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Kathy reports, "His best friend is a Portuguese Water Dog, Nalu. They love to run side by side, with Henry's leash - attached to Henry but with Nalu also holding it - it's hysterical. He is perfect, well usually... ate a pan of rice crispy treats one day, a pound of raw bacon another day. Usually perfect! You know, it's unconditional love!"

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Dear Fetch Readers,

Neither of us had experienced anything quite like the thrill we had when seeing the first pages of our first issue of Fetch come off the presses! The photo, below, shows us posed before the gigantic blue press at Wisconsin Web Offset, our trusted Fetch printer. Yes, the press is really that big and looks as complicated as a spaceship. But it was sheer beauty as we stood beneath the rollers and saw our coverdog fly past in living color!

This issue of Fetch is just as exciting for us. Our writers have, once again, produced interesting and informative articles that are sure to get you thinking! We also had a great time working with Stephanie Bartz on her photo of the fabulous Henry, this issue's coverdog. We know you love the Dogs Around Town and here they are again. We're always looking for cute mugs, so upload a pic of your dog at [fetchmag.com](http://fetchmag.com).

We are already full steam ahead on the next issue of Fetch, due out in early June. You won't want to miss this one, as it's chock full of information on fun things to do with your dog. Some might surprise you!

As we break out of the cold months and into the sunshine, we're looking forward to the Great Lakes Pet Expo, Pug Fest and all the great dog events that are sure to spring up in between. Look for us at these events and stop by to say hello. We'd love to meet you and shake paws.

We thank you, our loyal Fetch readers, for sticking with us as the magazine has changed hands. We are grateful for your readership and for giving us a reason to Fetch!

## *Marie and Ginny*



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**Humane Milwaukee 414-421-8881**  
www.milwaukeearc.org

Snickers is a young adult spayed, female. We can best describe her color as 'calico brown tabby'...but what is certain is that she is stunning! She is very social with other cats and humans of all ages. (Dogs unknown but she could probably hold her own very easily.) She loves to play with string toys and catnip kick pillows. She enjoys a good laser light show and appreciates a lap to cuddle in.. Snickers is a volunteer favorite and hopes you will visit her at the Milwaukee Animal Rescue Center at Southridge Mall soon! Many cats currently available.



**Elmbrook Humane Society**  
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Mika loves to play. She's a 2-year-old Staffordshire Terrier/Lab mix who is friendly and outgoing and loves to give licks and kisses. Because of her strength and high energy level, any kids in her new home should be 12 or older. Mika's personality is "Life of the Party." She's also healthy, and she gets along with other dogs. If you have the experience to channel her energy, Mika can be the All-American Dog you've been looking for!



**Elmbrook Humane Society**  
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Desi is a friendly, outgoing black Lab mix who is 2 years old. She's healthy, energetic and loves to play. In fact, she likes to jump up a lot, so any kids in her new home should be 12 or older. In return, Desi will be a lively, fun companion. Her personality is "Busy Bee." Come meet Desi...she can't wait for the fun to start!



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# MILWAUKEE Animal Rescue Center

Facing Challenges but Focusing on the Animals

The Milwaukee Animal Rescue Center (ARC) is a small adoption center in the Southridge Mall that provides unique services to dog and cat adopters while facing numerous challenges. "We sit in the middle of being a shelter and a rescue," said Executive Director Amy Rowell. The animals available for adoption at the center are unclaimed strays from animal control agencies. "We will help out any Wisconsin shelter that wishes to transfer adoptable animals," according to Rowell. "This means we sometimes get animals that need help the most." The organization does not discriminate based on breed, age, or health. It also does not take surrenders from individuals. The goal is to be an outlet for overburdened shelters and humane societies that need the most help.

Established in 2005 to help Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission with adoptions, ARC currently rescues dogs and cats from multiple local and statewide animal control agencies after the animals have been found and held for seven days. After the waiting period (when the animals can be claimed by their owners), the animals are available to be transferred to organizations who want to place the animals.

The dogs are placed in foster homes, medically prepped for adoption, and taught basic manners until placed in permanent homes, while all the cats are brought to the ARC's Southridge location for processing and placement on the adoption floor or transfer to foster care until adoption-ready. The ARC hires outside veterinary services and relies heavily on its volunteer staff to foster ill or recuperating animals. All dogs can be brought into the center for viewing and adoption by appointment. ARC is located on the second level of Southridge mall, which presents its own challenges. "We are accessible to

everyone," said Rowell. "We have the constant struggle of trying to discern visitors with good intentions for adoption, donation, or volunteer service and those who are trying to distract us from our work." ARC has a "sleep-on-it" adoption policy to cut down on impulse adoptions that may occur especially in a retail environment.

ARC's volunteer programs include the following:

**PAWS** (Providing Adopters with Support), which pairs special needs and senior adopters with a trained volunteer who provides support throughout the lifespan of the companion animal. This can include house calls to clip a cat's claws or even scoop a litter box.

**MYPAW** (Milwaukee Youth Promoting Animal Welfare), which lets Milwaukee youth learn about animals through fun, educational, hands-on experiences and off-site field trips.

The **Spay/Neuter Wisconsin** program, which has the goal of overcoming the overpopulation crisis of animals through large-scale, reasonably-priced spay/neuter opportunities.

Annual fundraisers include a Bowl-a-thon, a Pancake Barkfest, and the "Spaghetti & No Balls" Bash. See the ARC's web site at <http://milwaukeearc.org> for dates.

The adoption fee for all pets (puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats) is \$100 and includes:

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ARC makes a commitment for life. If the adoption fails at any time for any reason, adopted animals are always accepted for return. There is no charge for this service. ARC also holds frequent health and behavior seminars at no charge to adopters.

For 2010 and beyond, ARC's goal is finding a dedicated, part-time volunteer coordinator, and it has hopes of renovating the Southridge space to more closely match the needs of the animals. The public can always help with tax-deductible monetary donations and donations of clay cat litter and paper towels.

Since 2005, the organization has placed over 2,000 animals otherwise destined for euthanasia.

## The ARC is open:

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Wednesday noon-7 p.m.  
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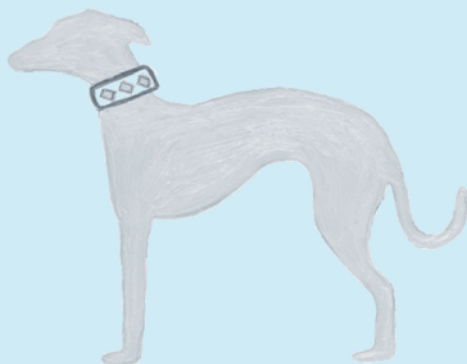
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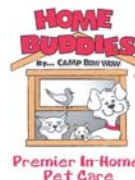
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# DOGS IN THE HOOD

## Cedarburg

A bright winter's day. Garlands and bows of a holiday season. The smell of coffee beans roasting. Scrumptious!

While most patrons were enjoying their 'cuppa' within the steamy windows of the Cedarburg Coffee Roastery, We found Sue and Ken, along with their dogs Lucy and Hershey, at a snow-covered café table on the sidewalk outside. Despite the chilly 27 degrees, they exuded warmth and

good cheer and raised their cups in greeting as we stopped by.

