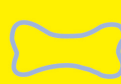


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Learn about Cocker Spaniels and a whole lot of other fun things in this Spring Issue of Fetch Magazine.

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## Editor's Letter

Dear Fetch Readers,

Welcome to our Spring issue! Ahh, Spring...I love the warmer weather, the birds singing during the morning dog walk and the extra light for the evening dog walk. My dog Louie loves Spring because of all the interesting smells that he discovers on our walks.

This issue has lots of informative, interesting and/or fun articles. One of my favorites is in the *Yip! The Voice of Young Dog Lovers* feature. Read the article to get an 8 year old's perspective on her dog walking job. One of the stories that brings tears to my eyes each time that I read it is the story of Pixie, a puppy mill dog. It is a good reminder that not every dog lives the pampered life that our dogs do. On a lighter note, check out your neighbors' stories about their dirty dogs in Backyard Quotables.

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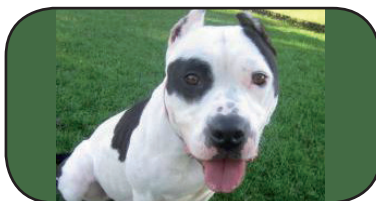


# Humane Society Adoptables



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Katie a 2-year-old, female Pit Bull mix doing very well in foster care. My tail never stops wagging, and I always have a smile on my face. I am learning potty training, crate training, leash-walking skills and appropriate doggy manners. I'm a smart girl and eager to please. I would make an excellent exercise partner - action is my middle name! I think everything is fun, interesting, and needs to be played with-especially you! I have such a sweet personality and will shower you with kisses.



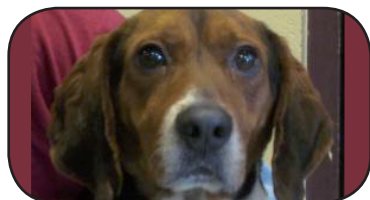
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Dulcina is a beautiful American Pit Bull Terrier looking for her forever home! Her name means "sweet" for a reason! Dulcina is extremely affectionate and thinks she's a lap dog! She weighs 47 lbs, so she'll need a family with big laps! We believe she is about 2 years old, but since she was found stray we don't know her background. Dulcina smiles at everyone she meets!



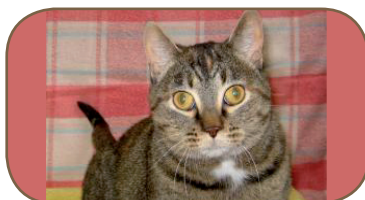
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Booker a very nice 2-year-old boy in a great little package! He was a bit on the shy side when he first arrived but now he is more confident, social and playful Booker loves walks and is very gentle. Beagles should be kept on leash. He would do well in a home with kids 6 years and older and a respectful canine friend or two.



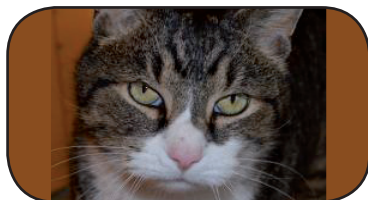
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My name is Selena, a young and loving kitty. Do you seek affection? I do! If you also like petting, purrs, and paws kneading your lap, I think we might have a LOT in common. I'm 1 year old, and am sure to come up and say "hi" as soon as you walk in the door. If you start petting me, I'll roll over on my back to show you how much I love you! I love, love, LOVE people! At Mounds Satellite Adoption Center



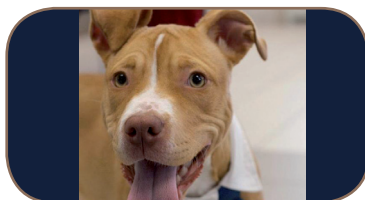
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Squirt is an adorable Pug mix going through treatment because he is Heartworm positive. This fun little 5-year-old likes other dogs and is friendly with cats. Squirt is a star pupil in "Monday Morning Manners Class". He really knows his stuff! Squirt is looking to bond with the right owner. He'll need an adults-only home because of some "touch sensitivity" but he is full of life and has lots of love to give. .



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Meet our friend Phoenix, a 6 year old male tabby. He likes attention, but also likes his solitude. He won't go looking for trouble, but he's not a scaredy-cat either. Phoenix will be a great companion! You can visit him at Petsmart in Greenfield. He would love to cuddle with you when you come to see him. He is waiting for you.



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Vivi is a 6-month-old, female Pit Bull mix and full of energy! Very smart and treat motivated. She knows some of her basic commands and is doing great with potty training. She is crated when her foster family isn't home, and she behaves wonderfully. Vivi loves to cuddle, watch TV and play with all kinds of toys! She gets along with other dogs and goes to doggy daycare.



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Jet is a super-handsome black Lab about 6 years old and full of life. He is learning basic skills & brushing-up on his manners. Jet's best-bet adoptive home would be one with kids over 12 years of age, and one where he is the only pet. A trainer will gladly go through all of Jet's needs to make sure his new home is ready for success!





# The New Guy on the Job: *Can I Bring My Dog to Work?*

If you own a dog, you know “the look”: those sorrowful eyes gazing up, pleading with you not to leave as you walk out the door for work. The guilt is enormous. While you are at work you plan your day to be home in time to take care of your pet. But what if you didn’t have to leave man’s best friend at home? How much more satisfied would you be as an employee if instead your dog could be at work with you? With the right fit and a little convincing, bringing your dog to work could be a winning solution for you, your canine and your employer.

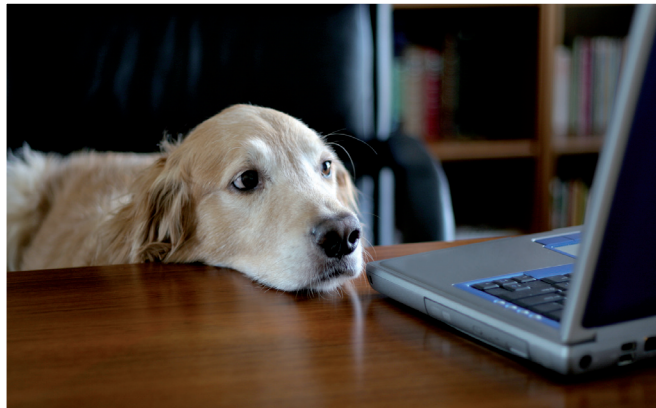
## **The Right Environment.**

Fifteen years ago I started my career in human resources with an established dot com owned and run by a dog lover. It was an everyday occurrence to see our CEO walk the hallways with his Yellow Lab mix, Jessie, trailing behind him. As the company expanded, so did our dog count. Murphy, a Golden Retriever owned by our general manager, began reporting for work when our operations expanded to another building. Our company was typical of those workplaces that allow dogs – entrepreneurial in an industry a bit off the beaten corporate path. And although we had 200 employees, we were not a comparatively large organization. However, as employers have begun to recognize the benefits of dogs in the workplace, larger and more recognizable corporations like Proctor & Gamble, Amazon and Google have established themselves as being ‘dog friendly’.

**Sales Job.** So let’s say that your

job is the type that would lend itself to having your four-legged BFF there with you during the workday. What are some of the chief selling points that you can use to persuade your employer? There are more than you might think.

**Increased productivity.** With their pet there with them, employees no longer need to race home and take care of Fido and so are more inclined to stay late and put in those extra hours.



