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## Editor's Letter

Dear Fetch Readers:

If you have read the book "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert, you will be familiar with the concept of trying to identify one word that is yours. My word is "Learn". I believe life is about always learning, about trying something new, about finding out something new about yourself (or others) and having new experiences.

I am always thrilled when Fetch teaches me something new. In this issue, I learned about a dog activity that I had never heard about before. It is called Treibball and involves dogs "herding" large exercise balls. Finally, a good use for that exercise ball I have sitting in the corner! And, I learned about a breed that I was unfamiliar with - the Kuvasz. I also learned about other folks through the articles people wrote and the stories they told.

So, I ask that in whatever you do this week, this day, this minute, that you look for the opportunity to learn. Learn what makes other people tick. Learn what makes your dog happy. Learn what makes you happy.

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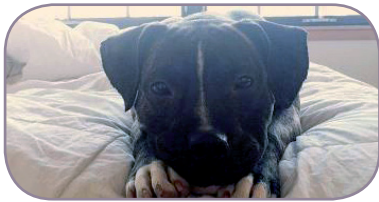
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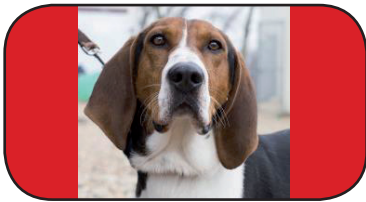
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This beautiful fawn and white lady is Ambrosia! Ambrosia is a sweet and energetic American Pit Bull Terrier looking for her forever home! We believe she is only about one year old, but since she was found as a stray we don't know her background. She definitely still acts like a puppy so she'll need an active and patient family ready to train her! She is very smart and eager to please you! She weighs 58 lbs.



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Drake is a fun-loving dog with a heart-melting face; he loves playing with his stuffed animals, going for walks, jogs, and definitely loves meeting new people and dogs and being spoiled with lots of pets and kisses. He LOVES going on car rides, especially if he can sit in the passenger seat.



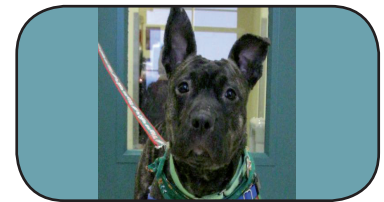
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**Ozaukee HS 262-377-7580**  
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Little Bit is ready to give a whole lot of love to his new family! Little Bit is a 3-year-old male Australian Cattle Dog mix who is just as handsome as they come. This outgoing boy is always ready to go on plenty of adventures with you! Little Bit is already microchipped, vaccinated and neutered. Let Little Bit bring out the inner pup in you, and come visit with him today!



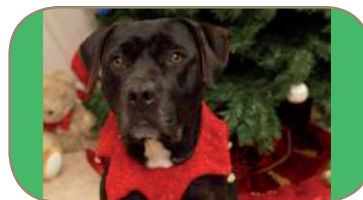
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This super-sweet 10-month-old came as a stray. She really likes people & wants to be a good girl so training classes are a must. Bunny may need to be an only pet, at least until she has gone through some training. Kids in the family? Older children could probably handle her strength, but no toddlers. Bunny is a beautiful girl who just needs someone to give her a chance.



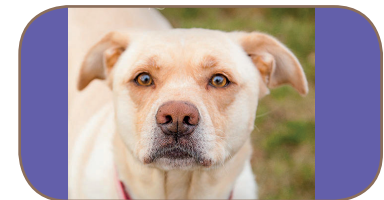
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# Let's Play Ball!

Treibball is an interesting and fun team sport (or game) that originated in Germany in approximately 2006. Dutch dog trainer Jan Nijboer noted the Australian Cattle Dogs he was training appeared to have excess energy after their herding lessons. He began training them to push their water trough dishes around the field, and he wondered if they could be taught to do the same using large fitness balls. He soon began to incorporate the practice of working different size balls into his herding training for clients. This game caught on in Germany and spread east.

The Treibball craze spread to the United States by 2009, and in August of 2010 the American Treibball Association (ATA) was formed. The ATA is the only non-profit, member organization in the United States devoted to the development of Treibball as a positive communication sport.

Treibball is literally the sport of driving balls. It allows herding dogs without access to stock the opportunity to work (and have fun) but is open to and enjoyable for all breeds (and mixes thereof) of dogs. Treibball requires excellent communication skills between dog and handler and is the ultimate in team sports.

Each team is allowed up to 10 minutes to move 8 exercise style balls across a field into a designated goal. If 10 minutes has been reached, the timekeeper ends the game regardless of the number of balls remaining on the field.



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Before the game officially begins, the team enters the field of play and the dog is set out at the start line, while the handler goes to the designated goal area to await the timekeeper's signal to begin play. Upon the signal from the timekeeper, the handler sends the dog out and behind the peak of the set out balls and begins to cue the dog to bring the balls into the goal. Once all 8 balls are in the goal the dog lies down to signify the end of game play.

The dog can move the ball by using his nose, either side of his muzzle, his shoulder, chest or the backs of his front legs. The dog may use an open mouth to guide or direct the ball, but may not bite the ball.

The game play is as follows. The dog and handler team compete against the clock for each run. Scoring is comprised of additions and subtractions to/from the dog's score which is the total time allowed. Scored as bonuses (additions) or demerits (subtractions), each goal is worth 15 seconds, added to or subtracted from the dog's final run time.

The handler places the dog at the start position (10 o'clock) and moves to the handler's space at the designated goal area. The handler must keep hands at her side until signaling the timekeeper she is ready to start the run.

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Official time begins when the time-keeper signals. The handler then sends her dog out from the start position to behind the peak ball of the set-out. The dog then begins to move the peak ball toward the handler and the goal.

The handler is allowed to move about within the designated area (the four foot area left, right and center of the physical goal) to help direct the dog but may not move further onto the field.

The handler may have a herding stick or pole (but is not required to do so) of no more than six feet in length. This will be used to direct the ball into the physical goal once the dog has brought it into the designated four foot goal area. It is not to be used as an extension of the handler's arm to drive the ball into the goal. If a ball bounces out of the physical goal, but remains within the four foot goal area, the handler may use the target stick to bring it back into the goal. If the ball bounces out of the four foot designated goal area, the dog must bring it back.

Next time you're looking for a fun way to exercise your dog, try Treib-ball!

**Renea Dahms**

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# The Kuvasz: Gentle Protector



Which working breed is known for its striking appearance, assertiveness, loyalty and protective nature? The Kuvasz of course! Originating in Hungary, the Kuvasz was used as a guard dog to protect families and livestock such as horses, sheep and cattle. Also known as the “Ku Assa” (Dog of the Horse), the Kuvasz held a royal rank in Hungary during the 1400s, serving as the protector of Matthias Corvinus, King of Hungary (1443-1490). However, during World War II, the Kuvasz became a target of invading forces and were driven to the brink of extinction. With less than 30 Kuvasz left after the war ended, a factory owner took initiative and sought the help of breeders across Hungary and Europe. Over time, the Kuvasz population was stabilized once again in Hungary. The Kuvasz made its first professional show appearance in 1883 and has been a contender ever since.

The Kuvasz has several distinct



characteristics, one of which being its size. The Kuvasz is classified as a large breed, with females weighing an average of 70-90 pounds and males averaging between 100-115 pounds. Although many peo-



ple view some large breed dogs as “slower-moving” breeds, the speed of the Kuvasz should not be taken lightly. This breed is regarded for its strength and speed as well as its keen intellect. The coat of the Kuvasz is a medium white, double coat with a soft undercoat and long outer coat. Maintaining a Kuvasz coat is simple and only requires weekly brushing, as their coat is naturally odorless and repels dirt and water. Out of all of its characteristics, the Kuvasz is probably known best for its role as the “protector.” They are extremely loyal to their owners and members of their households, including children and animals. The Kuvasz has an independent personality, is cautious around strangers and decides who is worthy enough to become an acquaintance.

