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{Publisher's Letter}

Welcome to the new look of Fetch Magazine. Inside you'll find all the great features you've come to expect plus a few new pieces that will encourage you to keep your copy close at hand. In addition to our new Humane Society Adoptables page and Around the Water Bowl news briefs, you'll find a Yellow Pages style Canine Marketplace with listings broken out into Metro Milwaukee, Madison Area, and Racine/Kenosha. We hope you'll find the Canine Marketplace your first source for finding a new Doggy Day Care, Veterinarian, or anything else dog-related.

We're also celebrating a huge accomplishment with the printing of our 50th issue, falling on our 5th anniversary. These are two huge milestones in the world of consumer publications. More importantly, this is our second issue featuring your stories of breed rescue and adoption. Over 60 stories were submitted and most can be found within these pages. If you submitted a story that is not found in this issue, we apologize. Although we added eight more pages to feature your stories, we simply ran out of room. However, all of the stories featured in this issue and those that we were unable to find room for can be found on www.fetchmag.com.

Joseph & Jennifer Kojis

ask the **VET**

Question:

Seriously, can dogs get cavities?

Answer:

Absolutely. Have you ever experienced dental discomfort or pain? How did that make you feel? What did you do about it? Animals have teeth too. You can bet they also experience dental discomfort. Discolored and fractured teeth can be painful. This topic was discussed in the August 2008 issue of Fetch Magazine.

Tooth cavities can result in discomfort, pain and behavioral changes in your pets. Tooth decay in dogs was previously not recognized. In fact, veterinarians thought tooth cavities did not develop in dogs. Today we know they do develop in dogs as in humans. We are diagnosing tooth decay and cavities with an increasing frequency in dogs.

Why is it important to recognize cavities?

Tooth decay is due to bacterial colonization (infection) of teeth. The decay results in soft enamel. These lesions progress deeper into the tooth dentin, just below the tooth enamel. At this point, pain will begin because dentin has nerve supply. As the dentin is "demineralized" by the decay process,

the tooth weakens. Pain increases due to pulp (nerve) exposure. When dogs chew hard objects, they experience pain. They may drop food or avoid chewing on one side of the mouth. The tooth may even fracture due to chewing with weakened teeth.

What's causing more cases of tooth decay?

It may be related to changes in nutrition. Do you offer sweets to your pets? Is there a problem with your water? Perhaps the teeth have less mineral content. Regardless of the cause, tooth decay is being recognized with better owner observation. You identify potential problems and learn a lot when you brush your pet's teeth. Veterinarians are also performing oral exams as part of their general health and wellness exams.

Recently, pets have been presented to the Animal Dental Center after animal communicators discovered dental pain. After problems are recognized, further investigation is warranted! With routine oral exams and the routine use of dental radiographs in veterinary practice, the diagnosis of tooth cavities is clearly increasing. Without dental radiographs, dental problems are highly likely to be missed. Be sure to ask your veterinarian to take dental radiographs when cleaning your pet's teeth. Dentistry is not for everyone and some veterinarians prefer to refer their patients to the Animal

Dental Center. Your own physician would refer you to a dentist too.

The earlier tooth cavities are diagnosed the greater our ability to save rather than extract these teeth. Early cavities involve damage to tooth enamel and dentin. Longer term tooth decay results in pulp inflammation, infection, dental pain, discoloration and death of the tooth.

How are tooth cavities diagnosed?

Early lesions are identified by observation and investigation of the discolored areas of teeth. Dental radiographs with dental probing confirm the presence and the extent of these lesions. Anesthesia is needed because these teeth are painful. Please do not poke around on these teeth without anesthesia.

What treatments are available?

These teeth must be treated by root canal therapy or by dental extraction. Some teeth fracture due to extensive tooth destruction. The problem may progress to facial swellings or draining tracts. Swelling around the eyes is frequently related to tooth problems! Early tooth decay is detected with the explorer probe as soft enamel and dentin. It is essential to take and evaluate dental radiographs before deciding to treat or to extract these teeth. We need to make certain that the tooth remains vital (alive) if we intend to restore them. If the tooth is dead it may be treated by root canal therapy and then with a restoration.

Cavities may be restored by performing "cavity preparation" and the placement of amalgam or composite restorations (fillings). Actually, we no longer use amalgam for tooth restoration in our practice due to complications associated with bacterial leakage, tooth weakening and discoloration. Clinical photos of carious lesions in dogs are available at www.mypetsdentist.com.

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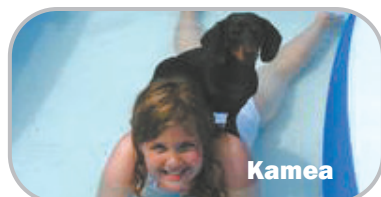
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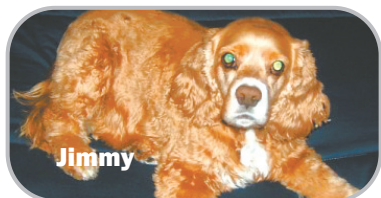
Stories of Rescue & Adoption



Kamea

My Precious Pup – It's amazing how things don't turn out the way you plan. Take one boring Saturday afternoon, for instance. I was done cleaning my room, and was DYING of boredom! So my mom suggested that I go on Petfinder.com and look for a puppy. I typed it in quickly, anxious for what I might find. Well, I fell in love with two of them. But I could only get one. The next day, one wasn't up so I clicked on a Miniature dachshund named Kamea (Ka-may-a) and read her "Profile". I learned that her name is Hawaiian for Precious. I found out that her old owner had a mom that was 90 years old and couldn't take care of her anymore. They took her to the vet to get her put to sleep. Since she was only one year old, the vet told them that she could find a rescue for Kamea. They took that option because they wanted her to live. The DRNA (Dachshund Rescue of North America) rescued her. Her back legs were paralyzed and they did a lot of Chinese herbs, water therapy, crate therapy, and in the "words of Kamea" they poked her in the back and said it was good for her. Well, all better! She can walk, run, and even swim! Then, they put her up for adoption. That's where I come in. My mom and I checked out the website, filled out the application, and finally, gulp, asked my dad. He said no, no, no, no, and... NO! Until one night, while I was with our other dog in my sister's bed, he said and I quote, "I have a surprise for everyone. Look, see how Ellie (my younger sister) has a puppy to sleep with? Amelia doesn't have one, so I think we should get that one Amelia likes." I almost screamed! As we approached the foster mom's door, my hand shook as I rang the doorbell. We went in, signed the papers, received her personal items, and traveled home. The whole ride home I was holding her, telling her about my life and the whole time she sat listening. Kamea's a special dog, my precious pup, and that's the end of Kamea's tail.

by Amelia, Brookfield



Jimmy

My husband and I had been looking to rescue/adopt a Cocker spaniel. Didn't take us long until we stumbled on Jimmy's photo online. Both of us immediately said to each other, "WE MUST

MEET THIS LITTLE GUY!" We made an appointment to meet with Jimmy the very same day. We drove about one hour away to a doggy foster home & was greeted by Jimmy running right at us. He immediately rolled over on his back for a belly rub. We knew he was the one for us. On the car ride home, Jimmy fell asleep on my lap. We have had Jimmy for almost two years and still can't figure out why someone would have put him up for adoption. He is so full of affection, full of fun, and so silly. Jimmy makes every day an exciting day.

by Missy, South Milwaukee

Rescuing Mylee Rescued Our Girls – We moved our family of three girls to a new home on Memorial Day. They faced learning a new house, a new community, and a new school. And not knowing anyone in our neighborhood, the summer loomed long and lonely. Being lovers of Golden retrievers, we checked out the GRROW website to see if there was any possibility that we could adopt. Within a few weeks of submitting an application we met Mylee (her name then was "Rylee"). She was just over a year old, smart and beautiful. We fell in love instantly. Although she was slow to bond with us at first, she has become a constant playmate for the girls and loves their hugs! She was an amazing distraction during our first summer here and will forever be a blessing to us.

by Kristi & Tim



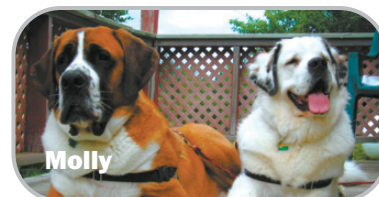
Scout

After our Giant schnauzer died at age 14, we knew we would get another dog, but had never had to look for one and were unsure of how to proceed and how to decide. I had heard of Fluffy Dog Rescue and began looking at the Website. Scout Finch was the first dog we wanted to see when we were ready to adopt. Ironically, of the three dogs we wanted to meet, he was the last one. A small (for us) mixed breed of unknown origin, we had more affection and energy and personality than we could imagine and immediately stole my husband's heart. He came home with us on a Friday night and fit in immediately. Oh sure some things were eaten that weren't meant to be, but he did well in obedience classes and then enjoyed about four months of doggy day care to find out not all dogs have limitless energy to play with him-endlessly. He has become a stealthy, yet rather ineffective chipmunk hunter and lover of all people near and far. We could not imagine a more wonderful dog and now we are sold on "rescue." Scout rescued us from our sadness and empty house after the death of our Giant.