**Employee engagement.** Whether it is your dog or someone else’s, just having a dog present makes people happier and reduces stress levels. Studies have shown time and again that the simple act of petting a dog lowers blood pressure levels. Where I worked, it was common to see one of our technical support people head out the door with a Kong in hand and Murphy prancing along behind. A few Kong tosses after a frustrating call, and both retriever and human came back revitalized.

**Public relations - people remember the dog.** It never ceased to amaze me how many people no-

ticed Murphy. They could have met me ten times and Murphy once, and I guarantee you it was Murphy’s name they would remember. Having dogs in our workplace gave us a public relations edge. Simply stated, people remembered us for having dogs in the workplace. Whether stopping by with their children to pet Murphy or Christmas visits by salesmen with gifts of cheese popcorn for the humans and rawhides for the dogs, our company stood out in people’s minds.

**Recruitment edge.** Working in human resources, hiring was part of my job. From a recruiting standpoint, I can say without hesitation that we were able to attract talent on the basis of being dog friendly. At the end of the day, most job offers are competitive in salary and benefits, so the small details are what tip the scales. The opportunity to bring your dog to work, or even to be in an environment where dogs are allowed, can make all the difference.

**Creativity.** Even though it may be harder to quantify, working for an employer that is open-minded and embraces a dog friendly culture lends itself to creativity. You can’t help but understand just by looking around you that you are part of an organization that moves beyond conventional thought.

**Intangibles.** In the same way it takes a village to raise a child, employees bond while watching out for each other’s dogs. For us, some-

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times it was as simple as keeping tabs on the dog's whereabouts. Other times, if their owners were going to be out of town, Jessie or Murphy went home with a co-worker instead. But what that behavior fostered at work was a mutual trust and willingness to look out for each other. Because you knew your co-worker functioned as part of a group to care for a living creature, you trusted your co-worker to look out for you. Companies go to great effort and expense to foster that type of unity and goodwill among their workforce.

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**Lisa Terry**

Lisa Terry lives in Milwaukee and works in human resources. When not at work, Lisa is typically shadowed by Manford T. Mannington III, a Norfolk Terrier.

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he would be a special needs puppy.

Mason was in the public eye in 2010 as an ambassador at The Labrador Connection booth at the Milwaukee Pet Expo. In his short life, Mason has had a laundry list of health issues. Soon after the expo he was diagnosed with major joint problems in his front legs and no ball joints in both rear hips. His medical issues continued with cataracts and a luxating lens that affected his eyesight.

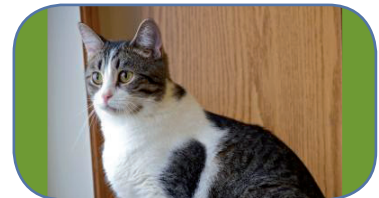
Nowadays, Mason is living the good life which includes hanging out with his family and ongoing treatments for his health issues. Mason has found his forever home with Karen and Don Novak. His family also includes the Novak's grandchildren: Taylor, Jacob, and Claire who love Mason unconditionally and play with him on a daily basis. Some of Mason's favorite things to do are going for car rides and camping. In summer, he swims daily in Tichigan Lake. And, in winter he has individual swim sessions once a week in a heated pool.

As for his medical treatments, Mason has a whole team who care for him. Dr. Chris Bessent gives Mason acupuncture and chiropractic treatments. Dr. Heather Kaese provides ophthalmic care for his sweet little eyes. Mason's routine

yearly exams are given at Muskego Animal Hospital under the care of Dr. Rhonda Waller.

Have you been keeping track of all the wonderful people who have helped Mason even before he reached his third birthday? These include the rescue, the doctors, his family and friends. And that is only the tip of the iceberg. So, the folks who know Mason say thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to make Mason an energetic, vibrant dog.

Dr. Bessent sums it up, "Mason has no idea he has a 'disability' and I'm sure he never will. He loves his life, his family and treats. Who needs more?"



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# Crazy for Cocker Spaniels!

In an age when excessive approval-seeking can get you a chair in a 12-step meeting, the Cocker Spaniel would be the first to give you a giant hug and admit they are powerless. They simply love to be loved. And, who could resist returning their affections? These cuddly, floppy-eared dogs are the perfect mix of canine companion and humble servant.

Introduced to the United States in the 1880's from Spain, the Cocker Spaniel got its name from the dog's striking ability to flush woodcock (wading birds) in the hunting field. Originally called the Cocking Spaniel, once the dog would find the bird, he would sit patiently and await his master's command to retrieve the bird. To this day, Cocker Spaniels love to be put to work in the field this way; however, they're just as thrilled to play a good round of fetch in the backyard.

First given breed status by the England Kennel Club in 1892, the English Cocker Spaniel has smaller eyes, a less stocky build and longer legs than its U.S. cousin, the American Cocker Spaniel. Because of these and other subtle but noticeable differences, the American Kennel Club (AKC) recognizes the two breeds separately. *Fetch Magazine* cover dogs Oliver and Carmen are both American Cocker Spaniels, although if you look closely you'll note that even these two playmates have distinguishing characteristics. Carmen (left) is of the field line of Cocker Spaniels. She has a shorter coat of fur and a better hunting instinct than Oliver (right) who was bred for show. One thing you'll find true of most Cockers, though, is

their cheerful nature and nonstop tail-wagging.

## YOU WANT FRIES WITH THAT SHAKE?

The Cocker's knack for making onlooker's giggle at their oftentimes rapidly wagging tail is the inspiration for the annual Wigglebutt Walk, hosted by three local res-

cue. As much as we are sure she would love to pair up a dog with anyone who asks, she makes sure the match is practically made from heaven. "We're quite sincere in our efforts to do all our homework. We have an online application process, ask for references and request detailed information on other humans and animals that live in the home." All applicants with other animals in the home must present current vaccinations, information as well as other health care information prior to adopting a Cocker Spaniel. But don't let the extra details keep you from finding the Cocker Spaniel of your dreams.

## A FAMILY MATTER

Like many other dogs, Cocker Spaniels are a joy to behold when surrounded by children of all ages. When properly trained they prove themselves a great family pet. Some Cockers, however, have been known to exhibit an aggressive reaction to other dogs or humans. It is important to keep an eye out for signs of nervousness or nipping as these issues can snowball into a less than pleasant experience for dog and owner alike. In most cases though, Cockers are the perfect family pet. They warm the hearts of their owners with their uncanny ability to "show up" wherever their master is. It is as if they can move at an almost paranormal speed, travelling from room to room in order to be under the feet of their owners. This breed is absolutely perfect for humans who can devote a lot of personal attention to their dogs.

Lots of folks ask if a Cocker Spaniel sheds that luxurious coat of fur.



*Photo courtesy of Lisa Terry*

cue groups. Each year Shorewood Cocker Rescue, Wisconsin Cocker Rescue and Illinois Cocker Rescue join forces to bring all dogs and their owners together for a fun-filled day of food, music, contests, silent auction, raffle and a lure course. The event enables these organizations to continue their mission of rescuing, rehabilitating and placing previously homeless Cocker Spaniels in permanent loving homes. This year the Wigglebutt Walk will be held Saturday, September 8th, 2012 at Brighton Dale Park in Kansasville, Wisconsin. Join dog lovers of all breeds for this important fundraiser.