Although the Kuvasz is viewed as a guard dog, their loyal nature has proven their capacity to be com-

passionate and gentle with children. However, necessary precautions should always be taken. While humans may regard the shrieks of a young child as innocent, a Kuvasz may view the sound as a threat.

Because of their protective nature, it is extremely important to begin socializing a Kuvasz at birth. New owners of the breed should be aware that a large majority of their time will need to be devoted to training and obedience. The Kuvasz is not a dog for casual owners or individuals with limited time to spare, but with the right owner and proper training, the Kuvasz can grow to become a loving and devoted companion.

Sandra Falatyk has been a Kuvasz owner since 1991. When witnessing a Westminster dog show, she became entranced by the breed’s beauty and carriage. After researching the breed, Falatyk traveled to California to purchase her first Kuvasz puppy. “Once I adapted to the training style needed and saw the wonderful personality that developed, I was hooked.”

Falatyk knows firsthand the potential of the Kuvasz to be a “gentle giant.” Her first Kuvasz, Sashi, displayed her gentleness to Falatyk during an out of town family trip: “We visited some friends out of state while we were traveling to a dog show. These friends had two small children, one of whom was a two-year-old girl. The little girl was acting up while we were there, and her mother took her by the arm and went to put her in a corner for a time out. Sashi was distressed by



the girl's crying and walked over to the two and very gently pushed herself in between the mother and daughter. The mother, not thinking about what she was doing [she was accustomed to large dogs], simply pushed Sashi out of the way. Sashi seemed to know she had created enough of a distraction to diffuse the situation and just stood back and watched until the mom went back to her chair. She then lay down on the floor near the little girl. Once the mom sat down she realized that Sashi could have reacted violently with her as she was in protective mode with the little girl, but Sashi knew enough to back off. We were both thankful and marveled at how gently she had made her point."

Both new and existing owners should be aware of how to maintain optimal health and well-being of their Kuvasz. According to Dr. Heidi Jahn of North Shore Animal Hospital in Racine, Wisconsin the large breed distinction of the Kuvasz puts them at special risk for hip and elbow dysplasia. The Kuvasz is also vulnerable to the condition known as progressive retinal atrophy, a non-reversible genetically-linked disease which weakens the retina, resulting in the development of slow blindness. Jahn stated nutrition and exercise are also vital in maintaining the well-being of the Kuvasz. "The best thing to extend the life and happiness of this breed is to keep the dog very active and prevent obesity," she said. "Being overweight will increase the risk of joint

disease. When they are puppies, a food made for 'large breed dogs' is very important. The amount of protein, calories, and minerals are balanced to help with the needs of the larger dogs."

According to the Kuvasz Club of America, there are not many stand-alone rescue groups for the Kuvasz in the U.S. However, several breeders across the U.S. participate in the independent rescue of the Kuvasz.

For a complete listing of AKC awarded breeders, please visit <http://www.kuvasz.com/> and find the Kuvasz for you!

### Brenda Rynders

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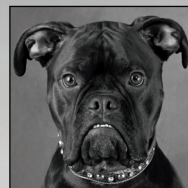
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Debra Lopez, President of Animal Fairy Charities and producer of Animal Advocate Television (AATV) has announced that AATV will partner with WISN 12 Milwaukee for Animal Advocate Television's 2013 – 2014 seasons.

Just three years ago Animal Advocate Television (AATV) came on the scene as a grassroots, public educational and awareness campaign produced by the local non - profit Animal Fairy Charities in effort to inform and educate the community on a variety of animal welfare issues here and abroad. The show's first season premiered on local Time Warner cable and eventually found a home on CBS affiliate WMLW for the past two years.

AATV launches their 2013 season on April 13, Saturday afternoons from 1:30 until 2:00pm on ABC affiliate WISN Channel 12 Milwaukee. "We're very excited about our new partnership with WISN," said Lopez. "WISN-TV has led the market in total viewership for seven consecutive years and is ranked among the top ABC stations

in the country. That said, this move is momentous for us as well as for the animals," Lopez added.

AATV's format includes informative and educational segments on the latest in health and wellness for your pets, food and nutrition, training tips, real life animal ER segments, animal welfare issues, a "Celebrity Corner" and more! The producers will also spotlight local animal shelters and rescues educating viewers on the importance of adopting and fostering while paying tribute to those who are in the trenches every day caring for our animals. From adopting your new pet, to finding a great veterinarian specialist, volunteering at a local shelter or providing temporary foster care for an animal; AATV provides valuable and time sensitive information. Pet boutiques and pet friendly restaurants will also be featured on the show.

Major sponsors for the program include (MECA) Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals, HAWS (The Humane Animal Welfare Society), Bark N Scratch Outpost and Fetch Magazine.

"It's no secret the general public's humanity and their love for animals is good for business," says Lopez. "Ani-

mals create emotion, and emotional marketing builds life-long attachment. Great kindness and honorable actions are important for branding and creating good will in today's society however, with all that said, it's crucial, that people understand what is happening regarding animal welfare issues in our community and in the country. Our main goal is to inspire them to get involved to make Wisconsin a better place for animals," added Lopez.

AATV is a public education and animal welfare awareness campaign produced by Animal Fairy Charities, Inc. Animal Fairy Charities is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 based animal welfare non-profit organization, that distributes funds in support of the missions of other animal non-profit organizations using a federated (i.e. United Way) method. In addition, Animal Fairy Charities educates and engages young children in compassion through the positive interaction with animals.

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Giving back to the community, that's what a company in Germantown is doing on a monthly basis. Each month, Airgas Safety holds an event for their employees and anytime they charge for it, they donate all the proceeds to a worthy cause. They have given to Feeding America. December was gingerbread houses for needy families. Several times they have given to Operation Home front and donated office furniture to the Boys and Girls Club for their new computer lab.

Recently, they wanted to do something a little different. The committee tossed around ideas and someone mentioned that animal shelters tend to get overwhelmed right after the holidays with pets that people decided were too difficult to care for or too expensive to keep. In mid-January, Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue was contacted by Amanda, one



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of the incentive committee members, to let us know that we (and our adorable adoptable dogs) had been chosen as their worthy cause. One of the employees, Nancy, had previously adopted a rescue dog from Tailwaggers 911 and many more said they were "addicted" to the Facebook page and website.



*Airgas employees Amanda and Nancy with the donated supplies*

Amanda wrote via email "We are going to sell flowers, chocolates, and candies to our employees and will be donating the money to Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue. And, it looks like on top of a monetary donation we will also have lots of items to donate. I copied the wish list off your website. We've had lots of people inquiring and starting to donate already. One of our employees is also making dog bone and paw print cookies to sell."

While the event was in progress, we found we had a need for small to medium sized dog collars for our next transports, so we sent a little challenge to the employees. As long as they were donating, could they help with collar donations? Could they possibly collect 100 of them? Then we got the phone call from Amanda, "It turns out our employees are even more generous than we thought! We are over half way to our goal of 100 collars already". But in reality, on their last day, when the counting was completed, they had 209 collars and boxes full of toys, treats, dog blankets and a very generous monetary donation. WOW.

In addition to the informational brochures, several t-shirts and the "Adopt

a Rescue Dog" bracelets we provided as incentives, we offered to bring one of our adoptable dogs to meet the "animal-loving" employees on their lunch break. Sasha, a shepherd mix came along on the day we picked up the donations. She must have met about 30 people coming and going on their lunch hour. She loved all the attention and gave the Airgas Safety employees a big "tail-wagging" THANK YOU!

Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. We rescue adoptable dogs from high-kill shelters in the south and transport them to Wisconsin to rehome them into loving homes. We are not breed or age specific. The dogs all stay with our wonderful team of fosters until they are adopted as we do not have a facility. Tailwaggers 911 celebrated its 5 year anniversary in October 2012 and has found forever homes for over 1300 dogs.

"We are truly blessed," said Dawn Boeselager, Founder of Tailwaggers 911. "We have been very busy over the past several years with almost a home-less dog a day finding happiness."

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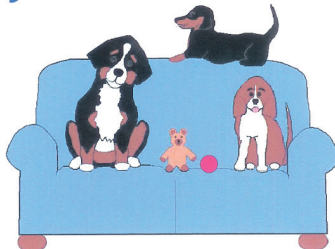
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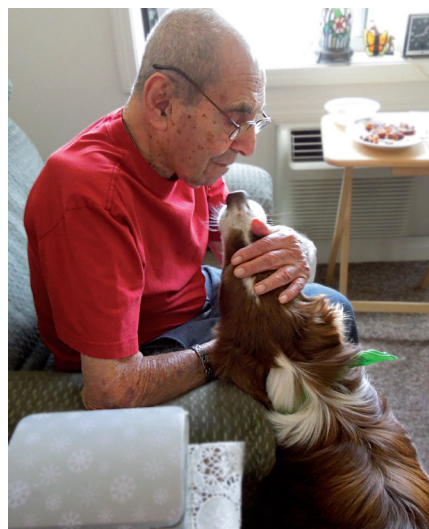
# Health Heelers Therapy Dogs

There are hundreds of volunteer opportunities out there, with an almost unlimited number of people who can benefit from our time and talents. For the dog lover, however, what could be better than volunteering with your canine companion? Last year, together with my dog Jasper, I became part of Health Heelers, a unique Animal Assisted Therapy organization serving Southeastern Wisconsin through “safe and positive human-animal interactions”.

Founded in 2005 by Occupational Therapist and Certified Animal Assisted Therapist Laura Hey, Health Heelers is a reflection of its founder’s philosophy that “Some animals have the innate ability to aid in human health and healing”. As an OT, Laura embraced the creative, looking for fun ways to improve patient skills. Her love of animals and hundreds of hours of education in dog training and behavior led her to incorporate animals into therapy work. Laura found that working with dogs in therapy had a powerful impact on her patients’ well being. The possibilities were tremendous and better outcomes were evident.

Health Heelers teams can be found

in a variety of settings; basically anywhere where they can help enhance healing or quality of life. This includes rehab and cancer care facilities, hospices, assisted living and group homes, hospitals, schools and



*Photo Courtesy of Laura Hey*

community locations. In addition to overseeing her teams, Laura designs therapy programs for these organizations and offers consultations for new and existing clients. She is committed to offering “the most beneficial and effective Animal Assisted Therapy programs in the area”.

Laura is closely connected to all of her volunteers. Currently there are 54 dog teams and 5 cat teams. About half of Health Heelers animals are rescues or from shelters. My dog Jasper is a retired show dog who wasn’t quite ready to give up the limelight. Training is gentle, effective and is always done in a positive way. Health Heelers teams are registered with Pet Partners, a national organization that sets standards for therapy animal teams. Laura offers therapy dog classes to help prepare handlers and dogs for their evaluations by teaching the subtleties of working together as closely-bonded teams. Laura helped me establish behavioral guidelines for Jasper that helped him know what was expected

of him as we learned together and boosted my confidence.

Once registered, teams must find their niche and are matched to locations based on the animal’s temperament and the owner/handler’s skills. Laura notes that the benefits are incredible when programs are well-designed and teams well-trained. Through ongoing mentoring, Laura continues to teach and support her teams, helping them with both dog-related issues and learning how to be their best with the people they visit.

From screening through training, the evaluation, registration, placement and mentoring that is done under Laura’s guidance is invaluable. I continue to learn a lot about what kinds of things I am communicating to Jasper and how to make our partnership work better. It’s been fun to see Jasper “get it” too. And, in the last few months I’ve learned a lot about our patients and how to gently relate to them. As Jasper and I continue to get better at our jobs, our connection grows stronger. This is something that Laura has seen before. Another handler commented to her that before she began therapy work, she could not have imagined that she and her dog could have become any closer. They have.

Laura has a lot of passion for the well being of both animals and people. Her hard work and upbeat energy really drive Health Heelers, bringing a lot of good into a lot of lives. For more information about Health Heelers, visit their Facebook page, and website: [www.healthheelers.com](http://www.healthheelers.com)

## 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.

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Now, suppose you've also brought your dog along on this trip. Guess what? He probably wants to listen to something entirely different than all of your choices!

Puppies begin to hear approximately two weeks after they are born. They develop a range of hearing that is much greater than yours. The average human hears pitches of sound between 20-20,000 Hertz (Hz). The average dog hears on a range of 45-50,000 Hz. To give you some perspective, the sound of a gunshot is around 2,000Hz, bird chirps are around 6,000 Hz. And, those dog whistles that humans can't hear? They are made at a pitch of 23,000Hz or more. It makes you wonder what else in your car, in your home or outdoors is emitting noise that you cannot hear but Fido can!

Dogs and humans are alike when it comes to age-related hearing loss. In the inner ear is the cochlea. It's lined with the many hair cells that are the key players for converting vibrations of sound energy into pulses of electrical energy. This is what the brain interprets as hearing. In one study of a group of dogs aged 11 or older, all of them had cochlear lesions, just like those found in older humans. For both dogs and humans, the most common result of these lesions is to lose hearing of high-pitched sounds.

**"One should not assume that other species will like our music."**

—Dr. Charles Snowdon

The field of bioacoustics has gained increasing attention in recent years. Bioacoustics is the branch



of acoustics concerned with sounds produced by or affecting living organisms, especially as it relates to communication. Joshua Leeds, who coined the music brand Through a

Dog's Ear and co-authored a book in 2008 by the same name, says bioacoustics looks at the effects of sound on animals, including how living in a human-sound environment affects non-human animals. Here in Wisconsin, bioacoustics research is happening at the UW-Madison by Dr. Charles Snowdon who developed "monkey music" with collaborator David Teie. Their research findings indicate that not only the human species is particular about what it listens to; cotton-top tamarins and domestic cats also have listening preferences.

Leeds' concept builds on bioacoustics research done by Dr. Deborah Wells at Queens University Belfast. Dr. Wells has talked about the ability of music to influence mood, and she's been quoted numerous times for stating, "It is now believed that dogs may be as discerning as humans when it comes to musical preference."

This brings you to the field of psychoacoustics: the study of the effect of music and sound on the nervous

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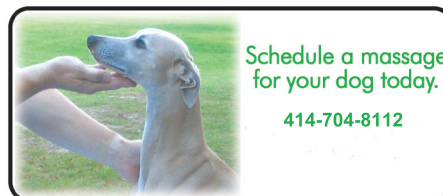
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## HUSH PUPPY BY LAURIEN BERENSON

*Hush Puppy* is a fun and informative challenge to the reader's detecting prowess. High school teacher and part-time dog trainer, Melanie Travis, sleuths her way through a jigsaw puzzle of clues and innuendo to solve the murder of Eugene Krebbs, the elderly caretaker at Howard Academy, where Travis supervises special needs student groups. She sorts her way through twists at every turn, nudged along by her black poodle show dog, Faith, and her precocious six year old son, Davey.

