is often well established by the time a diagnosis is reached. Blasto is notoriously difficult to pin down because it can look like absolutely anything and is rarely the first suspect. In the past, testing for Blasto could be very difficult. In Max's case, I examined the fluid from his sores under the microscope and was lucky enough to find the organisms which can be hard to see. That kind of testing is much harder to do when the infection is sequestered in the eye, lung, bone or brain. Luckily, there is now a fairly reliable test that can be done on a urine sample with results available in a few days.

Regretfully, owners do not always understand why veterinarians want to run the test and are sometimes reluc-

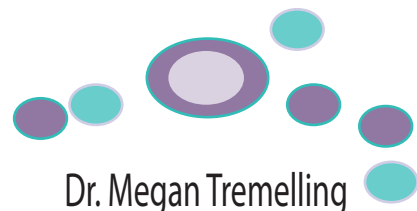
tant to spend the money for it, since it costs a few hundred dollars.

So what can be done to protect pets against this shape-shifting menace?

Unfortunately, there is no way to prevent Blasto. There is no vaccination against it. There is no way to eradicate it from the soil. The best protection against Blasto is a vigilant owner who notices when things are not quite right with a pet, takes the pet to a veterinarian for an exam and is prepared to go through what can seem like a daunting routine of tests and treatment.

This is why veterinarians recommend follow-up appointments when a red eye does not respond to initial treatment. This is why we recommend advanced testing when a cough does not go away. This is why we recommend radiographs for an unexplained limp or a urine test for a dog that is just not himself.

This is why when a conscientious owner brings me a dog and says, "I don't know what is wrong, but something is wrong," I take it seriously. You never know when Blasto, or some other equally dangerous disease, might be lurking in your dog's body. Better safe than sorry.



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MEET AMERICA'S TRUE MUTTS

Getting To Know Your Dog Without Society's Label



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Certainly you have heard of these 'stocky, boxy-headed' dogs referred to as Pit Bulls, Pit Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and so on. These terms, though some are breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club, fail to define the dog in your neighbor's yard, at your local dog park, sitting at your local shelter — or best yet, snuggled up on your couch.

The dilemma is not the dog but rather society's perception of the dog as a menace, a killer or simply a "Pit Bull". But is it that simple really? Correctly identifying the

breed of any one of these dogs is highly difficult. That is why many individuals use the term "Pit Bull" loosely and why animal advocates are fighting to discredit it. Part of the argument is that people in positions of authority (i.e. lawmakers or shelter leaders) have failed to take into account how detrimental this umbrella term is on the individual dog's chances of being fostered/adopted.

For instance, "Some politicians believe that only thugs have Pit Bull Terriers," says Ledy VanKavage, senior legislative attorney for Best Friends Animal Society—a national animal welfare organiza-

tion focused on ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. What do you think?



Understanding The History Of The Bullies

Here's the confusion. The term "Pit Bull" does not refer to one breed of dog but rather a mix of two to five breeds depending on the source. Any mixed breed, for example a Labrador/Pit Bull Mix, is labeled and seen by society only as a Pit Bull. It is a generic term like Terrier, however with many negative connotations.

The AKC does not recognize the American Pit Bull Terrier as a breed like the United Kennel Club does. However, the AKC recognizes the American Staffordshire Terrier (their ancestors) and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier — both resembling today's Pit Bull-type dog.

Bred in Europe during the 19th century, the American Staffordshire Terrier is a cross between an English (or Fox) Terrier and a Bull-dog. Immigrants used these dogs for bull/bear baiting prior to arriving in America in the late 1800s where they later became known as "Pit Dogs" and "Pit Bull Terriers" (among other names). Since then, they have been fought against other dogs, tortured, abused, overbred (mixed with other breeds) and are now an epidemic within communities.

Michelle Serocki, executive director of the Brew City Bully Club in Pewaukee — a rescue for Pit Bull-type dogs — says, "Labels really have no meaning anymore ... Pit Bull-type dogs are so diluted with so many different breeds ... that they are the epitome of a MUTT."



Recognizing Today's Stereotypes/Ignorance

This label/generalization has meant death for thousands of mixed breed dogs in shelters annually. Why? Because who wants to adopt a Pit Bull when the media deems them dangerous, or better yet, your friend knows someone “attacked by a Pit Bull”.

It is that type of hype and fear that makes these dogs misunderstood, according to Serocki. “Ignorance and fear are incredibly powerful ... that’s why we spend the majority of our time educating the public.”

Caitlin Quinn, manager of the Animal Farm Foundation, Inc. — a corporation that rescues and re-homes animals, as well as supplies grants to other humane organizations — says, “Pit Bull dogs are one of the most popular dogs in the U.S. at this time ... and the idea that there are so many certainly comes from the fact that in reality, so many mixed breed dogs are being misidentified.”

She continues, “The biggest issue at hand for all shelter dogs is our misconception about mixed breed dogs and visual breed ID.”

“Unless you know a dog’s lineage or perform a DNA test, there’s no way to know a dog’s exact breed ... geneticists have found that less than 1 percent of a dog’s genes determine his or her appearance,” says Kelly Herbold, animal advocate and foster mom for Helping Pitties in the City — an affiliate program of Remember Me Ranch, an animal sanctuary/rescue that provides refuge to the many scared, starved, injured and abandoned Pit Bull Terriers in the Milwaukee area.

Then on top of that, there are many other stereotypes surrounding them as well as restrictions to owning one, making adoption difficult and finding affordable pet-friendly housing a challenge.



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Attributes, Personality, Training and More

So what should we call them and what do they look like?

Anne Bucio, outreach/education co-chair and program director for Battle Against Dogfighting in Milwaukee, an affiliate program of Friends Of MADACC — an organization dedicated to promoting community awareness and improving the welfare of Milwaukee County’s homeless animals — says, this is a very tricky question to answer and finds herself using the term “Pit Bull” among many others.

The UKC’s description/standards for the American Pit Bull Terrier



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differ greatly from what the public perceives an APBT to be says Bucio. “We have an educational game that we bring to events with 12 pictures of dogs that visually meet the common perception of a Pit Bull and only one of the 12 is an actual APBT,” continues Bucio. “It is very interesting to see people confidently point out the dog they ‘know’ is the ‘Pit Bull’ and then witness the shock when they are directed toward the correct picture.”

Typically, what you see on the streets is a dog that weighs between 35 to 65 pounds and has an athletic or muscular, stocky body with a broader skull. Given those traits, they can excel in activities such as agility and weight-pulling.

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Around the *Water Bowl*



Friend's Of MADACC Announces Pit Bull Proud Program Extended Through October

FOM is excited to announce that the pit bull promotion at MADACC has been very successful. So, successful in fact that the \$45 promotion will be extended through October!

"Through fundraising and donations, we have been able to offset the normal adoption fee of \$112 down to \$45," says Anne Bucio, Outreach/Education Co-Chair and Program Director for BAD (Battle Against Dogfighting) since April 2012.

