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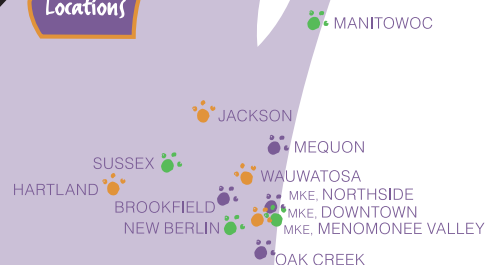
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## Editor's Letter

Dear Fetch Readers:

Endings. Beginnings. Endings. Beginnings. 2013 saw me say goodbye to so many things in my life. Routine things not missed until they were gone. People leaving my life and others leaving this world. And sadly, on December 29, the unexpected departure to rainbow bridge of my buddy for the past decade, my Louie dog. I miss him dearly. Endings.

Beginnings. As I write this, my newly adopted dog, Jack, is sleeping soundly on his bed. We have been together a few weeks and are learning all about each other. Jack loves to give kisses, cuddle and play with stuffed toys. Jack is not too sure about strangers coming into our house, people without dogs while we are out walking and what that noise is when the garage door opens. He absolutely loves other dogs and thoroughly enjoys doggy day care. Jack will wake up from a sound sleep and run over to either my husband or me. He will want to be petted, wag his tail, go lay back down and promptly fall asleep. He is joyous to see us even if we just stepped into the backyard for a few minutes. I could go on and on.

So, beginnings are great. I welcome a new face that is working on Fetch, Nastassia Putz. With the title "Article Wrangler", Nastassia gets to corral our written words. Her enthusiasm, hard work and knowledge is so appreciated. I wish you all happiness in this season that blossoms with new beginnings.

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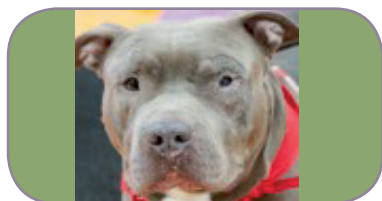
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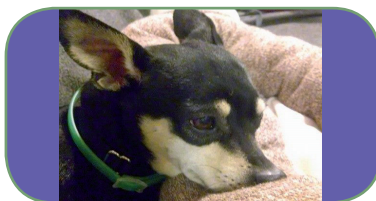
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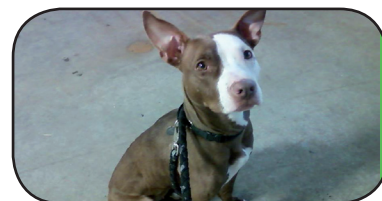
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Dusty is a 2 year old pit bull mix in foster care with dogs, cats & kids. It is not uncommon to see him carrying his pillow & a nylabone all at one time. He loves the cats because they like to play hide & seek. A dog savvy cat would be fine for Dusty. He is learning to play with the other dogs in his foster home & loves to run & play in the snow. Dusty loves to be close to his people at all times & will reward you with lots of kisses. He would love to sleep with you but be warned, he snores! Dusty would love a home where he can be the center of attention.



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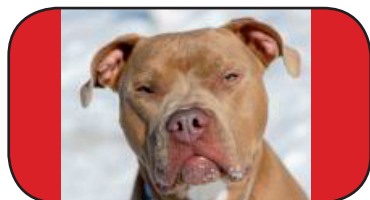
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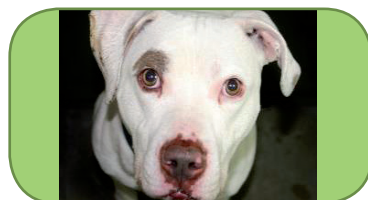
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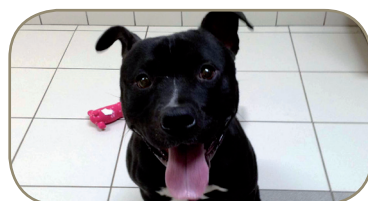
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# My Dog Can Read!

## Trick Training to Keep a Dog Busy

"She's going to be fine," says the emergency vet, "but you're going to have to keep her quiet for two months while she heals." I was so relieved! My girl, KC, survived an accident. But then I thought, "Keep an active Miniature Australian Shepherd quiet!" Now that would be interesting.

In my training article archive, I came across the Whole Dog Journal article, "Teaching Your Dog to Read" October 2006 by CJ Puotinen. The article is based on Bonnie Bergin's work as founder of Canine Companions for Independence, a program designed to "enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs" according to the organization's website. Dr. Bergin started canine reading experiments with the goal to have assistance dogs interpret essential information such as Stop Signs.

"Maybe that's a way to keep KC busy while keeping her quiet?" I thought. I decided to start with the behaviors she knows best: "down" and "sit" and then build upon her vocabulary from there. After all, Dr Bergin says dogs can learn to read up to twenty words even phrases.

To teach any behavior, consistently capture it by marking the behavior and rewarding it. Once my dog is doing a behavior consistently, I add the cue (such as a verbal or hand signal). In this case, the ultimate cue would be a flash card. Marking the behavior is essential because the marker (clicker, sound or word) tells her the specific behavior she just did is correct.

I created a flash card with "down" on it. Having been a technical writer, I knew a sans serif font would



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help readability. Dr Bergin recommends large, dark block letters.

Keeping the sessions brief (less than 5 minutes at a time), I would wait for KC to lie down, then mark, reward and praise her. Since the down position is her "say please" default behavior, we quickly moved on to me standing in front of her with the flash card in my hands and then waiting for her to down. When she did, I marked it, rewarded and praised her. If a dog will not "down" without a verbal cue or hand signal, use that cue when presenting the flash card, then mark, reward and praise. Eventually, that cue can be removed and only the flash card will be necessary.

We moved to "sit" once KC was able to "down" consistently when presented with the "down" flash card. As most dogs do when working routinely on a specific behavior, KC automatically went into the down when she saw the card. So when I presented the "sit"

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flash card, I gave her the verbal cue as well. Once she was doing that consistently, I faded out the verbal cue, only marking, praising and rewarding when she sat without me telling her to do so.

I then moved on to ensuring KC could discriminate between the two flash cards, presenting the cards in random order. Once she was responding correctly to each word at least three out of five times, I decided to add another reading exercise, this time with a twist. I wanted her to read her name. So I created a card with her name and another with her brother's name Rudy. For her to identify the card, I taught her to target an object by touching it with her paw. Once she could target my hand and random objects, I brought out the two flash cards. When KC consistently targeted her name, I randomly added

in the previous cards and continued until she responded correctly to all. To make sure KC was really reading the flash cards, I was careful to generalize the cues. For instance, I worked in different rooms and on different surfaces. I also was cognizant of my body position, sometimes sitting, standing or leaning over, making sure KC reliably responded to the flash card at least 80 percent of the time.

KC and I have demonstrated her reading skills at numerous children's events and even at the Wisconsin State Fair. It's fun to do, and yes, it was a perfect way to keep an active, convalescing dog busy.

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# DNA TESTING: BREED MYSTERY SOLVED?

Your new dog or ‘mutt’ from the local shelter dozes off on the rug by your television. The shelter has no knowledge of his breeding background. He is spotted in color, but he has ears like a German Shepherd. Wouldn’t it be helpful and fun to know what breed he is?

Fortunately, DNA testing now allows dog owners to see what breed or breeds make up their dog’s genetic background. By means of a simple cheek swab or a blood sample taken by a veterinarian, geneticists and veterinarians are able to compare the dog’s DNA sample to a wide panel of breed DNA samples.

## WHY TEST YOUR DOG?

Bob Allison, marketing director for Wisdom Panel, a breed identification test made by Mars Veterinary, says there are plenty of advantages to knowing what breeds exist in your dog. “Over 15,000 years, we’ve taken a grey wolf and bred it into hundreds and hundreds of different breeds that have a disposition to behave different ways,” Allison says. “These are things that are instinctive and in the DNA of these dogs, and they’re still present in mixed breed dogs. So when you understand what breeds are in your dog, you can train him and exercise him with a little bit more education.”

In addition to just knowing the breed to better understand your dog for training and feeding purposes, there are also health benefits.

For example, Allison says that

some Labradors carry a marker for exercise-induced collapse, which can lead to fatal results. If a mixed breed dog is part Labrador, Wisdom Panel can identify the marker and better inform you about your dog so you know to treat it differently.

According to Allison, it is also helpful to tell the veterinarian what breed your dog is because veterinarians have been trained on breed-specific health. This allows them to look for certain qualities or markers in your dog according to that breed.



