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This eighth annual event is organized by the Alliance of Wisconsin

Animal Rehoming Efforts (AWARE) and will be held at the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park in West Allis, WI. from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Expo will showcase hundreds of exhibits featuring the newest pet products to hit the market and entertainment guaranteed to drop jaws, bring smiles, and leave the audience wanting more. Interact with over 300 animals available for adoption! The reptile education area provides chills and thrills to those daring enough to enter and interact with snakes, gators, spiders, lizards, and more.

"This event has become a favorite of area pet lovers" said Penny Romasko, Expo Director. "This year's event will incorporate activities for Packer's fans, big and small, to

energize them for the big game." The event is being held at the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park on Super Bowl Saturday. What better way to prepare for the big game than challenging football games for big and small?

There is no charge for kids under 12 this year so bring the entire family. Adult Admission is \$6. Bring in nonperishable food items for The Hunger Task Force and receive \$1 off your ticket price! All proceeds from the event benefit AWARE, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of companion animals in Wisconsin. For more information about this event and about other activities offered through AWARE, visit www.aware-wisconsin.com.

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The arrival of Louie as our cover dog has been two years in the making. You see, Louie is my (Marie - the publisher) dog. Two years ago when Ginny & I took over the magazine we featured her lovely dog, True. However, we never got around to featuring Louie. So I am thrilled to showcase Plott Hounds in this issue.

Mr. Louie, or King Louie as he is also affectionately known, came to our family via HAWS when he was about 9 months old. He is going to be 10 years old in 2012 as evidenced by the gray in his muzzle. Louie has opened so many wonderful doors for me and let me meet some great people. In our time together we have taken a myriad of fun classes including agility, done therapy dog work at nursing homes and walked countless miles through the woods. He is my buddy, my sweetie. He is my Louie.

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Editor's Letter

Dear Fetch Readers,

Welcome to our Winter issue! Even though the daylight is shorter and the weather is colder, there are still lots of things to do with our dogs. Be sure to check our Calendar of Events. It is available both in this issue and online at fetchmag.com.

This issue will always hold a special place in my heart as it features Plott Hounds. My Louie dog came from HAWS as a stray. One worker there identified him as a Plott Hound. She was quite confident in this as she spent nine years in northern Wisconsin as a vet assistant plucking porcupine needles out of many a Plott Hound nose. With Louie's nose, I can see how that could happen. However, he is laying on the couch snoring right now, and all porcupines in the area can rest comfortably.

Can you believe it? *Fetch* scored an interview with A.J. Hawk! Learn all about his four-footed friends in our question and answer session. Read and learn about all sorts of dog-related topics in all the excellent articles in this issue.

Check out old and new favorites: the Spotlight Series with articles focusing on dog lovers, the Adoptables, Backyard Quotables and *Yip! The Voice of Young Readers*.

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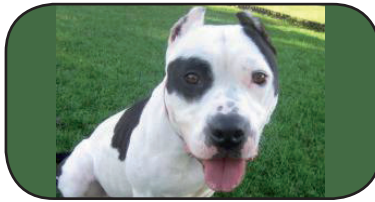
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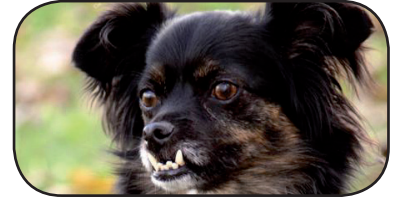
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Casey is a 3-year-old, male American Foxhound mix. Casey is a little shy when he first meets people but warms up quickly. He is affectionate and content to lie next to you while getting a belly rub. He has a lot of energy, loves to run and go on long walks. Casey is in foster care with other dogs. His new family will make the commitment to training, daily exercise, mental stimulation, and lots of TLC. Casey would do best in a home with older children.



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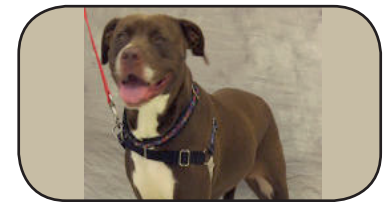
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Amber is a gorgeous Domestic Short Hair torbie looking for her forever home! Amber is very sweet and just flops to the ground when you pet her! She is approximately 6 years old and weighs about 11 lbs, but since she was found stray we don't know her background. Please come meet this sweet girl today at our Satellite Adoption Center at Mounds Pet Food Warehouse.