Since the promotion began, 58 Pit Bulls have found forever homes. That's almost a Pit Bull a day!

Pit bulls make up 45 percent of the homeless dogs brought into MADACC every year, and 100 percent of them deserve a loving home!

MADACC is still hosting outdoor Pit Bull adoption events **every Saturday** from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. during the promotion.

"A thank you to all those adopters, volunteers, staff and supporters that are "Pit Bull Proud"! says Bucio.

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Local Charities Working Together To Educate The Community

Animal Fairy Charities will be hosting the first ever "Rock Be Their Voice" benefit concert aimed at uniting local, national and international musicians in an effort to raise awareness and support for educating tomorrow's leaders in the prevention of cruelty to animals, women and children.

On **Saturday, September 13th** four local charities, will come together to advance their missions by educating the public on "the link" between animal abuse, bullying and domestic violence.

Animal Fairy Charities, Generations Against Bullying, The Humane Animal Welfare Society and The Women's Center of Waukesha, although differing in missions, together, share a common goal in creating a safer community by way of informing and educating the public vis-à-vis animal abuse, bullying and domestic violence.

"Research has proven that there is a strong link between animal abuse and domestic violence," says Debra Lopez founder of Animal Fairy Charities. "Our teachers, educators, counselors, friends, family and co-workers need to be aware of this link. Additionally, teaching children compassion at an early age should be a lesson that is required in our school systems," Lopez added.

As reported in the The New York Times, a paper published in a psychiatry journal in 2004, "A Study of Fire setting and Animal Cruelty in Children: Family Influences and Adolescent Outcomes," found that over a 10-year period, 6-to-12-year-old children who were described as being cruel to animals were more than twice as likely as other children in the study to be reported to juvenile authorities for a violent offense.

When asking college students about how a lesson in compassion would have helped play a role in their future lives, Hanna Kirby, a college student at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh stated, "Compassion is something that should be taught beyond your home life--it should be taught in schools and practiced everywhere. We are taught that the most important reason to go to school is to learn the information necessary to become a successful individual with a degree.



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Daryl Stuermer of the band Genesis will headline "Rock Be Their Voice" and released the following statement; "I'm always excited to support a good cause such as "Rock Be Their Voice." People need to be aware of the seriousness of this violent act. This is something that affects not only individuals, but our society as a whole."

Rhythm Method will open for Stuermer and 2014 WAMI award winner "Singer/Songwriter of the Year" Nora Collins will commence the event at 3:30 p.m. with a special performance.

Community VIPs, supporters, politicians, local and international celebs including Mrs. Wisconsin and famous celebrity stunt woman Anita Hart, will walk the red carpet in support of the event.

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Rock Be Their Voice will be held at the Milwaukee Athletic Club Grand Ballroom on Saturday, September 13th from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m. Tickets are available online at rockbetheirvoice.com and can also be purchased in person at Martial Arts America - 6930 Industrial Loop, Greendale, WI and at US Storage Depot - 4200 N. Holton Milwaukee, WI 53212.

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Collect pledges and bring the whole family, including your (friendly) dog, to this non-competitive walk, long and short routes available.

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and cancer research.

Kid activities, a family scavenger hunt, local food, doggy ice cream and, of course, recognition of cancer survivors and canine caregivers are all on the schedule.

Some special visitors will be announced soon, and sponsorship opportunities and vendor booths are available. For more information, contact Kathy Hopp at hopp.kathysue@gmail.com



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Yellow Dogs Need Space!

Tara Palardy took a local canine movement in Alberta, Canada with 500 followers, and in two years, it has acquired more than 80,000 followers all over the globe.

How did she do it?

"I didn't do anything," she says.

Well, Palardy is being a bit humble. By the way of social media, interviews, newsletters and people sharing photos from Instagram, Pinterest and Facebook, Palardy took the Yellow Dog Project to all corners of the world without ever dreaming it could get so big.

"I've had to kind of play catch-up," she says.

So what is it all about you ask?

About the project

The Yellow Dog Project is a global movement for dogs using yellow ribbons as an identifier and public statement that says, "Hey, this dog needs space."

It seeks to educate owners and the surrounding public on how to recognize dogs that need room and treat them appropriately.

Palardy owns a dog day care and also works as a positive reinforcement trainer. She was inspired to start Yellow Dog after hearing so many clients complain about people approaching their dogs. They wanted a way to identify them.

Palardy says yellow was initially chosen because it was easy — it was not a color often found in dog products, which made it unique.

Yellow in our world means caution, she adds, and relates to many things we

use, such as the Amber alert light and school buses.

"A lot of people prefer red because red is danger, but I don't want it to be 'a dog is dangerous,'" she says.

"It's more like that dog needs a little space because he wasn't treated well or he's in training so give him some space and help him out."

The "Yellow Dog" method has been employed in a variety of settings. It can be trainer-rescue mandated, Palardy says. Shelters use it to classify dogs so owners know if they adopt the dog, that dog is going to need a little more help.

Dog owners may also use it if they feel their dog is in need of a bit of space because their dog is in training or has a sensitive personality for example. Palardy used it on her female dog just for a couple of days after she had dental surgery because she was crankier than usual.

Color them yellow

There are a variety of ways to identify dogs as "Yellow Dogs." Palardy encourages dog owners to personalize it to fit their needs.

While ribbons, bandannas and dog T-shirts seem to be the most common, people have created their own methods. For example, Palardy says a ribbon hanging on a leash can be a trigger with some dogs, so those owners may use yellow duct tape to identify their dogs.

Others have found the ribbons too small and have instead made T-shirts for themselves that say "My dog needs space." Palardy says this has been a popular method and she has a link on the website, www.theyellowdogproject.com



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ject.com, so they are accessible to interested dog owners

Getting involved

In order to spread the word, volunteers must first fill out a form on the website in order to be accepted.

"Because we promote positive reinforcement methods rather than shock collars ... and because we promote a standard way of training the dogs and treating the dogs, I want to screen volunteers before they start [promoting Yellow Dog]."

On the Yellow Dog website, people can search by country and see volunteers, trainers and pet stores approved by Yellow Dog.

On a local note

Kerry Krienitz, certified pet dog trainer and owner of Central Bark Doggy Daycare in Wauwatosa, is a strong promoter of the Yellow Dog Project. She had a number of clients who did not feel comfortable walking their dogs

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ONE DEPUTY'S TALE OF HIS FOUR-LEGGED PARTNERS

It began in December 1996 when the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department's Deputy Brad Schuenemann with the K-9 Unit was introduced to his partner Braun, a 2-year-old, 80-pound Belgian Malinois from Canada. The Belgian Malinois are perfect for this kind of job because they are highly intelligent, trainable and fearless. Braun was the first K-9 in the department.

But before Brad and Braun could begin training as a team, Brad needed to learn Braun's commands which were in French, the language of his country of origin. The basics were Kooshay for lay down; Opeya for heel; Esi for here in front of me; Asi for sit; and Parlay for speak. Brad tells a funny story about the time he and Braun were at a Harley Davidson event. Each time Brad would say "Harley," Braun barked because it sounded like "Parlay"!