Nancy Johnson puts her passion for the breed to good use by serving as the Adoption Coordinator for Wisconsin Cocker Spaniel Res-



The answer is yes....and no. Different Cockers have different coats. Potential owners looking for a hypoallergenic dog should not look to this breed. Those interested in possessing a dog with the same quirkiness of the Cocker but without the same shedding potential might wish to consider the Cockapoo (a mix of a Cocker Spaniel and a Poodle).

### LOVE FOR SALE

As any dog owner can attest to, the price of a Cocker Spaniel can go far beyond the cost of purchasing the actual puppy. Purebreds can cost anywhere from \$200 to \$500, and proper care and grooming of the lush coat of fur will undoubtedly take another bite out of your paycheck. Earmarking money for your Cocker Spaniel becomes more than a quaint metaphor when you consider that one of the most endearing features of a Cocker can cause him the most grief. Those trademark long and droopy ears can make for a perfect place in which bacteria can grow, causing chronic ear infections. Keeping your Cocker's ears cleaned regularly (a simple store-bought cleaning solution will do the trick)

and regular trimming can spare you and your dog from this common source of frustration. There are other ways to save a few pennies on the care of your Cocker's silky locks. As Samantha Anderson from Petco Grooming Salon in Waukesha explains, "Many of our Cocker Spaniel owners come in for just a quick brush-down. It's far less expensive (\$11- \$16) than a full-blown grooming session, and your dog enjoys all the benefits of a snarl-free coat."

The AKC has established four Cocker Spaniel colors: (1) black, (2) Any Solid Color Other than Black (ASCOB) which includes solid colors such as red, buff, chocolate and chocolate and tan, (3) Parti[al]-Color Variety (any two colors – one of which must be white), and (4) tan points. An ideal adult Cocker should be about 14 to 15 inches in height at the withers (the ridge between the shoulder blades). And among other things, display an expression that is "intelligent, alert, soft and appealing". But you don't need to go to a sophisticated dog show to find a Cocker Spaniel with such an attractive disposition. When it comes to pleasing their owners Cocker Spaniels score a perfect "10" every time.

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### Colleen Terry

Colleen Terry lives in Waukesha with her husband Paul. They are at the mercy of two very over-nourished Cocker Spaniels, Oliver J. and Carmen Rose. Colleen has been a member of the Fetch Magazine pack since the summer of 2010, and she's been wagging her tail ever since.





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# Around the *Water Bowl*

## COMMUNITY BARK IS BAY VIEW BOUND!

Community Bark Dog Wash & Coffee Bar has announced that it will be opening its second store this summer, in Milwaukee's Bay View neighborhood.

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

Community Bark Bay View will be one of the key retail tenants in the new Dwell Bay View building, a 70-unit apartment building currently under construction on the corner of South Kinnickinnic Avenue and Conway Avenue.

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

Community Bark Bay View will have a state-of-the-art bathing facility, with five step-in wash tubs and professional grooming dryers. The store is expected to employ up to twelve in Bay View and is planning to open in summer 2012. You can find more information at [www.communitybark.net](http://www.communitybark.net) or [www.facebook.com/communitybark](http://www.facebook.com/communitybark).

## K9 KEEPS BASE SAFE, SECURE

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** -- Even though she is in her golden years, one military working dog assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron is at the top of her game when it comes to keeping the base safe and secure. Meet Lindsey, a 9-year-old Belgian Malinois deployed from Moody Air Force Base, Ga. She can be found attached to the hip of her handler and best friend, Tech. Sgt. Steven Boleware, 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. Boleware is also deployed from Moody AFB, and is a native of Columbia, Miss.

So, what does Lindsey do at this particular undisclosed location in Southwest Asia? "Just like security forces Airmen, she is responsible for defending the base," Boleware said. "We search for drugs, explosives and anything that appears to be out of the ordinary." Together, Boleware and Lindsey start their day early in the morning. "I pick her up at the kennels and I take her to breakfast with me," he said. "Then we start our shift, which is usually well

before the sun comes up."

Boleware and Lindsey spend most of their day inspecting vehicles. "Searching vehicles is fun for Lindsey because she considers it a game," he said. "She knows if she finds something, she's going to get a huge reward." After spending a few hours searching vehicles, Boleware and Lindsey spend the rest of their day conducting random anti-terrorism inspections. "It's important that we show our presence around the base," he said. "It acts as a deterrent because a lot of people are afraid of dogs. So, if the 'bad guys' know dogs are always around, they may think twice before doing something harmful."

Lindsey is a great military working dog with a ton of experience, Boleware said. "This is Lindsey's third or fourth deployment so far," he said. "And, when she's not deployed, she's back at home training for her next deployment. She definitely knows what she is doing." Although Lindsey is older than most of her peers, most people wouldn't even know it, Boleware said. "When she's out-and-about, she has the energy level of a puppy," he said. "And, she loves to play -- especially if it involves a ball."

Boleware said Lindsey absolutely loves people. In fact, if she had it her way, she'd be friends with everyone on this base."

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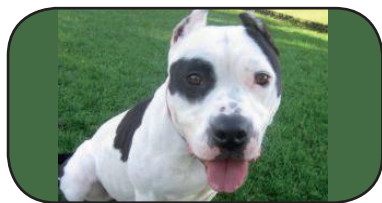
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## Picture Perfect! Dog Photo Tips

Our pets are precious family members and like with family, it is fun and essential to take photos of loved ones. Whether you capture those memories for picture frames or take snapshots to help homeless animals get adopted, these tips and tricks will help those photos turn out just right.

**You make it happen.** "I hear it time and again, 'Wow, you have a nice camera. It must take great pictures,'" Bob Prohaska of All Ears Pet Photography says. But he likens it to a compliment about great knives to a chef. It is not the knives making the food but rather the individual behind them. You are the most important factor in how a photo turns out. Even with the most basic tools, you can take beautiful photos.

**Ignore the flash.** "If I could only give one tip, this would be it," Bob says. Pets do not like the flash. To compensate, work with natural light, using the light from a big window or by simply going outside.

**Stay shaded.** Shade will evenly light your shots. Plus, your camera will adjust its settings easier. If you want to use the sun without adding its directional light, wait for...

**The Golden Hour.** For more flattering light, don't photograph outdoors at midday when the sun is high. This can create shadows and highlights in images. Opt for the photographer's trick, "The Golden Hour", is about one hour before the sun rises and one hour after it sets. "As the sun nears the horizon, its intensity changes and the quality of light improves. It's a little hard to describe just how your photos will look. But after photographing at these times, I guarantee you will see for yourself," says Bob.

**Hit the ground.** Take a creative approach to photograph your best friend. Get on his or her level instead of shooting from above. "I have crawled in the mud, waded through water and scooted on my stomach through the grass

to get up close and personal with my subjects," Bob says. A little bit of dirt is worth the result.

**Dogs rule.** Don't be set on a certain look for your photo since your pup may have other ideas. Be flexible, patient and work with what your dog wants to do. Remember that animals sense frustration and stress so go with the flow for better results.

**Always be prepared.** Animals are unpredictable. Keep that camera out for unexpected shots. Bob notes you will see those opportunities right when they are least expected. This experience has taught him to only stow that camera as he drives away from a shoot.