Allison also adds that curiosity is one of the main reasons people seek out breed confirmation. “They’re curious,” confirms Veterinarian Gretchen Jaeger, owner of Prairie Animal Hospital in North Prairie. “They just really want to know what this dog is.”

Edith Riemer, a resident of New Berlin, Wisconsin who already owned two Rottweilers, tested her rescued dog Ember out of curiosity because she thought Ember was a Doberman mix. She also feels it is helpful to know the breed because each dog has its own personality.

Coincidentally, the results of the

test said Ember was a Rottweiler. “She doesn’t look like a Rottweiler,” Riemer says. “She has a longer nose. We thought she was part Doberman, and here she was full-blooded Rottweiler.”

Scientifically, Jaeger says, breed identification can be very helpful to keep an eye out for what inheritable diseases the dog might be carrying. And from a training standpoint, it is helpful to know what kind of injuries to watch for.

## HOW DO YOU TEST YOUR DOG?

There are two ways to conduct DNA testing to decipher a dog’s breed make-up. A blood test can be conducted by a veterinarian and sent into companies that conduct the testing. Dog owners can also take a saliva test or cheek cell test from their dog and send it in on their own.

Allison says that both tests are very similar. However, the difference is that a blood specimen gives a stronger DNA sample, so it is easier for the geneticists and veterinarians to read. With a cheek test, the pet may have just eaten a meal, or there may be other factors that can interfere with the sample causing the need for a retest. “Generally speaking, whether it is a cheek cell or a blood test, they are both equally accurate,” she confirms.

One added bonus of the blood test, however, is that there are up to 230 different breed specimens to match up against the blood sample. The saliva test is slightly less, but

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# Bull Terriers

## Mischievous, Childlike & Funny



Imagine a hairy child in a clown suit on all fours. Well, that is the Bull Terrier for you. This breed is typically described as a mischievous 3-year-old-like child who protects the house, plays catch for hours, runs circles around your kitchen and (possibly) eats an entire couch.

### THEIR CATCHY PERSONALITY

Glenna Wright, national rescue chair for the Bull Terrier Club of America, describes Bull Terriers as funny, smart, cunning and mischievous. "I tell everybody that asks, 'You have to have a sense of humor to have a Bull Terrier,'" she says.

Marcy Bankus, Bull Terrier breeder and member of the Fort Dearborn Bull Terrier Club Rescue in Illinois, fell in love with a Bull Terrier 30 years ago and has been attached to them ever since. She says they are the type of dogs an owner always has to keep an eye on. They will get a twinkle in their eye and start running around for no reason at all, not even noticing if they bump into furniture and

walls. "They always bring a smile to your face, even if they are doing something wrong," Bankus says.

According to dog owner Carli Putz, her two-year-old Bull Terrier named Bob has a stubborn side.



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"If he is sitting somewhere, and you want him to move, you have to physically pick him up or drag him to get him to move," she quips.

### KEEP THEM MOVING

Other things that characterize the Bull Terrier breed are their energy and intelligence. Typically, the owner needs to channel these two qualities together for positive results. Bankus says they require a lot of exercise and typically need to be kept on a leash or in a fenced-in yard. If they catch sight of a squirrel or chipmunk, they are gone, she laughs.

Putz says Bob loves to ring "his bell" to go outside and run laps just to survey the territory. "Based on his excitement

level, you would swear he sees something to chase. Then once he is outside, he takes a few laps around the perimeter of the yard and comes in when he's satisfied there is nothing there," Putz says.

Wright says one of the first female Bull Terriers she owned spent its first day home playing fetch with her husband for hours. And this is typical of the breed. "If they get focused on an object and as long as you throw it, they will go and get it." Therefore, Wright cautions owners to beware of this antic in the hot weather because they tend to overheat.

### A BITE OF HISTORY

Characterized by their egg-shaped heads, Bull Terriers are a cross between the Bulldog and the Old English Terrier, which were originally bred in early 1800s England to be agile fighting dogs. Soon discovered to not be very good fighters, Bull Terriers became the countrymen's sporting dog, known for being good ratters, herders and watchdogs. In 1860, a more refined version was developed, characterized by its white coat, and became a fashionable pet for nobles. A colored version was then bred in the early 1900s. Today, there is also a miniature version known as the Miniature Bull Terrier.

### THE RIGHT HOME

Being one of the smarter terrier breeds, Wright says Bull Terriers are harder to train because they think so independently. One of the reasons there are a lot of Bull Terriers in rescues, besides overbreeding by commercial kennels and backyard breeders, is because the



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new owners are not fully educated on how to raise and train a Bull Terrier, she notes.

The optimal environment can be a home with or without children. However, Wright rarely places Bull Terriers in homes with children under age 6 - not because of the dog but because of the household. Through experience, Wright has found that many moms have trouble managing a new puppy and children. "Probably about 50 percent of the people that apply for rescue dogs or one of my puppies are turned down because they have too much on their plate, and they don't have enough time to properly raise them."

"People forget that all puppies bite," she continues. "And Bull Terriers are smart. Many times, there are households where the dog is smarter than the people, and they literally learn how to manipulate the household into getting what they want."

One of the common problems she sees is jealousy and resource-guarding, especially if there is another dog in the household. Bull Terriers typically will not bite a human, however, they may try to get

in between the owner and the other dog to keep the other dog away.

According to Putz, Bob barks at people or animals that are too close to the yard but keeps his distance with strangers. "He gets along well with the other dogs as long as they understand that he's the boss," she says.

### WATCH WHAT THEY EAT

Wright recommends that anyone with a Bull Terrier must own a crate because they are "their own worst enemies." Bull Terriers have a tendency to get into mischief, make messes and eat things. One of Wright's rescue dogs was adopted by a Kansas resident. Soon after the dog was adopted, the owner left it alone for just a short period and the dog ate almost the entire couch.

"Intestinal blockage is one of the reasons Bull Terriers come to an early death," says Wright. "They are such a stoic dog that they don't let the owners know they are sick." In addition to eating things, these high maintenance dogs are also susceptible to skin problems, hardened kidney disease and temperament issues.

### YOU GOTTA LOVE 'EM

Because of the Bull Terrier's loveable nature, but sometimes difficult habits, there has been an increase in the number of rescue cases over the last year or two. This is why Wright has to be selective when selling puppies or adopting out Bull Terriers.

While they do tend to get jealous and protective of their owners, it's only because they love them. Putz says her husband Tom is Bob's favorite person. "Bob will do anything he can to be right next to Tom, even if the means sitting on



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top of someone else. If Tom is lying on the couch, Bob will lay next to him with his back against Tom's stomach and his head on the pillow."

So if you are in for an adventure and have a sense of humor (and an indestructible couch), consider checking out the Bull Terrier breed. I promise you will never be bored.

### Shannon Venegas

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# Around the *Water Bowl*



## PUG FEST!

*Contributed by Autumn Drussell*

You know the dog: flat-faced, curly tail and snorting with happiness? The pug!

Hundreds of these little dogs and their companions will ascend on the Milwaukee County Indoor Sports Complex on Sunday, May 18, for the 10th Annual Milwaukee Pug Fest. Pug Fest draws visitors from all over the U.S. and Canada and is one of the largest pug-exclusive events in the United States with more than 3000 attendees, exhibitors and volunteers.

According to Debbie Kopaczewski, organizer, Milwaukee Pug Fest has been named "Best Festival" in WISN-TV's A-List contest for the past few years because it's just plain fun. "It's a popularity contest," Kopaczewski said. "We've had stiff competition. We competed against Summerfest and a variety of other festivals," she said.

Pug Fest features a day of fun for both pugs and their owners, such

as costume and talent contests, pug races, the Blessing of the Pugs, a silent auction and raffle, break-out sessions on pug health topics, an agility demonstration, the parade of rescues and much more!

Although the event is largely a one-day festival, there are plenty of activities to keep out-of-town pugs and their owners busy over the weekend of Pug Fest. On Saturday, May 17, a bus tour of the Milwaukee area and lunch is planned for pugs and their owners. Later, vendors and other rescues take over the Comfort Suites Conference Center to sell their merchandise and hold various raffles that benefit their rescues.

What makes Milwaukee Pug Fest unique is that all the profits from the event are shared with other rescues. That started during the second year of the Kopaczewski's involvement. Rick and Debbie started out as fundraising coordinators for a Pug Fest held for NIPRA – an Illinois pug rescue, but soon realized there was no support for pugs in need in Wisconsin. So they formed their own 501c3 and Pug Fest be-

came an event that helped support other rescues. "We spread our donations to different pug rescues across the United States that have a pug in need," said Debbie. "And even now that we have created a Wisconsin pug rescue (Pug Hugs), we still share." Pug Hugs Pug Rescue also helps get donations for Wisconsin area foster pugs' medical care.