Braun was trained for Patrol and Drug Detection using Bark and Detain Tactics. For example, Braun would bark and guard the suspect without touching. If the suspect made the slightest move, Braun would hold his position and bark until Brad arrived. Braun was also trained in Handler Protection. Brad says, "I did not have to say one word to him - he would apprehend anyone who attacked me."

Braun was also trained in Tracking, which is taking his handler from Point A to Point B, searching a building to retrieve evidence. That evidence could be an article of clothing to something as fine as heroin, cocaine, marijuana or meth. Braun would notify his handler of the evidence by scratching and digging at the source. Sometimes the odors were either in separate containers or one container called a "shake and bake".



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After 10 weeks of intense training, it was finally time for their first certification test. Brad was "proud, ready and excited". He and Braun went into the first room, and Braun scratched on a bed. Ordinarily, that would have been a good thing but in this case, Brad was told the room was "clean and no finds," which meant Braun was mistaken. Brad was sick with disappointment, especially after 10 weeks of training. He says, "The department's certification process is very difficult and [we] could not go on the road if we failed anything."

They continued with the testing and passed all the other requirements. Later, a more thorough search of the first bed found some THC/marijuana tucked in the frame. From then on Brad's motto was "trust your dog."

Early in their career, Brad and Braun worked 24/7 for three days to locate and apprehend the kidnapper of an 80-year-old woman. She had been tied to a mattress in a utility trailer in below zero weather. Braun sniffed out and then apprehended the suspect while the suspect was cuffed; the woman was rescued and lived to tell the story for years to come!

Braun retired after 10 years of service but he continued to live out his life with Brad and his family. Brad said he did not want to retire as a handler. "I have



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Brad chose to name this dog in honor of his brother who was killed while serving in the Marines. Brad remembers fondly his brother saying, "At ease, Soldier," so it was only fitting to name his new partner, K-9 Soldier.

Braun and K-9 Soldier have helped seize over one million dollars of drug money. They have also rescued countless individuals from harm. Brad's commitment and passion for his K-9 partners and the job they do together is honorable. Braun passed away on April 1, 2011. For thirteen years Brad and Braun were inseparable, "The world's toughest street gang."

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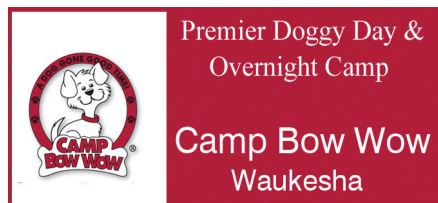
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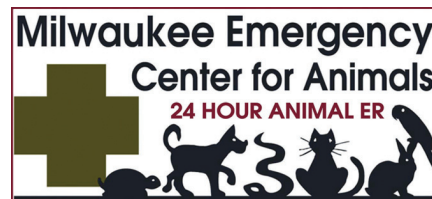
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Fetch The Stars

Horoscopes 4 Dogs & Tips 4 Owners

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) "Cuddle Time Charlie"

Is fall your favorite time of year? Is a doody-free yard right up your alley? In order to train your master to clean and treat to your specifications, try adding a few more foot licks into your daily routine. **Owner Tip:** Charlie may seem reserved or withdrawn but really he loves the affection. So do not hold back. He benefits from your bond.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) "Work Out Wanda"

Woof, Woof ... summer is over! All those frozen treats and lazy hot days have really added some extra pounds to your soon to be oh-so-thick winter coat. Time to use your cuddly personality to get you out and about. **Owner Tip:** Wanda has been enduring your summer fever for three months. So it is time for you two to paw your way to the parks.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21) "Share It Spike"

Fall is a time of beauty and change. So put aside your possessiveness and try sharing your favorite toy. You might make a friendly foe. **Owner Tip:** If Spike is young, socialize him as much as possible but limit the direct eye contact. Looking into the eyes is seen as a challenge and Scorpios love a good brawl.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) "Search Around Sophia"

It is time to dig up that old bone you buried, that is, if you can find it. Being a free spirit has its pros and cons. Pro: You have the desire to travel and try new things. Con: You are naïve enough to trust strangers, and in turn, lose track of your prized possessions. **Owner Tip:** Understand that your wandering Sag may not have commonsense but is still intelligent. Just keep it simple.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) "Dig Away Daisy"

Just because summer is over does not mean you can start digging up the neighbor's yard. FYI: You will receive better bones if you stick to the designated bone burying area. **Owner Tip:** Designate a bone burying area if you want to encourage a semi-constructive hobby with limitations.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) "It's Pesky Puppy"

24 The hot weather got you laid up indoors sniffing out the same old territory? Well, do not growl about it. You will soon be back terrorizing the neighbors with your pesky,

unpredictable antics. **Owner Tip:** Your little Aquarian needs some form of discipline routinely. So in order to save your voice and sanity consider investing in a miracle trainer.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) "Pamper Me Princess"

Luckily, you do not need much discipline or freedom. However, the weather does affect your mood, so hopefully this fall will be as calm and gentle as you. Go ahead, you deserve a treat. **Owner Tip:** If you want a dog you can discipline, this is not a good match. Pisceans need owners that are sensitive and understanding. These dogs require pampering.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) "Pack Leader Pooch"

Slow down Fido, tricks are for pups. Being the pack leader at the park is great, but if you want to make canine chums and avoid public reprimanding, do not bark up the wrong tree. **Owner Tip:** Be firm at home to establish dominance. This leads to more public praise - something your pet needs.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) "Sprawl Out Sparky"

Ahhh, there is nothing like the first few sniffs of fall in the air to make a dog feel like an Alpha. It is that time again when sleeping outside and rolling in the leaves beat the master's bedroom. Ruff! **Owner Tip:** Sparky may need your help meeting new people, so start coaxing him out before the weather gets too cold. Dawdling in the brisk, fall air is contagious.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) "Love Me Lady"

Looking for your soul mate this fall? Bone of advice: Do not impersonate Disney's® Tramp and his infamous city dog act. It will not do the trick. Avoid running around - true puppy love lies at the local fire hydrant. **Owner Tip:** If you do not want puppies, consider spaying/neutering your social Gem.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) "Bone Up Baby"

Avoiding the dog parks this season may be a good idea, especially for older dogs refusing to learn new tricks. However, for Cancer pups, it is good to step out of your fur. Grrr ... don't be a scaredy cat. **Owner Tip:** Encourage your Cancer to try new things and meet others at a young age - 100 people/ places/things in the first 100 days of life.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) "King Me K-9"

You are definitely no cowardly lion. Consider letting your guard down and going on a car ride with your hairless, two-legged best friend. Your trustworthy disposition and extreme loyalty will be praised. **Owner Tip:** Praise your little lion or lioness by going on a short escapade. He or she will appreciate the freedom in exchange for years of loyalty.