Complicating her detecting are a handsome fiancé, Sam and his ex-wife Sheila who appears on the scene unexpectedly. Melanie's outspoken and eccentric dog trainer Aunt Peg adds color and humor to the mysterious goings-on.

The plot winds its way through death threats to Melanie, the dog ring and its behind-the-scene antics and the ins and outs of the academic busyness at the elite Connecticut school

where Melanie teaches. The reader learns a great deal about the art of dog showing through Melanie and her cohorts. For example, when inside the ring, dogs are "stacked" on the mat with specific "posture" requirements.

Characters move in and out and plot complications follow, causing the reader to wonder who really did do the dastardly deed! I won't spoil the entertainment of solving the mystery by revealing the murderer, but as a murder mystery aficionado, I can tell you even I was surprised. Hopefully, after you've enjoyed the fun of this well-written mystery, you will be, too.



## THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN BY GARTH STEIN

*Spoiler Alert!\** If you're a dog lover that like surprises, stop midway through this review because our author will be sharing part of the plot ending with you.

OK. I admit I'm a sentimental fool. I



cry at movies when love goes wrong (or, for that matter, even when love goes right); pink and orange skies at sunset render me a blubbering blob; and cuddly, brown-eyed puppies – well, you complete the sentence.

I now can add Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain* to my list of maudlin tapas. It's no *War and Peace*, but it is a darn good read, especially for those of us who love dogs and truly believe them to be mostly human. A philosophical treatise masquerading as a novel, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* is told by Enzo, a "mature" dog, whose daily life has become a series of humiliations – "shot full of pain medication and steroids..., vision fogged with cataracts ... and puffy, plasticky packages of Doggie Depends stocked in the pantry."

On the eve of his death, Enzo reflects on his life with his race car driving master, Denny Swift, and is buoyed by the belief that his doggie-soul is nearly human and will become fully human at his next reincarnation. Enzo has travelled with Denny throughout his life - a tragic marriage to Denny's beloved wife, Eve, and the joy of Zoe, Denny's daughter and Enzo's "sister-girl," who gave him purpose and undivided love.

Enzo's mantra, which he repeats often in the novel, is "That which

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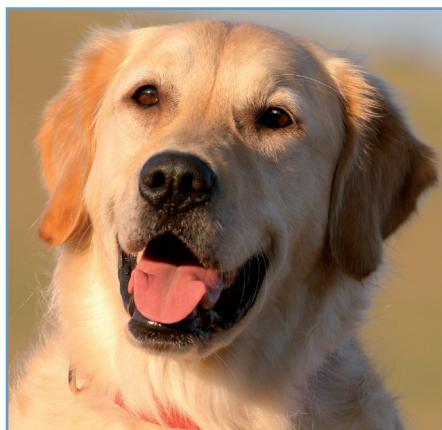
# Fetch Spotlight Series:

## Cheryl Charles & Furever Home Finders

While most of us are satisfied knowing that there are humane societies and advocacy groups hard at work each day, some dog lovers want to be in the thick of it. They have never been the type who sits on the sidelines while others do the tough stuff. In a nutshell, they want to make a little difference – in a big way.

Cheryl Charles is one such animal lover. She is the founder of Furever Home Finders. While the rescue has been an “official” rescue for almost three years, Cheryl had been “vetting” (a term used to describe someone who pays for animals to receive veterinary care), fostering and locating good homes for dogs for years prior to opening the rescue. Furever Home Finders offers unique programs like “Kids for K-9’s”, “Senior to Senior” and learning seminars. Their goal is to save all breeds and help pet owners keep their pets, if at all possible. They donate dog food, veterinary services, dog sitting and training, if needed. They are located in Palmyra but

have fosters as far as Illinois, Madison, Wisconsin Dells and Racine.



### CHERYL HEARTS DOGS

Cheryl admits that dog rescue has always been a labor of love for her. “I’ve always had a passion for dogs, and after witnessing cruel behavior, I started pulling dogs from a facility, feeding them and showing them love. I also provided pets with some much needed indoor training and placed them in homes.” After com-

ing to the realization that she could not continue to draw from her personal funds to answer this call, she decided to become a bonafide dog rescue – paperwork and all.

Getting the rescue launched took an enormous amount of time and personal resource. “In the beginning, I had to devote many hours a day to navigating online, making phone calls, transporting dogs, coordinating adoptions, vetting and responding to applications. On top of this, I worked full-time as Alcohol and other Drug Abuse (AODA) Counselor.” Cheryl admits that she still ends up using her own money to fund the rescue (for gas, food for fosters, ink for flyers and continued veterinary care), but she is warmed by the success rate of the rescue.

“I am happy to report that we have a low incident rate of dogs that are returned to us. We attribute this to our careful background checks, home visits, and discussions on the phone with the potential adopter. We know what to look for on a home visit.” Interestingly, Cheryl explains that little things can be big indicators of what an appropriate home can look like. “We look for pictures, portraits, even Christmas cards that include a dog they’ve had in the past. We also keep an eye out for worn ground, chains, food and water bowls, kennels (suggesting the dog is outside more than in), and our volunteers are invited to share their “gut feelings” about potential adoptive owners.

### NO PAIN, NO GAIN

Cheryl warns that starting a rescue is not as easy as it may seem, nor is

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it an inexpensive investment. "To start a rescue you need a web page, a bank account, a lawyer, insurance and a few volunteers. You will also need references from vets, humane societies and shelters." She also advises that having solid banking and organization skills and a strong board of directors is a plus.

There are also emotional costs to working in dog rescue. Like any other job, where there are people, there are personalities. "Jealousy, gossip... folks that don't get along well with people." She also has come to observe that rescue work can fill a void for those affected by failed marriages, addictions, mental illness or any other loss. As for Cheryl's own personal story, she has had her own health issues that have caused her to press the "pause" button on her work. "I've learned firsthand about how life can get in the way of my rescue. I have health issues that require me to be in the hospital a couple times a year. As a result, I've arranged for Furever Home Finders to merge with a national rescue called Angel House Sanctuary to save even more dogs!"

## BURNOUT? WHAT BURNOUT?

Cheryl stays committed to her work with the much needed boost she gets from those affected positively by her efforts. "Every time I get discouraged, I seem to get an e-mail or a card from a dog owner, along with pictures of the dog they adopted, a dog that may have otherwise died. That's what keeps me going."

### Colleen Terry

Colleen Terry lives in Waukesha with her husband Paul. They are owned by two Cocker Spaniels named Oliver J. and Carmen Rose. When Colleen is not coordinating articles for Fetch Magazine, she's encouraging dog lovers on her blog, [daybreakdogtales.com](http://daybreakdogtales.com).

## My Husky's Heart By Susan Rozumowicz

Howling at the moon, call of the wild Rumping through fresh snow, this is my child.

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Owned by another, but right from the start

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Black and white coat with a curled tail Ice blue eyes; such a regal husky male. Often doesn't listen, he has his own mind.

A gentle spirit; loves people of all kind. Sometimes being tricky and sly with energy abound

"Houdini" likes breaking free; hard to be found.

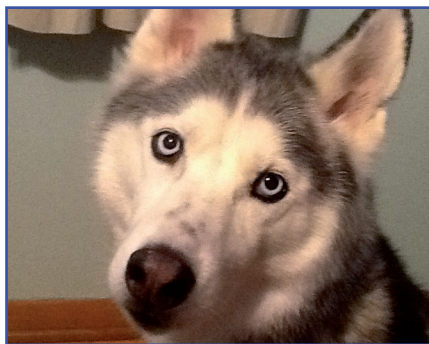
One day he ran far, playing his game, Stopping traffic on the expressway; marking his fame.

During slumber his legs move a fast pace,

Dreaming of a sled dog winning the race.