Jill, Milwaukee

Unwanted Kody – Kody is a 4-5 year old Border collie who came from a shelter (dumped by owner) and I was his foster mom for Midamerica Border Collie Rescue. He is big for his breed and had separation anxiety and no one wanted to adopt him. He was on medication for his SA, taken to Purdue Veterinary Hospital behaviorist, given herbal remedies, etc. but it didn't help. He was destructive and anxious when I was gone (work 5 days a week). Anyway, after nine months I ended up adopting him. He took several acupuncture treatments and has improved greatly and only has an off day every few months. He loves everyone, acts goofy sometimes, and will soon be in training to be a therapy dog. Rescue is the only way to go.

Kody Pam, South Bend, IN



Molly

Molly the Rescue St – HANK! So here is this 15 mo old, 130 pound, neutered male St Bernard, Hank, clearing the 5 foot high fence in his backyard in Red Granite, WI. It had just started snowing. The temperature was due to drop tonight again to below zero. Dad put a harness on Molly who is Hank's sister. She is 14 months old. Mom pointed the way and showed Molly the footprints where Hank took off and headed through the woods behind the house. Molly put her face to the snowy ground and took off with dad running behind her to keep up. Every once in a while Molly would stop to sniff the footprints. If the footprints circled round the tree, Molly would circle the tree, and continue to follow the footprints. Molly seemed to walk on top of the snow, but dad was up to his knees and beyond at times in the deep snow. After what seemed hours, but was really only about 30 min. Molly stopped and looked up and to everyone's dismay there was Hank in the distance standing out in the middle of the clearing. He saw Molly and ran to her. Molly is not a trained search & rescue dog, but it sure seems like that might be her calling. Dad told me that he wanted everyone to know now that he has had an adult St for seven plus years...(that he adopted from WSBIR) and two puppy St's adopted from WSBIR. He is definitely choosing an adult Saint the next time around. Needless to say, he will be extending the fence upward in the backyard, but until then, Hank will go out only on leash.

Wendy, Red Granite

Training Bits

Understanding Reinforcement

Understanding how dogs think and what shapes their behavior is the first and most important step in communicating with your dog, for that is what dog training is all about.... Communication.

Dogs are actually very simple creatures. They will continue to repeat behaviors that get them what they want (behaviors that are reinforced), and extinguish behaviors that don't work for them. If we, their trainers, remember this we should be able to understand why they act the way they do.

First off, understand that humans are not the only avenue dogs seek reinforcement from. It exists for them in the environment and they will happily partake in it if we allow them to. Canine Behaviorists call these 'self-rewarding' behaviors. The more we can see the bigger picture the easier it is to understand why our dogs are doing what they are doing. We can then get creative and come up with ways to change their environment so that they look to us for most of their reinforcement.

Pulling on a leash is an example of a 'self-rewarding' behavior. Dogs do

not mind pulling. They actually like it. It does not cause them the discomfort that we would think it does. They continue to pull because we have trained them to see that it works for them.

Dogs enjoy chasing squirrels. If you let your dog off leash and he starts chasing a squirrel and you continue to call him, he has actually been rewarded for not coming when called. Even if you reprimand him harshly for not coming. The fun of chasing the squirrel may be worth the punishment. This is why harsh training can be very ineffective.

Barking in a crate is a very annoying behavior. Dogs do not mind barking. They have to bark long and hard for them to tire of it. If a dog barks in his crate, and you let him out, you have just reinforced barking in the crate. The next time he will bark longer and louder to get what he wants.

So, how do we deal with this? In the case of pulling to a tree, allow your dog to potty before the walk and take him to a tree and have it be YOUR idea. Praise him for relieving himself. Then continue on the walk and be ready to tell him to heel before he gets to every tree well BEFORE he has started to pull. You may have to leash correct. When he stays with you as you pass a tree, praise him for it.

Never allow your dog off leash, or off a long line, until he has been proofed against distractions. Use the squirrels as a distraction and reel him in if he does not come. When he willingly turns away from the squirrels this is a behavior that can be reinforced by you.

As for barking in a crate, it's simple. Never let him out when he is barking. If you think he may need to potty, take him out, let him go, and put him back in. Tell him to be quiet. Perhaps cover the crate. When he quiets down for a few moments, that would be the time to let him out. He will get the idea that calm, quiet behavior gets him his freedom.

These are just three common behaviors dog display that may frustrate us. The list could go on and on. Even up to and including aggressive behaviors in which dogs begin to run the house. Of course that always ends badly for the dog. But, the good news is it rarely has to be that way. And while it is true that the longer a behavior has existed, the harder it will be to extinguish, it can be done. You can start today to create solutions by controlling the environment to shape better behavior.

Johanna Ammentorp, owner and instructor of Hi5 Dog Training, has been training and showing dogs in obedience, herding and agility for 40 years. She is currently instructing classes at the Doggy Office Day Care facility. Call 262-783-PAWS for schedule of classes.

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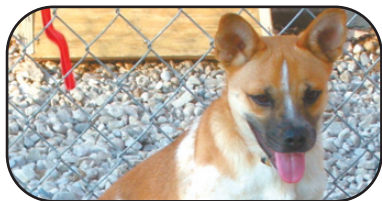
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Keanu is a male Husky/Shepherd mix and 1.5 years old. He is great with everyone, very mellow, super smart, and would do great in an active family. He also knows many commands.



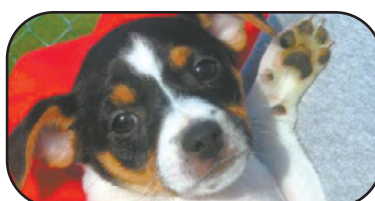
Humane Animal Welfare Society
262-542-8851 www.hawspets.org

Shala is a seven month old spayed female Pit bull. Her coloring is white/brindle and she is very sweet in nature. Shala loves to play, go for walks, and to sit in the warm sun. She is hoping to find a special home soon.



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"Most animal welfare non-profit groups are those who are in the trenches everyday caring for the animals," says co-founder and president. "These wonderful animal advocates dedicate their lives tending to the daily care and maintenance of these beloved creatures. Yet, we often see many of these shelters close their doors due to lack of funding/donations," she added.

The Organization created The Animal Fairy, The Animal Fairy Folklore, and The Animal Fairy Children's Book, (first in a series). The Animal Fairy Desk Piece ornament symbolizes the guardian of all animals and was created to honor those for their years of service and commitment for caring for our animals, to pay tribute, to acknowledge those who love and care for animals, and as a commemoration for those who have lost a beloved pet.

For more information about Animal Fairy Charities, log onto www.animalfairycharities.org.

New statewide program provides low-cost spay/neuter

Interested in having Whiskers spayed or neutered, but don't have the funds to cover the cost of surgery? Spay Wisconsin can help! The Wisconsin Humane Society recently launched a new program, Spay Wisconsin, which connects low-income animal guardians across the state with a low-cost, high quality spay/neuter clinic in their area.

The goal of Spay Wisconsin is to make high quality spay/neuter services accessible, both geographically and financially, to all animals in low-income households. The program strives to end animal suffering by reducing the number of unwanted births.

To access Spay Wisconsin services, call the hotline toll-free at (877) 510-PETS or check out the new statewide resource, Animal-Friendly Wisconsin, at www.animalfriendlywi.org. Aside from being the launch pad for Spay Wisconsin, Animal-Friendly Wisconsin provides a wealth of information and resources for all your animal-related questions.

The Office Called... You're Late for Work!

The Doggy Office, a new doggy day care facility in Brookfield is looking for bright, energetic canines that want to work in an environment that allows running, ball chasing, and an occasional nap. Do you have a dog like that? We'd like to interview him.

The Doggy Office opens at 6:30am for all early risers and doesn't close until 7:00pm to accommodate a late work day. Weekend hours are also available. Rates begin at only \$20/day for day care but half day and multi-day discount pack are available.

While at the Doggy Office, you can schedule a grooming session with Kathy Getter, certified master groomer that includes nail clipping, ear cleaning, and even an anal gland expression if needed. Prices vary by breed and are available on the Doggy Office Web site.

Training classes are also held at the Doggy Office and include adult, puppy, and private sessions by Johanna Ammentorp from Hi 5 Dog Training. Johanna can be reached at the Doggy Office or at 262-251-1032 or Johanna@hi5dog-training.com.

The Doggy Office is located at 3515 North 127th Street in Brookfield. For more information, visit www.doggyoffice.com or call 262-783-PAWS.

Stocks up or Stocks down... Dogs Still Need Training

Dogs don't know if their stock portfolio is underperforming the market, but they should know how to sit, stay, come, lay down, and heel. 4 My Dogz, based in Lisbon, understands this vital need and is responding with a growing list of training classes and locations.

During this past summer, 4 My Dogz expanded their indoor, temperature-controlled training facility to provide year-round agility and rally classes. You can also find 4 My Dogz offering training classes inside the Sussex location of Central Bark Doggy Day Care.

All of the new classes and locations required an increase in personnel. Three new part-time instructors now lead the updated class offerings. 4 My Dogz has one more opening for a full-time dog trainer experienced in puppy training and/or agility training. If interested, inquire via the contact details below.

Would you like to have your companion certified in CGC or as a Therapy Dog? 4 My Dogz now offers preparation classes for both CGC and Therapy Dog to help prepare for taking the certification exam. They also hold CGC evaluations throughout the year.