As we chatted, Hershey faced passersby with his amicable, grizzled face. Lucy was more reserved.

Sue explained that Lucy had started life as an abused animal and was picked up by a rescue organization before finding her way into the hearts and home of Sue and Ken. They have worked with Lucy for years to bring her to good health and a comfort with humans. Hershey is also a rescue dog.

"We come here often", Ken says as he gestures towards Cedarburg's main street. In addition to looking for activities that they can enjoy with their dogs, Ken explained that both dogs are trained to walk on a treadmill. "Otherwise, they'd go stir crazy".

Sue described her prior experience with pet sitting and rescues. She currently volunteers with the Best Friends rescue and often supports the organization at area pet events.

Sue and Ken are strong believers in the power of animal rescue and they live that belief every day ... with the contented dogs at the ends of their leashes.





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# Old English Sheepdog

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Too often dog lovers are quick to take home puppies because of their cute and innocent nature, but when adding any pet to the family it is imperative to complete the necessary research. Chris Larame, founder of the Old English Sheepdog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin believes the leading cause for Sheepdogs in foster care is due to lack of research on the owner's part. Sheepdogs are stubborn, very energetic and need proper care in order to develop to their full potential.

The Sheepdog is easily recognized by its shaggy coat that usually drapes over the eyes. As may be apparent by the name, the Sheepdog was bred by English herdsmen to herd and protect their sheep. They were looking to create a dog that would demonstrate intelligence, self-control and strength. The thick coat was necessary because it allowed Sheepdogs to withstand England's rugged terrain and perse-

vere through all weather conditions. This sort of weatherproof outer shell also provided Sheepdogs with protection from predators. The herdsmen chose to dock the tail as they believed this would keep the dogs less agile and more equipped for herding. Today however, it is common to see a Sheepdog without a docked tail.

Along with the distinctive coat comes the extensive care it requires. Sheepdogs need to be brushed several times per week and also professionally groomed every eight to twelve weeks to ensure a healthy coat. Without proper care the coat may become matted which is unsanitary and can be painful for the dog. Some owners prefer to keep their Sheepdog's coat at a shorter length, or even shaved. This certainly is a viable option, but keep in mind it will require more trips to the groomer and can become a bit more expensive.



Although owning a Sheepdog is accompanied by a large grooming commitment, it may be worth it once you get to know their outgoing nature and warm personality.

"Laney is very loving and very social. She always needs to be where we are" describes Judy Parrish. The Sheepdog is best suited to live in a family oriented environment where they will be provided with affection and companionship.

Sheepdogs are often protective of human children, and may even herd them to safety by gently bumping them in the direction they need to go or by keeping them in a particular area. Judy laughs, "Laney loves our daughter Lily. She's always watching over her and even enjoys playing dress-up with her!" It is no surprise the Sheepdog has earned the nickname "Nanny" of the family. Judy agrees that the best part about living with this breed is their natural love for children.

Sheepdogs certainly are affectionate and fun-loving dogs, but this also means they have a high energy level. When asked, "What are Laney's exercise needs?" Judy and Brian immediately responded, "Daily walks or doggy daycare!" Without sufficient mental and physical stimulation, Sheepdogs can become rambunctious and may demonstrate destructive behaviors such as chewing through drywall, as Laney's parents unfortunately experienced when she was just a puppy. Their intelligence and high energy allows Sheepdogs to perform





exceedingly well in activities such as agility, herding, search and rescue and even dance. Since they are also good natured with other dogs, doggy day-care and dog parks are great options for socialization as well as an effective way to release some extra energy. At home, a large fenced-in backyard is recommended to give Sheepdogs ample space to run. But don't be discouraged from owning a Sheepdog simply because you do not have a large yard. They are highly adaptable, and if provided with proper exercise and mental stimulation, they can thrive just as well in an urban lifestyle.

When given adequate leadership and training, the Sheepdog becomes known for its "clownish" behavior or as Brian likes to proudly describe Laney, the "cartoon of the family." Brian and Judy laugh as they reminisce about a particularly funny memory where Laney shows off her intelligence and sense of humor. The family cat, Tinsley, and Laney often engage in playful games of chase, but on this particular day it was Tinsley who was doing the chasing. He had discovered a mouse and was diligently attempting to catch it. All the commotion caught Laney's attention, and her Sheepdog instincts kicked into drive! She joined the

chase and her and Tinsley worked together to corner the mouse until Judy came to the rescue scooping it up in a trash can. That's the last mouse to ever set foot in the Parrish household! Brian and Judy explain to me that these memories are what make Laney such a special part of their lives.

As with any other dog breed, there are certain health risks that must be considered when owning this breed. Hip dysplasia, cataracts, glaucoma, thyroid problems, deafness, allergies and skin problems are some of the major health concerns associated with Sheepdogs. The best way to avoid most of these health risks is to do your research and choose a reliable breeder or go through a reputable rescue.

The Old English Sheepdog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin began in 1975, started its rescue program in 1978 and within the last ten years they have been very active in rescue. The club is run by a group of about five people, and relies heavily on its members for support. Rescue dogs are fostered out of the members' homes as well as with foster families. Everyone donates their time and money to travel and house these dogs who deserve

a forever home. The organization has fostered as many as five dogs at one time, adopting out about thirty dogs each year.

When placing foster dogs with families, Chris from the Sheepdog Club believes the most important criteria is the effort and time one is willing to dedicate to the Sheepdog. Owners must realize that dogs aren't perfect and if raised correctly they can excel in any given situation. Just take a look at Laney, Brian and Judy Parrish wouldn't part with her for the world.

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## Nicole Gehrke

Nicole Gehrke has a natural love and interest for dog behavior and is dedicated to educating owners on the importance of physical and mental balance in a dog's life. She grew up in Port Washington, WI and now lives in Wauwatosa. Nicole is anxious to have a dog of her own, and looks forward to the day when she can implement all she has learned with her own puppy.

# Around the *Water Bowl*

Snoopy Crowned Canine King  
of Pop Culture  
from [akc.org/news](http://akc.org/news)

## American Kennel Club® & AOL's PawNation.com Join Forces to Unveil the Top Dogs in Pop Culture

Proving that Snoopy is the hippest dog of all, "Joe Cool" himself was named the top dog in pop culture by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and AOL's PawNation.com today during a press conference in front of a special Snoopy exhibit at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City. The ranking, created in celebration of the AKC's 125th anniversary this year, brings together canines from diverse backgrounds for a candid look at how dogs have been woven into every aspect of American culture from film and literature to sports and art.

A surprising second place went to Texas A&M's mascot Reveille, showing that Texas A&M students cheered louder than Georgetown (Jack the Bulldog), University of Georgia (UGA) and Yale (Handsome Dan) fans for the Collie that ranked higher than Lassie.

"There is no question that America loves dogs," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "One look at popular culture proves, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that dogs have always had a profound influence on our daily lives. The collaboration between the AKC and PawNation.com, in celebration of the AKC's 125th anniversary, allowed the public to voice their opinions on the dogs that made the biggest impact over the years."