Pug Hugs and Pug Fest now go hand-in-hand, said volunteer Donna Orlowski. "The tireless effort on both Debbie and Rick's part along with the wonderful volunteers who all come together long before the event takes place and then not just for that one day but for the weekend," she said. "All to help support Milwaukee Pug Fest's mission to help pug rescues from all over the U.S."

## A BAKERY WITH BENEFITS

*Contributed by Colleen Terry*

Mmmm ... the smell of freshly baked homemade cookies. The warmth of an oven baking up a fresh batch of peanut butter biscuits. These are the daily sensations that Gayle Mandt and business partner Cece enjoy every time they step into their kitchen. For most of us, the doughy, gooey delicacies that they create might look good enough for humans to eat, but these treats are specifically created for our four-legged friends.

In Germantown, Gayle opened home-based The Lovin' Oven Bakery in April of 2013 with 16-year-old Cece, her match through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. It afforded both of these dog lovers a chance to live out a lifelong dream which was to create and sell



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Last year, the bakery contributed over \$2000 in funds and pup treats to shelters and pet pantries in the Southeastern Wisconsin area. In addition to supplying these organizations with much-needed donations, Cece and Gayle add an extra dash of TLC by personalizing their gift boxes with the name of the dog. "People love their pets like children, and we hope it brightens the owner's day to be able to give them a treat they would not otherwise be able to purchase," Gayle tells us.

While she wishes that she could give to every agency or group that needs a little assistance, she has learned the importance of ensuring that the organization's values match her own. She says, "We like to get to know the people behind the organization, and to make that human connection."

Gayle works hard for the money, too. In order to supplement her income, she has continued working her day job as a machinist at Harley-Dav-

idson for the past 22 years. While some might buckle under the pressure, she thrives on the challenge. "Making money is great, but it's not our main focus," notes Gayle.

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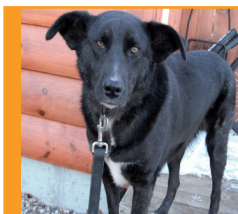
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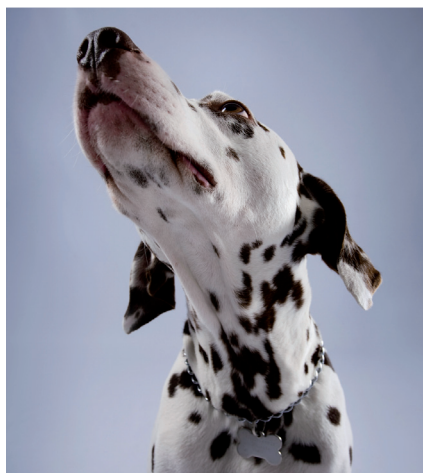
# Letting Your Dog Sniff....Um, where?

"Oh, my," you may be thinking, "Are we really going to talk about down there?" Yes! Described as the way to "share your business card" with a friendly dog you are meeting for the first time, the crotch-sniff serves a very important role. After reading this article, you may welcome the intrusion into your very personal space... if even just for a second or two.

"As humans see the world, dogs smell it," writes dog-cognition expert Dr. Alexandra Horowitz in a 2013 scholarly paper about the olfactory experience of domestic dogs. The nerve cells in the nose of a dog number millions more than those of humans. The part of the dog brain responsible for processing all the input from those scent-detecting cells is 40 times greater than in humans. All of this translates to mean that a dog's day-to-day experience of life is much more odorous than yours or mine.

Odors are coming from most everything in a dog's environment. There are the obvious smells like those of cooking, cleaning and the aromas of the great outdoors. And then there are the more subtle smells, including those that remain on your body even after you take a shower. These are smells you can thank your apocrine glands for get-

ting started. Think of them as the sweat glands near hair follicles in places that we don't talk about at parties – armpits and crotches. To a dog, these smells are not subtle; they are nothing short of amazing!



How amazing? Let's do a comparison. You just picked up this recent issue of Fetch and can't wait to learn all the interesting bits of information held inside. Your eyes scroll through each page, sending messages to your brain which then filters and files the important things you want to remember.

Likewise, a dog meeting you is equally eager to scroll through the important information held in your interesting bits. Who are you? Tell me about yourself? Have we met before? Letting a sweet, people-loving dog sniff your crotch is the polite canine-way to answer these questions. This is what led Julie Hecht, the

canine behavior researcher who manages Horowitz's lab, to liken the crotch-sniff to handing a dog your business card in a format that is accessible to him or her.

Recent studies have shown that dogs hold on to these 'business cards' in their equivalent of a canine Rolodex. In one study, dogs sniffed crotches of strangers much more than those of the humans they already knew well. Another study used dolls dressed in underwear of the children the dogs lived with and children the dogs had not met. Again, the dogs spent more time sniffing the unfamiliar scents, indicating that the smells of family and friends were already filed in the dog's metaphorical address book.

When greeting a dog, Hecht advises, "Let the sniff happen and move on." Making a big deal of the crotch-sniff, pulling the dog away or scolding the dog for this natural, inquisitive behavior can lead to frustration for him or her. It would be discourteous to refuse a business card and cordial handshake from someone you have just met, right?

So, pretend the world is a giant party, one where both humans and dogs have been invited. Go ahead and network, knowing that each species will do so in the way that makes the most sense/scents for them.

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# SPRING TIME TOXINS: LILLIES AND GRAPES

It's that season again! Spring! Let the lilies bloom, grapes ripen and hope the animals do not eat them. As we start buying them as presents for people or bringing them into our households, let's pause and think about our young furry friends before doing so.

## LILLIES!

Lilies can cause acute kidney damage to cats. Any part of the plant can be toxic to a cat and any possible ingestion should be taken serious. Now there are numerous types of lilies in this world and not all of them cause acute kidney damage in cats, thus it is important to know the specific species of lily when taking your cat to the veterinarian. Species such as Easter lilies, Tiger lilies and Japanese lilies are just a few known to cause acute kidney damage in our feline friends.

If you think your cat has ingested any part of a lily, it is recommended to bring the cat and a piece of the plant to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Most ingestion leads to vomiting in the first several hours after ingestion but this does not happen in all cases. If cats are not treated, symptoms include anorexia, lethargy and initially increased urination followed by decreased urination with complete kidney failure.

What to expect when taking your sick cat into the veterinarian for lily ingestion? Decontamination by inducing vomiting, followed by activated charcoal to absorb the remaining toxins are most helpful if the cat recently consumed the plant. Giving IV fluid therapy for at least 48 hours after, has been shown to be the most effective way to prevent kidney damage. The veterinarian will check blood work to evaluate the kidneys. If the values are normal at 48 hours, most cats go on to live perfectly happy (lily-free) lives!

Lilies may be a beautiful contribution to your home and cost as little as \$20 to \$100. However, the cost of treating a cat for ingestion can be several hundred to a thousand dollars. So perhaps

consider an alternative floral arrangement.

## GRAPES AND RAISINS!

Grapes and raisins are also toxic. Yes, I'm sure we all know someone who has been feeding grapes to their dog for years with no problems. This is possible, as we as veterinarians do not know the exact mechanism that makes grapes and raisins dangerous.



What we do know is that they can in fact cause acute kidney damage. There is no known toxic dose or number of grapes that cause this effect. This means that a Great Dane could eat three grapes and a Chihuahua could eat 20 and have the same results. If a

dog does eat grapes, the clinical signs include vomiting and anorexia prior to the kidneys completely shutting down, in which case the animal is no longer able to urinate. With that being said, would you want to take the risk of not treating?!

It is thus recommended that all grape/raisin ingestion go through the same decontamination as noted for the lily eaters above (inducing vomiting and giving activated charcoal) and hospitalized with IV fluid therapy for at least 48 hours. If blood work is normal at 72 hours after the grape/raisin ingestion, then your pet is in the clear!

Just think. Grapes and raisins cost us a few dollars at the grocery store but if an animal ingests them, the cost can be anywhere from several hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars for proper treatment. Therefore, the next time you think, "Hey, I'll give my dog a healthy treat today" as you reach for a handful of grapes, please think twice and put the bag down ... reach for a bag of carrots instead.

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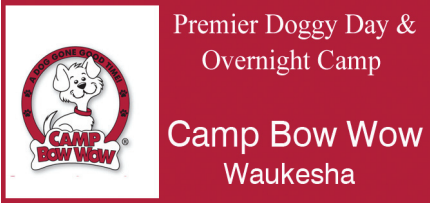


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# Kids & Dogs - Learn the Right Way to Play

Recently, I took an online course through Family Paws Parents Education called "Dogs & Storks®". This international program educates dog trainers about the challenges of counseling dog owners with new babies or children. Upon completion of the course an attendee is considered to be a licensed presenter and can share the professional programs of FPPE with the public. A main component of this program involves analyzing videos on the interactions of dogs with children and how parents ultimately play a role in the negative or positive outcomes.