4 My Dogz is on the web at www.4MyDogz.com or at 262-820-0763.

Hey Madison – Central Bark Doggy Day Care is Here!

After owning a FedEx Ground operation for nearly four years, Phil and Indri Kasubaski decided the time was right to deliver a new kind of service to Madison residents with Central Bark Doggy Day Care. Like many new business owners, the road to this venture was far from smooth and both Phil and Indri worked two jobs – often at night and on weekends – for several years to ensure they would have the necessary capital to get their business off the ground. That dedication has paid off and the Kasubaskis have been providing a much-needed service to area dog owners from their facility at 2530 Advance Road since late October.

Central Bark Doggy Day Care Opens in Muskego

Having worked for M&I Bank and JPMorgan Chase for combined 32 years, Mark and Karol Afaneh know the value of a dollar. Now, in these tough economic times, the Afanehs know that people are more selective than ever about where they spend their money, which is why they opened Central Bark Doggy Day Care at S81 W18460 Gemini Dr. in Muskego. Though this is the couple's first foray into business ownership, they come from a long line of entrepreneurs and are looking forward to sharing their love and understanding of dogs with local pet owners in need of quality pet services.

Pampered Paws Enhancing the Salon Experience

For over 13 years, dog owners have trusted the style of their pooch to the skilled hands of the Pampered Paws groomers in Wauwatosa. Beginning this month, pampering reaches a whole new level.

Pampered Paws has recently moved from their cramped facility on North Avenue in Wauwatosa to a more spacious salon on Mayfair Road (Hwy 100), just south of North Avenue. The new facility houses eight grooming tables and five bathtubs. This extra space allows the groomers a bit more elbow room and helps owners easily move their companions in and out of the reception area.

Although much has changed, the things that matter most to Pampered Paws customers remains the same: hours haven't changed, phone number remains at 414-476-4323, and the same talented groomers are eager to style your pet in their new surroundings. Pampered Paws is located at 1826 North Mayfair Road. Now is a great time to make sure your pet is scheduled for his holiday hairdo. You'll also want to stay tuned to www.fetchmag.com for the latest details on the grand opening celebration, tentatively scheduled for January 2009.

3 Golden's And A Gator

Looking for a unique gift, a special treat, or customer service not found in your typical pet supply store? Jennifer Hartman's new store in Racine fits that profile.

Sure, she carries some of the same items you'll find in similar stores, but if you're after unique, exclusive items, this is the place to shop. You can feel comfortable asking for help, directions on using a product, or advice on the perfect gift. No rabid salespeople here. And if you want, you can bring your socialized, on leash pooch along for the visit.

3 Golden's And A Gator is a new, fun, classy boutique that caters to the casual shopper but also carries the necessities for those who like to dash in and out. Once inside, you'll find unique treats, all natural foods, gifts, and clothes (for dogs and their owners). Beginning this Christmas, 3 Golden's And A Gator will offer custom gift baskets with plans to continue this offering throughout the year.

Alright, you've been wondering, "A Gator?" Simple. Jennifer was inspired by her four dogs, Tahoe, Sota, and Madison, all Golden's. Plus there is a Dachshund/Yorkie mix named Gator. Combined, these make up 3 Golden's And A Gator. Located at 5200 Douglas Avenue, Suite C, in Racine, the hours of operation are Monday – Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday 9:00am to 3:00pm. Closed Sundays. 262-752-9010

Iams Home 4 the Holidays Campaign

The Dodge County Humane Society has joined efforts with 2,500 shelters around the world to participate in the annual Iams Home 4 the Holidays (IH4TH) pet adoption campaign to help place 1 million pets into homes from November 1 through December 20, 2008.

Kimberly Waugus, director of the DCHS states, "This year marks the program's 10th anniversary, as thousands of shelter partners from around the world come together to help homeless animals. We're asking everyone to open their hearts this holiday season and be a hero to a pet who needs a home."

To help promote adoptions, all adoption fees will be reduced by \$25.00 during this time and all dogs, cats, puppies and kittens adopted during IH4TH will go home with a care package, which includes pet care tips, food samples, dog treats (courtesy of Just Like Home Doggie Motel) and a collar

(courtesy of Pampered Pets). In addition, adopters can register for door prizes that will be drawn every Saturday.

The DCHS is located at N6839 State Road 26, Juneau. For more information, call the DCHS at 920-386-0000 or visit our website, www.dodgecountyhumane.org. To learn more about the Iams Home 4 the Holidays campaign, visit www.iamshome4the-holidays.com.

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According to the Humane Society for the United States, it is well known that relaxed, happy people do not become ill as often as those who suffer from stress and depression. Animal companionship helps lower a person's blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

"Just having a pet in your life can offer a sense of well-being and encouragement," continues Olenik. "They often provide the reason to get up in the morning – and remind us that life goes on and that we have much to be thankful for. Life's simple pleasures are still available!"

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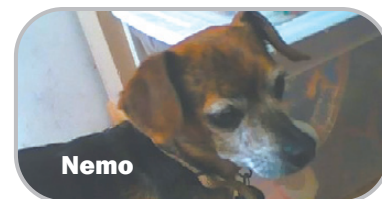
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Nemo

For the past few years I have wanted to add a dog to my two cat pet family. However, until recently, the right circumstances weren't in place. After moving, and with my roommate's blessing, I searched through Petfinder.com for the right pet. I wanted a small sized dog and I was immediately drawn to Nemo's page. I looked at other dogs but I kept going back to him. I sent in my application and after being approved my roommate and I headed to the foster mom's house to meet him. When we sat down on the couch, he took his bone and immediately sat down next to me to chew. I knew immediately I wanted to take him home. I drove to HOPE Safehouse in Racine to sign the paperwork. He was rather excited and loves car rides so he was good the whole way home. Once we got there he immediately took to the house, sniffing everything, even the cats. In the month I have had Nemo, he has been a wonderful dog. Not perfect and we're working on breaking small habits but I get lots of love and companionship from him. One of my cats, Hallie, will lie down near him and I've seen her sniffing and licking his head to groom him. She's never done that with another dog ever! I am most happy with my complete family (along with 2 gerbils), and we are all doing well.

by Laura, Milwaukee



Milo

Milo, the Escape Artist. – Milo was rescued by Fluffy Dog Rescue from Alabama. Apparently he was quite an agile escape artist, being placed several times in Alabama, but escaping even over chain link fences, (yes, he climbed). We had just lost a Cairn poodle mix of almost 17 years and were feeling a great loss. Milo has certainly filled her shadow. He was housetrained, loved cuddling on your lap, he has gotten out of several collars and harness, but knows to come to the door... and seems to feel the same way we feel about him. Fluffy Dog did a wonderful job in placing the right dog with the right family and we will certainly rescue another dog when that time comes!

Don, Sue, Rocky Winkelman, Colgate



My Stinky Winky – When a board member called me to see if I was "prepared" for my next foster dog, I said I was up for the challenge, but never expected this! Wink was my foster dog of January 2004. He was a stray and extremely shy. I cannot imagine what kind of life he had. When I picked him up, he was terrified of the leash, the ground, and terrified of me. After some training and shy dog classes, he was adopted, but returned two days later because he was "too shy." I missed him deeply, so when I got the news that he was being returned, I couldn't pick him up fast enough. I adopted him and he became my first "foster failure." It's been 4 1/2 years later. Wink is far from normal, but I cannot imagine my life without him.

by Julie



Darling, Dachspicable Dash – There once was a special dog named Dash. Life was unkind to him his first two years. He was abused and abandoned and a stray. He passed from shelter to shelter because he would attack strangers, especially men. One day, MWDR saw him online and knew he needed more personal attention. Dash decided that the lady who picked him up from the shelter was OK – she had treats and was willing to share! His foster brothers were OK, and the cat too, but he didn't like anyone coming near HIS house! Dash chased the handyman up a tree and tried to bite the UPS man! Then Dash went to visit a special man named Jim Morgan. Jim wasn't afraid of Dash and no matter how hard Dash tried, Jim wouldn't give up until Dash obeyed. Dash learned he wasn't the boss. One day after nine months as a foster, nice people inquired about Dash. They came all the way from Indiana to pick him up. A nice man next door is now Dash's friend. Who would have thought a year ago that Dash would have a friend who is a man? What a happy life now and all because a group of people had patience and firmness to help Dash learn. This is what rescue is all about. This is what makes it worthwhile.