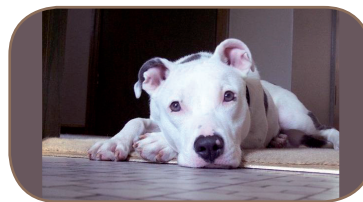
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Sonic is a very well-behaved 3-year-old Lab/Pitbull mix. She enjoys long walks and runs, and playing with other dogs (but no cats). Sonic likes to snuggle when she is in the house – and LOVES to have her ears rubbed! She is looking for a loving home and will be a great companion.



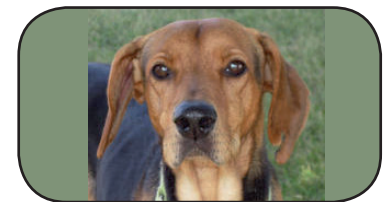
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Bella is a gentle 1 1/2 year old. She has a soft sort of shy personality & loves to be on your lap. She'll be great in a family with older teens and adults but no little children. A pretty Italian Greyhound mix, she warms up slow, but once your initial greeting is done, she likes your attention.



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Hi I am Katie, a 2-year-old, female Pit Bull mix in foster care. My tail never stops wagging. I'm a smart girl and eager to please. I would make an excellent exercise partner - action is my middle name! I think everything is fun, interesting, and needs to be played with. I have such a sweet personality and will shower you with kisses. I would do best in a home with older children.



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Asia is a 5-year-old Coonhound mix, weighing about 45#. Asia is a sweet girl with humans, but needs to live in a home with no other animals. Asia is loving and gentle dog who would benefit from a quiet, mature home as she works to build her confidence with strangers..



Fetch Spotlight Series:

Maria-Christina Jackson: Lobbyist & Activist

Maria-Christina Jackson is quick to tell you that there are many other people out there who have done much more for animals than she has. When I first contacted her she told me she felt a bit uncomfortable talking about her work for this reason. After speaking with her about her life and her achievements, I think that she wholeheartedly deserves the same lavish praise that she gives to her colleagues.

Through her work on behalf of animals and in her role as a lobbyist and animal activist, Maria-Christina Jackson is truly remarkable. Many of us love animals and try to help them, but there are few of us who can step up and take action when it is emotionally and physically difficult or when it involves personal risk. But, as Maria-Christina modestly says, “We each do our little part in our tiny corner of the world. You have to try to balance what’s bad out there.”

Maria-Christina has worked in education for nearly 20 years. Currently, she is an Instructional Resource Teacher in Madison and has always incorporated humane education into her curriculum. She feels that if children learn to respect a bug, a mouse, then a cat, then a dog, they will grow up to also respect their fellow human beings. She volunteers at the Dane County Humane Society where she works with adoptable and pre-adoptable dogs by counseling prospective pet owners and helps with the spay-neuter assistance program.

Maria-Christina’s deep connection with animals began when she was just a little girl. One December, Maria-Christina’s dog needed an expensive operation. Her dad offered his five kids a choice: either they could have

the usual big Christmas or their dog could have the surgery. The kids voted for a significantly smaller Christmas, and the dog went to the vet.

Later, the family lived outside of Rockford, Illinois on three acres of land surrounded by cornfields. She befriended many strays there and fell in love with a homeless German Shepherd. With gentleness and patience, Maria-Christina was able to encourage the dog to stay with them. She is grateful to her parents for giving her the chance to love animals and to have a voice in their lives. Her parents always told their kids that when it came to helping animals that they would “back them”.



After graduating from college in Madison, Maria-Christina lived for a time in San Francisco and volunteered with the ASPCA’s renowned Behavior and Training Department. She has traveled to 27 countries including China, a country she found beautiful but disturbing due to the perceived lack of reverence for both human and animal life. At one point, not knowing

if it existed or not, she unsuccessfully attempted to visit a “dog farm”. Experiences like this one aren’t easy, but Maria-Christina says that it’s crucial for us to try to “give a voice to those who have no voice and to take a stand to protect those we can”.

The Wisconsin director of the Humane Society of the United States taught Maria-Christina how to effectively lobby for animal issues. She went on to speak at the Capitol in 2009 where she testified in support of the passage of the Puppy Mill Bill.

Pivotal life experiences include her protest with other animal welfare activists outside the 2008 Thorpe Dog auction in Thorpe, Wisconsin. Unwanted, inhumanely kept, castoff dogs, many from puppy mills, were being auctioned off for nearly nothing. Maria-Christina’s mother gave her \$200 to help to get the oldest and saddest of them out of that horrific situation. The group took home several dogs.