**Pre-focus that camera.** "How many times have your pets given you that award-winning smile only to move right before your camera takes the photo?" Bob asks. This is why pre-focusing, to get that faster shutter speed, is essential. Most cameras allow you to press the shutter halfway down. Hold the shutter like this and allow your camera to focus on your dog. "When you are ready to take the photo, just finish pressing the shutter button. Your camera should react much quicker."

**Print!** Don't let your masterpieces hide on your computer. Print them and cherish those spontaneous, precious, timeless moments. "I can't think of anything better to decorate those bare walls than photos of our beloved pets," Bob says.

These important tips will have you on your way to capturing great photos in no time. Practice. Remain flexible and patient, but always have fun. Your snapshots will be keepsakes today and well into the future.

**Jessica Pairrett**

Jessica Pairrett is a writer who has never known life without a dog. She and her husband, Paul, live in Waukesha with their two fluffy boys, Buddy and Lucky.

# Could Your Dog be a Show Dog?

You watched Westminster and were inspired by the glamour, excitement and the gorgeous dogs. You are wondering, could my dog do that? Could my dog be a show dog?

Dog showing is a lot of things. Yes, it is a lot like the movie “Best in Show” and yes, some of the people you’ll meet along the way may be petty, jealous, unsportsmanlike, unfriendly and sometimes just plain mean. On the other hand, you will also meet some really great people. If you stay positive, you and your dog will have a fantastic time. As one of my teachers, Bill Graham says, “When you go into the show ring, say to yourself ‘It’s a great day for a dog show!’”

In our area, several all-breed kennel clubs present American Kennel Club (AKC) conformation shows, including the Waukesha Kennel Club, Wisconsin Kennel Club, Cudahy Kennel Club, Greater Racine Kennel Club, Kenosha Kennel Club, Burlington Kennel Club and the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club. There are other shows throughout the state and of course many more out of state.

You can start showing your dog in AKC shows at the age of six months as there are three puppy classes in an event. Other classes include American Bred, Bred by Exhibitor, Amateur Owner/Handler, Open and Best of Breed. Bitches (female dogs) and male dogs show in separate classes and compete against others of their sex to become a “Winners Dog” and “Winners Bitch”. These two winners go back into the ring to compete for “Best in Breed” against already-finished champions called “Specials”. The “Best in Breed” winner then goes to “Group”. There are seven groups: Sporting, Hound,

Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding. The winners of these groups compete for “Best in Show”.

It is essential that you know your breed standard. This information can be found by visiting the AKC and UKC (United Kennel Club) web sites. The sites detail every attribute of your breed. Judges will be assessing your dog according to this ideal. It is helpful to keep a list of judges who like you and whom you like.



*Photo courtesy of Booth Photography*

AKC showing is the only sport in which amateurs and professionals compete against each other. Amateurs outnumber the pros. Whether you decide to pay a professional to handle your dog or choose to do it yourself, you will need to go to class. The Cudahy, Greater Racine and Waukesha Kennel Clubs offer reasonably priced classes. In addition to learning judges’ cues, choreography and how to “bait,” you’ll find out how your dog feels about performing. My Jasper loved it, but his brother Digby (the *Fetch* Summer Issue of 2010 cover boy) absolutely HATED it! You can also enter club matches where you can get some real show ring experience.

If you are going in the ring with your

dog, you should dress appropriately and wear shoes that you are able to run in. We dress well to show respect for the judge and to complement our dogs. You do not want to steal focus from your dog. You are a team and “the frame for his picture”.

When you arrive at the show site at least one hour prior to show time you will need your grooming tools as well as a grooming table, crate, water, ice, sun protection and chairs. It is a good idea to bring along your dog’s rabies certificate and some doggie mints to hide the scent of adrenaline from your dog!

If you show your dog, you’ll need a thick skin and perseverance. But if you take what people say to you with a grain of salt and keep your sense of humor, you’ll have fun. Part of that fun is in seeing familiar faces. Remember that it is important to be a gracious winner AND loser. Good sportsmanship is vital, even though exhibitors sometimes may forget this. Still through dog showing you will meet wonderful people who will become lifelong friends.

Finally, whether you win or lose, it really is a lot of fun to be in a dog show. I loved talking to observers who “oohed” and “aahed” over my Afghan Hound and who sometimes took his picture. Jasper and I both loved the hot dogs, the hamburgers, the car rides and the attention! Maybe you won’t get to Westminster, but if you decide to show you are sure to have quite an adventure!

## Pamela Stace

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



# ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY

We've all heard the horror stories and seen the disturbing headlines from time to time regarding vicious dog attacks. When it comes to dog bites, opinions and emotions always run high. Who is to blame? Is it a bad dog, a bad owner, or did the victim play a role in how the scene unfolded? And what happens when it's your dog that unexpectedly lashes out and bites? Do you know your rights, the laws or the punishment you and your dog will face? Unfortunately I discovered first hand what it's like to be on the other end of the leash of a dog biting incident.

This past summer after many discussions and careful consideration my husband and I decided it was time to adopt a new, younger Border Collie. Our other guy is getting up there in years and we thought the time was right to add some youthful energy into our home. After a couple months of searching we came across Neil, a two-year-old male available for adoption through Wisconsin Border Collie Rescue (WBCR). Since we also adopted our older guy, Dale, through WBCR, we were confident and excited to welcome Neil into our lives.

From the get-go Neil was playful, energetic and happy – everything we were looking for in a new dog. But, we soon discovered that he also had some undesirable traits that WBCR had warned us about – he liked to nip and cuff at those running near him (a pretty common Border Collie trait) and he was terrified of men. Most likely an abuse case, Neil wanted very little to do with my husband and he had an unpredictable habit of cuffing our five-year-old daughter when she least expected it. We knew Neil needed some time to ad-

just and learn right from wrong so we kept a close eye on him around our daughter. My husband worked on gaining his trust by feeding and walking him each day. By the end of the summer Neil was making great strides and settling right in with the family.

Then one unseasonably warm fall day in October, Neil and I were out on our daily walk, which consisted of the same 45-minute route we follow each day. As we reached the last leg of our walk, I noticed a woman and a teenage boy approaching us. Lost in my thoughts, or whatever song



was on my iPod at the time, I made a critical error of not crossing to the opposite side of the street. Since I had spent many years walking with our other dog, which is literally the happiest and friendliest dog in the world, I completely lost sight of the situation. As the two approached I made eye contact with the woman and smiled. Then suddenly out of nowhere, Neil turned, jumped and caught the bottom of the teenage boy's shirt – or so I thought.

The mother, understandably upset, stopped, turned to her son and lifted his shirt – and there was a nice deep-red scratch-mark from Neil's teeth. I was stunned. The woman's mood went from bad to worse as she read me the riot act

on the street for twenty minutes. Though I profusely apologized and tried to plead my and Neil's case, she wasn't having any of it. She insisted that it was necessary to call the police and seek medical attention for her son. The woman also insisted that such a vicious animal should not be allowed around children. I tried to explain that I was a parent myself. Neil definitely had some issues we were working on, but he was nowhere near vicious. Through the entire ordeal, Neil sat patiently at my feet never barking, never lunging and never appearing menacing.

After having my pride stripped bare, and giving the woman my phone number, I walked home in a daze. Since I had never been through a situation like this I was sure I was about to be sued for thousands of dollars and Neil would encounter an even worse fate.