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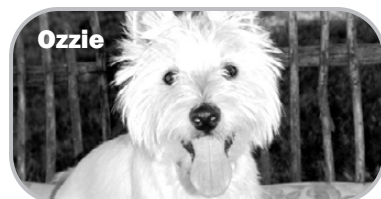


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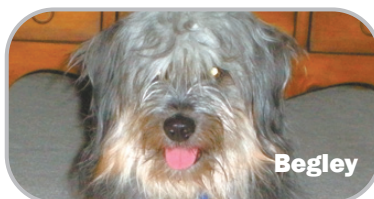
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A Letter from Ozzie – by Ozzie with help from Karen. My name is Ozzie. They used to call me Buddy, but my boy Mikey is a big White Sox fan and there is a guy on that team named Ozzie. I am a big 'white socks' fan too, but Mom always takes them away from me when I take them out of the dirty laundry! My favorite thing to do is go to class. There are a lot of other dogs there and we get to do fun things like go through tunnels and over jumps. Mikey says I will make a great agility dog because I'm so fast! I sleep in my crate in Mom and Dad's room (sometimes Dad lets me lay on the big bed). I have a nice yard with lots of bunnies and squirrels and my friend Bogie next door. I also have a friend named Emma, a big yellow dog, who I visit sometimes. Well, it's time for my third nap of the day; I'm still a puppy, you know. Thanks for taking good care of me so I could come home to my family. Love, Ozzie. Ozzie Update: This letter was first written to Wisconsin Westie Rescue after we adopted Ozzie in 2006. He is now 2 years old and doing well in his Agility classes, although his enthusiasm sometimes gets the better of him! We adopted Ozzie after the loss of our first Westie, Binky. She was our first baby, even before our son. Our hearts were so broken, we thought long and hard about getting another. But, your home is not a home without a dog, so now we have our Ozzie and he makes us laugh everyday.

Karen, Illinois



Begley came from Alabama to Wisconsin in February when the Fluffy Dog Rescue organization brought her to her foster home. She had been severely abused by a man wearing a hat, probably with a stick. The vet who treated her said he had never seen such a terrorized dog. She stayed at her foster home and was well taken care of from February to May. I brought her to her "forever" home and held and comforted her for two days. She either trembled so hard I could hardly hold her on my lap, or she cowered in her crate. On the third day, I sat on my living room floor and called to her to come to me. After at least 45 minutes, she crawled on her belly to me a half a paw at a time. I knew she had done something special; she had learned to trust me. The tears I shed were ones of joy! Our times together have been ones of growth, bravery, excitement, and patience. She has learned to walk on a leash which we do 4-5 times a day. I've lost weight. It's called the Begley diet! We walk past lots of people including men wearing hats. Her breed was unclear. My groomer took one look at her and told me she was a pure-bred or nearly a pure-bred Bearded collie. Since I had never heard of the breed, I did some research which explains her bouncing gait and why she takes all of her toys out of the box and puts them in a neat little pile. Her bravery and trust humbles me. It is one of the greatest gifts I could ever receive. Each day now is more fun than the last because of all the new adventures we are having. Although I will never understand how anyone could do this to such a beautiful animal, I do understand the tireless devotion of rescue groups. It's because of them I have my dog today. She has truly enriched my life! P. S. This is her "happy" picture.

Debby



After having a bad year, losing three pets just under 3-months-old, two of them unexpectedly, my husband and I began our search for adoptable puppies. That's when we found Snickers and her 9 puppies on Petfinders.com. The puppies were approximately 2-weeks-old, all gathered around their mother. We watched them for about a week, as new photos were constantly being uploaded to the website and then contacted Labs N More Rescue for more information; they were just so darn cute! I filled out the applications for adoption and after they completed their research and evaluation on us, we were given the good news. Labs N More Rescue kept me posted on everything that was going on with O'Henry, who we later renamed Rufus Henry. It was a long three weeks before we could actually pick him up, but when the day finally came, and as prepared as we were, we were not prepared for the puppy that we got. He was as cute as could be in all the pictures, but he was even cuter in person. Rufus loves everyone. He has brought so much joy and fun to our lives. I have never owned a puppy with more personality! Rufus Henry has overcome some obstacles as his older brother, Winston, was not really accepting him at first. Rufus did win him over though. He also had to deal with the addition of six kittens. It was absolutely amazing watching them, I think he considered them his own as he even tried to carry them like mom did. We have now had Rufus for over one year and he never ceases to amaze me. He remains very friendly, has become a better listener, but he is still the most affectionate dog I have ever known with personality plus! I would fully recommend Labs N More Rescue as they gave us a high-quality, well-trained, socialized puppy!

Teri, Rhinelander



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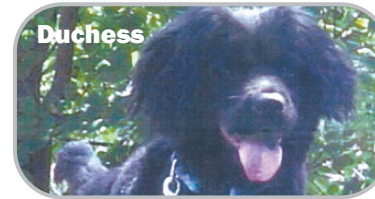
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Mark & Mavis, Milwaukee

{Barking Books} *Dog Diary*

Being a dog lover often makes us do strange things. We sometimes act as teachers, sprawled on all fours trying to communicate to a young pup. Or we might buy small costumes and dress our furry companions like people. In Captain Richie's case, love for his two dogs moved him to write a book, *Tails of Love*, recounting their lives.

The author jumps into his tale with the loss of his first wife, followed by how he met his second wife, and the heroin of the book, Jackie, a Siberian Husky/Alaskan Malamute mix. We meet his second Siberian/Malamute, Toby, as a puppy when Jackie begins to fade.

While the writing could be described as prosaic, Captain Richie's narrative about Jackie and Toby's husky/malamute behavior will strike a chord with any owner of this breed. Among the pages he describes how the dogs eat snowflakes, jump into fresh snow and frolic on winter days with plum-like tails curled up over their backs. When the Captain arrived home at night, he tells how Jackie would greet him by "talking," the way this breed does. It's not barking, it has more up and down pitches, like speech. Toby made an eee-aww sound when he was being impatient, something more likely to come out of a donkey than a dog.

Jackie dug holes in the Captain's (and his neighbor's) backyard to relax in and laid down during walks to smell the flowers. Toby liked to be spoon-fed his breakfast (thanks to the Captain's wife) and he preferred laying in the flowers to smelling them. On cold, moonlit nights the dogs would refuse to be rushed back inside – demonstrating their independent wills. And food always needed to be cut into bite-sized pieces, whether it was prime rib or cinnamon rolls. The Captain recounts all this and more.

Residing in Wisconsin, many of the places Captain Richie talks about will be familiar to residents of the Milwaukee area, such as Oak Creek and Bay View. And he spends a lot of time talking about Door County.

The book moves through time in more or less a straight line, meandering occasionally

as life does. Overlooking any typographical errors, you get to know the Captain and his wife Connie and the people they met and loved with Jackie and Toby. It's a roller coaster of sad times and happy times – definitely in the drama genre.

The anecdotes feel real, the same stories dog lovers might tell each other at pet stores and dog parks over the tops of wagging tails. The same stories people who don't own dogs roll their eyes at. In a way what Captain Richie has done is create a dog diary, with the ups and

downs that he recalls from living with and loving Jackie and Toby. He inspires those of us inclined to write in a journal to include the humorous and touching moments shared with our dogs. It provides an excellent opportunity to recount the experiences and a great tribute when they move on.

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

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Daisy the Dog – Daisy is our Goldendoodle we adopted in January 2008 from the Fluffy Dog Rescue in Hartland, Wisconsin. We "rescued" her eight months after our 17-year-old Peekapoo named Fluffy passed away. This, of course, was after we decided that we would not get another dog—but boy, did we get a dog! She is a full-fledged family member, in the middle of any and every activity, and always ready to go for a ride. It took five months for our cat to finally "embrace" Daisy, but now they are best friends and the cat can be found accompanying Daisy on her daily walks.

Deborah

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Worth the Wait – Our journey to get a dog started a couple years before we actually got a dog. The kids and my husband wanted a dog but I wasn't ready yet. Then one December I was roaming through a Hallmark store and found a life-like (and size) yellow lab stuffed dog. Perfect Christmas gift for my husband. I bought it and he was thrilled, although the real thing would have been better. We named it Ralphie. Well seeing that dog around the house made me think, "what are we waiting for." I told my husband that I was ready for a dog. We knew we didn't want a breeder dog so we looked on Craig's list and other sources. We even went to look at some dogs that people wanted to get rid of. But nothing tugged at our hearts. Then my sister emailed me a site, Fluffy Dog Rescue out of Hartland and a picture of a very cute Yellow lab mix. Oh, my heart was tugging at those puppy eyes!! We contacted Fluffy Dog Rescue. The dog just came up from Ohio on Friday and Saturday the foster mom came with Bella (they had named her Maya) to the house. She walked in and we knew she was ours. She looked just like Ralphie the stuffed dog. We had found our forever friend. She has been a sweetie to have around. We love to go for walks with her, she goes to dog training, she helps take care of our chickens, she is mild mannered, doesn't bark or jump, and she has learned new tricks. She is here beside me as I type this, snoring! She has blessed our home.

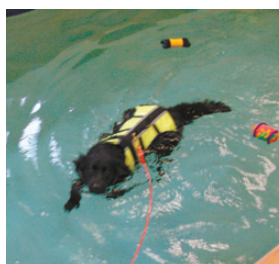
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Though his ears pinned back as his handler, Milwaukee Police Officer Todd Johnson, slid the bullet-proof vest over his head, K-9 officer Dasty sat obediently.

"It feels strange to him at first," said Johnson with a smile, "But after a little while he forgets it's there."

Dasty, Johnson's partner for the past year, is the 19th K-9 officer to be outfitted with a bullet and stab proof vest by Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog, a non-profit organization created by Donna Morgan of Janesville. For Morgan, watching a scene like this is what it's all about.

"It's such a great feeling to get the dogs vested, but there's always more on the list," Morgan said. "All these guys that we've been able to help are so appreciative and they always ask what they can do to help the next guy get his dog vested. I've never met one yet that hasn't said his K-9 partner is his best friend."