### Top 10 Dogs in Pop Culture:

1. Snoopy
2. Texas A&M's Reveille
3. Scooby Doo
4. Eddie from the TV show Frasier
5. Pound Puppy toys
6. Painting "Dogs Playing Poker"
7. Song "How Much is that Doggie in the Window"
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### *Dog Parks Have Increased in County Parks Total of Four Off-Leash Exercise Areas*

(Milwaukee)- Last year the Milwaukee County Parks Department added two Dog Exercise Areas for dog owners in Milwaukee County. They are the Dog Exercise Area in Currie Park, 3535 N. Mayfair Rd., and the Dog Exercise

Area in Estabrook Park, 4400 N. Estabrook Drive. These permit-based areas offer daily and annual passes for admission where dogs may run unleashed. Open hours are every day of the week from dawn till dusk.

With the additional two sites, the Milwaukee County Park System operates a total of four Dog Exercise Areas, two considered as regional dog park sites. The first is in the northwest portion of the county named Granville Dog Park, 11718 W. Good Hope Place, and the second is known as the Runway Dog Park, 1214 E. Rawson Ave., near the General Mitchell International Airport.

Dog owners using the areas are required to have proof of their pet's current rabies vaccinations. The dogs also need to be licensed through their owner's local municipality. Dog owners should follow the rules and suggestions at the Exercise Areas. Dog tags may be purchased at Boerner Botanical Gardens, the Wilson Recreation Center, the Milwaukee County Parks Administrative Offices, the Wisconsin Humane Society and MADACC during normal business hours.

The cost for a single annual dog tag for the 2010 Calendar year is \$25. A senior pass for persons 60 years and above, as well as for persons with disabilities is \$10. An additional dog tag is \$5.

For an application or more information go to [countyparks.com](http://countyparks.com) or contact the Milwaukee County Parks Department at (414) 257-PARK.



# How Your Dog Says, "I'm Sorry"

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Snap out of it! Says Amy Ammen, owner of Amiable Dog and co-author of *Hip Ideas for Hyper Dogs*. She believes that you are indeed taking a snooze if you are waiting for your dog to show signs of regret or remorse for naughty behavior. A dog trainer since 1975, Amy reminds us, "dogs don't feel 'sorry' for their mistakes in the same way that humans do".

Some people think that when your pup gazes up at you with soulful eyes after making a big, fragrant blunder on your just-cleaned carpet, it's an apology. "It's not," explains Amy. "What you're really seeing is a reaction to your reaction...they're picking up on your body English."

So why does it seem like they know how angry we are when they goof up? It appears that dogs have the innate ability to "sense" when we're upset or when our mood is not as it usually is. It is a doggie dynamic that rules their social behavior from day one. Much in the same way that a dog's hair will stand up when it senses a fearful situation from another four-legged creature, your dog will also lean into whatever body language or energy that you bring to the table when he's being a less-than-perfect pooch.

So when he misses the mark during his last bathroom break, he may sense your disappointment by displaying what Amy refers to as submissive behavior. "A gentle paw that reaches out to you, becoming still, ears back slightly, mouth relaxed, tail down... these are all ways that a dog responds to our upset. The more

sensitive a dog is, the easier it is to invoke a submissive reaction."

While you may not be delighted that your dog doesn't have the ability to express his regret, the good news is that once you see your dog break the rules, correction will prevent the behavior from happening in the future. For those of us with dogs that wouldn't know discipline if it jumped up and bit them in the nose, this may just be the cold splash of water that we needed.

**Colleen Terry**

Colleen Terry is the owner and writer of *Lost and Found Dog Tales*, a service that provides customers with the "framed fairy tale of you and your pet". Visit her at [www.yourdogtale.com](http://www.yourdogtale.com). She lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin with her husband Paul, and she is proud "mama" to Cocker Spaniels Oliver J. and Carmen Rose.

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# Tailwaggers 911

## Rescuing Dogs in Need

For Tailwaggers911, figuring out how to stand apart in the field of dog rescue groups, with many of them focusing on a specific breed, took some thinking but ultimately was rather simple, according to its founder Dawn Boeselager.

“Tailwaggers911 is not an age specific nor breed specific rescue group. Although it has rescued some purebred dogs, what we basically work with and rescue are mixed breeds of all kinds” said Boeselager. Most of the dogs that Tailwaggers911 place originally come from high-kill shelters in the southern United States, such as Mississippi, “that have such high volumes of dogs needing sheltering (so) they’re fairly overwhelmed.”

“We are unique in that we have a foster to adopt program,” said Boeselager. “This allows potential adopters to see if the dog is a good fit for their home before they have to make the life time commitment.”

“Our foster to adopt program allows someone to foster a dog in-home for five to seven days,” explained Boeselager. “During that time prospective owners can see all the variables the dog will exist in. They get a true feel for how that dog will react in its new home, in what would be its

natural environment with people coming and going, and the usual activities and noise of everyday households.”

Tailwaggers911 also gives families fostering dogs for final placement in other homes the final say in the adoption process and determination of what is best for the dog and for the prospective family. “With these programs we’ve had an excellent return rate--way under 1%--and we feel that that 1% is still adoptable, just because it may not have been the best match,” said Boeselager.

Almost everything can be done on the groups website—Tailwaggers911.com—from viewing dogs, to filing an adoption or fostering application, as well as viewing the status of dogs in the adoption process.

Completing an online adoption application starts the process and a confirmation email is then sent. Tailwaggers911 then reviews the application, checks with a veterinarian and performs a background check of each applicant. When these steps are complete, the applicant is contacted to schedule a time to meet a dog. Once the meet and greet has been conducted and the decision is made to adopt a specific dog, Tailwaggers911 brings the dog to the placement family for a

home visit with the dog.

Boeselager got the inspiration for the group when she was fostering a rescue that “was in really bad shape. It had some issues that prevented it from being permanently placed and I took it upon myself to give it a good life.” At that point she realized it’s important if you’re doing rescue work “that you surround yourself with good people and provide the resources to make adoptions work.”

“When I first started this I found it difficult to gain the trust of the shelter community,” explained Boeselager. “They are extremely wary of what and why rescuers have come for the dogs and what they intend to do with the dogs, and so are naturally very cautious.”

“We provide leashes, toys, even dog food to get the dog started in its new family,” said Boeselager. “It took three years and a lot of effort from a lot of people to get where we are today.”

“It’s just not me, that’s for sure,” said Boeselager, referring to the work the group does. “I may have come up with the idea and developed the plan, but when you start something like this, obviously the immediate first step is to talk to everyone you know to see what



they think, and rely upon family and friends first. There's a lot of work and lots of details involved."

About 50 people are involved with Tailwaggers911, said Boeselager. This includes foster families, volunteers who help with transporting cleaning grooming, and exercising dogs, as well as its webmaster, who updates the website frequently. That number doesn't include some key sponsors, such as Fromm Four-Star Nutritional dog food.

Tailwaggers911's long-term goal is to obtain funding to secure a facility to handle the overflow of dogs needing homes that can't be immediately placed at the moment. It is applying for grants and funds to various organizations and is optimistic.