Knowing my Husky's heart yearns to be free,

Someday he'll roam without coming back to me.



## Lost Samoyed



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## My Faithful Friend By Betty Trentelaar

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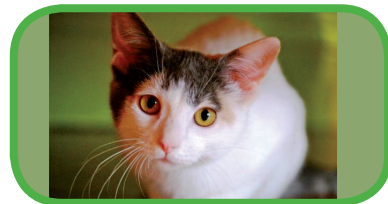
Whether I am happy, or even if I'm feeling sad,

Her intuition also tells her if I'm getting mad!

Raina is her name; it's the same as her Mother, I'm happy we chose her instead of any other.

I treasure her loyalty with such joy and pride,

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# Gotta Have Friends:

## Friends of HAWS

Spend just a short time working for a non-profit and you quickly learn the value of a strong volunteer corps. Spend even a few minutes with a pet and you witness friendship and dedication. Merge those concepts and you've just described the Friends of HAWS, a group of ultimate volunteers devoted to the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County.

HAWS began as a volunteer organization. Dedicated citizens saw a need for a centralized animal shelter in Waukesha County and made it a reality. Before our building existed, they used their own vehicles to transport strays. Free time was spent researching the viability of HAWS, lobbying government and businesses, securing funds and donations. The only payment being the satisfaction of a job well done and the camaraderie of like-minded individuals.

Once HAWS' shelter was built (and as services expanded), paid staff ensured a smooth operation. But "the Friends" job wasn't over.

### A CRUCIAL ROLE: HAWS' FINANCIAL STABILITY

HAWS receives no government funding. Thus, the Friends of HAWS became an official committee with the purpose of helping to secure financial support and ongoing donations. They have overwhelmed us with their efforts!

Fundraising activities include everything from sales of HAWS 'paw gear' and Entertainment books, to bake sales and a craft bazaar, to bowling parties and mini-golf outings. They have held a polka party, plant sale, sponsored holiday pet photos and created calendars featuring HAWS' alumni. Today they bring in close to \$100,000 each year, which in turn is used to support animal care at HAWS and to purchase equipment to enhance that care. But the most notable – and popular – Friends

of HAWS endeavor is the Annual Pet Walkathon, now in its 30th year.

### HAVE LEASH, WILL TRAVEL

Since 1984, the first Saturday in May has been designated HAWS' Pet Walkathon day. The first Walk, held at Minooka Park in Waukesha, was organized to fund the spay-neuter program scheduled to begin that fall. Subsequent walks have focused fundraising efforts for building expansions. In 2010 the Walk moved to its current location at Sussex Village Park.

The Walkathon has always been about more than just walking. After hitting the trails, pets and their people enjoy agility demonstrations, shop vendor booths, groomers give pedicures, pets can do paw painting and enter contests with their owners, and more. Even those without pets are encouraged to attend – in the name of friendship.

### THE JOYS OF FRIENDSHIP

When asked why they are "Friends" the same theme resounds over and over: a group of people, driven by a love for animals, can accomplish more when they come together.

Friends President Zona Platzek notes, "I found a lot of people like me that just wanted to help in some small way, but I soon saw that by working together we could do big things. I have watched HAWS grow, and have seen firsthand how they lead the community in animal welfare and assure sanctuary for animals in need. So, if I can help by baking for a bake sale or helping organize an event I want to step up."

"My dog Noah, a HAWS alum, is priceless to me," adds Mary Spiering. "I can't repay HAWS enough for the joy he has brought to me."

"Our Friends of HAWS group brings the community together – and makes



our organization a genuine family," says HAWS' Executive Director Lynn Olenik. "These wonderful people energize each other and the organization in a special way. That is perhaps why we remember that we can help more animals by helping people help animals. They help put the human in the Humane."

It can be difficult to put into words what it means to have a true friend. At HAWS, we just show up at the regular Friends meeting – the second Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m. – and say thank you!

**Jennifer Smieja**

Jennifer Smieja is the HAWS Development Coordinator



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In honor of Easter, how about some Black Licorice? This very unique girl has an absolutely gorgeous coat just like a silver fox! She is a bit shy, but with gentle & loving body pets our candy girl will warm up to you very quickly! As she is a larger rabbit, she will require a large cage in which to live, such as an exercise pen. Learn about house rabbits at [www.rabbit.org](http://www.rabbit.org), then stop in to visit this wonderful girl.

# DOGS IN THE HOOD

If you asked Lucy if curling up in blankets is also one of her top 10 favorite things, we are sure that the answer would be a resounding yes! Julie Jedrzejewski of New Berlin says "It's hard to get Lucy off the couch or a comfy bed once she has settled in."

Some of Lucy's other favorites are her "sisters", Kayla who is 12 and Sara who is 10. Lucy sleeps in Sara's bed every night and thinks 75% of the queen size bed is hers to sprawl out in. She loves her sisters and always greets Kayla and Sara excitedly when they come home from school.

Julie adopted Lucy about six months ago from a "less than luxurious" Illi-

nois pet rescue. Lucy had been picked up by Animal Control in Indiana and then taken in by the rescue. Lucy was in bad physical shape when Julie and the girls adopted her. Lucy apparently had just had puppies, had just completed heartworm treatment due to an earlier positive heartworm result and was severely underweight. Even though Lucy is very scared of loud noises and overall has an anx-



ious personality, she has been enjoying her new home. Since arriving at

their home, Julie says Lucy "has become more affectionate, tested negative for heartworm and put on a little over 10 pounds!"

True to her breed, Lucy loves her people and her walks! 90% of the walk is spent with her nose to the ground. Any squirrel who contemplates crossing her path should be warned. Squirrels are the most exciting things to see on a walk. Julie says that "Lucy will run them up the trees and howl excitedly proud of what she has done."

Rawhide bones and lying in the sun probably also round out Lucy's top 10 list. But we think spending time with her family is number one. Julie says that "Lucy is very gentle with everyone, is a people pleaser and always wants to make us happy with her choices. Recently she started laying her paws and head on our laps. We think she is starting to really like us." If you asked Lucy, I am sure that she would answer with a resounding woof!

## PUGFEST '13

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# Trust: A Dangerous Game (Off Leash Walking)

They say you remember 25% of what you read, 50% of what you hear and 100% of what you feel. Almost two decades ago, when I first started doing rescue work, I remember reading a story from a fellow rescuer called "Trust - A Deadly Disease." This story must have made me "feel" because I never did forget it and as I continue in rescue, I still often quote lines from that story.

The story is about trust, but it's about so much more. It's about love. It's about responsibility. It's about the importance of a simple tool — a \$5 leash — and how it can save your dog's life.

I am constantly amazed at how many people want their dog to be able to be "off leash." There are

many benefits to the simple act of leashing your dog. There are many dangers to having your dog be an off-leash dog:

As adults, dogs have the mentality of young children. I would not trust a dog not to run off even "just that once" any more than I would trust a young child not go into the street.

Sadly, being hit by a car is one of the top causes of death in dogs — a death preventable with a \$5 leash.

Dogs do what works. So if your dog runs to the neighbor's yard and gets to play with the neighbor's dog or children, then he is going to continue that behavior for life. Your dog is learning every minute of every day. Running away is a behavior you

never want your dog to learn.

Dogs that are off leash can run into other safety hazards. On-leash dogs are less likely to get into poisonous plants, antifreeze in a driveway or encounters with other dangerous animals.

There is less likelihood of a dog fight if your dog is on-leash. Not all dogs get along, and if your dog does run off, the dog or dogs he may encounter may not be friendly and he may pay the price.

If your dog injures a person or another dog, you can be held financially responsible for those injuries. Even a friendly dog can jump at a young child and injure her.