Morgan was moved to create Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog after watching an episode of "America's Most Wanted" three years ago. The episode, which included the graphic killing of a K-9 officer, outlined the need for dogs to be outfitted with vests.

"It just really showed the need for protection for these dogs that take such huge risks to do their jobs. Not only are they officers,

but they're also members of their partners' families – It just really hit me," she said. After the show, Morgan called the provided phone number to donate money toward outfitting K-9 officers with vests. But, she was surprised to learn the organization had no contacts for K-9 officers in Wisconsin.

"I want protection for all dogs, of course, but I really wanted to put my money toward outfitting a dog here," she said.

And so Morgan went to work to create a Wisconsin chapter of the then national Vest-A-Dog program. Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog is working to outfit all of Wisconsin's K-9 officers with protection. Since the program's inception three years ago, Morgan has successfully vested 19 dogs. But, the need is still great considering the need for 199 more vests for K-9 officers across the state.

Many cities and municipalities simply don't have the money in their coffers for the vests, which cost \$840. Officers like

Dasty cost roughly \$10,000, but the real cost is in the squad car used to outfit a dog and his partner. "The cars can cost around \$50,000-60,000, so that's the real expense there, not the dog itself," Johnson explained.

Morgan raises money through donations and fundraisers and chooses the dogs on a first-come, first-serve or lottery basis. For Dasty, his donation was made by Kendall and Tammy Williams, owners of Blackhawk Veterinary Hospital in Janesville.

"We had someone bring some information by the clinic and we just saw a need there and it seemed like the right thing to do," said Kendall Williams of the donation.

With many K-9 officers to go, Morgan says she'll continue working until every dog has protection, no matter how long it takes.

"My biggest challenges are of course, raising funds, but it's also having contacts in other counties to help organize fundraisers or just keep in contact with me and the officers to keep things moving."

Whenever a dog is vested, Morgan appreciates the thanks from the officers and kisses from the dogs, but it's more about the satisfaction of knowing that the life of one more dog might be saved. "Whenever I get a vest in my hands for a dog on the list it just becomes my mission to get it to them as soon as I can. I hate to wait. Sometimes it just takes a split second for someone to pull a trigger or whatever, so I just want to make sure they have it because that five extra minutes that I hold onto it could change the outcome of a situation."

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Jitterbug Comes to Milwaukee – Back in July, First Friends Animal Rescue took in a little Jack Russell/Beagle mix named Jitterbug who had survived being hit by an automobile. As a result of the accident, she suffered a left front broken leg. She was transported to Milwaukee from Hannibal, Missouri to receive surgery on the broken leg. After surgery, Jitterbug was placed in a temporary foster home in Quincy, Illinois. As a rescue experienced with Jack Russell Terriers, we agreed to take in this special needs dog. Back in Milwaukee, Jitterbug, is in the process of healing. Because of the broken leg, she is hand carried outdoors for bathroom breaks and gets a ride in the buggy (a nice pink one) for her daily walks. Amazingly she settles into the blankets and falls asleep before the walk is over. First Friends wants more than anything to see this little terrier run and frolic in the grass again. With a loving new family, and healed bones, Jitterbug will do just that.

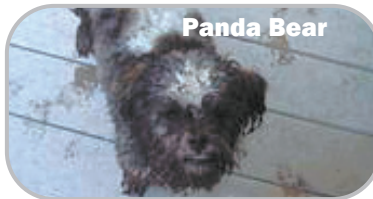
Penny, Milwaukee



Loves Comes from Afar – We are involved in animal rescue transport and it just so happened Jasper, who was called Dublin at the time, was one of the babies on our run. When we saw him, we knew he was “the one” and our girls, Bailey, a Westie, and Taylor, a Cairn mix, would feel the same way. Jasper was on his way from AL to Fluffy Dog Rescue so you can imagine what we were willing to do to bring him back south from so far north. It was a whirlwind to schedule our home visit and make arrangements to bring him to TN. We were so excited we couldn’t wait for a transport to bring him which would’ve been two weeks later. We had a dear family friend who was able to make the drive and within four days we’d had the home visit, approval, then the arrival of Jasper. He’s the most loving baby and the girls think he’s one big play toy. He lies down and lets them nibble his ears and arms and wags the whole time. We are so lucky to have him in our lives!

Debra & Toni, Franklin, TN

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We received Panda Bear on my birthday. He was just 8 weeks old and such a tiny little guy. The whole family fell in love at once. We live in Illinois, but went up to Milwaukee to pick him up. The whole way home the family kept trying to think of a name for him – Chip, Arby (because we stopped at Arby’s on the way home), Charlie and many more. We ended up keeping the name the shelter gave him because he looked like a little panda bear. That was nine months ago. He is much bigger now and gets in trouble a lot. He likes to steal my younger son’s stuff animals (mostly so we can chase him around the house). He wakes each family member up in the morning with kisses. We waited a long time to get a dog and it is one of the best decisions my husband and I have made. Panda Bear brings joy to all of us every day.

Kathi, Roselle, IL



My dog Patton could have been the “poster dog” of the Rottweiler breed. He didn’t have the “perfect look” but he did have the perfect personality. When young dogs came into the Lucky Dog! Dog Day Care and were timid, they were drawn to him. I think he taught the little guys respect. As the younger dogs entered the day care they would go first to him and lavish him with kisses which he proudly accepted. We adopted Patton when he was around two or three from Lakeland Animal Shelter. He walked into our home and never made a mess or chewed on anything. Since that time I have adopted four other dogs and realize that is a rare occurrence. Patton suffered congenital heart failure when he was 12 or 13 and passed on a few months back. He will always be in our heart and we sure miss him.

Annette, Waukesha



We rescued Booda, an 18 month old Saint Bernard, from the Elmbrook Humane Society in November 2005 and he is that warm sunshine on your face every morning. He licks your face when you wake up and puts his big nose in your

face and whines until you wake up. He also enjoys knocking the mailman down and then kissing him all over. Booda was born with too long of tendons in his back legs and had kennel cough but we knew we were the ones who had to take a chance and no matter if the legs become a problem later we are in it together. Right now he is happy as can be and is doing great. We are the ones who were lucky in him finding us.

Todd & Yuan, Wauwatosa



Love at First Sight – It had been nearly five months without a dog. We had too much love to give to go any longer without a dog. It was time to adopt. Knowing we were saving an innocent animal from an uncertain future appealed to us. I went to the Internet and began searching. We wanted a small, young, female dog, but not a puppy. I included surrounding states in the search criteria. Within minutes I found her. I don’t know how a still image on the computer screen can speak to you, but the picture of a one year old, wire-haired dachshund mix spoke to me. I was so curious about this little reddish blonde dog that looked nothing like what I believed a dachshund looked like. When I showed the picture to my husband, he heard it too! Somehow, she had called out to both of us – she needed us. We submitted adoption papers. Unfortunately, we were denied – they had a strict placement process requiring a home visit... they were in Milwaukee and we were in Minnesota. We visited several local adoptions and checked more websites, but there just wasn’t another connection. Ten days later Fluffy Dog Rescue emailed asking if we were still interested. I sarcastically replied “Yes, but we still live in Minnesota!” But they had a plan, if we passed the other criteria, a volunteer from an organization in our area could conduct the home visit. The process was set in motion and by the weekend we were on our way to Milwaukee to meet our new little ‘girl’. It was love at first sight – my husband knelt down to greet her – she kissed him on the cheek – my heart fluttered. As we had a cup of coffee with the wonderful couple who had fostered her, she snuggled into my lap and fell asleep. Daisy Belle cuddles and snuggles, yet she is feisty and spirited, loves walks, stalks rabbits and squirrels and plays like crazy. Every day as I caress her soft little belly, I ask her if she knows how lucky we all are!

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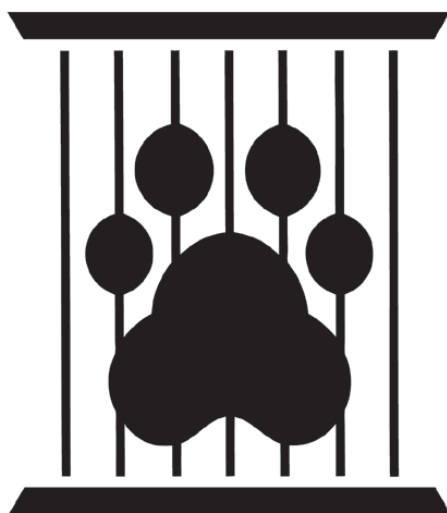
Debbie, Muskego



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December 7, 12:00 – 4:00pm
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December 13, 2:00 – 4:00pm
January 10, 2:00 – 4:00pm
February 14, 2:00 – 4:00pm
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December 6, 10:00am - 2:00pm
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November 22, 3:00 – 4:00pm (\$10)
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January 18, 3:00 – 4:00pm (\$20)
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End of the Leash, Mukwonago
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Intro to Essential Oils with Cindy
December 6, 11:00am – Noon (\$10)
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December 13, 1:00 – 4:00pm
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February 11, 7:00pm
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December 6, Noon - 5:00pm (No Santa)
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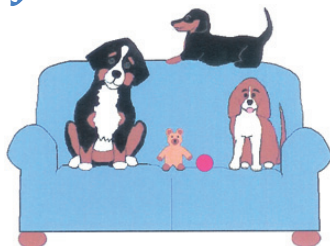
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Eileen, Rhode Island



Ozzie

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Lucky Dog – My story starts with the sad ordeal of losing my beloved Wire haired fox terrier, Corky. Even two years after he passed, I couldn't bring myself to want to get another dog. I frequently looked at different sites and breeders in hopes of finding that "connection" again for another Fox terrier. When I found the Fluffy Dog Rescue site, I thought I'd find a dog just like him, as the site seemed to list a lot of the dogs as Terriers. I looked daily for a while and felt sad for every dog that needed a home. Then I saw Barkley (now Bogart). He wasn't a Fox terrier, but he had such expressive eyes. I told my husband that we were going to try to adopt him. When we finally went to pick him up, he was kind of skittish and unsure of what was happening. It took five months of loving him and now he is a WONDER DOG!! He is happy and dances around on his hind legs like our "circus dog" and is so dedicated to me and my husband. He surely loves us more than anything and he shows it everyday. I look into his eyes and wonder what his life was like before he was rescued by Fluffy Dog Rescue. I can't imagine our lives now without him. As we play Frisbee with him, buy him yet another new "baby" and reward him with a cookie for a job well done, all I can say...is he is definitely a LUCKY DOG!