"I have to thank all the many wonderful volunteers who are really, really committed to dogs and donate all their time," Boeselager said. "And it's amazing that when you ask these people for more of their time how many are open to it and say 'yes'."

**Daryl L. Skaradzinski**

Daryl L. Skaradzinski and his wife Anne, who also has written articles for Fetch, share their home with three dogs. He's General Manager of the Milwaukee Post newspaper, and enjoys traveling, camping with their pets, hot, spicy foods with cold beers and all are avid Packers fans.

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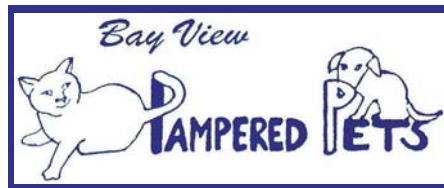
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To Dale's "Mom and Dad"

## It's the Little Things

My internship for school has started and today is my last day of delivering. I want to thank you for your kindness and sharing your Dale with me. He got me through some rough times after losing my Kodie. I'll miss him and our occasional chats. Wishing you much love and laughter -

Every once in a while a little kindness from a complete stranger can really make you realize that there really is goodness left in the world.

A few years ago our Border collie, Dale, became very good friends with the woman who delivered newspapers in our neighborhood. I had never met this woman before, but each day she'd drop off a paper and if Dale was outside, she'd stop, give him a pat on the head and offer him a treat. At first I wasn't entirely thrilled with this scenario. I felt this stranger was teaching our dog to approach cars near the road, and also adding to his increasing weight problem by feeding him between meals. But, as time went on and this process continued, I began to take notice just how much this woman's face would light up every time she saw our dog. I soon stopped thinking about Dale's extra pounds as I observed him beginning to recognize her car as well. He'd wag his tale voraciously when he saw her coming and he never approached the road unless he knew it was her. It quickly became a ritual to let him out at the same time each day to wait for her. As more time passed, the woman's little treats soon turned into larger chew bones for Dale and if I forgot to let him out to wait for her, he'd bark excitedly at the sight of her car

rounding the corner and he'd whine insistently until I let him out to greet her. As she noticed his excitement, the woman's smile grew larger every day.

Soon I started to come outside just to observe the interaction between our dog and this new friend. I'd sometimes chat with her about the weather and tell her how excited Dale was to see her, and she would always exclaim what a wonderful dog we had and how much he reminded her of her own dog who had recently passed away. Having too felt the painful ache of losing a pet, I immediately became sympathetic and I was happy that we were able to brighten this woman's day. There were times I swear Dale would have jumped in her car and gone home with her if I'd let him, and I'm sure she would have been happy to oblige.

But then one sunny Friday afternoon I came home to find a letter addressed to "Dale's mom and dad" and a pack of bones in the mailbox. It was a note from our friend, who I now know is named Linda. In the letter she stated that she would no longer be delivering papers and was moving on to complete an internship. She thanked us for sharing our dog with her and expressed how seeing him each day had helped her through the hard time of losing her own dog, Kodie. Then she simply wished us much love and happiness.

Though Linda's gesture was small, her kindness was great. I was truly touched by her actions. Even though a few years have passed now, that note still hangs on our refrigerator. It's a constant reminder that when things don't go my way or when life doesn't seem to slow down, it's the little things in life (or the happy face of a dog) that sometimes make the greatest impact. In some small way our dog touched her life and in many ways, she touched ours, too. I'm grateful that Linda came into our lives, even if it was for a brief time. She reminded me just how wonderful it is to be a dog owner and the great impact dogs can have on our lives - great or small. Wherever Linda is now, we hope she's doing well. Though she may never know the impact she had on us, we won't soon forget. And, when a newspaper delivery person rounds the corner and Dale's ears go up and his tail wags, we know he hasn't forgotten either.

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First let's look at why people have a hunting dog. The main reasons hunters use dogs are:

**Pleasure:** Simply stated, hunting is twice as much fun with a good dog. Sharing the blind, field, and beauty of nature with your dog magnifies your enjoyment. I couldn't imagine a dawn over the marsh without my Chesapeake Bay Retriever, True. Nor would I consider walking through the prairie trying to flush a pheasant without her. She's my friend, my companion, and my hunting partner.

**Conservation:** Dogs conserve game. A good dog will find shot birds and birds that were not killed instantly. A well-trained hunting dog can find birds dropped in thick impenetrable places, ducks that dive underwater, pheasants that bury themselves under grass, and even geese that sail a quarter mile away.

the game they shoot. I hunt on public hunting grounds that attract waterfowl hunters. Many of these hunters don't have a dog. That's okay if they carefully select the shot and are a good marksman. If they aren't, they may wound the bird and have a hard time finding it. A wounded goose or duck will often bury themselves in the grass and other vegetation in the area. Without a good dog, finding these birds is next to impossible. While hunting, I inevitably see a hunter shoot a bird and then start looking for it. Many times, if they mark the spot the bird fell and they killed it instantly, they walk over and pick it up. Sometimes, they search for the bird for many minutes and can't find it. That's when I go over with True and help. Usually it takes less than five minutes for True to find the bird. It's rewarding to see the hunter's gratitude and accept their praise of my dog. Several of these hunters told me they are going to get a dog next year. I hope they do, and I hope they return the favor for another hunter.

Now let's determine what type of hunting dog might be best for you. Start by looking at what you hunt the most. Is it ducks and geese? Is it pheasant and grouse? Or, maybe your favorite animal to hunt is rabbit, raccoon, or even bears. All of these game species are hunted in Wisconsin and each has numerous breeds of dogs that excel at hunting them. For the purpose of this article I will discuss the types of dogs that hunt for feathered game.

With that in mind there are two basic types of bird hunting dogs: pointers and flushers. The basic difference is how each type makes the hunter aware that the quarry is there. Flushers "flush" the game while pointers "point" the game. What's the difference? A "flush" is just having the dog chase up the bird. The dog often acts "birdie" when they are

getting close to flushing the bird. True's tail really kicks into high gear when she gets close to a pheasant. You wouldn't think it could wag that fast! Her whole body language changes. She's more excited and her focus on finding the bird is intense. That's when I get ready for the bird to flush.

A pointer's behavior can be similar to this, except for when the dog gets near the bird. A pointer will stop and point. Not with their paw – with their nose! The classical point will have the dog's nose stretching towards the game, tail arrow straight in back, and one of its front legs raised. It's a beautiful sight for any dog lover! Both types of dogs do the same thing after the game is shot. Retrieve it - meaning they find it and bring it back to the hunter.

There are several breeds of dogs within each type. Examples of flushing breeds include Labrador, Golden, Chesapeake Bay, Curly and Flat Coated Retrievers, and Water, Springer, and Cocker Spaniels. Pointer breeds include English and Irish Setters, English and German Shorthaired Pointers, Brittany Spaniels, Vizslas, and Weimaraners. These are not all-inclusive lists of flushing and pointing dogs, but they cover some of the popular breeds within each type.

Now you know why hunters should have a hunting dog and the basic types of hunting dogs. In future articles, I will cover topics such as determining which breed may be best for you, selecting a puppy, care and training of your hunting dog, and finally hunting with them.