Hours later, the police showed up at my door. The very friendly officer, who routinely sees me walk my dogs, informed me that under Wisconsin Statute 174.02, all dog owners are strictly liable for damages resulting from a bite or attack by the dog on another person, domestic animal or property. So with no chance to plead our case, Neil and I were found guilty on the spot. Since the woman reported the incident and took her son to the emergency room Neil was needed to have ten days of in-home quarantine, three bite-checks at our veterinary office and we were to pay all medical expenses incurred. Neil's sentence went into effect immediately.

The following day was Bite Check #1, which consisted of checking his

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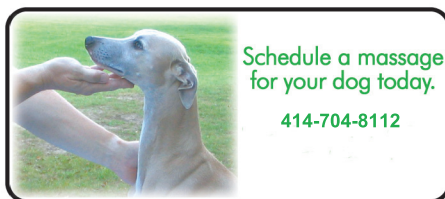
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pole on a merry-go-round horse.

Animals are very aware of their energetic bodies. They rely exclusively on that system to fuel their instincts. When an animal has been neglected, abandoned or abused, the energetic body is always in need of repair. They have lost the ability to use their instincts in a normal way and may be reacting to different experiences in unhealthy manners such as with fear and anxiety.

When the energetic body is working smoothly, there is a very physiological impact of improvement to the immune system. The energy work initiates body relaxation, causing the release of endorphins. The endorphins relax the muscles even more, increasing circulation and elevating the oxygen levels in the body. The elevated oxygen levels

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In 1996, Carol Komitor, a Healing Touch (for humans) Instructor with 13 years of veterinary technician experience created an energy medicine system called “Healing Touch for Animals”. As her knowledge grew, so did the depth of her training. It is currently an international certification program. Linda Ledbetter is the owner of Animal Connections and a fully certified Healing Touch for Animals practitioner. I have completed Level 2 of Healing Touch for Animals training so Linda assists me when I work on animals with issues beyond my scope of knowledge.

The purpose and objective of the work Linda and I do is to make sure the energy body of the animal we are working on is open and running smoothly. Opening that system allows an animal to heal quicker from traumas, abuse or neglect making behavioral training much easier and more effective.

The process begins with an assessment to determine what parts of the energetic body are open (meaning the energy is flowing through) or closed (no energy flow). It is imperative that the energy flow freely through all the Chakras and

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# When Your Best Friend Dies: The Cremation Option

When we sign on for life with a dog, we understand the odds are that we will outlive our devoted companion and ultimately suffer the loss of his or her presence in our lives. But, we sign on anyway. It isn't that we kid ourselves into thinking it won't happen. We know full well that it will. But, those precious eight, twelve or fifteen years together feel well worth the pain of our eventual loss.

Until it actually happens.

According to *Pet Loss, A Spiritual Guide*, by Julia Harris, we can and should have a plan for that inevitable day. But, emotionally we may never be truly ready. It helps to understand ahead of time that our grief may sometimes feel like insanity as we process through the five specific stages: denial, anger, guilt, depression and resolution, not necessarily in that order. According to Harris, "The grieving process can last anywhere from a couple of days or several weeks to many months." Drop any expectations you may have or hear from others about the length of your process.

Once grief begins, it is not the best

time to research your options and come up with a plan. It is hard to be clear-headed when your heart is broken. In the horrible moment your pet dies, you want to have his end-of-life decisions already in place. Will his body be buried or cremated? Where would you like to place his remains? Private or group cremation? Who will perform it? When the time comes for these decisions, it can be a welcome relief to have them pre-made and waiting in your dog's file.

Sonja and Ray Terry chose Paris Pet Crematory and a private cremation for their Kailey, their Yorkshire Terrier, when the time came unexpectedly. When they arrived at Paris Pet the day of her scheduled cremation, Mark asked if they wanted to see Kailey again. "I wasn't planning on seeing her again, but they freeze the animals so I chose to see her one more time," Sonja says. "We watched Mark lay her inside the equipment and take her out. So we know it was very definitely a private cremation. We know for a fact that we have her ashes.

Paris Pet's Viewing Room, where Sonja and Ray chose to sit while waiting

offers comfortable furniture, refreshments and a large window looking onto the cremation equipment. The length of time to complete a cremation depends on the animal's size, and for Kaley it took about an hour. Mark sat and visited with the Terry's while they waited. "The viewing room is seldom used," Mark says. "Most prefer not to view. I have a parlor area in the front where some people choose to wait, while others prefer to leave and come back another time for their pet's remains."

"Some folks are very interested and ask questions, like 'How hot does it get?'" He says many people believe that a pile of ash is all that remains after a cremation. This is not true. "Cremation temperature is such that it removes all moisture from the body," Mark explains. "The only things left are the bones and any implants they may have had. After the cremation is completed, the bones will still be there just like the pet was laid there."

The bones are very fragile as they've been under extreme heat. Fortunately, this makes them easier to fit into an urn. When people want to take their pet's remains home, they are placed in a poly bag, inside a velvet bag and then inside an urn. Mark is able to cremate the same or following day that the pet is brought in. "This means people get their pets back pretty quickly," he says. "I think this is important for their grieving process."

When Mark started his business he never imagined his customers would be thanking him. "I think I should be thanking them for paying me for what I do" he says. "But, they thank me many times; they send letters and cards, and they are very appreciative of what I've done for them. I never thought that would be the case."

**Jean Scherwenka**

Jean Scherwenka loves dogs, writing, and the opportunity to combine the two in her articles for Fetch Magazine, Dog Fancy, Natural Dog and Animal Wellness.



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# The (Canine) Doctor is In!

The peacefulness and feelings of unconditional love that come while snuggled with your favorite dog make the perfect elixir to cure the ailments of a stressful day. Contemporary writer Robert Brault posed the question: "Has anyone ever had a stroke or a heart attack while cozied up with a pet?" He answered himself, "I doubt it." You likely know what he's getting at. Blood pressure decreases, heart rate slows and bad moods turn around - thanks to some quality Fido-time.

Beyond the daily calming presence pets provide, news stories tell of feats of animal companions as amazing caretakers. Rabbits alert the household of fire and save human lives. Dogs run for help when their guardians are critically injured. In Rhode Island, "Oscar the Cat" famously predicts when nursing home residents have just a few hours left to live, and he sits with them until they pass. At St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, what began as a one man and one golden retriever pet-therapy program in 2004 has grown to 26 teams administering dog hugs.

It's not just feel-good, anecdotal stories that give pets their place in medical care. Scientists have been studying the real ways dogs function as diagnosticians. In the past decade, dogs have received praise as cancer detectors and foretellers of epileptic seizures. Their secret to being good doctors? Having a sense of smell that can be up to 10,000 times stronger than humans.

The phenomenon of dogs sniffing for cancer gained attention in 1989 when Hywel Williams and Andrew Pembroke wrote about a situation in *The Lancet* medical journal. A woman's dog acted obsessed with a spot on the woman's leg, even trying to bite it off. Eventually, she had the spot checked by her doctor. It was a cancerous mole, and fortunately the dog had detected it while it was easily treatable. Since that story broke, more people have come forward with similar examples of dogs identifying malignant skin lesions.

Recent studies have put dogs' noses to the test to see if they could also correctly detect bladder, ovarian, lung, breast and colorectal cancers. A 2010 finding from a study in Japan revealed that cancer does have a specific scent, and the chemical-compounds of cancer likely circulate throughout the body.