As I watched the YouTube video entitled, "Young Kid Wrestles with Pit Bull and Rottweiler - Dominates Both", I was horrified. A father proudly videotaped his young son wrestling with his two incredibly tolerant dogs. At one point in the video, the toddler steps on the Rottweiler's back to look out the window. A man can be viewed in the background casually watching the child but appears to be nodding

off to sleep. The real eye opener was not the dogs' actions, but the perceptions of the people filming these videos that this is acceptable and adorable behavior. The music attached even helps coax the audience into believing this is a normal, desired activity. The parents noted none of the dog's signals of discomfort which were lip licking, whale eye (seeing the whites of the dog's



eyes when his head is turned signaling anxiety) and appeasement licking.

Now, imagine how many people will say this is great that the dog

is acting so tolerant, but is it really? Some of these dogs may truly have a higher pain tolerance. But I believe a number of dogs take the mistreatment due to fear of verbal or physical reprimanding by their owner. I fear the worst lesson is the one adults are teaching their children and that is that dogs can be disrespected and mistreated.

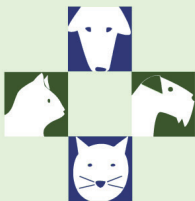
The biggest tool we have to reduce the number of children being bitten by dogs is education for both children and adults. I suggest parents start by teaching their young children a one-handed, gentle petting of an animal. They can start off with a stuffed animal before they attempt to pet an actual dog. In teaching the child this type of petting, parents can eliminate the two handed grabs or hugs, which can be threatening to a dog. Following one of the mottos of Dogs & Storks®, "Sit on the ground, not the hound", is another simple lesson children can learn.

Years ago, threatening behavior by dogs, such as growling, snarls and snaps, were viewed as aggressive behaviors and were to be stifled in dogs. We now know these are warning signals that are important for us to hear and see so we can manage the situation in a way that keeps the child and dog safe. Many children are bitten in the presence of an adult. Could it be that the caregivers don't know how to read the dog's body language? Or could it be that their idea of supervising is like the man in the video who is dozing off as the child stands on the dog?



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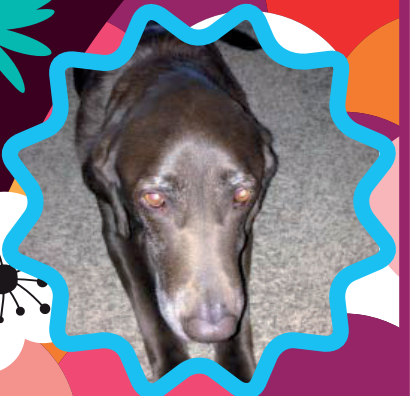
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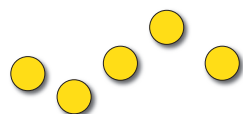
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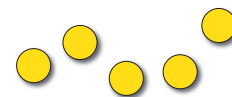
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# Three Pillars of Health



Each year, the Humane Animal Welfare Society's Behavior Department presents the Winter Symposium, a day-long event focusing on alternative approaches to companion animal care, management and training. Throughout the years, attendees have been treated to a hands-on workshop in Tellington TTouch (an approach to caring and training companion animals through specific touches), they have learned the importance of animal socialization, been given the tools to deal with pet loss and even explored the use of acupuncture and Chinese herbs for animals.

The 2014 Symposium, held in January at HAWS, featured an in-depth lecture by keynote speaker, Karen Shaw Becker, DVM, on the three Pillars of Health: species-appropriate nutrition, a balanced immune system and a resilient frame and organ system. All three interrelate to create a thriving body.

Dr. Becker is a "proactive" veterinarian who partners with clients to create a lifelong wellness plan rather than just treating symptoms and illnesses as they occur. She promotes pet wellness through wise lifestyle choices, with the goal of removing obstacles to good health before they occur. The information she presented is based on her research and the resulting opinions.

## **SPECIES APPROPRIATE NUTRITION**

Dogs and cats are carnivores. Unlike humans who are omnivorous, they derive their best nutrition largely from proteins; carbohydrates are not a key to their best health. A quick look at an animal's tooth development illustrates the difference between prey animals and those needing more grains and greens. Predators like wolves and tigers have well-developed canine teeth used to capture and devour their prey. Today's domestic dogs and cats also

show this trait. By contrast, the teeth of rodents and horses are more uniform, used for munching and gnawing on greens.

Dr. Becker provided her personal ranking of types of foods for pets, noting that ingredients such as grains, fillers, artificial preservatives and additives – even the way a food is produced – all can have detrimental effects. Simply put, quality proteins, fats and vegetables, minerals, vitamins and proper moisture content will provide the balanced nutrition our pets need.

## **BALANCED IMMUNE SYSTEMS**

Genetics and environment are the main influencers of the immune system and how it functions. These factors are not always within our control. Certain species and breeds are known for their susceptibility to particular diseases or health issues. Fortunately, proactive breeding has helped to decrease many of these issues in purebreds.

More under our control is our environment and the basics of care we offer our pets. Because 70 percent of our immune system is in the gut, balanced nutrition and good-quality food are a must for all of us – people and pets! Proper exercise, the quality of our air and water and the medications or preventatives we ingest all play a role. Chronic infections and allergies are symptomatic of imbalances in the immune system and can often be addressed by looking into deficiencies in diet.

## **RESILIENT FRAME & ORGAN SYSTEMS**

Dr. Becker presented a checklist of obstacles to a strong frame and organ system, including imbalanced or incomplete nutrition, genetics, poor immune status, trauma, sedentary lifestyle and lack of physical fitness, weight and muscle tone and the resiliency of tendons and ligaments.

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# Bailey Takes a Trip

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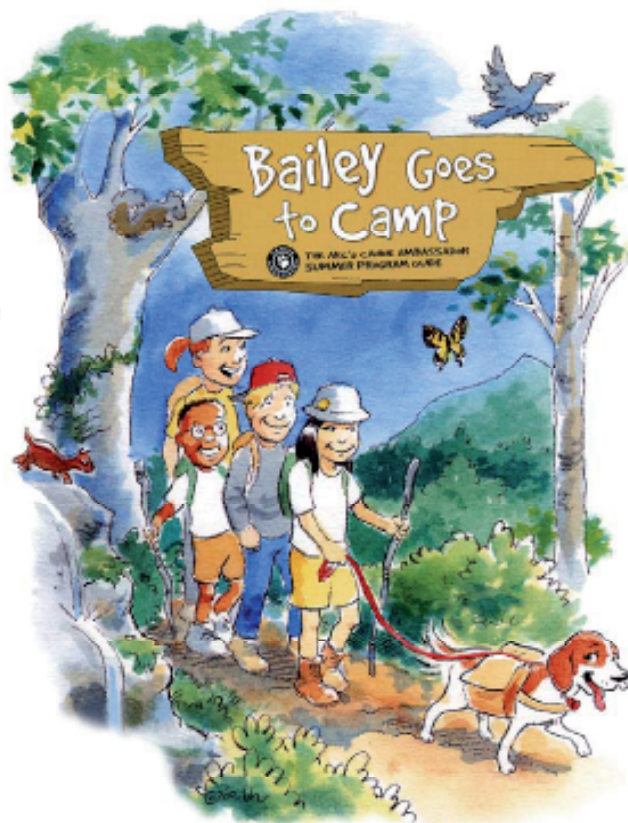
**Travel by Car:** Bailey likes to ride in the car, and her owners always take her on several long car rides before the trip. These extra rides ensure that Bailey is completely comfortable in the car.

**Veterinary Records:** Every time Bailey journeys to a different state, her owners bring along copies of her medical records. These records indicate that Bailey is current on her shots.

**Food and Water:** Bailey's owners bring along enough food to last her trip. They bring along bottled water for Bailey as well.

**Blankets and Toys:** Bailey likes to sleep on her blankets and play with her toys when she travels, so her owners always pack them.

If your family is planning a trip, please make sure to plan accordingly for your dog as well by using the guidelines listed above.



Where would you like to go on a trip? Would you bring your dog with you? In the box below, draw a picture of your vacation plans. If you bring along a pet, make sure to draw the items he or she will need. (Hint: Like toys and veterinary records.)





# Going to the Dogs: 9 Dog Focused "Tails"

International Dog's Day on the last Sunday in May marks the special relationship people often have with dogs. Dogs offer people their non-judgmental company and help individuals through physical or emotional crises and challenges. To honor dogs on their day, I have compiled a list of memorable dog-focused books for all ages.