John Theisen grew up on a dairy farm near Allenton, WI and had many mixed dog breeds on the family farm. He now lives in West Bend with Ginny, his wife, and they can often be seen out and about with their Chesapeake Bay Retriever named True.

One of the rules for hunters states that they must make every effort to find

# Pet Safety

## Tips

for Spring

As the snow melts and the temperature gradually begins to rise the health risks that your pets face increase dramatically. From toxins to parasites the warm weather can spell disaster for unsuspecting owners and their pets. Hopefully these safety tips will help prevent health problems before they begin.

### External and internal parasites:

Some external parasites such as fleas and ticks have the ability to overwinter and can be lurking in the undergrowth very soon after the ground thaws. These parasites are not only uncomfortable but they have the ability to pass along life-threatening illness. It is important to start your flea and tick prevention at the first signs of spring to avoid infestation.

Many internal parasites can survive the deep freeze of winter as well. Take care to clean up wild animal feces from your yard that may have been concealed by the snow. Some dogs don't even wait for the thaw to seek this frozen fecal matter out. For this reason it is a good idea to continue your internal parasite control year around.

### Toxins:

Toxic materials such as road salt, anti-freeze, motor oil, pesticides, and rodenticide can unexpectedly be deposited by the melting snow. These materials can pose a significant threat to your pet's health. If any toxic ingestion is sus-

pected call your veterinarian or Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals (414-543-7387) immediately. It is also a good idea to contact the ASPCA poison control center at (1-888-426-4435). You should never institute any therapy at home, including induction of vomiting, until you have spoken with a veterinarian.

### Spring Clean-ups:

Keep all household cleaners and chemicals out of reach of your pets.

### Dog fights and animal attacks:

As more and more pets venture from their homes to dog parks and on longer walks due to the warmer weather, the risk of altercations increases. It is imperative to the safety of your dog that you keep them on a leash at all times when walking outside of a fenced in area. Use caution when using an extendable leash as this still puts your dog at risk due to the lack of direct control. If you own a dog who has known inter-canine aggression avoid the dog parks during high use times and stay close to your dog or keep them leashed so you can restrain your pet if you see another animal coming into the dog park. A basket muzzle can also be used for an extra layer of protection. A behavioral consult for these dogs can also be very helpful in understanding how to control and evaluate your pet's behavior.

Altercations with wildlife are also very common in the spring due to the high numbers of young inexperienced animals as well as migrating or recently hibernating animals. It is a good idea to check your yard throughout the spring for wild animal nests and burrows. Limit access to these areas or contact an animal control officer to dis-

cuss safe removal of the animal.

### Cats and Wildlife:

The domestic feline is the number one cause of death of songbirds worldwide. This is amplified in the springtime due to the high numbers of baby animals. Cats also pose a threat to other wild predators by depleting their food source and forcing them out of their home territories. If a cat must be let outside it is best to restrain them in a large run or on a lead. Always monitor your cat when they are outside on a lead and use safety collars to avoid injury. It is also important to protect your cat from parasites if they go outside including fleas, ticks, heartworm, and intestinal worms.

### Toxic Plants and Mulch:

When planting your spring flower gardens take time to consider which plants may be toxic to your pets. A list of toxic plants is available at [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org). Popular mulches such as coco bean mulch are toxic to dogs and cats. This mulch contains the same toxic materials found in chocolate.

Not only do the plants and mulch pose a risk to your pet's health but plant fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides as well. Make sure you read all cautionary statements and directions carefully before applying a product. Try to keep your pet off newly fertilized lawns for 24 hours. Always save the original bag for later reference if ingestion occurs.

These safety tips will keep your pets free from parasites, toxins and animal attacks. Keep these in mind as we look forward to the warm spring weather.

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# What's in a Name?

## PICKING THE PERFECT NAME FOR YOUR POOCH

You've spent a small fortune on toys, treats and all the must-have accessories for the newest four-legged member the family. You've got what seems like a year's supply of dog food samples from your neighborhood pet store, and everyone is thrilled to know that there's a new puppy in town. What more could you possibly need? Easy! You need a name for your precious pup. While this may seem like a simple task, it may be helpful to take a few tidbits of advice from the experts about how to best name your dog. Dogs United has some helpful hints that you may want to check out before you decide on that perfect pet name.

**Nice n' Easy** The name should be short and sweet, so that the command is heard loud and clear. No sense in knocking yourself out every time you have to shout your dog's name.

**Think Ahead** Your Saint Bernard may fit snugly into your lap at 8 weeks of age, but a name like Tinkerbelle may not be the best bet when she makes her first growth spurt.

**Does It Fit?** There are some names that lend themselves well to your dog's breed or temperament. Keep an eye out for a typical personality - then call it like you see it.

Some names work better for a Chihuahua than a Great Dane, based on their innate characteristics. Dogs United helps owners find these breed-specific names that you might otherwise overlook. They offer a free Dog Naming E-book that you can download from your computer. For example, our Fetch Coverboy, an Old English Sheepdog, might fit well with a name like Shep, Shadow or Fonzie, according to author Ryan Love. In his e-book, you'll find over 1,000 dog names to choose from, plus an

abundance of other fun facts about dog names. Visit [www.dogsunited.com](http://www.dogsunited.com) to take advantage of this great resource.

Margaret Delligatti, of Burlington, Wisconsin, owns a web-based business that caters to dog owners who purchase personalized pet items. From bling-heavy collar charms to comfy beds fit for a king, she has noticed some interesting trends in naming our dogs. "I see a lot of customers who have named their dog with children's names, which makes sense because we do treat our pets like our kids. At least I do." She also notices an increase in dogs' names that represent some facet of their history. "Rescue dogs, for example, will often have a name associated with good will, such as Charity, Hope, Lucky or Faith."

Interestingly, there is also a host of names that she says appeal to what she considers her "upscale" clients. "They tend to name their dogs rather sophisticated names, such as Chauncey, Lars or Sophie." Hmph!

And what about those show dogs? Ever wonder how they come up with those names that make them sound more like royalty than even the Queen herself? The American Kennel Club (AKC) spokesperson Lisa Peterson explains it this way, "While there is a limit to the number of characters a dog may have, a breeder is free to choose any name, really. Our system is two-tiered, so the breeder of the dog would naturally have 'rights' to the first name registered in the AKC". Then, as Lisa further explains, it is up to the breeder to be as creative as they want to be. Lisa, a breeder herself, suggests, "litter themes". For example, one particular litter of hers was born February 14, so all puppies were named with Valentine's Day sentiments, another litter was a bundle of her favorite James

Bond movies.... you get the point. Either way, there's no denying that regardless of what we call our dogs, you'll never be able to call them late for dinner.

### Top Dog Names for 2009 Per Veterinary Pet Insurance

#### Male Dog Names

1. Max
2. Buddy
3. Rocky
4. Bailey
5. Jake
6. Charlie
7. Jack
8. Toby
9. Cody
10. Buster

#### Female Dog Names

1. Bella
2. Molly
3. Lucy
4. Maggie
5. Daisy
6. Sophie
7. Sadie
8. Chloe
9. Bailey
10. Lola

**Colleen Terry**

Colleen Terry is the owner and writer of Lost and Found Dog Tales, a service that provides customers with the "framed fairy tale of you and your pet". Visit her at [www.yourdogtale.com](http://www.yourdogtale.com). She lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin with her husband Paul, and she is proud "mama" to Cocker Spaniels Oliver J. and Carmen Rose.