These compounds, called volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are present in a person's waste (both what is exhaled from the lungs in the breath and in the substances that come out the other end). Some VOCs you can smell emitting from things like paint, copy machines and new carpeting but there are many you cannot smell that dogs can.

To test a dog's ability to detect cancer, researchers prepare samples of either the breath or other waste of people with and without certain types of cancer. In the Japanese study, the dog was presented with one sample known to be from a person with cancer and four that were not cancerous. The dog was to cue to the malignant sample by sitting in front of it. The results showed the dog's "diagnosis" of colorectal cancer matched those of colonoscopy results 91% to 97% of the time, and the dog cued a false positive with only a 1% error rate. Another study tested canines' olfactory abilities

to detect ovarian cancer using similar methods. Findings showed an almost 100% rate of accuracy. Plus, dogs have been reliable at detecting cancer in its early stages which could lead to quicker treatment and better outcomes for human patients.

Subtle odor changes undetectable by human noses may also be how some dogs predict epileptic seizures. The science is not fully understood, says Arthur Taggart, Executive Director at the Epilepsy Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. What is known is that the dog senses something, but there hasn't been success in training just any dog to alert any person of an impending seizure. Rather, it is between a dog and human who have a close relationship that seizure prediction is most accurate. Says Taggart, "People want to know when the next (seizure) is coming. So far, a dog is the most reliable [way]."

Seizures occur when electrical impulses between neurons in the brain misfire. Some people have speculated that dogs pick up on that change in brain activity, but University of Florida physiology professor Roger Reep doubts this hypothesis. He has heard stories of dogs running across the house to alert someone of a seizure. Electric impulses don't travel through air. Smells do, and they can travel far enough to get the attention of a dog in another room. Taggart hopes future research will determine if the trigger-scent is a change in the person's typical pheromone output.

There is much more to learn about how dogs and other non-human animals sense, predict and accurately "diagnose" abnormal human conditions. While science investigates, give your pooch snuggles and enjoy the benefits of some good medicine.

## Amy A. Free

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# Pixie ~ The Story of One Puppy Mill Auction Dog

## A NEW MORNING

For dog number 0695885-001 the morning of March 11, 2009 was different than any she had known before. Her life until that time consisted of a small cage, food, water, a breeding mate and a litter of pups twice a year in a cold dark barn.

Glimpses of sunlight and new smells through an occasional open door did not provide much of a clue as to what the outside world was really like. On this morning the miller (one who owns or manages a puppy mill) came through "the door" with an empty cage and set it next to hers. The four-year-old female poodle had seen others placed in cages and go out that door. She remembered her previous litters leaving forever in a cage, too soon for her to finish her important behavioral teachings.

But this time she did not have any pups. The miller put her into the wire poultry cage and headed for the door. She looked back at the home and dogs she knew. The cold blast of air was her first taste of the outside world, even colder than her barn. She started shaking. Her eyes had trouble staying open due to the sun she had seldom seen and a sub-zero wind. She had just a glimpse of the "outside world" before she was loaded in the van with other cages and dogs. She clenched the wire floor as the van started its trip that

would take her to the Thorp Dog Auction. 0695885-001's journey was underway.

## THE RESCUERS, PROTESTORS AND DOGS

Even by Wisconsin standards that morning was frigid. The cold did not deter the hopes and emotions of rescuers and protestors who started their trips from all over Wisconsin. Their destination was the dog auction at Horst Stables, south of Thorp, Wisconsin. The day would produce a bevy of emotions... anger, shock, sadness, hope.

The dog is now known as #80, and now it is her turn. She is carried to the auction table and held up like some inanimate object at a household auction. Most dogs are not allowed to stand because their shaky legs from months or sometimes years of confinement in small cages would not bring as high a price. Some cannot stand at all. The bidding starts, and shortly thereafter the auctioneer points to someone in the crowd and yells, "Sold for \$400". Formerly a puppy mill captive, she has been purchased by a rescue and is now called PIXIE! She is given the chance to be what her maker meant her to be, a companion for life.

## PIXIE'S FINAL JOURNEY

Dogs in new surroundings can often

become panicked and sometimes flee. Pixie was no exception. When the chance presented itself she darted from her foster home and was reported lost on Thursday evening, March 18, 2009. Fliers with Pixie's picture were immediately printed and distributed throughout the area. Automatic calls were placed to 500 homes. Volunteers and neighbors continued the search for four days and nights. The Elmbrook Humane Society provided a cage trap which was set near an earlier "Pixie sighting". At dusk, on evening of Sunday, March 22, Pixie's body was found a few feet from a busy New Berlin walking path, only a block or two from her foster home. Her eyes were still open although her body was still. I happened to be in the area when I saw one of the fellow searchers walking towards the road with Pixie wrapped in her jacket. My immediate reaction was joy and celebration, but I could tell by the look in the rescuer's face that the news was bad. My stomach sank like it never had before and the tears could not be held back. Pixie was rushed to an emergency facility but the effort was in vain.

Pixie, #80, #0695885-001, who had won the lottery by not having to return to a puppy mill, left us for a journey to her final resting place.

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# Agility obstacle course fill-in

Agility is a fun and exciting sport you can do with your dog. Listed below are 10 pieces of equipment used on an agility course. Use the letters in the box to fill in the blanks of the agility equipment. Cross out the letters as you use them. You will use all the letters to complete the 10 words and can only use a letter once.



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# Pecking Order of Dogs

Do you live in a household that contains multiple dogs? If so, you have probably witnessed one or more of your cuddly canines displaying “pack mentality”: one dog trying to express dominance over the others. Singular dog owners might also witness it. However, instead of displaying dominance over another dog, the dog attempts to prove dominance over the owner. Pack mentality in the dog world is identical to that of a wolf pack. In the standard dog pack, various ranks exist that determine who ranks “top dog” and who sits lowest on the totem pole.

The first rank of the dog pack is the alpha. The alpha dog is a natural-born leader who does not need to prove his or her rank to any other dog in the pack. Alice Applin, experienced instructor of competition-level and basic obedience training at Greater Racine Kennel Club, defines an alpha dog as “a leader by nature. It has no doubt that it is the best and most important and has complete confidence in its status.” The incredible confidence held by alpha dogs deters their need to

have to fight for their position, Applin says. They do not need petty fights to show they are on top. True alpha dogs carry an air about them that shows the rest of the pack that they are in charge.

The second rank of the dog pack is the beta and conveys confidence but clearly not as much as the alpha. Beta dogs are typically more aggressive and tend to display signs of dominance over other members of the pack. In a wolf pack, they are second in command to the alpha. In a human household however, the beta dog has the tendency to fight for alpha status.

The final rank of the dog pack is the omega. The omega is viewed by the rest of the pack as the weakest link. Omega dogs lack the confidence necessary to excel to the higher rank of alpha. They can be very shy and typically try to avoid confrontation but are often harassed and picked on by dogs of higher rank.

Pack mentality can be common



in any household and should not be tolerated for any reason. Dogs of all breeds are capable of showing signs of aggression and dominance often seen in wolf packs. Some warning signs to look for are biting, baring teeth, growling, being “pushy” around other dogs and owners, marking territory and mounting.