Joan



Bongo's Adoption – I was searching Petfinder.com and came across Bongo. His story made me cry the minute I read it. Bongo is from Alabama. His previous owner shot him and left him to die. The next door neighbor saw him lying in the yard and called the police. The police then rushed Bongo to an emergency vet, but the vet was unable to save his back right leg. Bongo was kept in a shelter for a long time – no one wanted to adopt him. The shelter was over-populated and he was on the list to be put down. He came to Wisconsin and lived with his foster parents for awhile. I saw his story and wanted to adopt him immediately! We spoil him every day and he has a lot of other dog friends to play with. He is so sweet and lovable we cannot imagine life without him!

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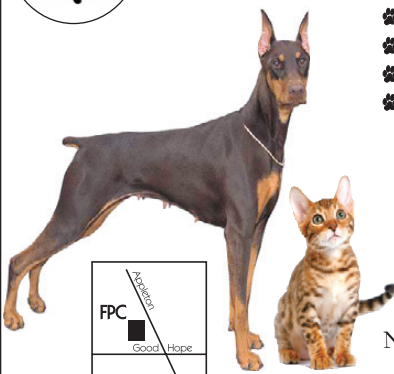
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Our dog Wilson (black lab and retriever mix) was brought to us through the Fluffy Dog Rescue. Following the passing of our dog years prior, our family was ready to bring a new puppy into our lives. My daughter Marisa (13), my husband and I are very much dog lovers. My son Tyler (10) was too young with our previous dog to know what it is like to have a relationship with a dog. We wanted to give our son the opportunity to have this wonderful experience in his life. For these reasons we were thrilled to accept the responsibility of dog owners again. Although Wilson was timid at first, with patience and a little time he was able to show us his true personality. He is so funny and loving, just enjoying the dog life. We have had Wilson with us for six months now and he is everything that we wanted and more. He is the best dog ever! He also has plenty of dog buddies in the neighborhood that come over to play – he has a great time. We are so glad that my husband's co-worker Sherryll recommended Wilson to us. He has been an added joy to our family.

Lisa, Waukesha



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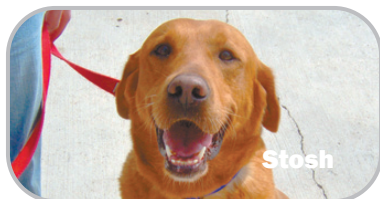
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We Rescued Our Best Friend – When we searched online for the “perfect dog,” that is exactly what we found. We are the proud pet parents of Brie, a yellow lab mix from H.O.P.E Safehouse in Racine. As a rescue dog she was extremely shy around people and had no idea what toys were when we got her in March, but now she lets people pet her and has more toys than she knows what to do with. Her favorites are the ones she can squeak with her nose and she has her own toy box to store them all. Brie is the sweetest, smartest dog that enjoys sleeping in our bed, playing ball, and visiting with her friends in our neighborhood and at the local dog park.

Brie Jenny & John, Racine

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Stosh the retired stud dog came to the Labs N More Rescue at the age of six, after his days of producing puppies were done. Although Stosh had some basic vet care, he was not neutered, heartworm tested, or fully vaccinated. Stosh had a wonderful temperament but had never been in a city, rode in a car, chewed on a toy, or lived in a house. His first few weeks he was like an eight week old puppy in a six year old body. He needed to be taught basic house manners and how to be a dog. He didn't even know how to use the stairs!! His foster mom took him on a road trip and he even got to stay in a hotel! The day Stosh hopped on the bed to snuggle with his foster "mom" was a BIG step! His foster mom celebrated simple things like the first time he picked up a toy to play! He is now in a new home where he is loved unconditionally and doesn't have to share anything with 20 other dogs. His days of living in a kennel are over.

Debbi, Appleton

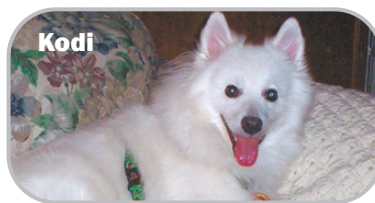
He Really Fits – I am the oldest child in my family and we have always wanted a dog. My mom and dad kept saying that we would get a dog if we could show that we could take care of our stuff but we never got one. For Christmas we received a letter from Santa telling us that if we kept our house clean for 90 days then we could get a dog. We all diligently did our chores and kept our rooms clean. We always wanted a dog and this might be our chance to finally get one. We were relieved when our parents said that we could get one. We were visited by a foster owner of a dog from Fluffy Dog Rescue. She recommended some dogs that would fit well into our family and our living conditions. We were visited by two dogs that we thought were cute and friendly but weren't exactly right. Then we were visited by Bogart and everything fit. The hyper little wheaten terrier mix fit like a glove. He was the perfect asset to our family. We have had him for almost a year, adopting him on St. Patrick's Day in 2007. We love him so much! We owe a huge thank you to Fluffy Dog Rescue. THANK YOU!

Bogart Natalie, Delafield

The Truly Lucky Dog Story – An early-April Fetch Magazine email had a link about companions. I clicked and, not really surprised, linked to Petfinder.com, with me looking at Lucky, a bearded collie mix. I felt a unique, immediate connection. When I met Fluffy Dog Rescue's founder and learned Lucky was pulled from a kill shelter in Clanton, AL, the same city where my deceased father was born, I thought Lucky may be a guardian angel. For some unknown reason, I knew I had to meet this dog. We brought Lucky home mid-April. Our Bichon Buddy now has an attention-hogging companion; we have another smiling, playful dog. Unique personality quirks: Lucky goes crazy when you mention "Lucky's bed."

And he loves carrying his favorite toys all around the house. Best features: Smiles, hugs, mischievousness. Looks like Chewbacca from Star Wars.

Jessica, East Troy



I adopted my dog Kodi on August 16, 2002 from HAWS in Waukesha. Kodi is an American eskimo dog who is now nine years old and the joy of my life. He always has that eskie grin and he always knows how to cheer me up. He bosses our two rescued cats around like he owns the place. My favorite story about him is the time I accidentally bumped into his former owner at the vet's office. She kept staring at us. Then she asked me about him and I told her where I got him and she began to cry and said that he used to belong to her dad. Her dad did not have time for Kodi and kept him in a dog crate for 12-16 hours a day. The family finally convinced him that he should give up the dog and he took Kodi to HAWS. They were worried about what would happen to Kodi. Well she could see how happy he was to be with me and she was very relieved that he had a good home. She was also impressed that he had learned basic commands like sit, shake and wait. She said Kodi was never housebroken with her dad and he never would do any commands. I personally think Kodi just needed some love and attention. Eskies like to be in the thick of things not in a crate by themselves. Kodi was housebroken a week after adoption. I adore this little dog. He has so much personality. We take him with us everywhere we go and spoil him rotten. Adoption and rescue are the only way to go. There are so many wonderful animals out there that need good homes. I have three of them and they are very special to me. You can find a wonderful companion from your local shelter or from a rescue. Please don't buy from pet stores. Do a Google search once on puppy mills and you will know why buying from a store should never be an option.

Brandi, Wisconsin

Update on Keizo and Blaze – Keizo was on the cover with Blaze, both Akitas rescued from Midwest Akita Rescue Society. Keizo was diagnosed with primary lung cancer on 09/28/07. Because of his history of having to be sedated for nail clipping and fear of the vet, I decided not to go for treatment. I researched everything and could not do any of it to my best friend. On April 28, 2008 he had to be put to sleep because he couldn't breathe anymore. I had him for a short 5 1/2 years and he was 11 years old then.