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By Janice Biniok



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See Spot Run Fall Into The Local Dog Park Scene

Envision warmer clothing, the smell of a fireplace going and the sound of leaves crunching underfoot. These are just a few of the many things that come to mind with fall. With cooler temperatures and beautiful fall colors, this is a great time of year to experience the outdoors with your four-legged friend. So why not grab a leash and take a trip to a local dog park or dog exercise area.

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Ellen and Bob Paulus, owners of Pau-

lusPrinting, LLC, opened Lucky Dog Park (1270 Mineral Springs Dr., Port Washington) July 1, 2013. Ellen has been a dog owner all her life, and she adopted her first dog with Bob in 1996. "Dewey [adopted dog] actually facilitated us buying the property for the print shop," Ellen said. "We put up our own building so he could come to work with us, and since we bought a 1.6-acre parcel, there was plenty of area to fence in for him to run around. That's how everything started. The big fence led to all of our Greyhound adopters bringing their dogs here to run, then we went to scheduled play dates, then the full-fledged dog park."

The one-acre park is privately owned, and memberships are available. The park has sections for small dogs and large dogs. Visit their Facebook page for more information.

Milwaukee County Dog Exercise Areas

At the beginning of 2014, Milwaukee County had five Dog Exercise Areas.

However, in May, new ones were added: one in Bay View (on the corner of Lincoln Ave. and Bay St. and the other, Roverwest, in Riverwest (located just west of Humboldt Ave. between Auer/Concordia and Weil/Bremen Streets).

"The land was donated to Milwaukee County by Johnson Controls," said Robin Barry, communications chair of the board of directors for ROMP. "For years it was sitting empty and somewhat of an eye sore in the middle of the neighborhood. Now, it will be turned into Milwaukee's first truly urban, neighborhood DEA. We feel Roverwest will be similar to the smaller DEAs in urban cities like Chicago and New York." Visit the ROMP website for more information.

Waukesha County Dog Exercise Areas

Waukesha County Park System is creating a DEA at Mukwonago Park in Mukwonago (W325S9925 Beulah Road). This will be the third off-leash DEA within the county's park system. According to Ginny Bocek, park program specialist for Waukesha County Parks, the DEA will open Sept. 6.

"With the growing demand for places to exercise dogs off-leash, Waukesha County has created this additional Dog Exercise Area in Mukwonago Park as a reflection of that demand," Bocek said. "This project would not have taken place without the help of a local group's fundraising efforts." Go to website for more information.

No matter what direction the road takes you this autumn, get out and enjoy a beautiful, crisp fall day with your dog. Before we know it, words like wind chill and snow will once again be a regular part of our vocabulary!

Amy Behrendt

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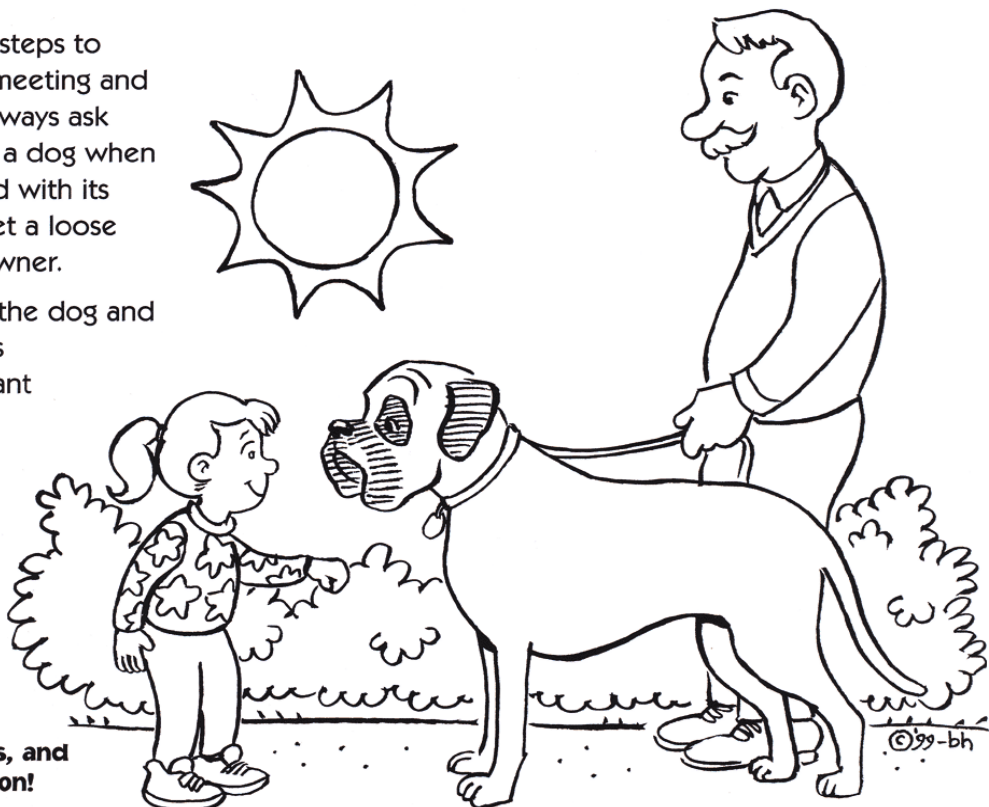
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How to Greet a Dog

There are a few steps to remember when meeting and greeting a dog. Always ask permission to pet a dog when it is on a leash and with its owner. Never greet a loose dog without an owner.

Even if you know the dog and are friends with its owner, it's important to remember and follow this plan.



Grab some crayons, and color this illustration!

- 1.** Always walk slowly to the dog's owner to ask if you can pet the dog.
- 2.** It's important to receive permission before petting the dog. If the owner says "no," politely accept the answer, and don't pet the dog.
- 3.** If the owner says "yes," curl your hand into a closed fist with the back of your hand facing upward. Extend your hand slowly to the dog.
- 4.** Allow the dog to sniff the back of your hand. We recognize people on sight; dogs recognize people by their scent. Dogs sniff people to learn their scent.
- 5.** After the dog has sniffed your hand and become familiar with you, pet it gently under the chin or on the chest.

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Hank The Ballpark Pup Take Me Out To The Ballgame

The story of “Hank, the Ballpark Pup” is truly a rags-to-riches tale. The story begins when a homeless, skinny, dehydrated, dirty, sick-looking, little white dog that wandered onto the Milwaukee Brewers spring training fields at Maryvale Baseball Park in Phoenix, Arizona in the spring of 2014. Now, skip to present day with Hank serving as the unofficial Brewers mascot and a symbol of hope for homeless animals.

Marti Wronski, the Brewers vice president and general counsel, as well as Hank’s new owner, took time out of her busy schedule to tell Hank’s story. When Hank first wandered onto the training fields, the team took him to an emergency veterinarian with the intention of nursing him back to health and then giving him to the local humane society.

It did not take long, however, for the players, staff and fans to fall in love with the sweet little white dog. He was named Hank, in honor of Hank Aaron, and was made a member of the Brewers family complete with his own Brewers jersey. Hank is thought to be between 2 to 3 years of age and a cross between a Bichon Frise and a Shih Tzu.