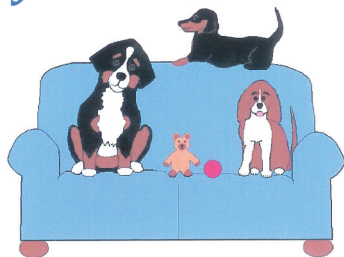
According to Applin, dog owners whose dogs are displaying signs of aggression or dominance should undergo a “nothing in life is free” obedience approach. This kind of approach implements basic commands such as “sit” and “lay” and asks the dog to perform these commands for everyday tasks such as eating or going outside.

“A solid regimen of routines will confirm with the dog that a human is higher in the pack order,” she said. “If the dog is showing aggressive tendencies, services from a quality private instructor or behaviorist are in order. This can be a serious relationship problem if not handled properly and can be an enjoyable one with the right approach.”

Chas Rooney, lead obedience trainer of Dog’s Best Friend Premier Dog Training in West Allis, stated proper dog training should eliminate the presence of pack mentality altogether.

“In an instinctive dog pack, the order of hierarchy is determined by aggression and violence,” he said. “The alpha dogs are willing to let

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their own children starve if there is not a sufficient food source to feed the entire pack. This is not how we, as humans, should conduct ourselves and therefore we should not allow ourselves to fall into the trap of viewing or allowing our canine companions to resort to this instinctive behavior. We need to understand the instincts, but proper training dictates that we should not allow these instincts to nurture or grow."

### Brenda Rynders

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Editors Note: In recent years, the alpha dog concept has been discussed as possibly not being as prominent as once believed. There are many different viewpoints on so many things related to our dogs. Everyone is allowed to have their own perspective. Respect for everyone's viewpoint is expected and encouraged.

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### Dog Manners Class

March 1st, 7:45 - 8:35 pm

March 10th, 10:30 - 11:20 am

March 12th, 6:30 - 7:20 pm

March 23rd, 7:45 - 8:35 pm

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### Animal Communication

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March 3rd, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

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### Canine Massage by Doug Arthur

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March 4th

April 1st

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March 12th, 7:45 - 8:35 pm

March 23rd, 6:30 - 7:45 pm

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### Pet First Aid Class

1:00 – 4:00 pm

March 10th & 31st

April 14th & 28th

May 19th

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### Workshop - Good Old Dog

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### Dog Training - Clicks and Tricks

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### Dog Training Class - Life Skills for Puppies

April 4th, 5:30 pm

April 14th, 10:30 am

April 17th, 9:00 am

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April 3rd, 6:00pm and 7:30 pm

April 4th, 7:00 pm

April 5th, 7:30 pm

April 14th, 9:00 am

April 15th, 1:00 pm

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### Doggy Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st, 10:00 - Noon

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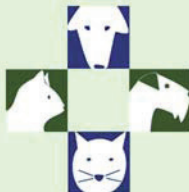
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# My Dog Walking Summer

I love animals- especially dogs! This past summer, I wanted do something different, something important and something big! I decided that it would be great to start up my own dog walking service. I already had one customer, my dog Ernie. Ernie is the same age as me, 8 and a half, only he is twice as big as me. He is a chocolate lab who loves to take walks. It is my job to feed Ernie every day. I would like to walk Ernie by myself, but he is too big and would drag me along so my mom helps with him. Since I already had experience with dogs and loved to be around them, what better way to earn some money and have fun but to start my very own dog walking business?

## ROCKY:

Rocky is a cute, little white dog who lives next door. He is so cute and is always happy to see me coming. As soon as he sees me walking towards his house with my leash, he starts barking and jumping up and down. When Ginny, his owner, opens the door he jumps up on my leg wanting me to pet him. I attach the leash to his collar and off we go! Rocky jumps up as we walk because he is so excited to see me! I learned that it is very important to take some time with Rocky. I usually bend down to scratch his head and talk to him for a while. I look Rocky in the eyes, and it feels like he is really listening to me! I just love him! Our next stop is to another neighbor's house to pick up my next two customers.

the biggest personality. She looks sweet, but looks can be deceiving! Molly does not like to be petted and will nip at you if she does not recognize you or if she just doesn't feel like being petted. When we are walking, people always want to pet her. But I need to be sure to tell them that she will nip at them if they try, and I suggest they pet one of the other dogs instead. Molly



*Morgan and Ernie*

likes to be first in front of all the other dogs on the walk, usually competing with Ernie for the lead position.

## ACE:

Ace lives in the same house as Molly. Ace is a big Boxer with a big heart to match. He is so sweet and adorable, too! Ace always starts out strong, keeping up with the rest of the pack but runs out of

steam quickly. He slows down and breathes loud and hard. Sometimes he makes this snorting sound that is really funny. For the rest of the walk it takes a lot of encouraging to help him keep up. He has this little nub of a tail that wiggles when he is excited or happy. Ace is my mom's favorite except for all the drool.

## ERNIE:

Well, you already heard some things about my dog: the best dog in the world! Ernie loves walks, food and people! He will greet anyone he sees with a sloppy kiss and a big wagging tail. Some people are afraid of him because he is so big. They soon can see he is just a big teddy bear of a dog who only wants love.

On almost every day of the summer you could see us, all of us, walking our usual route. I usually had two of the dogs, and my mom had the other two dogs. My sister Natalie also came on the dog walks either walking or riding her bike. We looked like a dog parade walking down the street. All the dogs really got along well. They looked like they really enjoyed each other like they were friends.

My summer of dog walking was

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## 34 MOLLY:

Molly is FEISTY to say the least! She is the only girl dog in the group. She is the smallest, but she has



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# A LABOR OF LOVE: DRIVING DOGS

I have been a volunteer at Milwaukee Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) for over two years, and I LOVE walking shelter dogs. To me, pure joy looks like this: leash 'em up, grab a poop bag and hurry out the door for an olfactory experience and a raised heartbeat. I did not think I could find anything else that seeped down into my soul like that until I became involved with BRATS (Badger Rescue Animal Transport Services).

BRATS is an all-volunteer organization that transports adoptable animals from shelters to places like a rescue or humane society in Wisconsin. Since 2008, BRATS has transported over 5,300 animals and has been a loyal ally to shelters and rescues in Wisconsin. An animal that might have been euthanized at a full shelter can have a second chance in another facility, and the organization that takes the dog can continuously have animals available for adoption. One breed of dog may not be easy to adopt out in one part of Wisconsin, but another area may have a shortage of that breed.

Here is what a typical transport could look like. It's 10:00 a.m. on a Wednesday, and I just received an email from BRATS about a MADACC dog needing a ride to a rescue in Madison. Because I am a volunteer at MADACC, I know the dog that needs a ride, and I want to shout, "WAHOO!" Instead, I quietly offer my availability to the coordinator. Yes, I already have plans after work, but they get rescheduled. I hope I can make it up to my husband after we retire; that is, if we don't start that rescue I have been musing over with friends. This time it's a "Pittie" (Pit Bull), my favorite

kind of dog, and I will jump over fire to help them not become a euthanasia statistic. I've got a variety of crates in my car. Yeah, I'm on it!

It's 5:00 p.m. that same day, and I'm exhausted from working all day in Milwaukee and just want to go back home to Madison, but there is that fire in my belly that pushes me on. I have an owner-surrendered Pit Bull for a passenger on this journey. That gives my commute a whole different meaning. It is about a 90-minute drive to where I will hand off my precious cargo to the waiting rescue. That is a brief trip compared to the four or five hours some BRATS drivers spend transporting dogs.