Keizo & Blaze

Judy, Milwaukee



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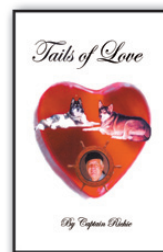
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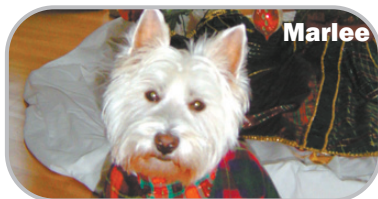
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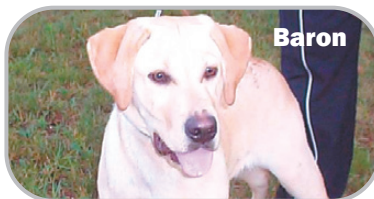
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**Marlee**

Rescue Dogs Can Fulfill A Dream – Our first Westie was age 11 when she died of pneumonia. We had learned of the WI Westie Rescue (WWR) and decided adoption would be the best way to fill our emptiness and share our home with a Westie in need. A female named Sweetpea (now Marlee) became available. She had White Shaker Dog Syndrome WSS, the cause of which is unknown, but is thought to be neurological. If treated early the symptoms can decrease. It does not affect life span or the ability to share love and affection. WSS saved Marlee from life in a Puppy Mill where she would be in a cage and used for breeding. She was lovingly fostered by WWR volunteers, immediately treated, and her symptoms decreased. These volunteers make it possible for families to adopt dogs that have begun their journey to a life filled with love and security. That is their unselfish gift. A rescue dog is a unique gift to the adoptive family. They give you an opportunity to receive love from an animal that has been saved. Your gift is to give them "a forever home."

Judy, Mequon

**Baron**

A Fresh Start for Baron – Baron was purchased from a breeder as a young puppy. After having a few accidents in the house, Baron was banished to living outside, tied up to a piece of machinery which served as his shelter from the rain and blistering heat of summer. A neighbor begged the owner to take Baron to a shelter or rescue to give him the proper care he needed. In the six months he lived with the owner, he had never been to a vet, not once! The neighbor finally contacted the Labs N More Rescue and gave them the owner's phone number. After several calls to the owner they agreed to surrender Baron and said "you can come anytime and just take him." The next day we did just that. When the volunteer pulled up to the home, Baron was huddled under the machinery he had come to call "home." It was pouring rain, yet Baron peeked his head out, wagged his tail, and went along happily with his foster "mom." Baron soon proved to be a playful Lab that loved swimming, running with other dogs, walks, children and even a cat! Baron is now living with a wonderful couple that is so grateful to have him. He attends doggy daycare and has plans to go camping next summer.

Debbi, Appleton

**Fritz**

Fritz Says Hello! – Hello Everyone, Fritz here! I have to tell you all about how much I enjoy life with Mary and Nan! I get treats and hugs and all the belly rubs a guy could want! It wasn't quite that way at my previous home. You see I was the prize in a Charity Auction. Can you imagine that? They paid a good penny for me but brought me home to another dog that would have nothing to do with me. That's when Dachshund Rescue of North America (DRNA) stepped in. A wonderful foster lady took me to stay with her and found a great home for me in Wisconsin. Now I have a playmate who enjoys my company, a great big back yard and all the lovin's a guy could ask for! I just want to say a big "Thank you" to all the foster home and rescue workers who work so hard to make life so sweet for a dog like me. Your forever buddy, Fritz

Mary, Racine

**Bones**

Rummage to Recovery – In July 2007, GRRoW received a phone call from a lady at another breed rescue that she obtained a litter of seven week old Golden retriever puppies who were at a rummage sale for sale in the hot July sun. The puppies came into rescue. One puppy was never afraid of anything and was inquisitive and loved to use his nose to explore. When this puppy was about 12 weeks old, his foster parents noticed he did not run & play like a normal puppy and was found to have hip dysplasia. The puppy underwent hip surgery to correct one of the two bad hips. The foster dad fell in love with his puppy and recognized he had quite a nose. He now belongs to a Search & Recovery Canine Group who named him "Bones." Now, at the age of 16 months, Bones has become a certified land and water Search & Recovery dog with the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association. In Bones' short life, he has gone from being rescued from the hot July sun to being able to serve the community as a certified Search & Recovery dog.

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Bet on the *Italian Greyhound*



Like the matchbox cars of canines, Italian greyhounds are a miniature racer. They have the same arched body, long legs (for a small dog), and sharp muzzle of the larger Greyhounds at the track, but they differ from Greyhounds in more than size alone. Often described as athletic, the Italian greyhound exudes energy, where a regular Greyhound is more like a couch potato off the field. Italian greyhounds also seem to need more stringent training, consideration of weather conditions and companionship than their larger cousins.

According to the Italian Greyhound club of America, the breed was depicted in decorative art more than 2,000 years ago in now Greece and Turkey. The "Italian" part of the breed's name is attributed to its popularity in Italy during the sixteenth century when miniature dogs were in great demand.

Reaching a maximum height of 15 inches, the 10 to 15 pound canine is classified as a toy breed. Its coat, which can be any color, is short and soft with minimal grooming requirements. Although now raised primarily as a companion, the Italian greyhound's past as a sight hound (one that hunts or chases movement) can not be ignored.

Carol Sumbry, rescuer and animal lover, has been rescuing Italian greyhounds for over a decade. She knows the duel nature of the breed well. "They are bred for two things; to run and to be with you. They take both things very seriously."

Sumbry has fostered many breeds of dog, but fell in love with the Italian greyhound because of its warm-heartedness. "They are the most affectionate dog I've ever met," she said. "They live to be with you." She describes the need for companionship as a craving. However, Italian greyhounds are also very active, especially until they start to mature at two or three years old. They can't be off leash due to their

instinct to chase, but need exercise. This makes them poor apartment dogs unless the owner is vigilant with walks or jogs. Sumbry takes hers for a good hardy walk of several miles daily and has a fenced-in yard. "The Italian greyhound can run 30 mph," says Sumbry, "and its something you can't train out of them."

The price of living with an Italian greyhound, because every breed has a price says Sumbry, is they are difficult to housebreak. This is the number 1 reason people surrender the breed to shelters and rescues. Some people just can't housetrain the Italian greyhound puppy. The problem is so great, that although Italian greyhounds are not among the most popular AKC breeds, Sumbry has placed over 500 of them. The disproportionate

number of placements is due to people thinking the compact size and easy to care for coat mean a low maintenance dog. But with their high energy level and occasional training challenges, Italian greyhounds need owners willing to put up with some quirks in order to enjoy the love and companionship they offer.

Affectionate and needy, an Italian greyhound is much like a child. Sumbry describes the breed as sensitive. They don't like loud noises or quick movements, which makes them skittish around boisterous children. Sumbry explains this is the second most common reason owners give up Italian greyhounds, they are not good with children. It's more a matter of the dog's disposition to spook rather than an inbred dislike of children, however.

Italian greyhounds are also very smart. Sumbry tells people "You either train them or they train you." She tells a common tale. An owner takes their Italian greyhound outdoors to do its business. It shivers and shakes, looking quite pitiful. The owner gives up and brings the dog back inside, where it uses a section of carpet as the bathroom. "People think the dog is stupid," said Sumbry. Really, the dogs are very intelligent and good at getting their way.

Long time Italian greyhound lover and trainer, Jim Perry likes working with the breed because of its intelligence. "They learn quickly and never forget anything," he says. "They work willingly for anyone they perceive as a friend."

Perry's been training dogs, personally and professionally, since 1959 and says Italian greyhounds respond well to positive reinforcement. "Verbal and physical praise works great with them," said Perry. He's trained them for obedience, agility, lure coursing and carting.



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to low body fat and fine coats. "It is fun shopping for warm clothes for them and the first thing I made when I learned to sew was a heavy raincoat for Marco," Perry said.

Potential Italian greyhound owners have a number of traits to consider. As a toy breed, Italian greyhounds can't wait an eight or nine hour work day for a bathroom break. They may also require extra training to

wear is a necessity, either purely functional or attire suited to a dog-inspired Mulan runway show. All in all, the Italian greyhound is a lot of dog in a small package.

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

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Perry currently shares his home with two boys, Italian greyhounds Marco and Chip.

You may have heard about Marco before. Marco has won some notoriety because while performing his carting routine at the State Fair in August, he trotted over to the agility dog walk and performed it while still wearing his wagon. "Even the other instructors had never seen that before," said Perry.

be housebroken. They travel well, have low maintenance coats and can be great companions. Health problems are minimal, although special attention should be paid to their teeth. They have a high energy level, but not reported to be a yappy dog as some small breeds are. Canine outer-



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Kenobi & Patchouli

Knobi's Nose, Knows! – A fit 95+ pounds, ever dedicated to my husband, a Milwaukee police officer and master dog trainer for the narcotics unit, Kenobi, part Chesapeake, part Choc. Lab was adopted from the WI Humane Society approx. four and a half years ago. He was specifically chosen to be trained as a narcotics canine for MPS, and has been serving the Milwaukee community ever since. Kenobi works 40+ hours a week with great dedication and when home shares his space with his little sister, Patchouli. Patchouli was unexpectedly adopted on a trip out to Palm Springs, CA two years ago. Part Cocker and Black Lab, she has become a great pal to Kenobi who has learned to relax when home with her. Kenobi is my husband's 2nd adopted narcotics dog who has performed with excellence and has made the local news numerous times. We know he is content when he does the "Snoopy" dance on the floor, sad when he cannot go with dad in the truck on an off day, and when he has tummy/gas issues if he had too many biscuits. We're a very happy and lucky family to have both of them which provide so much laughter and joy to all of us and our friends as well! Big thanks to Natalie at the Wisconsin Humane Society for all she does!