Some breeds can never be trusted off leash due to strong instincts that were bred into them. For example, the instinct to chase what they see (that 2,000 years of breeding has created) in sight hounds can't be overcome with any amount of obedience training. Some hunting and herding breeds have similar strongly-bred traits and instincts.

Even a dog that has extensive training and obedience can run away. If your dog has a recall of 99%, which is pretty good, even that 1% can cost your dog his life. If you let your dog off-leash, seven days a week, 365 days a year, the odds will catch up to you. Is it worth it?

Many puppy adopters are lured into a false sense of security because their puppy adoringly follows them around and stays close. Puppies do this often until they are about four to five months old. At this time, a puppy becomes increasingly more curious, independent and confident



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as he enters the adolescence period. Dogs often do more exploring, are more reluctant to come when called, and may even ignore you during this time. This is called the flight stage. Many dogs will run off during this time and will continue to do so for life.

It's the law. Most communities have leash laws in place. These laws protect our communities and your dog.

For those who feel a dog must be "free" or run, there are many safe ways to exercise your dog without allowing him off leash. We are fortunate to have many wonderful dog parks in the area. A tennis court can be a great way to exercise a smaller dog. You can also purchase a "training lead" which is a 20-foot line so your dog can run and exercise safely. It's also a good idea to work on a reliable recall for your dog in case he ever does get off leash by accident. Working with a quali-

fied trainer can help you in learning how to boundary train your dog and teach a reliable recall with distractions if you do consider off leash for your dog. Many dogs are on leash and live full, happy lives. I'm guessing most dogs would rather live a long life exercised on leash than have a short life without a leash.

We spend so much time loving and caring for our canine companions. We puppy-proof the house to keep them safe. We enroll them in obedience class and often take them to daycare. We feed them high-quality food. We love them like they love us, unconditionally. But sometimes we miss the most obvious part of love: keeping those we love safe and doing what is best for them so they can enjoy a long full life.

#### Carol Sumbry

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## Camps/Classes/Seminars

### Training Help

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262-679-6776 [www.psnmore.com](http://www.psnmore.com)

### Shy Dog Class

March 2nd, 10:30-11:30 am

Wisconsin Humane Society

Milwaukee 414-264-6257

[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### Dog Training Class - Basic Manners Level 1

March 2nd, 9:00-10:00 am

April 2nd, 7:00-8:00 pm

April 9th, 9:00-10:00 am

April 10th, 5:50-6:30 pm

April 14th, 9:00-10:00 am

April 20th, 9:00-10:00 am

May 22nd, 5:30-6:30 pm

HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165

[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Dog Training Class – Basic Manners Level 2

March 2nd, 10:30-11:30 am

April 4th, 6:00-7:00 pm

HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165

[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Puppy ABC's Class

March 2nd, 9:00 am

March 5th, 7:30 pm

March 15th, 6:00 pm

March 22nd, 1:30 pm

March 27th, 7:15 pm

Wisconsin Humane Society

Milwaukee 414-264-6257

[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### How to Raise Your Puppy & Keep Your Sanity

March 3rd, 1:00-3:00 pm

HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165

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### Dog Manners Class

March 5th, 6:15 pm

March 15th, 7:15 pm

March 23rd, 12:00 pm

March 27th, 6:00 pm

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### Dog Manners Class

March 5th, 6:15 pm

March 15th, 7:15 pm

March 23rd, 12:00 pm

March 27th, 6:00 pm

Wisconsin Humane Society

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### Pet Loss Support Seminar

March 7th, 7:00 pm

April 4th, 7:00 pm

Wisconsin Humane Society

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[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### Animal Communication

with Stacy Krafczyk

March 10th, 12:00-3:00 pm

2094 Atwood Avenue, Madison

[www.baddogfrida.com](http://www.baddogfrida.com)

### Solving Common Canine

Behavior Problems

March 11th, 6:30-8:30 pm

April 8th, 6:30-8:30 pm

HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165

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### Pet First Aid & CPR Class

March 19th, 6:30-8:30 pm

Wisconsin Humane Society

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[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

### First Aid for Pets

March 23rd, 1:00-4:00 pm

April 20th, 1:00-4:00 pm

May 18th, 1:00-4:00 pm

HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165

[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Come Fido! Workshop

March 30th, 10:30 am

Wisconsin Humane Society

Milwaukee 414-264-6257

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### Clicks & Tricks Foundations

Level 1 April 1st, 6:00-7:00 pm

Level 2 May 13th, 7:30-8:30 pm

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### Life Skills for Puppies

April 9th, 10:30-11:30 am

April 10th, 7:00-8:00 pm

April 14th, 10:30-11:30 am

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

May 14th, 6:00-7:00 pm

May 16th, 7:30-8:30 pm

May 22nd, 7:00-8:00 pm

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### Camp Dogwood

May 24 - 27

Ingleside, Illinois

[www.campdogwood.com](http://www.campdogwood.com)

## Fundraisers/Gatherings

### Dog Day at the Admirals Game

March 3rd, 2:30-6:00 pm

Bradley Center, Downtown Milwaukee

HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165

[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

### Tazinos Fundraiser for

Wisconsin Rottweiler Rescue

March 10th

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Menomonee Falls

Wisconsin Rottweiler Rescue

(608) 224-0272

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

### Doggy Easter Egg Hunt

March 23rd, 9:00 am

2209 S. 1st St. Milwaukee

Bayview Bark

[www.bayviewbark.com](http://www.bayviewbark.com)

### Applebee's Pancake Breakfast

March 23rd, 8:00-10:00 am

Second Hand Purrs

Applebee's, 7135 S. 13th Street, Oak Creek

### 2013 Pet Wellness Expo

April 6th, 9:00-3:00 pm

Burlington High School

400 McCanna Parkway, Burlington

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[www.Petwellnessexpo.com](http://www.Petwellnessexpo.com)

Spring Vendor/ Craft Fair  
April 20th, 9:00-4:00 pm  
800 Greenway Rd Monona  
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Beagle Fest 2013  
May 18th, 11:00-4:00 pm  
Paws Park 2800 W. Oakton St. Park Ridge, IL  
Midwest Beagle Rescue, Education & Welfare  
[www.Gotbeagles.org](http://www.Gotbeagles.org)

Milwaukee Pug Fest  
May 19th, 10:00-4:00 pm  
Milwaukee County Indoor Sports Complex  
6000 West Ryan Road, Franklin  
[www.Milwaukeekeepugfest.com](http://www.Milwaukeekeepugfest.com)

Kathy Sdao Seminar  
May 18th & 19th, 9:00-5:00  
Western Waukesha County Dog Training  
Club in Ixonia  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

Hamburger Mary's BINGO  
May 19th, 7:00-9:00 pm  
2130 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Milwaukee  
Wisconsin Rottweiler Rescue  
608-224-0272  
[Wirottrescue.org](http://Wirottrescue.org)

## Pet Parties/Play Groups

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

Puppy Party  
Sundays 11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago  
800-581-9070 [www.forpetssake.cc](http://www.forpetssake.cc)

Pup Social  
Sundays, 5:15 – 5:45 pm  
Best Paw Forward, Hartland  
262-369-3935  
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Puppy Parties  
4:45 pm & 5:30 pm  
March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st  
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

Pooch Playtime  
1:30 - 2:15 pm  
March 3rd & 17th  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
Milwaukee 414-264-6257  
[www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

Central Bark Playdate  
10:00 am - Noon  
March 23rd  
Central Bark Sussex  
W227N6193 Sussex Road, Sussex  
[www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)

## Sporting Activities

Rally Obedience  
Monday Nights, 8:00 pm  
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis  
[www.cudahykennelclub.org](http://www.cudahykennelclub.org)

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

Agility Run Thrus  
3rd Friday of the Month, 6:30 pm  
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# ANXIETY, FEARS AND PHOBIAS, OH MY!