At MADACC, staff is thrilled to out-process the dog. Volunteers see one of their favorite pitties leave the building on four legs, something few Pit Bulls get to do when they end up in a shelter. They help me load him into my car. Loading and unloading vehicles are times of high risk when dogs can get loose and bolt, but we have made sure the collar and leash are secure. The passenger requires some coaxing to hop in. My car is no doubt a mélange of smells from all the other dogs, cats, bunnies, birds, mice and guinea pig scents that have occupied it. After he enters the crate and the door is closed, I turn it around so I can see him in the rear view mirror. From the driver's seat, I take a look at who is on today's

manifest and just want to burst with joy because I'm driving a dog!

Traffic going west on I-94 is always slow, but I am brimming over with excitement to play a small role in a dog's second chance so the stop and go is inconsequential. It is the receiving rescue who is tasked with the harder part of extended care for the dog until it gets adopted. Sometimes, I announce the trip to my passengers with something like, "Welcome aboard the MAD to Mad Express (MADACC to Madison). Next stop—a second chance at a new, love-filled life." There are times when ear plugs are necessary from barking and whining, but the noise typically doesn't last very long. Most dogs relax and catch a snooze. Stomach contents frequently end up sharing crate space with the animals. At times it smells like the end of a long winter in a dog-owner's back yard. As long as these dogs are safe, however, nothing can offend my senses.

If you've thought that volunteering in a shelter isn't a good fit for you, but you want to do something unique to help homeless animals, you can join in the fun of driving dogs (and cats and other adoptables) by getting in touch with BRATS through their website [www.bratstransport.org](http://www.bratstransport.org). Start practicing this phrase, "I can't believe they let me do this!" You'll quickly see what I mean when you do your first transport, and you will be addicted to driving dogs.

## Paula B. Maciolek

Paula B. Maciolek is a volunteer at MADACC, Rock County Humane Society and BRATS. She lives in Madison with her husband, Tim, and their three 4-legged kids: Valkyrie, Jerry and Horatio.



# Backyard Quotables

*Fetch Magazine* loves listening to our readers chat about their canine companions. So don't be surprised if we admire your pooch, pull you aside and ask a question or two. This season, we asked Fetch readers to respond to the following question:

*With the spring weather, how dirty will your dog get?*

"He can't even drink water out of the bowl without getting dirty!"

Jeannette and Bobby Bahr  
Milwaukee, WI

"Right after a bath, Chance finds a certain smell outside and just rolls around in it."

Kathy Sahr and Carrie Sahr  
Greenfield, WI

"She was at the dog park one day and all the other dogs tackled her into a giant puddle. She is a white dog."

Katie Bohl, Saukville, WI

"One Christmas day at the dog park, our black and white Border Collie came home completely black. You would've thought she was a different dog."

Rebecca Parent, West Bend, WI

"Here's what the scene looks like. Our dog is completely covered in mud, chasing squirrels, outside playing."

Steve Corona, Milwaukee, WI

"When Mickey is running, somehow he'll find some feces, which he will rub himself into. I do not get it."

Zovi Family  
Menomonee Falls, WI

"She dug a 3-foot hole in the ground one time. That's one of the reasons we got hardwood floors."

Jones Family, West Allis, WI

"I told my dog 'DO NOT JUMP IN THAT PUDDLE!' and he did it anyway. Then he shook himself all over the place. I could NOT believe it."

Katrina Campbell, Milwaukee, WI

"My daughter brought her Chow out to the farm for a week while she was going to be gone. First thing the very hairy Chow did was to run out behind the barn and roll in very fresh cow manure. That was one fun bath to perform."

Nancy Johnson, Mequon, WI

Are you a Fetch Facebook fan yet? Do you follow us on Twitter? If so, you're one lucky dog! Fetch sometimes uses our Facebook and Twitter fans to create our Backyard Quotables!

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puppy mill Pixie cost her life. Pixie died only an arm's length from a busy walking path used by many local dog walkers. All Pixie needed to do was say "hi" (in a socialized doggie-way) and she would have immediately been ushered to safety. Instead, Pixie's lack of understanding about friendly hands, soft voices and love prevented her from being rescued.

Mary, Pixie's auction rescuer put it best: "She will never be forgotten, and although only with us for a very short period of time, she was loved. Those blackberry eyes will remain forever embedded in our hearts".

Amen to that.

### A LESSON FROM PIXIE

The message left for us in Pixie's story is that of the emotional damage puppy mills imprint on their captives. It is a triple jeopardy scenario for the puppy mill populations. 1) Dogs that stay there never get socialized, and for that reason are difficult to "save". 2) The pups that are born there leave their mothers at too young an age, miss their Moms' finishing school lessons and in turn become behavior problems for their adopters. And, of course: 3) Dogs experience inhumane living conditions at the puppy mill. Wisconsin needs to have laws in place to monitor and control this industry.

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## ONCE BITTEN

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vitals and making sure he wasn't rabid. Bite Check #2, one week later, consisted of the same protocol. And Bite Check #3 on the final day of his in-home incarceration was the same. Two different veterinarians determined he was not rabid nor a danger to society and he was soon released to once again enjoy his daily walks. As for the medical bills, our homeowners insurance covered those costs.

In essence, though the ordeal was certainly unnerving, the end result was less damaging than we initially thought. I should state, however, that if Neil did not have proof of rabies vaccination or a license, the punishment would have been more severe, resulting in veterinary clinic quarantine and a sizable fine for no license. In addition, if the woman had decided to take me to court and been able to prove that I had prior knowledge of Neil causing harm the penalties could have doubled.

As a result of the situation I've come to learn two things: even if you trust your dog, be wary of strangers and always keep an eye on your dog when walking. Though several months have passed, the situation is still at the forefront of my mind whenever I walk my dogs. And though we continue to walk the exact same route on a daily basis, I've yet to encounter that woman or her son since that day.

**Jamie Klinger-Krebs**

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## YIP!

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great! I earned \$1 per walk per dog. I earned enough so I could buy a saddle to spend time with another animal that I love, Sydney the horse. I learned about responsibility. I set a goal and was able to achieve it. Most of all, I made three new friends....Rocky, Molly and Ace.

**Morgan Schmeichel**

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## ENERGY

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the Hara line. Next, we apply the technique we feel is most appropriate by lightly touching the body, allowing energy to flow through us to the animal in certain patterns or directions that open whatever is closed. There are over 20 techniques to choose from. If touch causes stress, we can work "hands off". This work can also be done from a distance. We don't need to be in the same location as the animal.

I worked with a Rat Terrier that a client had owned for several years. She had come from an abusive situation and would bark incessantly when people came in the house. The owner had tried many different training techniques to no avail. The terrier would bark and bark as visitors walked through the house and yet she wouldn't approach anyone. Linda worked with me and opened her Hara line first. Once that line of energy was flowing smoothly, I

used other techniques to open the rest of her energetic body. After four sessions she would still bark when people came in the door, she is a rat terrier after all, but the owner could use the training techniques to quiet her. The terrier began to approach visitors allowing them to pet her.

When an animal's energetic system is working properly, they begin to respond more normally to affection, socialization, and training. The changes Linda and I witness regularly in animals we work on inspire us to continue our work. These techniques allow the animals to once again use their natural instincts to guide them and bring them into balance. One thing we know for sure: an energetically balanced pet is a happy, healthy pet!

### Cindi Schickert

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