## **THE DO-SOMETHING DAY BY JOE LASKER. PRE-SCHOOL FICTION.**

Young Bernie feels overlooked by his family and runs away to find people who will pay attention to him. An undersized, forlorn-looking dog begins to trail him. This small dog is also looking for someone to notice him. Several townspeople help Bernie, but it is Mrs. Byrd who matches up Bernie and the little dog. The author provides his own whimsical illustrations. Best scene: See page 24. Note: Un-numbered pages.

## **I, JACK BY JACK THE DOG AS TOLD TO PATRICIA FINNEY. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FICTION.**

This book is for young readers who love big, klutzy, lovable dogs or adults who have had Labrador Retrievers and will therefore appreciate Jack's interest in food, in female dogs and in the family that owns him. As if taking dictation, Patricia Finney relays Jack's thoughts and feelings. With his shifting focus,

Jack is probably not the best-trained dog in the world. In human terms, he resembles a kid with age-appropriate limited attention or someone with Attention Deficit Disorder. Favorite scene: See pages 63-64.

## **THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH BY NORTON JUSTER. ELEMENTARY TO MIDDLE SCHOOL FICTION.**

Milo is a bored kid. Unexpectedly, he finds himself on an adventure with Tock, a bizarrely over-sized talking watch dog. From that sentence, you immediately pick up on the fact that this book is filled with puns that amazingly move the story forward. The Phantom Tollbooth is great fun for children and adults, not just because of the puns, but because Milo and sidekick Tock's quest to save Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason is so unusual. As author Norton Juster states: "...I think, that there are things in there that appeal to different people at different times in their life" (<http://www.underdown.org/juster.htm>). Favorite scene: See pages 28-31.

## **THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY BY SHEILA BURNFORD. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FICTION.**

This is Tao, a Siamese cat, Bodger, a Bull Terrier, and Luath, a Labrador Retriever's quest after their owner. While traveling across the Canadian wilderness, the animals, each with his unique personality and different stage in life, fight off wild animal attacks, nurse each other back to health and find food. Best part: See pages 141-145.

## **TIMBUKTU BY PAUL AUSTER. YOUNG ADULT, ADULT FICTION.**

In this concise but nevertheless tender story, Mr. Bones, the dog, loses his owner and comes to grips with the meaning of a dog's life and death. Most commanding part: See page 186.

## **THE STORY OF EDGAR SAWTELLE BY DAVID WROBLEWSKI. YOUNG ADULT, ADULT FICTION.**

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plicably unable to speak. He communicates in sign language. His faithful dog, Almondine, understands all of Edgar's signed commands and even seems to sense what Edgar is feeling. The story moves to its fateful conclusion, using the motif of Shakespeare's Hamlet. Most notable part: See pages 30-33.

## **TO DANCE WITH WHITE DOG BY TERRY KAY. YOUNG ADULT, ADULT FICTION.**

Sam Peck, an older man, adjusts to life without his recently deceased wife. Along the way, he is aided by a mysterious white dog. Best scene: See page 178.

## **THE HIDDEN LIFE OF DOGS BY ELIZABETH MARSHALL THOMAS. YOUNG ADULT, ADULT NON-FICTION.**

The author's dogs are untrained. Their social existence parallels but is separate from the household's human life. While some readers might question what Ms. Thomas permits, this book contains many thought-provoking observations on canine events. Most startling, but memorable section: See pages 86-90.

## **PETS BY SUE PACKER. ALL AGES, NON-FICTION.**

This black and white photograph book shows assorted pets and their owners. The dog shots reveal a singular animal-human relationship. Favorite photo: a tie between the fourth to the last and last photo of the book. Note: Pages are un-numbered.

While some of these books will find a place in readers' hearts, others will challenge their "cute-cuddly" thoughts about dogs. Those familiar with dogs know they are capable of amazing things. These stories reinforce that idea.

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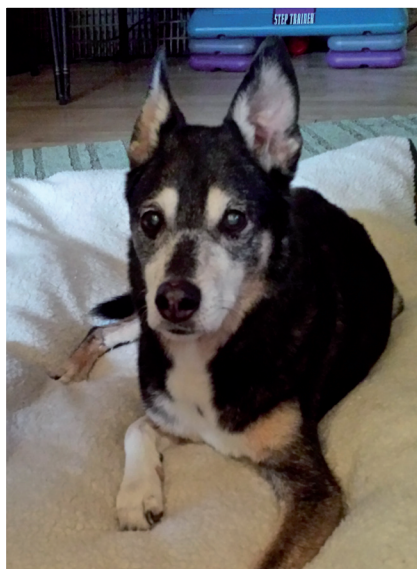


# DOGS IN THE HOOD

It was December in Wauwatosa and the Halloween pumpkin was still outside and getting soft. Sneaky puppy-at-the-time Manning would go and eat some of the pumpkin when he thought no one was looking. Todd and Donna would try to catch him in the act but off Manning would run. He played this game over and over. His parents say “Later, we saw the pumpkin evidence in his kennel, if you know what we mean.”

This is just one of many stories in the adventures of Manning and Ltl’ Man. Manning is a 14½ year old Border Collie/Terrier mix who is a HAWS alumnus. He is joined in his adventures by his little brother Ltl’ Man who is around 8 years old and a small terrier mix. Todd and Donna have fostered dogs for years and Ltl’ Man is what is known as a WHS failed foster. This means he came to Todd and Donna’s house as a foster and never left.

Manning got his name not from Payton Manning but because HAWS had him listed as a Manchester Terrier mix. This transmogrified into “Man-



ning”. Mom Donna says, “He has a feisty personality and needed a strong name.” Ltl’ Man had already been with two previous foster families and also had two different names (Chad and Leroy). But when he came into their home, Donna and Todd started calling him Ltl’ Man and it stuck.



*Photos Courtesy of Donna and Todd*

There have been many adventures and good memories throughout the years. Donna relates: “Manning claimed a floating toy at Fox Brook Park that the original owner thought was too far to swim out to get in the pond. They left the park and Manning swam to the middle of the little lake to retrieve it. Looking at him, you wouldn’t think he’s such a good little swimmer, but you’d be surprised how fast and far those little paws take him.”

Manning loves to go anywhere with Dad Todd especially in the truck. In the earlier years, he enjoyed exploring Lapham Peak and now in his later years, swimming at Fox Brook to help with his arthritis.

Manning can communicate when he wants to do something. He can tell you that “I want to go for a walk!” Or find a toy and throw it into the air to say, “Let’s play now!” Ltl’ Man loves to go for walks, too. He jumps and twists his body in the air when you grab the leashes. At the dog park, Ltl’ Man greets all of the humans be-

fore visiting with the other dogs.

Another adventure, this one with horses...Todd says: “A woman we had watch Manning one time had horses. She let him run outside at her farm and Manning would stand right behind the horses gobbling up horse poop when they did their business. She said, ‘It’s natural’. Notice we said she only sat for him once.”

While Manning is food motivated, Ltl’ Man gets fixated on toys. Less than 50 percent of the toys stay intact more than five minutes. Recently, he received a gold star stuffed toy from his vet and must play with it every night. Ltl’ Man will love any toy he has until he tears out the squeaker. Mom has performed many surgeries via needle and thread to replace the squeakers through the years. Donna adds, “No, not even the firehose toys are a challenge for Ltl’ Man.”

Manning has been an amazing “Foster Dad” over the years. After the foster waiting period when the animals need to remain separated, Manning would teach the foster pups the routine of the house especially for the “shy” dogs being fostered. This would include “outside”, playing, and leading the way on walks. Donna says, “He was gentle with bunnies and even played with one. But he was sometimes unsure of foster kitten antics.”

The family of four has had many, many adventures over the years; hiking, swimming, walking, playing. Todd and Donna say, “Our house is not a home unless Manning and Ltl’ Man are in it. They bring “life” into our house.”

## Marie Tubbin

Marie Tubbin wears many hats at Fetch Magazine, but her roots are in writing. When not working on Fetch, Marie can be found hanging out with her husband, Mike, and newly adopted dog, Jack. She tries to remember how blessed she is every day and also learn a little something along the way.



# Shelter Training Leads to Forever Homes

Most dog owners know a well-trained dog is a happy dog. And a happy dog makes for a happy owner. But what about the dogs at shelters?

We all know the dog that sits and waits patiently in its kennel is more likely to be adopted into its forever home than the dog that charges and jumps up, barking for attention. At the Seattle Humane Society, where I volunteer, there is a program called “Dog Behavior and Socialization, (DBS I-IV)”. The purpose of this program is to increase each dog’s opportunity to be adopted and not returned. Today, more and more shelters train dogs to increase their chances of finding forever homes.