Having lived on the street, Hank knew nothing of family life in a home so there was a lot of training to be done.

“We started with potty training,” said Marti. He is a smart boy and picked up on it quickly and is now working on mastering all of his basic commands.

According to Marti, Hank is settling nicely into family life with her and her husband, their four sons and their 1-year-old Golden Doodle, Bella, with whom Hank loves to play chase. They have become fast friends and when Hank has a “work” day, Bella “mopes around the house,” said Marti. His favorite game is hide and seek with his two stuffed lambs and his favorite treat is watermelon. Hank also loves to snuggle. He is not a fan of rain, to put it mildly, and prefers the coolness of shade on warm days. She describes Hank as a sweet, calm dog with a great personality and a funny character.

“We are thrilled that he makes people feel so good,” said Marti. “He has a role, but he’s also just our pet.”

When asked how Hank’s adjusting to his celebrity status, including meeting the fans and making public appearances at various events, Marti said, “He loves every minute! He loves going to the stadium, wearing his jersey and meeting his fans.” Wanting to make it a good experience for Hank, they received invaluable help and advice from the Wisconsin Humane Society, Lake-



Photo Courtesy of the Milwaukee Brewers

side Animal Hospital, trainers and an animal behaviorist. They learned how to recognize when he needed to take a break and used treats to help make his public appearances positive.

According to the Wisconsin Humane Society and Marti, Hank’s story has truly raised awareness of the plight of homeless and stray animals in our community and has emphasized the importance of rescuing and adopting dogs in need. Hank has an entire line of Hank-related merchandise including t-shirts, collars, leashes, dog bowls and much more.

Through the Brewers partnership with the Wisconsin Humane Society and the Hank Fund, 20 percent of all retail sales of Hank merchandise goes to the humane society to help stray animals in their care. Hank also has his own official bobble head, which will be distributed at the September 13th game with a portion of ticket sales that day going to the Hank Fund.

If you want to know more about Hank, visit brewers.com or his Facebook page.

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It's the fall season and the goblins are out and about causing mischief! Well, at least one Goblin is making mischief: Goblin, the 4-month-old Pug is sharing the lessons of being a new puppy owner to her parents, Gaby and Ben.

Ben and Gaby said they would tell someone who is thinking of getting a puppy the following: "A puppy requires a lot of time and attention. I think everyone knows that, but I don't know how well they understand that. Having a puppy is like having a toddler with sharp teeth that wants to play with and/or eat EVERYTHING. There's a lot of time spent redirecting bad behaviors and reinforcing good ones. You have to be patient and understand that they don't know any better. To them your work shoes are just a tasty chew toy. It's not all work, though. Our puppy is often a source of humor, entertainment and even fitness. You have to run quite a few laps around the park to even begin to tire her out, and that has benefits of its own."

Goblin is enjoying the pleasures of puppyhood. She keeps busy by playing with the neighbor dogs, particularly Ozzy, a rescue dog from hurricane Katrina. She also is a connoisseur of Kongs filled with peanut butter that are frozen overnight. And, some of her favorite toys are Nylabones, puzzle treat balls and any toy that she can play with during a game of tug-of-war. And while Goblin will play fetch, her favorite game is to chase ice cubes on the kitchen floor.

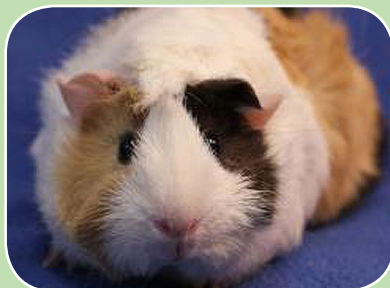
Gaby and Ben describe Goblin's perfect day as "starting with a delicious breakfast consisting of Blue Buffalo puppy food. Then a trip outside to eat leaves and sticks while Mom isn't looking; pausing every so often to stare and bark at the passing cars. Then it would be fetch or running laps in the park with Dad. This would be followed by lunch, more sneaking of leaves and sticks, chasing Minja (Goblin's older sister cat), snacking on a delicious pair of shoes, supper, more leaves and sticks or a nice frozen carrot treat, and falling asleep on the couch." Sounds like heaven to us.

The proud dog parents go on to say, "Goblin is very affectionate and loves to give kisses. She is very expressive and adorable when she cocks her ears back and smiles. Her best friend is anyone and everyone that gives her attention."

And how could someone not love that little face? Enjoy chasing those leaves little Goblin!

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 husband, Mike, and new dog, Clarke. She tries to remember how blessed she is every day and also learn a little something new along the way.



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Be Active, Be Present, Prevent A Bite

"Help, I have a 10-year-old Chihuahua that isn't good with strangers, and I am due to have a baby in just a month."

This is just one of the types of phone calls that led me to become licensed as a presenter for the Dogs & Storks and Dog & Baby Connection -- a 13-week, webinar program that better equips dog behavior consultants or anyone who works with babies and dogs on how to best assess situations, acquire some safety tips and dispel some common myths.

In the situation above, I first set up some one-on-one trainings with the caller and her dog, while informing her she might need to lower her expectations of immediate harmony. In all honesty, in some homes the dog may never be relaxed around the baby and management can be the key to a happy home. In the case of this little Chihuahua, the dog may very well accept the baby. It will probably be the many visitors who come to see the newborn that may give the new mother a bigger problem, which I can help her with.

Most dog owners want a trustworthy, human-friendly dog. For a dog owner to say, "My dog would never bite" or "My kids can do anything to my dog" is not uncommon. Yet these are the owner's expectations that too often get a dog in trouble.

the child and in 51 percent of the cases the dog was the family pet, according to a study done by the Philadelphia Children's Hospital. This reveals that we often do not know our own dogs well enough or do not supervise them as we should.

There is no question that some dogs make a very seamless transition from being the "only kid" to having a new, little, two-legged family member in the house. Other dogs do not. But even in families with well-trained and socialized dogs, success is more likely achieved when a combination of training and management is used.

Jennifer Shryock, who is the creator/director of the Family Paws Parent Education Program, stresses the most important type of management is "active" supervision. So often, in dealing with dog bites of children, the supervising adult says, "I just stepped out of the room for a second" or "I just looked away." Understandably, we are all human, however, all of a baby's caregivers should be on the same page about what "active" supervision means.

Jennifer breaks it down into 5 types of supervision: 1) Absent Supervision (lack of), 2) Passive (distracted), 3) Reactive (oops, now what?), 4) Proactive (prepared, predict and plan) and 5) Active (both eyes on the child and dog).