We are all familiar with terms such as “separation anxiety” and “thunderstorm phobia,” and we have likely known dogs that were “fearful” of other dogs, strangers or situations, etc. Let’s explore not only what the terms mean but also how they are related, how they come to be and why it is important for us to have a basic understanding of these terms.

“Anxiety-related disorders are probably the most common class of disorders in pet animals and humans,” says Karen L. Overall, M.A., V.M.D., Ph.D. They easily make up 90% of behavior cases seen by veterinary behaviorists. “The longer that these conditions are unrecognized and untreated, the more complex they become,” adds Dr. Overall. This means that the earlier dog owners and pet professionals pick up on the clues that there is an issue, the sooner we can step in and implement a management and behavior treatment plan, thus improving the pet’s quality of life.

Anxiety is a general feeling of dysphoria or uneasiness – a concern that something bad is going to happen. A fear is apprehension associated with the presence or proximity of a specific stimulus. Fear can be appropriate (fear of predators) or abnormal (occur in the presence of something non-threatening). A phobia is an excessive fear. It is a learned behavior that is irrational, counter-productive and hard to get rid of.

Typical behavioral signs of fear include ears flattened, tail tucked, low body posture and attempts to flee or hide. There are also many other, more subtle, signs such as “whale eye” (showing the whites of the eyes), looking away, lip lick-

ing, decreased appetite and stress vocalization and many other calming signals and displacement behaviors. Dogs experiencing varying degrees of anxiety can exhibit the above signs as well as stress panting, pacing and hypervigilance (constant scanning of the environment), among others.



Involuntary signs include increased heart rate and respiratory rate, pupil dilation, hypersalivation, urination, defecation, trembling, tension, piloerection (hair standing up on back). These responses, along with other metabolic changes, are what prepare the dog for the instinctive reaction of “fight or flight.” Conversely, total emotional shut down can occur in some dogs.

Fearful dogs can also put on an offensive display (lunging, barking, biting, etc.) if they have learned from past experience that the display makes the scary thing (like a dog or a stranger) go away. Phobias tend to present with exaggerated signs of autonomic arousal and fearful behaviors. Some of them even engage in self-injurious behaviors in attempts to hide or flee. How fears and anxiety develop is a complicated topic, but we know it is a combination of genetics and life experiences. There is evidence that shyness (fear of the unfamiliar) and reactivity are highly heritable.

Generalized anxiety, noise phobia and various types of aggression also run in family lines of a number of breeds. Lack of adequate socialization (positive exposure to people, animals, places and things by 12-14 weeks of age) is a major cause of fears and anxiety, but it is even more detrimental in puppies that are genetically shier and more reactive. Stress during pregnancy creates pups that are less stress tolerant. Finally, negative experiences are especially important contributors to the development of fears, anxiety, and especially phobias.

So, if you see any of the reactions described above, please talk to your veterinarian for guidance.

## Recommended Reading:

*The Cautious Canine* by Patricia McConnell

*On Talking Terms With Dogs: Calming Signals* by Turid Rugaas

## Dr. Manette Kohler, DVM

Dr. Kohler provides behavior consultations through Helping Hand Veterinary Behavior Counseling and the Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals. Her family consists of a husband, 2 daughters, 2 dogs, 2 cats and a fish.



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## All Breeds

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Pets Alive  
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Yellow Brick Road Rescue, 414-758-6626  
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[loveqmoment@wi.rr.com](mailto:loveqmoment@wi.rr.com)

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414-750-0152, [www.bichonrescues.com](http://www.bichonrescues.com)  
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## American Water Spaniel

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

## Basset Hound

Basset Buddies Rescue, Inc., 262-347-8823  
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## Beagle

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

## Bichon Frise

Little Buddies Rescue, 1-888-581-9070

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[www.wisconsinbostonterrierrescue.com](http://www.wisconsinbostonterrierrescue.com)

## Boxer

Green Acres Boxer Rescue of WI  
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## Brittany

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# AGILITY FOR FEARFUL OR REACTIVE DOGS

How can you run agility with that dog? She won't focus, she's afraid of noises, and she charges every dog that stares at her. I'm not one to back down from a challenge. I made it my goal to run successfully with my dog, "KC". We did just that, and earned an Agility Championship Title.

I adopted KC, a Miniature Australian Shepherd, at 2 years old. Her history was minimal; however, she was noise-sensitive. KC was attacked by a Golden Retriever when she was 3 years old. Her fear made her try to "chase off" other dogs. Her body language escalated: ears forward, stiff stance, staring, barking and lunging.

KC's triggers included:

- Initially Golden Retriever type dogs, then generalized to any dogs invading her space, staring at her or playing tug
- Tight enclosed spaces and face-to-face interactions
- Tight leash

Sounding familiar? You can do what I did: I grabbed my favorite resources: Nicole Wilde's *Help for Your Fearful Dog*, Patricia McConnell's *Feisty Fido*, and Emma Parsons' *Click to Calm*. I desensitized KC using high-value treats at a distance and taught alternative behaviors to calm and focus her. We began with "baby steps". We participated in group classes, doing start-line stays with dogs behind her, exposing her to agility trial noises, entering trials calmly, crating around other dogs, waiting in line for our turn and leaving the ring through other dogs.

What about working on the agility obstacles, sticking contacts, weaving and enhancing handling skills? Typical agility skill building is secondary to training for calmness in the reactive dog.

Our journey had highs and lows. At an early trial, KC was coming down the dog walk and stopped dead at the

contact. Since she's always done running contacts, I thought that she was hurt. However, I followed her gaze to a Golden Retriever outside the ring. This dog was a "twin" of the one that attacked her. I redirected her with my "happy" voice, and she continued on through the course completely ignoring the dog! This was huge and better than any ribbon. It taught me that dogs do remember; the attack had been five years earlier!

We incorporated these techniques to be successful:

- Reading KC's body language to determine my response. I had to know if she was calm or getting close to going over threshold.



- Creating a "focusing ritual" to help KC stay calm and connected, which includes eye contact, tricks and hand touches. This ritual helps her generalize no matter what the environment.
- Being a calm, consistent leader. Visualizing success and massaging calms us both.
- Using highly-valued motivators. We have a hierarchy of treats we use depending on the circumstances.
- Getting to the start line and leaving the course required management to eliminate encounters with other dogs. So I taught her to jump in my arms which became our victory celebration.

*Clean Run, The Magazine for Dog Agility Enthusiasts* acknowledged that more information is needed for success with fearful dogs. Their May 2012 article, "Competing with a Shy Dog," notes "Many agility instructors lack expertise with shy dogs, and most behavior experts have no agility experience."

What I wish agility instructors knew about training a fearful dog:

- Time on the sidelines is important!
- Using techniques such as a "shaker can" to "discourage" a dog from leaving the ring increases the fear.
- Forcing a dog impedes rather than aids learning an obstacle.
- Teach students to respect another dog's space, especially those that let their dog encroach upon a crated dog.

Since KC and I began our journey, new resources have become available for running fearful dogs in agility. An exciting outlet is the Virtual Agility League™ (VALOR). Founded by Michele Godlevski in 2011, VALOR enables agility enthusiasts with fearful dogs to compete without the environmental stress of a trial. Dogs run agility courses at any location of their owner's choosing. The run is filmed and uploaded to YouTube for review. Michele will be bringing VALOR to the Midwest in October at WAG in Spring Grove, Illinois with a seminar titled, "Specialized Agility Instruction for Fearful, Reactive or Distracted Dogs."