## SEATTLE HUMANE SOCIETY - WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OTHER STATES?

DBS uses operant conditioning in order to create the desired behav-



ior. Each dog coming into the SHS is assessed using the “SAFER” program. [www.aspcapro.org/safer](http://www.aspcapro.org/safer).

This is a seven-item checklist to predict a dog’s likelihood of exhibiting future aggressive behaviors. A DBS I volunteer learns how to click and treat dogs for desired behaviors while the dog is in its kennel. DBS II volunteers train dogs outside of their kennel and provide good ol’ playtime with stuffed toys and tennis balls. However, some dogs need TLC more than they need to learn how to sit. For these dogs we use calming techniques such as sitting next to the dog, massaging or grooming the dog or holding the dog in our lap to build on positive interactions. DBS III volunteers take one dog at a time for walks on trails. The walks are a wonderful opportunity for the dogs to get out of their kennels and, we like to say, ‘check their pee-mail’. DBS IV volunteers take multiple dogs on walks and go on offsite field trips and fundraising events! To date, the SHS has placed 2,531 dogs in their forever homes in large part due to the DBS program.

## Gotta Luv ‘Em

By Janice Biniok



*He has only 3 speeds—fast, faster and hang-on-for-dear-life!*

## HUMANE ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY AND THE MOD SQUAD®

The Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) here in Waukesha, Wisconsin uses the MOD SQUAD® program for puppies and adult dogs. It uses 18 training protocols to change the behaviors of the dogs. They also use the Tellington TTouch method, which is a specialized form of touch and movement with animals. According to Lynn



## LAKELAND ANIMAL SHELTER AND BRIGHT FUTURES

The Lakeland Animal Shelter (LAS) in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, has a training program called Bright Futures. This is a modified version of the American

Good Citizen program (CGC). The CGC rewards dogs with good manners both at home and in the community. All dogs that pass the 10-step test receive an American Kennel Club certificate. According to Kristen Perry, Executive Director at LAS, the focus of training is on the most stressed dogs and “bully breeds” due to their higher needs. The training methods are positive reinforcement and replacement training. The program takes six weeks to complete with four to six dogs in each session and is done by volunteers who are supervised by the staff. To date, over 100 dogs have been adopted due to the success of Bright Futures! [www.Lakelandanimalshelter.org](http://www.Lakelandanimalshelter.org)

## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

The Sheboygan County Humane Society has a staff trained to assess their dogs’ behaviors. They use positive reinforcement and a lot of patience to change the negative behaviors. The shelter also has many shy and fearful dogs. They are kenneled in a quiet area and every day, one-on-one, a staff member works with these dogs to gain trust. Eventually, the dogs are able to socialize with other humans and animals. The shelter has placed 200 dogs within the past year due to their training! [www.myschs.com](http://www.myschs.com)

Olenik, the Executive Director at HAWS, volunteers are trained and supervised by staff members using both methods of behavior training and socialization to help the dogs “relax so they can learn”. Within the last two years, HAWS has had a 90 percent adoption rate with over 700 dogs benefitting from the program. Also, the euthanasia rate has dropped 36 percent since MOD SQUAD® was implemented two years ago. [www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

## ELMBROOK HUMANE SOCIETY AND THE SHELTER DOG ACADEMY

The Elmbrook Humane Society in Brookfield, Wisconsin, has the Shelter Dog Academy. Two times per week a volunteer works with each dog using classical conditioning cues for behavior and socialization. The dogs learn sit, wait, focus and basic manners of self-control.

In addition to the training program the shelter has a Dog Walking Program. Carol Sumbry is the dog training and behavior coordinator. She says this is another wonderful activity that “enriches the dogs’ lives” while at the shelter. Volunteer trainers also teach the shelter dogs tricks for their adoption videos! Take a look at their Facebook page to see four dogs learning how to ‘shake’ paws. [www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)

## LIVING IN A DOG’S WORLD

Often the reason dogs are at a shelter is because they were never taught good puppy manners. But through training they are more likely to be adopted and not returned. It’s a wonderful feeling knowing I have played a role in helping the dogs at the shelter find their forever homes. I highly encourage anyone with a little extra time to do the same at their local shelter.

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### Dog Manners Class

Milwaukee Campus

March 1st, 12pm-12:50pm

March 11th, 7:30pm-8:20pm

March 17th, 7:15pm-8:05pm

March 27th, 7:30pm-8:20pm

March 29th, 10:30am-11:20am

April 2nd, 6:15pm-7:05pm

April 19th, 12pm-12:50pm

Wisconsin Humane Society

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

### Ozaukee Campus

March 8th, 10:15am-11:05am

March 27th, 7:15pm-8:05pm

Wisconsin Humane Society

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### Dog Training Class - Basic Manners Level 1

March 4th, 7:30pm-8:30pm

April 15th, 7:30pm-8:30pm

April 21st, 5:30pm-6:30pm

HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165

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### Dog Training Class - Basic Manners Level 1 Spanish

March 10th, 5:30pm-6:30pm

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

### Dog Training Class: Basic Manners Level 2

March 4th, 6:00-7:00

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### Dog Behavior Seminar

Milwaukee

March 5th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Ozaukee

April 8th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

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### Pet Loss Support Seminar

March 6th, 7pm-8pm

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### Canine Good Citizenship

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

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### Puppy ABC's Class

Milwaukee Campus

March 11th, 6:15pm-7:05pm

March 29th, 9:00am-9:50am

April 2nd, 7:30pm-8:30pm

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### Greyhound Meet'n'Greet

March 22nd, 1:00pm-3:00pm

April 26th, 1:00pm-3:00pm

May 24th, 1:00pm-3:00pm

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### Canine Body Language

March 24th, 6:30pm-8:00pm

May 12th, 6:30pm-8:00pm

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### Canine Massage Workshop

March 25th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

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

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### First Aid for Pets

March 29th, 1:00pm-4:00pm

April 26th, 1:00pm-4:00pm

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### Tails, Tales, and Treats

March 31st, 12:00pm-1:00pm

April 28th, 12:00pm-1:00pm

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### Solving Common Canine Behavior Problems

April 7th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

May 5th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

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### Clicks and Tricks Foundations

April 15th, 6:00pm-7:00pm

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### Dog Training Class - Life Skills for Puppies

April 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm

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### K9 Community Festival

Friends of Noah

May 17th

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### Run to the Rescue

Friends of Noah

May 17th

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### Leslie Nelson Workshop

May 17th - May 18th

Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club

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### Pet First Aid & CPR

April 3rd, 6:30pm-8:30pm

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### Foundation of Jumping

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### Nicole Wilde: Separation Anxiety & Dog Play

April 13th, 9:00am-4:30pm  
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### Come, Fido! Workshop

April 14th, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
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### Camp Critter Spring Break: Session 1

April 16th, 9:00am-3:00pm  
Camp Critter Spring Break: Session 2  
April 17th, 9:00am-3:00pm  
Wisconsin Humane Society  
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### Stop the Pulling! A Lesson in Loose Leash

April 21st, 6:00pm-7:00pm  
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### Camp Dogwood

Whole Dog Day Camp May 3rd  
Senior Dog Day Camp May 4th  
Spring Camp May 30 – June 2nd  
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### Alexandra Karland Presents:

The Joy of Clicker Training  
May 15th 5:30pm-8:30pm  
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## Fundraisers/Gatherings

### Practice Pawty

March 8th, 6:00pm-12:00am  
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### Extreme Makeover Haws Edition

March 23rd, 12:00pm-4:00pm  
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### Trivia Night

March 28th, All Day  
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### Dog Day @ The Milwaukee Admirals

March 30th, 4:00pm-7:00pm  
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### Hambingo

April 3rd, 8:00-10:00pm  
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### HAWS 31st Annual Pet Walk

May 3rd, 9:00am-2:00pm  
Sussex Village Park, Sussex, WI,  
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### Milwaukee Pug Fest

May 18th, 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Milwaukee County Sports Complex  
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## Pet Parties/Play Groups

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### Pooch Playtime

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December 15th,  
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Photo Courtesy of Stephanie Bartz

In June of 2002, I brought home my first Afghan Hound puppy, a three-month-old blue brindle. Ever since that summer, I have been absolutely fascinated by brindles. I began to notice and appreciate brindle dogs everywhere; I noticed them around town, while traveling and at dog shows. But what exactly is 'brindle', and why do we see it in so many different dog breeds? Could brindling be a form of camouflage?