# Dog Training Professionals

## What do all those initials mean?

CAAB ?  
CPDT ?  
ABC DT ?

Did you know that anyone can call themselves a dog trainer, without needing any credentials, even you? There are no licensing requirements, which mean there is no governing body to ensure your dog is receiving appropriate ethical care. So, please use caution when finding a professional!

There are a wide variety of training professionals to choose from in the Milwaukee area. For basic training, you have a diverse group of dog trainers to choose from. For behavior problems, you should consult an animal behaviorist or someone with additional training to design an effective behavior modification program that uses humane techniques. There are a variety of certifications available, and these are the most common in the Milwaukee area.

### CAAB. Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (Animal Behavior Society):

Education: a B.S. in either biology or psychology and a M.S. or Ph.D. in Animal Behavior

Experience: Two to five years of applied animal behavior and research experience

Certification: Submission of case reports, publications, references, proof of liability insurance, and adhere to a strict Code of Ethics. <http://www.certifiedanimalbehaviorist.com/>

### CPDT: Certified Professional Dog Trainer (Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers):

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

Experience: Complete 300 hours of hands-on teaching and training

Certification: Must pass a standardized national exam, submit references, and adhere to a strict Code of Ethics. <http://www.ccpdt.org/>

### ABC DT: Animal Behavior College Dog Trainer:

Education: None. You need to be 18 years old and complete four months of their on-line training program.

Experience: From 7-21 weeks of hands-on experience

Certification: Passing the Animal Behavior College on-line exam. <http://animalbehaviorcollege.com>

When choosing a professional, choose someone that uses reward-based training. This means using methods that allow the animal to work for what motivates them, rather than avoiding something that causes fear, force, or pain for behavior change. Current research has led us down a path that is far more humane and has created a higher ethical standard for our companions. You are the consumer and have many choices on who you hire. You should be comfortable with all techniques being used, otherwise find someone else. The trainer should be able to modify every exercise to meet your needs. Having respect for your experience and your knowledge is key to creating a plan that will work for everyone. Additionally, your professional should want to work with your veterinarian or other professionals. Behavior change

is often one of the first signs that there is an underlying medical problem.

Ever hear of the saying "Never feed a dog from the table or you will get begging." That is only true if you are feeding when the dog is at the table. One of my clients had done just that, and now her beloved Jack Russell was jumping onto the table and stealing food off her plate! They had tried other professionals and an array of punishment techniques and it only made the dog more agitated.

By identifying what the dog was already working for (food), we taught a different behavior that brought the same outcome. By tossing a small food reward away from the table, we quickly shaped the dog to lie on a bed when they sat down for dinner. Then we weaned off using the food. Now they proclaim as their dog is falling asleep on the dog bed during dinner "Oh there he goes, begging again!" Just an example of using what the dog is already working for in order to teach a behavior that you like better. Happy training!

### Heather Mohan-Gibbons

Heather Mohan-Gibbons, MS, is a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT), a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA), and Milwaukee's only Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (ACAAB). She owns an in-home animal behavior business called Collected Wisdom Animal Behavior, LLC. She works with a variety of domestic and exotic animal companions in the Northwest Milwaukee Area. She travels for the ASPCA performing aggression assessments and teaching about canine aggression. <http://cwAnimalBehavior.com>.

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## Dog Treat Recipes



My dog Louie never met a treat he didn't like. He consistently tries to convince everyone that I never feed him and that he is wasting away to skin and bones. And, that perhaps, if they would only share whatever food that they are carrying, he will be able to make it through one more day. Well, the extra five pounds that his vet is trying to get off of him attests to the fact that Louie is a liar.

Friends and co-workers who have dogs that like a good treat have been willing to share their favorite recipes. Some of these came to them through word of mouth, a handout at a humane society or from origins long forgotten. However, all are geared towards pleasing your dog and one may be right for your finicky snacker.

Judy Poston submitted the following recipe which her labradoodle, Mac, finds irresistible. However,

I have it on good word that he has found other things on the counter-top irresistible too so there may be no accounting for his taste.

### **Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats**

- 2 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup water

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Whisk together all the ingredients. The water helps make the dough workable but the goal is for it to be somewhat dry and stiff.
3. Roll the dough into a ½ inch-thick roll.
4. Slice into ½ inch slices.
5. Bake in preheated oven until hard which should take about 40 minutes.

# Y u m !

Lori Remich and her dog recommend the following for dogs who like a nice vegetarian snack.

### Veggie Biscuits

- 1 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 stick margarine at room temperature
- ½ cup grated cheese at room temperature
- 1 crushed garlic clove
- ½ cup canned veggies (peas or carrots or ?)
- Milk

1. Mix cheese and margarine together.
2. Add veggies and garlic, then stir in the flour.
3. Add enough milk to help form into a ball.
4. Chill one hour.
5. Roll on floured surface and cut into shapes.  
(Bones would be fun!)
6. Bake at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 minutes or until slightly brown.

Terri Kahn is a big fan of Kongs® and got these great recipes when she adopted her dog from the humane society.

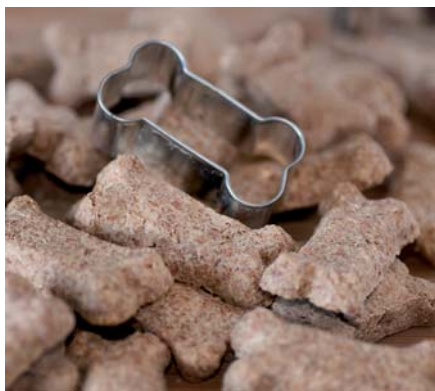


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### Bananarama

- 1 fresh banana
- 2 tablespoons wheat germ
- 1 tablespoon plain yogurt
- Kong® of a type appropriate for your dog's chewing temperament.
- The listed ingredient amounts are for a medium sized Kong®.

1. Mash the banana in a bowl.
2. Add wheat germ.
3. Mash all ingredients together and using a spoon, place in the toy.
4. Freeze for four hours

### Philly Steak

- Steak Scraps
- 1 ounce cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon plain yogurt
- Kong® of a type appropriate for your dog's chewing temperament.

1. Layer the small scraps of steak inside the toy.
2. Spread cream cheese in large hole to hold scraps.

All of these sound quite yummy and I can already envision Louie licking the spoon. However, just a word of recommendation for these and all the dog treat recipes, always check with your vet before feeding your dog anything new. And also remember, due to the lack of preservatives it is best to make small batches and use them up quickly.

Well, I need to run, my poor 72 pound hound is ready to take a walk and work off some calories! Bon(e) appétit!

Marie Tubbin

Marie Tubbin loves spending time with her two best buddies, her husband, Mike and her dog, Louie. She met Mike at Burger King and Louie at HAWS and considers those two of the luckiest days of her life.