KC has retired from agility because of her health. I will never forget nor regret the journey we took. For those of you with dogs like KC, enjoy your journey!

**Jean Jahnke**

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# Backyard Quotables

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

*What is the one thing about dog ownership that no one prepared you for?*

"It's time consuming. You have to plan your schedule around them. You have to be home at certain times to let them out. My kids were so much easier."

Kristi Lindgren  
Richfield, WI

"I didn't ever think I would have to actually have to set aside enough time every morning to cuddle with Molly."

Chrissy Grabarz  
Oconomowoc, WI

"The cost. Maddie has a lot of health issues and she's not even two."

Niki Smith  
Brookfield, WI

"Dalilah has had her moments. I never imagined a dog would eat an avocado off the kitchen counter."

James Rossman  
Glendale, WI

"The vet costs. Also I hate it when they just stare at you. I wish they could speak so they would tell me what they want!"

Jan Pokrzywinski  
Pewaukee, WI



"I was surprised at how gentle my Rotweiler is. I almost gave it up when I became pregnant. That dog is so sweet with my baby."

Elena Rodriguez  
Milwaukee, WI

"They like to chew on leather." (Shows back of work boot destroyed by "Honey").

Todd Guagliard  
Germantown, WI

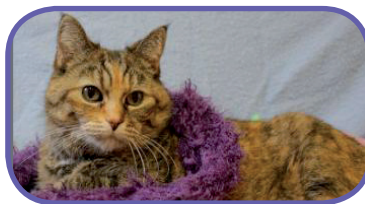
"How much time a dog really needs. A lot of people think you can just leave the dog at home every day for 8 or 10 hours. They need your time."

Jennifer Nettesheim  
Waukesha, WI

"How well educated I would be on what a good quality poop looks like. My dog had digestive issues for the first couple of years and I learned to 'read the poop' as a gauge of his wellness."

Marie Tubbin  
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## HEARING

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system. Movie soundtrack producers take advantage of research that has shown that fast rhythms increase the audience's heart rate, breathing and brain waves. Music with a slow beat has the opposite effect. It's not surprising to learn that in Wells' study, barking and agitated behaviors increased in dogs while they listened to heavy-metal music. Classical music had the most calming effect on dog behavior.

So, the next time your dog is joining you for a long ride in the car, or even a short trip to the vet, give him free choice of the radio station. You could even bring along some made-for-dogs mood music for him to enjoy. Just leave the monkey melodies and Metallica at home.

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## BOOKS

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we manifest is before us." These words are put to the reader early in the novel, but the meaning doesn't become clear until the end. Even though Enzo cannot converse with Denny in a traditional human way, he understands that the mysterious and unbreakable bond between master and dog is much more than mere uttered words. "So much of language is unspoken," explains Enzo. "So much of language is comprised of looks and gestures and sounds that are not words. People are ignorant of the vast complexity of their own communication."

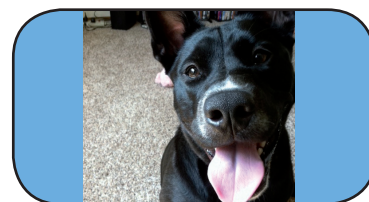
The novel concludes with Denny comforting Enzo as the dog dies at his side. "I know this much about racing in the rain," Enzo explains at the end of his earthly days. "I know it's about balance. ... It's about believing that you are not just you; you are everything and everything is you."

I close *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. Enzo has died and Denny will move on. My tears trickle onto the last few pages. The pages will dry and the tear stains will disappear; the librarian will never know.

I take the book back to the library's return bin. I go home and nuzzle Pedi, my ten year old black and white mutt. Now I know what all dog lovers have always suspected. Enzo has taught me that Pedi, like all cherished dogs, truly understands and loves his human and, if Enzo is right, will always be with me to take me in from the rain.

**Gail Thomas**

Gail Thomas is a volunteer at the Wisconsin Humane Society Ozaukee Campus, mom to Pedi, a lovable lab/shepherd and a willing cat sitter to Fanny, her daughter-in-law's black and white "purrfect" kitty.



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# Dog Paddle for Health

We all know that drinking plenty of water is good for our well-being. It's also a great form of exercise, in the case of swimming and other water sports. But, there's another use for water that's gaining traction for our canine friends: therapy.

Imagine relaxing in a hot tub, bubbly warm water hitting your aches and pains. Canine hydrotherapy is similar to your feel-good experience: the therapy uses water to treat a dog's pain. A form of physical therapy, canine hydrotherapy is an excellent choice to help a dog with an acute or chronic health condition, for recovery after surgery, losing weight, burning off excess energy, or even for maintaining his or her general fitness level.

Humans have been formally using water as a healing treatment for roughly 200 years. During the 19th century, the horse racing industry recognized the benefits horses received from water immersion. It was soon acknowledged for use with racing greyhounds and later came to our non-racing canine friends.

Hydrotherapy takes place in a heated dog-sized pool, sometimes containing an underwater treadmill. To build strength, water jets of varying intensity can be used to provide resistance as your dog swims. A ramp or lift assists your dog in and out of the pool, while a harness keeps him steady.

Talk with your veterinarian about what concerns you have regarding your dog's health before taking to the pool. Does your dog have arthritis, stiffness or other joint problems? Maybe hip dysplasia which commonly affects medium and large breeds ails your dog. Or is your small pooch

dealing with a luxating patella? Dogs who recently underwent hip, back, knee or spinal surgery also make great hydrotherapy candidates. Even portly pooches can increase their cardio activity safely and effectively while in the water.



Your dog will be the lucky recipient of hydrotherapy's many benefits which include an increased fitness level as he enjoys a swim in the pool. Water makes for a low-impact form of exercise that's neither weight-bearing nor stressful on sore, achy joints. Plus, it increases overall range of motion. Moving a painful limb while in the water is easier on and more comfortable for your dog since he's supported by water.

Working out in the water helps arthritic dogs by decreasing inflammation and pressure on those swollen, pain-filled joints. Over time, mobility to those joints increases. Muscle mass also grows, adding support to and preventing degeneration of joints. Physical and cardio endurance also improves. Similar to when we exercise, dogs' oxygen intake and overall circulation improve and stress level falls. In fact, research has found that a mere five-minute swim is as effective as a five-mile run, according to Jennifer Viegas of The Dog Daily.

Under your veterinarian's recommen-

dation, you can even practice hydrotherapy at home. Perform sessions as needed or integrate them into an overall health plan for your four-legged companion. In a tub, allow water to gently flow over your dog's sore area, recommends Dr. Amy Wolff on PetPlace.com. Then add a gentle massage. Just as with human massage, this pressure helps to flush fluids and toxins out of the dog's affected spot.

If your dog objects to running water, allowing him to bathe in standing water also works. And, for the dog that prefers to stay dry, Dr. Wolff suggests creating a homemade compress by using a kitchen towel dipped in warm water and then inserted inside a plastic bag. Keep the compress on your dog for a bit and then follow up with massage.

As with physical therapy you may have experienced, hydrotherapy is not an instant cure for an ailment, but its results are promising. Not only will your dog feel better, enjoy greater mobility and improved health, but she'll also be invigorated and have fun getting in shape. For more information on canine hydrotherapy providers in Wisconsin, look into the services at: Pewaukee Veterinary Service, Pewaukee; Dawgs in Motion, LLC, Canine Spa & Activity Center, Saukville; Canine Campus Pet Resort, Oconomowoc; 4 Paws Swim & Gym, Madison (host a pool party here!); Liberty K9 Lodge, Green Bay or other pet businesses near you. Your dog will thank you!

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