Katie, my stepdaughter, stated when she gave birth to twin boys 6 years ago, she predicted that her dog, Indy, would not like being around the babies, especially if one of the babies would grab at Indy. She planned ahead and prepared by putting up a permanent baby gate, which blocked off the living room where they normally sat with the twins. She also used Indy's crate when things were really crazy. However, one day, one of Katie's helpers neglected to lock the dog gate properly. Indy walked in and sat right next to Katie who was holding Andrew. For that brief moment, it did

not register to Katie or her helper that Indy should not be in the room with them. Just as Katie had predicted, Andrew grabbed a fistful of the dog's fur and pulled. Indy yelped, turned and snapped, grazing the infant's cheek but not puncturing his skin. It all worked out. Even though it was very upsetting, Katie accepted that it was a case of human error. Indy is now a senior citizen, and as the boys have gotten older, she seems more relaxed around them and also around the latest baby boy.

The story of Indy shows how quickly a bite can happen. Over the years I have heard many statements from trainers about how a dog's bite is so fast that a human would not react in time to move away or stop the bite. I have not found any empirical information to substantiate what this difference is. But whatever the difference in our reaction time, we know dogs are fast and many injuries take place with an adult present. Even the last few serious attacks in this state happened with supervision. I believe this is due to the dog owners not being able to read what their dog is telling them.

Dr. Sophia Yin, a veterinarian who also specializes in providing animal behavior resources that can be downloaded, has a poster on her website (drsophiayin.com) showing the body language of a fearful or anxious dog to help dog owners better understand their dog. In a baby, parent and dog scenario, all three parties need to learn skills to keep everyone safe. Now, obviously, a young baby just needs to be protected. However, at a relatively young age, a parent can teach an open-handed, soft pet with a stuffed animal. A toddler can be taught to pet one-handed rather than with two. A two-handed pet can easily turn in to a hug and many dogs, especially small dogs, can become panicky of this type of restraint. As the toddler grows into a young child, rules, such as when a dog should and should not be approached, can be taught. A

parent can talk about what is kind and unkind behavior.

The Center For Disease Control states the rate of dog bite-related injuries is highest for those 5 to 9 years of age and 52 percent of the children bitten are boys. So, if your dog has contact with children within this age range, active and proactive supervising is extremely important.

If you would like to learn more about welcoming a baby or child into your dog-inhabited home, I present the seminar, "Blended Families: Dog, Babies and Children" quarterly at the Aurora Women's Pavilion in West Allis and Babies R Us in Brookfield. The upcoming dates and times will be listed on their websites.

Patti Muraczewski

Patti Muraczewski, BS, CADT-KA, CABC, has enjoyed working with dogs' owners and their dogs for 33 years and is certified through Association of Pet Dog Trainers and Animal Behavioral College. Patti is owner of For Pet's Sake Dog Training School and is President of Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue.



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Dog and Baby Safety



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Don't force interaction



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DO close the door to the nursery



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September 6th, 9:00am-9:50am
September 25th, 7:15pm-8:05pm
October 18th, 9:00am-9:50am
Milwaukee Campus
September 6th, 12:00pm-12:50pm
September 16th, 6:15pm-7:05pm
September 20th, 9:00am-9:50am
September 29th, 7:15pm-8:05pm
October 9th, 6:15pm-7:05pm
October 15th, 7:30pm-8:20pm
October 18th, 12:00pm-12:50pm
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Milwaukee 414-264-6257
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Puppy ABC's Class

Milwaukee Campus
September 6th, 1:30pm-2:20pm
September 16th, 7:30pm-8:20pm
September 20th, 10:30am-11:20am
September 29th, 6:00pm-6:50pm
October 9th, 7:30pm-8:20pm
October 15th, 6:15pm-7:05pm
October 18th, 1:30pm-2:20pm
Ozaukee Campus
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Dog Training Class - Basic Manners Level 1

Sussex Location
September 6th, 10:00am-11:00am
September 6th, 11:30am-12:30pm
Waukesha Location
September 21st, 9:00am-10:00am
September 22nd, 7:00pm-8:00pm
October 1st, 7:00pm-8:00pm
October 7th, 6:00pm-7:00pm
October 11th, 9:00am-10:00am
October 11th, 10:30am-11:30am
October 16th, 5:30pm-6:30pm
November 2nd, 9:00am-10:00am
November 2nd, 10:30am-11:30am

November 2nd, 6:00pm-7:00pm
November 3rd, 5:30pm-6:30pm
November 3rd, 7:00pm-8:00pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
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Shy Dog Class

September 6th, 10:15am-11:15am
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Pet Loss Grief Support Meeting

September 11th, 6:30pm-8:30pm
October 9th, 6:30pm-8:30pm
November 13th, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Memorial Pet Services
Memorialpetservices.com

Pet Massage

September 13th, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Pet Supplies N'More
Petsuppliesnmore.com

First Aid for Pets

September 13th, 1:00pm-4:00pm
October 25th, 1:00pm-4:00pm
November 22nd, 1:00pm-4:00pm
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Canine Good Citizenship Test

September 14th, 10:00am-12:00pm
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Dog Behavior Seminar

Milwaukee
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November 3rd, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Ozaukee
October 21st, 6:00pm-8:00pm
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Canine Massage Workshop

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Milwaukee
October 21st, 6:30pm-8:30pm
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Dog Training Class - Life Skills for Puppies

September 21st, 6:00pm-7:00pm
November 18th, 7:30pm-8:30pm
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Training Express: Come

September 22nd, 5:30pm-6:20pm
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Come, Fido! Workshop

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Confident Canine

September 25th, 7:00pm-8:00pm
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Dog Training Class: Basic Manners Level 2

Waukesha
October 1st, 5:30pm-6:30pm
October 18th, 10:00am-11:00am
Sussex
October 18th, 10:00am-11:00am
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First Aid for Pets

October 16th, 6:30pm-8:30pm
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Scentwork II: Intro to Birch

October 18th, 11:30am-12:30pm
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Fundraisers/Gatherings

Brew City Bully Club Rescue Ride

September 6th, All Day
5995 120th Avenue, Kenosha, WI,
www.BrewCityBullies.org

Wagfest

September 6th, 11:00am-5:00pm
Mitchell Park 19900 River Road, Brookfield,
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September 6th, 5:30pm-10:00pm
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Woofstock

September 7th, 10:00 am-1:00pm
Rainbow Day Camp
Fredonia
www.jccmilwaukee.org/rdc

Hambingo for Bichon & Little Buddies Rescue

September 11th, 8:00pm-9:30pm
Little Buddies Rescue
Hamburger Mary's
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Unleashed & Uncorked

September 12th, 7:00pm-10:00pm
Lussier Family Heritage Center
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September 20th, 10:00am-6:00pm
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October 3rd, 6:00pm-10:00pm
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October 19th, 7:00am-12:00pm
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Creatures of the Night

October 24th, 6:00pm-10:00pm
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Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

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November 5th, 8:00pm-10:00pm
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Sundays
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"I'm heartbroken. My family, who I loved and protected for over five years, has moved me to a place where it is noisy and overwhelming. I don't know why I'm here, and I sit in a cage all day. It is definitely not the soft, warm couch I used to sleep on. No one looks at me here, except when they shove a bowl of food into my cage. I don't know where my family is. What did I do to deserve this? I promise, I won't eat socks, paper towels or shoes any more, I promise!"