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Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, WI  
Animal Communicator, Asia Voight  
608-438-ASIA or e-mail Asia-  
Voight@aol.com

Animal Comm. w/Rebecca Moravec  
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April 26  
Humane Animal Welfare Society,  
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Dog Behavior Seminar  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
March 2  
Wisconsin Humane Society, Mil-  
waukee  
414-264-6257 www.wihumane.org

Canine Good Citizen Test  
March 14  
11:00am – 1:00 pm  
Wisconsin Humane Society,  
Milwaukee  
414-264-6257 www.wihumane.org

A Lesson in Loose Leash Walking  
March 31  
7:30 – 8:30 pm  
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1:00 – 4:00 pm  
March 27  
April 17  
May 22  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165

How to Raise a Puppy and Keep  
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1:00 pm  
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April 29  
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## **Fundraisers/Gatherings**

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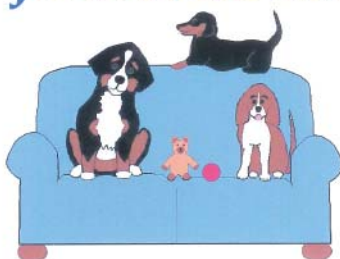
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# Step In: Don't Let Abuse Continue!

I am the Business Operations Manager of a small Humane Society in Northern Wisconsin. Humane societies have several duties. We take in strays, reunite lost pets with their owners and find homes for animals. The Humane Society also unfortunately has to deal with animal abuse. In animal abuse cases, each person that becomes involved plays a different role. I want to share with you my role in this particular case. In sharing this story I am hoping to enlighten you on what the Humane Society does for the community as well as for abused and homeless animals.

I had just returned from a vet run. The phone was ringing. When I answered I was greeted with, "Sheriff's Department I have three dogs here for you to pick up. They're in rough shape and will need vet care."

When I arrived, I could see that these dogs were severely emaciated. They didn't have any food or water and were chained to trees. I proceeded to assess the dogs. One of them was growling and barking at me, I could tell he was going to be a challenge. The owner was at the scene. She surrendered three of the dogs and wanted to keep two. The two she wanted to keep were not in as bad of shape as the three she surrendered. I knew they would be ok until I could come back for them. Without a court order, I can't take a dog that someone isn't willing to surrender. It was a long ride. One of the aggressive dogs was biting through the carrier, barking and trying to break his way out.

The first dog I took in to the clinic was so emaciated that she could barely walk. I placed her on the table. As I waited for the veterinarian to enter the room I fed her a handful of treats. I couldn't help wonder when the last time was she had got a treat. I am sure that treats were something of the past; something she got when she was that cute little puppy that her owner just had to have.

The veterinarian did the examination and determined that because of her medical condition she would have to be

euthanized. The veterinarian was very kind and let me know I didn't have to be in the room. As much as I dreaded it, I had to stay with her. I was this dog's voice. She had been alone starving in the cold for weeks. I wasn't going to let her go through this alone. I watched as the veterinary technician prepared the injection and then held the dog as it was administered. I kept telling myself I should be crying. I was so angry I couldn't cry. In minutes, the dog was gone.

Holding back tears I knew we had to move on to the other two dogs. The two remaining dogs were so aggressive that the veterinary technicians had to administer a "cocktail". This made the dogs groggy and easy to manage. Upon examination it was determined that these dogs needed to be euthanized as well. Once again I stayed with the dogs as they took their last breaths.

I don't remember much of the ride back to the Humane Society; I was numb. I was on a mission. I had to save the last two dogs on the property. The Sheriff's department accompanied me to the property where I seized the last two dogs.

Like any job you have your good days and bad. When I walked through the door that night, my kids were waiting to

tell me the events of their day. My six year old son wanted to know what I "did" today. The events in my day were too much for a little boy to hear. I kept it positive, "I saved two dogs today."

When I finally had a chance to sit and think about what actually did happen, tears rolled down my cheeks as I replayed the events in my head. Even though I knew that we had saved two of the dogs, it doesn't make it any easier. I just kept thinking of what all of these dogs had to go through before we got to them. I took the dogs to the veterinarian the next morning. It was determined by a behaviorist and the veterinarian that these dogs were capable of being adopted.

Unfortunately this kind of abuse happens every day. In this particular case, these dogs were very visible. People could see this abuse occurring on a daily basis, but did nothing. Animals don't have a voice. Humans do. Please be that voice for helpless, defenseless animals. Report animal neglect to your local authorities or your local Humane Society. Animals don't deserve this kind of inhumane treatment.

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# Chinese Herbs for the Canine Athlete

"From the Chinese medical perspective, your athletic dog is very Yang in nature—active, outward, energetic, all about movement," says holistic veterinarian and Herbsmith, Inc. founder Chris Bessent, DVM ([www.herbsmithinc.com](http://www.herbsmithinc.com)). Sporting breeds provide perfect examples of this nature, but they're not the only ones—canine athletes competing on agility equipment; herding dogs performing their work; or K-9 police dogs, speeding along, noses to ground sniffing out the trails of lawbreakers. Specific traits of all athletic dogs help them excel at whatever feats they perform, and those very traits make up the distinctive Yang nature you

want to support. Let's examine how Chinese herbs can help you do that. Katie Oilschlager, a professional agility trainer in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, talks about the kind of support needed for canine agility competitors. "First they need the proper conditioning and foundation to teach them their sport," she explains. "They also need massages, swimming, and the proper supplements."

Oilschlager prefers Chinese herbal supplements for her five Golden Retrievers—Mickey, a 13-year-old therapy dog, and four active agility dogs—Baloo, Bella, Stitch, and Winnie—ages six, four, three and

two. Oilschlager likes how the Chinese herbs keep her dogs active and healthy in their different stages of life. "All my dogs get a formula designed specifically for performance," she says. "These herbs act like Gatorade to keep the dogs hydrated and performing at a consistent energy level." And face it, all athletic dogs need to maintain consistent energy levels.

How exactly do these Chinese herbs support the nature and lifestyle of canine athletes? "According to Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM), total health for your dog means a balance of their Yang (heat) and Yin (fluid)," explains Dr. Bessent. "Where Yang is active and outward, Yin is passive and inward. That Yang nature of your athlete is always there, and the Yang heat tends to deplete the Yin fluid." All physical bodies strive for balance to maintain good health. When an imbalance in the athletic dog's Yang/Yin causes fluid depletion, it affects their overall health and will show up in their daily performance.

"Whether retrieving in the field, competing on agility equipment, or on vacation chasing balls and enjoying long hikes, you need to maintain that Yang and Yin balance," explains Dr. Bessent. This is where a Chinese herbal formula can effectively support the dog's athletic nature by tonifying (strengthening or invigorating) his Yin, which in turn restores his Yang/Yin balance. The herbs do not create excitable energy, as caffeine or other energy boosters, but will give the dog a consistent, natural energy level resulting from a healthy Yang/Yin balance.