Maria, Glen and Jackson, Milwaukee



Diesel

Our Boy Diesel – I am a volunteer with the Labs N More Rescue. I wanted to share a story about Diesel. His previous owner purchased a puppy, from what he thought was a "good, reputable" breeder, to be a hunting companion only to learn that the puppy was unsocialized and would never be a hunter. After contacting the breeder he was told he could not return the puppy but could pick another dog. The owner decided maybe a dog that was a bit older (he was about a year and a half) would already have some of the characteristics of a hunter and traded the puppy for Diesel, only to learn Diesel was even more shy and unsocialized than the first puppy had been. Although the owner cared for Diesel for over a year, he was not the dog he had hoped for and contacted our rescue to take him and find a suitable home. Our foster home took him in and exposed Diesel to the simple things in life like sleeping on a dog bed, riding in a car, playing fetch, swimming and most of all to feel comfortable with people. Diesel is a sweet and loving dog that just needed to know people can be nice and FUN too. Slowly Diesel bonded with his foster family, especially his foster "dad." Diesel was

recently adopted to a loving owner who will continue to give him the time, love, companionship and care that he needs and deserves.

Debbi, Appleton



MoJo

Rescue: Massive Mastiff – Meet Mo Jo, a six year old Mastiff (English) I adopted from a mastiff rescue last June. He "weighs in" at around 200 pounds. Simply put, Mo Jo is "Mr. Cool." He doesn't quite realize the magnitude of his size – chasing his tail & occasionally sitting on laps. He LOVES the car – paces around it while whining & licking it. Mo enjoys his "sister's" company but really likes seeing his "girlfriend" next door who allows him to stick her head in his mouth. He's a gentleman & waits patiently, letting his sister eat first. Looking back on my decision to adopt, I wouldn't do anything differently. Mo Jo's been an absolute pleasure & has brought another dimension of character to the household.

Danielle



Dezi

I adopted my wonderful mutt from the MATC (Madison Area Technical College) Veterinary Technician program in May of 2007. I could not have dreamed a more perfect dog for our family. Not only does her activity level match ours, but my mother who normally is allergic to animals, is not allergic to Dezi! I have always been a huge advocate for adoption and Dezi's story is so encouraging to others. She is such a sweet tempered dog, great with kids and so tolerant of anything you do to her. After my mother had surgery this fall, Dezi was her encouragement to get up and take walks, speeding her recovery time. Our goal for Dezi is that she will become Delta certified for therapy work by the end of next year. She's such a fast learner too! She can sneeze on command and roll over and play dead, to name a few of her tricks. Every day when I look at her, I know I am blessed with a great pet.

Kaytie



Rocky

Rocky's Story – Scout Von Rock (Rocky) came to us from Putnam, Illinois. His original owners were relocating and could not take him with them.

Rocky also had been attacked by a Pit bull and part of his ear was torn. That did not deter us in taking him home! He is very playful and loving and understands basic dog commands both in German and English. He also loves to run and fetch his ball and Frisbee. Favorite food - everything!

Beth, Illinois



D.D.

As a former employee of Elmbrook Humane Society, I've had many special dogs in my life. One special dog went straight to my heart seven years ago. She had been pulled from a dumpster and was very sick when we brought her home. She recovered after a few months and proved to have a great temperament. She is a Delta Therapy Dog and visits nursing homes and Wheaton Franciscan Hospital. She has become known as the little dog with a big heart. So, if anyone is looking to add a dog to their household, don't forget about shelter dogs. Who knows, you may find your Diamond Dog, too!

Carolyn, Menomonee Falls



Buddy

My Puppy Buddy – Hello, my name is Erin. When I was five years old, I went to the dog park with my Dobe. Her name is Cella. I saw a Bichon and was so inspired that I wanted to save up my money and rescue a little white dog. So I started saving my money by getting money from the Tooth Fairy, bets by winning foot races, and from my friend Marilyn who gave me five dollars every year. Finally, when I was eight, we went to the bank to trade in my pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters for dollars. I wanted a dog that was white, liked to be held, would stay small, like to cuddle, and needed a good home. I looked and looked for a dog. On October 4th I went to Safe Harbor Humane Society and saw a Westie puppy. I said, "oh my gosh" and knew that was the dog for me! I paid for him myself and I saved just the right amount. I named him Buddy. He is five months old and fun to play with. When I get home from school, he jumps up and gives me kisses. I do most of his chores and they are fun.

Erin, Racine



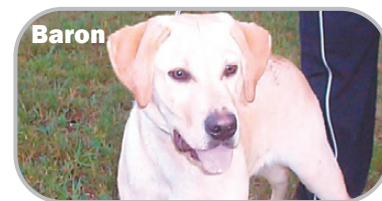
Canine Blastomycosis Awareness – I don't know if you remember Wilson, survivor of Blasto in 2007. His story was in the July & Aug. issues of Fetch Magazine. You can meet him and his friend Brando, also a survivor of Blasto, at the Great Lakes Pet Expo on Jan. 31. With the rise of Blasto cases in Wisconsin, not only in dogs but people, we are trying to educate the public. Knowledge is the key to survival! Most have never heard of it. Wilson and Brando will love to meet you and give you great information on it. (You can also pick up a treat for your doggie or yourself.) See you there!

Kristin, Milwaukee



Wrigley's Story – Wrigley (formerly Latte) was adopted on 4/29/08 from Fluffy Dog Rescue in Madison, WI. She's a 10# poodle-schnauzer mix with three legs. She's lovable and has brought joy to my life and a smile to my face. In late 2007, my husband passed away and our 14-yr. old Springer also died. I checked Petfinder.com, and Latte's photo jumped out at me. After reading her story, I knew we needed each other. Wrigley's name connects me to my husband who was a Chicago Cubs fan. In fact, when we play catch in the yard, she's an excellent 2nd baseDOG. It's surprising how fast she runs with only 3 legs. All I can say is "Wrigley rescued me." Adoption forever!

Cynthia, Appleton



Our Cure for Laziness...Baron – We adopted our lab Baron from Labs N More rescue 2.5 months ago! Thanks to Baron we now wake up to a cold wet nose instead of the alarm clock and there is nothing better than seeing him after a long day! He's a happy boy and a ball of energy, keeping us on our toes with trips to the dog park, daily walks, puppy school, and doggy daycare!! Baron loves everyone he meets and it's great to know because of us he is no longer neglected and lonely. His life is now full of love, cuddles, back scratches, rawhides and a comfy couch! I believe Baron truly appreciates everything we do for him and we are so excited he's a part of our life and family!

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Sandy, Brookfield

I received a call from Midwest Akita Rescue Society asking if I would be willing to foster a nine month old puppy who had a broken leg and limps. A letter from the previous vet said he needed either amputation or surgery on the leg. It had only been splinted since they don't do surgery on their animals. Fortunately, there is an orthopedic vet in Brookfield. She said he didn't need either option, much to my relief. He was the most scared dog on arrival home; that included any noise, a newspaper and all normal household noises. It took two weeks for him to come out of his cage. A lot of that has changed. It makes me wonder how horrible it must be to be afraid of life. I can only walk him two houses and he starts pulling and is afraid. His left leg is getting stronger and after two months he flies around my yard. By the way, I adopted him because I didn't think anyone would want a puppy who had a broken leg.

Judy, Milwaukee



Bailey, a terrier mix, came into our lives in February of 2007. She was abandoned at the clinic where I'm employed. Being dog and food aggressive, I felt I was her only hope. After a year and many battle scars, she has truly come a long way, although she is still learning to get along with her sisters (dogs) and brothers (cats). We have rescued/fostered many animals and never plan to stop. Bailey has been a lot of work, but despite the difficulties she has found a place in our hearts forever.

Sandy & August



Adopting an Older Dog – Riley picked us out at the 2006 HAWS Dog Days of Summer event! We were looking for a two year old female lab mix, until we met Riley – an eight year old male lab mix. He quickly convinced us that he would be perfect for us! We fell in love with his playfulness and how well-mannered he was, before realizing he was eight. After about five nervous minutes, Riley settled right into our home, right into our routine, and right into our hearts. We love having a "mutt-ure" gentleman in our home. He came trained and housebroken; plays hard and settles right down. Riley would have been a perfect dog for many families, making us the lucky one to give him his forever home!

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Holiday treats such as candy, chocolate, turkey and fixings, fatty foods and alcoholic beverages can be dangerous. Keep your dog on its regular diet, as the rich foods served around the holidays can make your pet seriously ill.

Poisonous plants including Christmas rose, holly, mistletoe, philodendron, and dieffenbachia are toxic to dogs. Keep them off the floor and out of reach.

Holiday paraphernalia like electric cords, tinsel, glass ornaments, candles, spray-on snow, ribbons, plastic or foil wrapping, and Christmas tree preservative can be dangerous for your dog. Use caution and good sense when decorating and enjoying the holidays.

Cold weather maintenance includes removing ice, salt, snow, and mud from your dog's coat and feet as soon as possible. If the skin looks reddish, white or grey or is scaly or peeling in cold weather it could be a sign of frostbite, and you should talk to your veterinarian immediately.

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