This story happens daily across the United States. Owner surrenders, strays and drop offs inhabit our nations shelters and rescues. Millions of animals are waiting for a forever home, a trip to a foster home where they can be adopted or a ticket to ride on a rescue transport to a breed specific rescue or "type" specific rescue where they are eventually placed in their temporary foster homes or new homes!

Behind the scenes, scores of volunteers, rescue transport coordinators and transport drivers are waiting. The first

step to saving a life is to get the animals to a safe space until rescues can be contacted. This is done with the love and selflessness of foster homes. These angels pull the animals on death row and scour the United States for rescues who can take them. The Transport Coordinator (TC) works with various rescues throughout a given state and makes contact to see if there is room for these angels in waiting.

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Next, a "run sheet" is made up and emailed to the many volunteers, or it is posted in a multitude of areas; Craigslist, Yahoo Groups, Rescue Groups and Facebook, just to name a few. Once the run sheet is distributed, scores of people sign up to do a "leg" which is typically 45-60 miles or one hour in length. Contacts are made, secured and every one is ready for the big day! But what

are our four-legged passengers thinking? "Wait ... what is happening here? I was taken to a safe place ... I kind of liked it there ... where am I going? What ... a car ride, heck yeah! Why do we keep stopping? What ... another new car, oh boy! This is fun! But I am actually scared, yet I get all these new people petting me and taking me for short walks ... this is COOL!"

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Finally, the last leg approaches and the precious pups arrive at their near-final destination. They are photographed and the rescue vet checks out their overall health. Next, they are picked up by foster parents and loved until they are placed into a forever home.

As a rescue transport driver, my husband Wes and I have driven more than 300 dogs. Each one is unique and wonderful. Most runs we end up saying, "If we had enough room, we would SO adopt this one or that one." At times, I have cried when saying goodbye to the dogs in our car.

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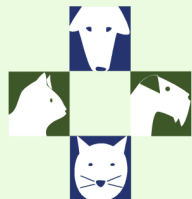
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262-633-9371, malteserescue@hotmail.com
www.malteserescue.homestead.com

Miniature Pinscher

IMPS (Internet Miniature Pinscher Services)
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www.minpinrescue.org
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Mixed Breed

Fluffy Dog Rescue, www.fluffydog.net

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Hounds And Vets Empowered Now Healing A Soldier's Soul One Dog At A Time

In April 2014, three individuals came together with the same purpose in mind: to help bring veterans and therapy dogs together for the sake of healing souls. Linda Bobot, certified professional dog trainer, Dan Van Buskirk, marine Vietnam vet and Bobbi Timberlake, program development, have recently embarked on a new journey called Hounds And Vets Empowered Now (HAVEN) – a program to help address some of the issues a military combat veteran faces upon returning home.

After Van Buskirk's experiences with “brutal training and an even more brutal war,” he found his light at the end of the tunnel and decided to help other vets through their darkest hours with this program. “We have paid a severe readjustment price in coming home,” says Van Buskirk, “100-150,000 suicides, lost jobs, many broken relationships and divorces ... not to mention struggling children.” So in light of it being great for the vets, it is also good for the dogs he notes.

That is where Bobot comes in. In May 2010, she attended a service dog-training clinic in which dogs in foster care were being trained by marines. One of the days in particular touched her deeply. Through a panel, she was able to better understand many of the struggles the marines faced. These struggles included difficulty with sounds, odors, crowds and of course, memories of those who died.

“At the time, it felt like all the air was sucked out of the room,” recalls Bobot.

But then came the dog. A handler released a dog into the crowd and suddenly the atmosphere changed. All hands reached out to the dog. “We could breathe again,” she says. And for Bobot, that was the turning point. Everything after that sort of fell into place. She received emails from Van Buskirk about his ideas and met Timberlake at a therapy dog visit where

a conversation about their endeavors with dogs led to more.

So with each person having a vital piece of the puzzle, they began. They chose to focus on military combat veterans and have composed the training around specific individual needs. The training categories are split into three areas:

- **Emotional support animal.** An animal that provides emotional support, comfort and companionship. When a vet lives in “no-pet housing” but has a documented disability, this animal may be ideal. However, not considered a service animal, this animal has no public access.
- **Service dog.** A dog that is trained to do work and/or perform tasks needed by the disabled person. Not for comfort or protection.
- **Therapy dog.** A dog handled by a therapist that provides assistance or friendly visits in a healthcare setting. Therapy dog teams require an evaluation and must be registered with a recognized organization.

One of the goals of HAVEN is to transform marines into therapy dog teams so that they may train other dogs and help other vets. Currently, the program has two veterans that did not have dogs. One dog was adopted from the Elmbrook Humane Society and the other from the Wisconsin Humane Society. Both dogs are in the process of now becoming service dogs. The veterans are involved in the training sessions, which are held weekly and hosted at Dryhooch in Milwaukee.

Kyle Wagner, medic army veteran, has his whole heart invested in this endeavor and says his life has changed drastically. “Without Jade I was a wreck. I dreaded waking up in the morning. After the daily onslaught of stressors and dealing with PTSD, I was drained to my core. Jade makes



Photo by Linda Bobot

me happy to wake up. I'm able to resume my life and goals once again, not to mention my dreams.”

According to Bobot, dogs can be trained to retrieve needed objects, brace to assist with balance, alert to movement from behind, provide physical boundaries, search a residence or vehicle before a veteran enters, provide deep pressure for calming, awaken a sleeping person if necessary, and provide feedback on the environment. “Dogs are also getting veterans out into the community because of their need to be walked and exercised,” she adds.

HAVEN currently only requires veterans to pay the adoption fee and expenses associated with having a dog -- not including training (no cost). If you are a veteran interested in HAVEN, you will need the following: Verification that you are a military combat veteran, a letter from an appropriate clinician stating you will benefit from these services and if you have a dog, it will need to be evaluated. Email Linda at lbob50.aol.com for more information.

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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:

"If Your Dog Could Talk For One Day, What Would He Say?"

Justice: "Mom, please don't stop-there's too much to do, can't we run and play some more? Oh and I get to sleep on your pillow tonight."

Pam Hodermann
Glendale WI

Moose: "Mom, we love Justice but can you teach him to chill out??"

Dayja Hodermann
Glendale, WI

Pyra: "Hello ... ahh ... when am I going with you to work?"

Mary Holz
Brown Deer, WI

Spencer: "Be still and know I am God."

Bill Eckert
Milwaukee, WI

Jada: "Why do you keep leaving me? This is totally unfair. Oh, and where's my steak lady?"

Elizabeth Russell
Muskego, WI

Mary: "Today's Agenda: 1.) Snuggle on grandpa's lap. 2.) Steal his cheeseburger. 3.) Evade capture long enough to eat cheeseburger. 4. Bark into the oblivion."