My brindle, Jasper, loved to be the center of attention, and throughout his life, he was always that. Before he was a year old, he told an animal communicator that he wanted to be a dog ambassador – using his great beauty to speak to us humans about the awesomeness of all dogs. The “Jambassador”, as we sometimes called him, loved dog shows, and later became a therapy dog. Jasper and I were a team with Health Healers, and specialized in hospice visits. And, in addition to his wonderful bedside manner, he left his fans in awe of his amazing coat.

So, what makes a brindle, brindle? Generally speaking, a brindle coat is one consisting of darker hairs within lighter areas of color, manifested in a tiger stripe or tortie (tortoise shell) pattern. Genetically, brindle is one of the recessive genes that are found on what is referred to as the K locus (a locus is the location of a gene or genes on a chromosome). There are three K locus genes: top dominant black, bottom recessive non-solid black, and in the middle, recessive brindle. Brindle is entirely dominated by solid black and when this gene is present, brindle will not occur.

## Got Brindle?

Another locus, the A locus, is where the background color and pattern of brindling is determined. This background color comes from a red pigment called pheomelanin. Eumelanin, a black pigment from the K locus, makes up the brindle stripes. At another locus, color intensity is determined.

When the black pigment is diluted, and grey is part of the pattern, the dog is referred to as a blue brindle. When there is a brown dilution, the dog is a red brindle. A brindle's background color can be any variation of red, from a deep copper to a pale cream. The dog is considered light when the overall appearance of the coat is red (or a variation), or heavy when black or a darker stripe color is dominant. When the stripe color almost completely dominates the dog, this is referred to as a reverse brindle. Other stripe colors are often present. For example, silver brindles have silver stripes usually on a cream background. Sometimes a dog's coat will look as if it is missing a few stripes. This is often seen on Whippets.

Brindle coloration can be found in dogs, cats, cattle, guinea pigs, crested geckos and in rare cases, horses. Lots of brindle dogs are shorthaired, but there are quite a few long haired and wire haired brindles too. Some even have white markings.

When walking down the street, people are often surprised by the coloration of a brindle dog. But there are many breeds with brindle coloration:

- Afghan Hound, Akita
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Basenji, Boston Terrier
- Bouvier des Flandres
- Boxer, Bull Terrier
- Cardigan Welsh Corgi
- Dachshund, Dutch Shepherd
- English Bulldog, French Bulldog
- Glen of Imaal Terrier
- Great Dane, Greyhound
- Irish Wolfhound
- Mastiff



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- Neapolitan Mastiff
- Pit Bull
- Plott Hound
- Pug
- Scottish Deerhound
- Scottish Terrier
- Skye Terrier
- Treeing Tennessee Brindle
- Whippet

With one exception, other coat colors also occur in these breeds. The Treeing Tennessee Brindle (true to its name) is the only breed in the world that must be a brindle.

Brindles come from all over the world and their diversity is remarkable. Why do so many breeds share this stunning trait? Dog DNA researchers have concluded that dogs are really not as different genetically as was once thought, and that their variations are determined by just a small number of genes. Perhaps a brindle camouflage helped our dogs' ancestors survive in the wild but today, wherever they go, brindle dogs attract attention!

*This article is dedicated in loving memory of Louie Tubbin, a light brindle Plott Hound, March 1, 2002 to December 29, 2013, and Jasper Stace, a heavy blue brindle Afghan Hound, February 28, 2002 to November 6, 2013.*

### Pamela Stace

Pamela Stace is mom to two Afghan Hounds, three cats 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.

# RESCUES

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## Bichon Frise

Little Buddies Rescue, 1-888-581-9070

## BPB Rescue

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MidAmerica Border Collie Rescue  
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Steppinstone  
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Coonhound Companions  
[www.coonhoundcompanions.com](http://www.coonhoundcompanions.com)

## Dachshund

Badger Dachshund Club, 847-546-7186

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Wisconsin Doberman Rescue, Inc.  
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Shadow's Doberman Rescue  
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German Shepherd Rescue Alliance of WI  
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Greyhound Pets of America - WI  
414-299-9473, [www.gpawisconsin.org](http://www.gpawisconsin.org)

## Irish Setter

Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee  
920-734-6734, [muttsgo@aol.com](mailto:muttsgo@aol.com)

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## Italian Greyhounds

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## Japanese Chin

Luv-A-Chin Rescue, 605-940-7811  
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## Labrador

Labrador Education and Rescue Network  
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The Labrador Connection  
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Steppinstone  
608-745-8414, [www.steppinstonerehabcenter.com](http://www.steppinstonerehabcenter.com)

## Maltese

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## Mixed Breed

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## SCRATCHING?

Does your pet constantly lick, chew, and scratch? If so, your pet may have atopic dermatitis. Atopic dermatitis is the name given to environmental allergies in animals. The allergenic substances within the environment (known as “allergens”) are pollens, mold spores, dander, dust, and dust mites. Unlike humans, where the allergens are inhaled and produce “hay fever”, animals absorb their allergens through their skin and paw pads. Thus, animals rarely have respiratory signs, such as seen in humans. Instead, pets will manifest symptoms with chronic licking, chewing, and scratching. Additionally, most pets experience repeated bacterial and yeast infections involving the skin and ears.

Symptoms of atopic dermatitis can persist for months and often begin slowly. Atopic dermatitis in animals is a heritable and progressive disease, with symptoms typically worsening with each year of life. Research has shown that trying to eliminate allergens from the environment is not helpful in managing atopic dermatitis. In general, atopic dermatitis is considered an incurable disease. While considered incurable, there are many treatment options that can successfully manage the symptoms of atopic dermatitis for the life of the pet.

The traditional approach to long-term treatment is allergen specific immu-

notherapy (ASIT), which is also called hyposensitization. In humans, it has been shown that immunotherapy may be a preventative therapy that has the potential to stop symptoms of atopic dermatitis; in pets, immunotherapy has been shown to be very successful. One of the major benefits of immunotherapy is that it has a very low risk for long-term side effects. Because other treatments can have lasting adverse side effects, immunotherapy is considered the preferred treatment in all young patients with atopic dermatitis.

Older patients will often benefit from immunotherapy as well, however, it may have to be utilized in conjunction with other treatments. In human medicine, allergy management and immunotherapy protocols are managed through the guidance of an allergist; in veterinary medicine, this service is performed under the guidance of a board-certified veterinary dermatologist.

Determining which allergens should be included in a pet's immunotherapy is determined based on the results of an intradermal skin test. Blood tests for environmental allergens have been developed but have been shown to be less reliable than the results acquired from an intradermal skin test. An intradermal skin test is performed by injecting a small amount of allergen extract into the dermis of the skin. A positive reaction is determined by increased redness and swelling at the injection site. Majority of patients will have multiple

positive reactions, with some patients having greater than 20 positives. Testing for food allergens, either through blood testing or skin testing is not recommended at this time.

Based on the results of the intradermal skin test and the pet's history (including seasonal flare-ups), the immunotherapy serum will be tailored specifically to the pet. There are currently two ways to administer immunotherapy. The traditional approach is through injections administered under the skin of the pet. Typically the pet owner is taught how to administer the injections at home. Very rarely, 1 to 2 percent of pets may experience anaphylactic shock after administration of an injection. Again, there are no long-term side effects associated with immunotherapy.

The alternative route for administration of immunotherapy is called sublingual immunotherapy (SLIT). This treatment uses results from an intradermal skin test, just like the injection protocol. However the allergens are given in the mouth with an oral pump rather than under the skin. This is especially advantageous for pet owners that do not want to administer injections to their pet as there are no needles involved! Pets that have had adverse reactions to the allergy injections can safely receive oral immunotherapy.

Immunotherapy has a success rate of 70 percent with majority of pets showing improvement within a few months. It is advised that all pets remain on immunotherapy for a minimum of one year, as it can take some pets 9 to 12 months to improve. The management of the case is the most important in ensuring success with immunotherapy. Most immunotherapy protocols will need to be adjusted within the first four months of treatment, thus making frequent communication between the managing doctor and the pet owner a necessity.

### Dr. Casey Stepnik, DVM, DACVD

At Lakeshore Veterinary Specialists, Dr.

Casey Stepnik, a board-certified veterinary dermatologist, utilizes intradermal skin testing and immunotherapy to successfully tailor the long-term allergy management for many of her patients. Client education is a key part of her hour-long appointments with pet owners.



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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 your dog's philosophy of life?"*

Max: "Where's da chipmunks?? Which way did they go??"

Jayne Scotney  
Hustisford, WI

Titan: "One good belly rub is worth a thousand treats ... or so."

Jayne Scotney (dog #2)  
Hustisford, WI

Betty, Veronica and Jughead: "There is ALWAYS time for a nap."