In addition, from the Chinese perspective, disease originates from an

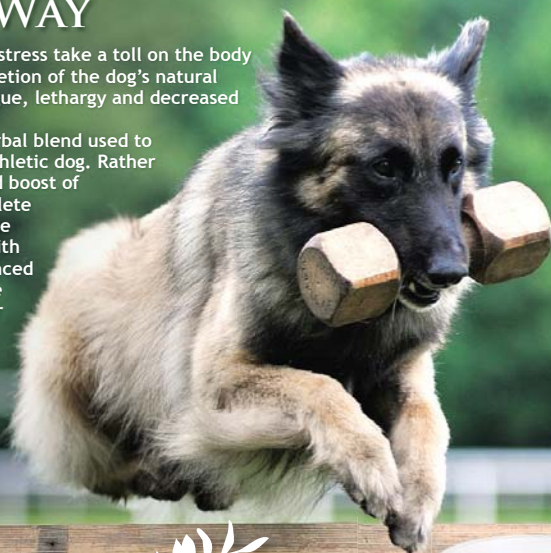
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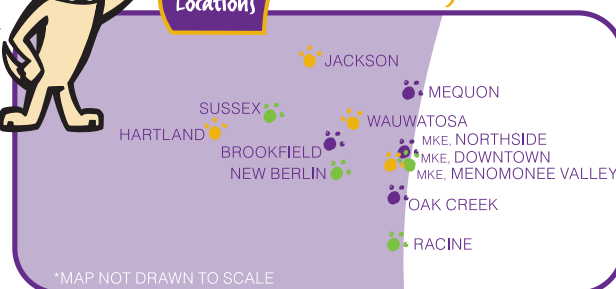
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imbalance within the body. Where Western medicine considers allergies, anxiety, aggression, and autoimmune diseases as separate issues requiring individual treatments, TCVM recognizes that same list as four secondary symptoms of a root problem within the dog's body again, their Yang/Yin imbalance, or living in a constant state of Yang excess.

"To effectively treat those four conditions, you must first address the underlying disharmony that caused them," says Dr. Bessent. "Border Collies, Golden Retrievers, Aussies, Labs—all the athletic types tend to get these hot, inflammatory conditions, and from a Chinese perspective, keeping these dogs balanced with Yin tonifying herbs can theoretically help prevent those secondary symptoms or diseases from occurring." While the herbs are doing that, they're also helping to manage stress, prevent fatigue, and maintain the energy needed through

long periods of physical performance. Where Western herbs are commonly used singly, it's important to note you'll usually find Chinese herbs combined in specific formulas for specific health issues, and with good reason. One of the Herbsmith formulas, for example, combines Rehmannia, Angelica Tang Kuei, Dioscorea, Eucommia Bark, Achyranthes, Licorice Root, and Cornus, all working in synergy to give canine athletes that wide range of benefits. In other words, the combined action of the herbs, taken together, produces a greater effect than the sum of their individual effects. And further, when properly combined, the herbs work together to resolve the dog's problems without causing any negative side effects. So you see, these multi-tasking Chinese herbs can provide optimal health from the inside out for your dog. The herbs' ability to support the Yang nature and distinctive traits of your canine athlete

can give him that extra edge needed to safely excel in his particular category of athletic performance. And that should make you both happy!

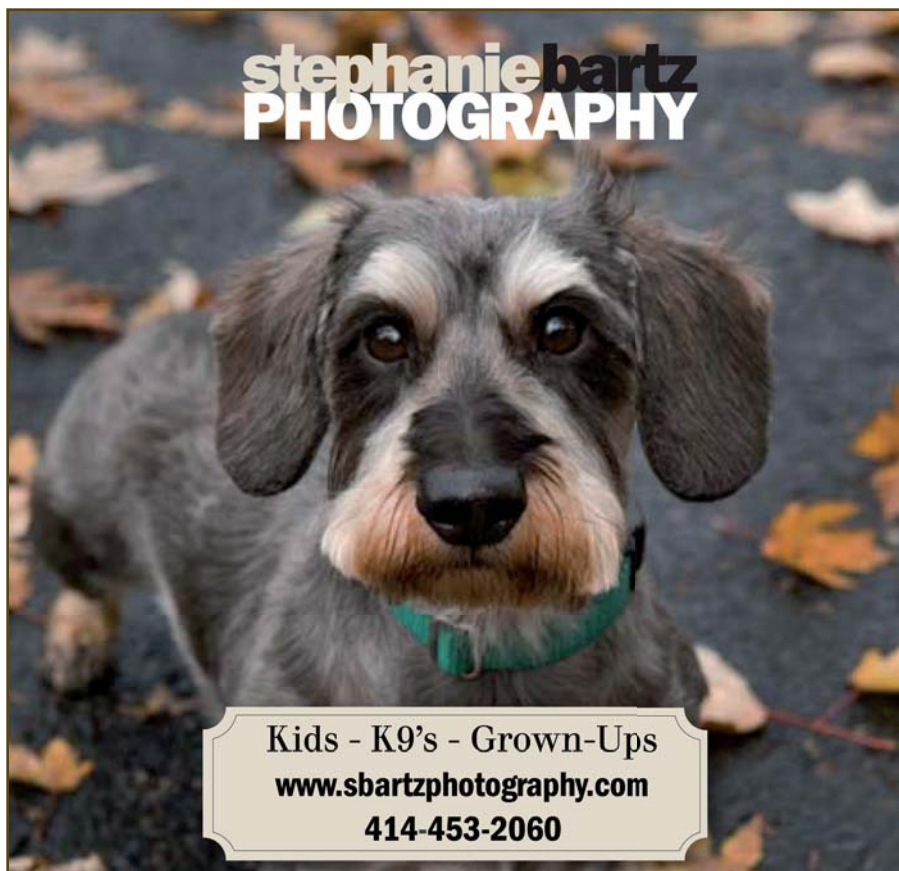
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**Cold weather maintenance** includes removing ice, salt, snow, and mud from your dog's coat and feet as soon as possible. If the skin looks reddish, white or grey or is scaly or peeling in cold weather it could be a sign of frostbite, and you should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

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## New 2010 Series

# FIRST AID FOR PETS<sup>SM</sup>

Veterinarian-approved • Life-saving

**The original 3-hour class that  
presents care and treatment for  
46 common medical emergencies**

**Rated "excellent" by 98%  
of past attendees!**

**Handsome certificate awarded  
upon completion**

*"One of the best investments I've made..."*

*"I used what I learned and  
saved my dog's life..."*

*"Great instructor..."*

*"My vet recommended the class..."*

*"Fantastic class..."*



### Some of the class subjects....

3 steps to control major bleeding  
Assemble a first aid kit to handle emergencies  
Identify & treat life-threatening conditions  
Treat shock before it becomes fatal  
Learn CPR and rescue breathing

Critical care for diabetic emergencies  
Understanding and treating seizures  
Dangers of communicable diseases  
Steps to avoid in treating burns  
Saving your pet from poisoning

## CLASSES HOSTED BY HAWS IN WAUKESHA

(all classes 1pm to 4pm)

February 20

May 22

August 21

November 6

March 27

June 12

September 25

December 11

April 17

July 24

October 23

## CLASSES FILL UP FAST. REGISTER TODAY!

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CALL 262/879-0165

Unable to attend? Purchase a 125 page course manual.

Call for information about classes in Madison and Manitowoc or to schedule a special class for your group