Shane Selec
Brown Deer, WI

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Pit Bull Terrier

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pittiesinthecitymke@gmail.com

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Adopt@brewcitybullies.org

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Pug

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nipra@northernillinoisipugrescue.org

Pug Hugs, Inc.
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Rat Terrier

Wisconsin Rat Terrier Rescue INC.
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Rottweiler

True Hearts of Rottweiler Rescue (THORR)
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Wisconsin Rottweiler Rescue
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MidAmerica Rottweiler Rescue
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Saint Bernard

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Shih Tzu

New Beginnings Shih Tzu Rescue
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Standard Schnauzer

Standard Schnauzer Club of America Rescue
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Vizsla

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Weimaraner

Great Lakes Weimaraner Rescue
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Westie

Wisconsin Westie Rescue, Inc.
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Yorkshire Terrier

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

Marcie is a friendly little Abyssinian Guinea Pig. She is an adult, but she's keeping her actual age a secret! Marcie enjoys green leafy veggies and lots of playtime. Guinea pigs are endearing and wonderful pets, living as long as 9 years! And all guinea pigs adoptions at HAWS include the "Cavy Health Record Book" - helping owners keep their piggies in tip-top shape so you have many years together!



Washington Co. Humane Society
262-677-4388
washingtoncountyhmane.org

Dreamboat is a star student, gives excellent eye contact during training and has learned quite a few tricks! She now knows come, sit, down, easy, off, give kisses, leave it and wait. She has been full of happy wiggles and slobbery kisses from day one! WCHS is looking for her new home to have children 12 years and up ready and willing to help with training. Dreamboat does need to be your one and only four-legged companion in the home.

"Pit Bulls"

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According to the UKC, common characteristics of the American Pit Bull Terrier are as follows: They have strength, confidence and a zest for life. They also make excellent family companions and are noted for their love of children.

But temperament is hard to see at a glance and "a dog's breed or physical appearance will not tell you anything about their pet qualities and personality," says Herbold. "Dogs are individuals and each has their own personality."

Having had dozens of one-on-one experiences with Pit Bull-type dogs, Serocki agrees and adds, "I think a Pit Bull-type dog's love for humans is the one characteristic that is a common thread."

As far as training goes, "Pit Bulls are typically very easy to train as it is in their nature to please," confirms Bucio.

And positive reinforcement should be used to train any animal.



Here's To A Brighter Tomorrow

For Herbold: "The next phase in the evolution of animal sheltering is to put the focus where it belongs: assessing all dogs as individuals, first and foremost!"

"There are now thousands of Pit Bull rescues and advocacy groups, not only in Milwaukee, but across the country who have tirelessly and relentlessly advocated for this 'breed,'" says Bucio. "Pit Bull adoptions continue to rise year after year."

In the past five years or so, animal shelters, owners and advocates have taken the reins in showing the public that all dogs are individuals, according to Quinn. And Breed Specific Legislation is declining she notes.

"People just don't buy into the hysteria and mythology anymore because they have better information or because they've had a personal experience with a dog labeled a Pit Bull that changed their mind."

Or in some cases, changed their lives. Notice the cover dog, Tess. She has not only changed my life for the better but has molded my participation/role in the world of animal advocacy forever.

If you are interested in changing a life for the better, contact Brew City Bully Club at pitcrew@brewcitybullies.org, Remember Me Ranch at rememberanch@gmail.com or Friends of MADACC at friends@madacc.org.

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"Yellow Dogs"

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in public out of fear other people would come up to their dogs without permission or let their dogs run up to them loose.

As events coordinator for Fido Fest, Krienitz was able to make sure these Yellow Dogs were included in the fun. In addition to handing out yellow ribbons, they had a number of "Yellow Dogs" joining in the festivities.

"It's not that different from some people," she says. "Imagine if a stranger walked up to you abruptly. We violate a dog's personal space all the time and expect them to be okay with it."

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GUS'S STORY:

A Tail of **Renewed Hope, Second Chances & New Beginnings**

Each year, thousands of Pit Bulls are euthanized in Wisconsin. A recent report from the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission estimated that out of 1,783 dogs euthanized at their facility in 2012, 1,396 were Pit Bulls or Pit Bull mixes. Sadly, the number of Pit Bulls euthanized each year continues to increase due to the horrendous reputation surrounding this breed. Fortunately, there are individuals who are willing to give these gentle souls a chance when it seems the rest of the world has turned their backs. This is the story of Gus, a one-year-old Pit Bull found as a stray, who was given a second chance at finding love, happiness and the life he deserves to live.

On the eve of October 2, 2013, Gus was presented to the Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center by two police officers who found him roaming the streets of Racine. Upon physical examination, Dr. Meghan Glazer assessed the stray as "severely emaciated and dehydrated." Despite his weakened state, Dr. Glazer noted the stray as being "bright and alert," giving her hope that with adequate nutrition and fluid therapy, the stray would make a full recovery. However, the stray's fate was unknown to the staff of WVRC, as they were aware of the stigmas surrounding the Pit Bull breed and feared the stray would become yet another euthanized statistic.

Stephanie Franczak, veterinary assistant for WVRC, was on duty the night the stray arrived. Although the stray was frightened and nervous when he first arrived, she noticed toward the end of her shift, his demeanor began to change.

By the next day, Stephanie was able to give him a full bath by herself. In only two days, the stray's behavior made a dramatic transformation- from aggressive and fearful to lovable and friendly.



Photo Courtesy of Dana Janssen



Photo Courtesy of Stephanie Franczak

"People kept saying how sweet he was. I just fell in love with him. That was the beginning of Gus. He has a face that you just can't help but love," Stephanie said.

After seeing the potential in Gus's personality, Stephanie contacted a humane organization to begin the adoption process. She was stunned to hear that Gus was being labeled as an "unadoptable candidate." Hearing this news, Stephanie's fears of Gus being euthanized started to take hold. She

had faith that a stable home, proper care and lots of love would allow Gus to have a second chance at life. It was then that Stephanie told that humane organization that regardless of his behavior and condition, she would adopt him. By committing to taking full responsibility for Gus, the organization consented to the adoption. During his time with this anonymous facility, Gus showed significant progress in his reactions to cats and people. After almost two weeks of monitoring and assessment, Gus was vaccinated, neutered and released to Stephanie on October 16, 2013.

Today, Gus is living a comfortable, care-free life with Stephanie and his new four-legged housemates. When asked about the biggest change in Gus since his arrival at WVRC, she exclaimed, "He's just a happy dog! I think he genuinely appreciates being a pet, being in a home. He's more trusting of people now. We've shown him that no one is going to hurt him and everyone here loves him. With that, I think he feels safe. He's a good, happy, healthy, and loving dog."

According to Dr. Glazer, Stephanie's actions have allowed Gus to make a complete emotional and physical recovery. "He's a new dog! He's put some pounds on; he's in good shape; he's the biggest love bug you'll ever meet! I'm really glad she took him in because she gave him that chance to make a full recovery. thanks to adoption, he will now live a long and happy life."

Brenda Rynders

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