Julie Schultz  
Glendale, WI

"When we woke up in bed in the morning, he would roll on his back for me to rub his tummy."

Monica St. Claire  
South Milwaukee, WI

Annie: "To feel safe I need to be touching a human at ALL times!"

Justin Kuester  
Hartford, WI

Pav: "I don't care how it tastes because I'm trying to win the Guinness World Record for eating as much as possible in one gulp!"

Justin Kuester (dog #2).  
Hartford, WI



Chloe: "When in doubt, eat bread."

Daniel Chambleey  
Allenton, WI

Oliver: "Toys, the couch and mom are truly life's greatest joys!"

Debbie Hirn  
Sussex, WI

Cecilia: "I suppose I'll be pleasant while I grant you the privilege of petting me while I sit on my royal throne (your lap). But if you adjust my position even slightly, I'll growl and bear my teeth at you."

Ann and Matt  
Greendale, WI

Bunter: "I can't stand how happy I am, so I must run in circles around the table until I need a drink of water."

Ann and Matt (dog #2)  
Greendale, 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! Like us today!



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Anya & Iyra are just 2 of the dozen rats available for adoption at HAWS. We have several rat duos - and even a trio ("Rat Pack"? - that will want to be adopted together for companionship. These rats are survivors that were left in a snowbank during the bitter cold this winter, but they will warm your heart with their silly antics!

# RESCUES

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## Pit Bull Terrier

Helping Pitties in the City  
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[pittiesinthecitymke@gmail.com](mailto:pittiesinthecitymke@gmail.com)

## Poodle

920-625-3709  
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## Pug

NIPRA (Northern IL Pug Rescue & Adopt.)  
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## Pug Hugs, Inc.

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## Rat Terrier

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## Rottweiler

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

AllSaints Rescue  
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## Shar Pei

Shar Pei Savers  
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## Shih Tzu

New Beginnings Shih Tzu Rescue  
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## Standard Schnauzer

Standard Schnauzer Club of America Rescue  
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## Vizsla

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## Weimaraner

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## Westie

Wisconsin Westie Rescue, Inc.  
920-882-0382, [westies@new.rr.com](mailto:westies@new.rr.com)  
[www.wisconsinwestierescue.com](http://www.wisconsinwestierescue.com)

## Yorkshire Terrier

Yorkshire Terrier Rescue of Wisconsin  
414-747-0879, [shyyorkiemom@yahoo.com](mailto:shyyorkiemom@yahoo.com)

## WATERBOWL

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and over 100 volunteers. The foster homes currently extend up to Green Bay, down to Kenosha and west to Madison. Tailwaggers 911 also has a second branch now located in Georgia.

When it comes to the issue of transporting animals, Dawn embraces it. She says most importantly it is about saving a life. She works with HAWS and MADACC, but feels her services are best utilized by bringing dogs up from southern high-kill shelters. "We are looking to move dogs," says Dawn. "It's about allowing them to live."

Fetch's publisher, Marie Tubbin, adopted a dog through Tailwaggers 911. "We love Jack so. He will be sound asleep. Wake up. Come running to one of us for some lovin' and then go back to where he was laying down and fall asleep," says Marie. "It is like he just wants to let us know how happy he is to be here."

With her own ideals at heart, Dawn planted certain procedures and policies into an organization she grew from the ground up. Tailwaggers 911 was born in 2007. Roughly four years ago, they also started working with shelters in the south. Today, she is proud to say that the rescue is responsible for helping reduce euthanasia rates. One shelter in particular went from 87 percent to 21 percent. Tailwaggers now consistently works with three to five shelters in Georgia.

Currently, Tailwaggers 911 is running a Pot of Gold Campaign. They are looking to raise \$5,000 for a new transport vehicle. On their website ([www.tailwaggers911.com](http://www.tailwaggers911.com)), you can purchase a St. Patrick's Day symbol for a certain dollar amount. The fundraiser ends on St. Patrick's Day. Also, throughout March and April,

Tailwaggers has several Meet & Greet adoption events for anyone interested in a furry addition to their home.

For Dawn, it is definitely primarily about the dogs. "The dogs that are adopted from us go into great homes. I want to live with these people," she laughs. But it is also greatly about those who support the organization. This past December, the Landmark Inn in Mequon for instance, raised over \$700 and filled a van full of donations. "This could not happen without all the volunteers. Without them, I am nothing," Dawn emphasizes. She would also like to give a big, warm thanks to the Feed Bag Pet Supply for hosting so many of their events, and to the East Towne Veterinary Clinic for vetting 90 percent of their animals. Dawn says, "They have gone above and beyond."

It takes only one person to save a dog's life, but it takes a "village" to help get the dog from point A to point B.



## 3 PILLARS

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Proactive frame and organ maintenance involves both healthy use of the body to prevent injury and daily exercise. When trauma or injury can't be prevented, supportive care such as massage or water work can make all the difference. From the first vet visit, the pet owner should be involved in creating an overall wellness plan – including good dental practices and decisions on vaccination protocols.

### TAKE-AWAY ADVICE

Dr. Becker cautioned Symposium attendees against taking her message as gospel. According to her, each pet owner needs to do their research to know they are making the right choices for their companions. Become

## KIDS & DOGS

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For parents, babysitters, grandparents and others who care for blended families of children and dogs, Family Paws Parent Education offer webinars ([www.familypaws.com](http://www.familypaws.com)) and a support hotline (1-877-247-3407). The three licensed presenters in Wisconsin are prepared to do one-on-one counseling or give professional presentations to groups. If more child care providers would be aware of a dog's body language and how to respect dogs, then perhaps we would see dog bites decrease among children and adults.

Note: Each trainer charges a different fee and sessions last for approximately one hour.

### Patti Muraczewski

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

## 3 PILLARS

empowered for your pet and partner with a healthcare team to achieve abundant health for that pet.

Enjoy the journey together!



### Jennifer Smieja

Jennifer Smieja and her husband, Andy, share their home with Scooter the dog and Elliott the cat, both "job hazards" from Jen's work as Development Coordinator at the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) of Waukesha County.





# Of All the Dogs I Have **L**oved

As a dog person my whole life, I never thought of a dog as simply an animal. Growing up, we always had a dog (or three). They were short, furry little brothers that didn't punch me in the arm (unlike my human brother).

I never gave much thought to the TYPE of dogs we had, although, I remember a Black Labrador, a Lhasa Apso, an Old English Sheepdog, a Samoyed, a Golden Retriever and lots of "mutts". If variety is the spice of life then our home was very spicy.

I think the "mutts" were my favorite because they didn't seem to care much about behaving a certain way. They were content being plain old dogs. They weren't hung up on being a Harvard genius, a great hunter, a fast runner / swimmer / jumper or a great seeker of lost people. If I had to categorize their profession, they were the blue-collar workers of the dog world. They didn't care about having official registry papers or fancy breed names or shiny dog show trophies. Though I admit, we did have a dog that won a ribbon for the "curliest coat" at our church's annual summer festival, in case that counts.

Our dogs woke up each morning and got their doggy jobs done, you know, licking our faces, eating crumbs off the floor, chasing rabbits out of my mom's garden and alerting us when the mail was delivered. They were part of our family. They were my little brother or sister that never went to school or had to grow up. They were our

playmates and great at keeping secrets. They were partners in fantastic adventures when the snow was deep or the woods were too scary for hide and seek. Our dogs were best at the game "rescue the kid under the sleeping bag". Their ability to save us from a quilted monster was

forever grateful for them. May we all be so lucky as to be loved by a dog.

Except for when one licks your face after cleaning up after itself in the backyard.

**Jen Chamblee**

Jen Chamblee lives in Wayne, Wisconsin with her husband, three daughters, three dogs, barn cats and various chickens.



*Author with Childhood Friend  
Photo Courtesy of Rae Hoesli*

like no other.

With a smile, I remember their doggy quirks. We once had a dog eat a whole pound of fudge and never get sick. We also had several dogs that picked up after themselves in the backyard. Then there were the "chewers" that liked chewing the legs off of Barbie dolls. Or the furry dogs that played in the snow with us until their undersides were covered in snowballs.

But mostly we had dogs that no matter what, stuck by our side. If you ask me, I think dogs are the best gift humans have been given and I am

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still represents 100 percent of the American Kennel Club breeds.

The dogs that are tough to test are the ones that have been crossed multiple times Jaeger notes. However, she says genetic breed testing has become much more reliable over time. At first, the tests used to all come back the same. But now that so many more breeds have been added to the genetic database, the tests have become much more accurate.

Note: Costs will vary from \$80 to \$130 depending on what services are provided.

## DNA TESTING

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