Maria-Christina says that one of her most life changing experiences was when she served with the Humane Society’s Veterinary Medical Association field services team for a week long spay/neuter mission to North Dakota Native American reservations as a humane educator. Complete animal hospitals were set up in Community Centers on several reservations, much like a MASH unit. Maria-Christina brought home one patient, a Border Collie who had to have his leg amputated on the scene. “Rocky” now lives a happy life with Maria-Christina’s 80-year-old parents, and the two-of-them even participated in a “Hope and Possibilities” 5K race for

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people (and animals) with physical disabilities!

Maria-Christina also was a dog trainer for WAGS (Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs) and trained four service dogs to help people with physical disabilities live more independently. She is also a big fan of End Dog Fighting-Milwaukee, and her favorite pet supply store in Madison is Bad Dog Frida.

After the Thorpe Dog Auction, Maria-Christina and her companions got back into their cars and cried for a few minutes. But she says that you can't just cry. You have to do something, too. She isn't afraid to knock on doors and advocate for dogs she sees chained out or neglected. "We can't turn our backs on animals in need" she says. Indeed, Maria-Christina Jackson never walks away from an animal in need and is truly an inspiration for us all.

Pamela Stace

Pamela Stace is mom to four 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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If you are familiar with Winnie the Pooh, you know that Tiggers bounce. Well, did you know that moose bounce too? Well, not the moose with antlers up in Canada, but Moose the Irish Doodle from Hartland. An Irish Doodle is a mix of Irish Setter and Standard Poodle. As for Moose, his Mom, Rae Strobel says, "He doesn't run. He bounces. He chases leaves. Instead of running, he bounces on the leaves. He chases and growls at his shadow. He bounces straight up and lands on his shadow. He is a bouncy, bouncy boy."

Moose lives the good life at home with Rae, her husband, Jim and

Rae's sister. There are only a few hours during the day when a human is not home. However, Moose is not alone even then. He has good company in the form of cats and Casanova, an African Gray Parrot. Casanova will try to keep Moose in line by calling him "Moooo" or telling him "no", "sit", "stop" or "good boy". While Moose use to pay attention to Casanova's instructions, nowadays he is most interested in Casanova when the bird drops things like fruit, vegetables or bird pellets.

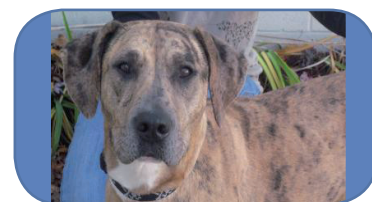
Outside the house, Moose's best buddies include the other boys in the 'hood. Walter and Charlie are Golden Retrievers and Cooper is a Golden Doodle. The neighbors can't walk the dogs by Moose's house without being pulled up the driveway. Moose will look for them when he goes outside, too. It is a mutual love affair according to Rae.

Moose is so popular that when the kids in the neighborhood came knocking on the door at trick or treat time they asked if Moose could go with them. A half hour later, a very happy dog and group of kids returned home with bags full of treats.

Moose doesn't get into mischief; it is more that he needs to share his joy at being alive. You can leave your shoes out, if you don't mind

how they look like after Moose redesigns them. He doesn't believe tennis shoes should have a back. Also, if you try to put socks on, Moose will take them off. Every now and then, he will then carry them around...and bounce while he is doing it.

When asked what she would tell someone who would get an Irish Doodle, Rae says, "Be prepared to love and be loved. I have never met a dog who loves life so much. It is crazy. They give you so much. He is the joy of my life. Walking in from a hard day's work, and seeing that smile that says, 'Hey, where have you been?' You can't beat that!"



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Winnie is a beautiful one-year-old girl with a personality to match. Winnie is a Great Dane mix who is every bit as active as she is big. Her fun loving ways will have you hooked but you have to be active to keep up with this girl. She is good with cats but no dogs as she is a bit overbearing. She is best with kids over 12. Winnie needs plenty of training and discipline and loves to take daily walks with the volunteers at WCHS

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"The good Lord brought me Lucky (my Plott Hound) to teach me tolerance. I was very intolerant of hunters. We have land, and the hunters came and trespassed. But because of the people I have met through Lucky, I realize that, just like there are bad lawyers and good lawyers or bad teachers and good teachers, there are bad hunters and good hunters," says Libby Bagby, her southern accent rolling her comments.

Libby came to have her Plott Hound, Lucky, quite literally by accident. She was driving near her home in North Carolina and saw what she thought was a plastic garbage bag laying on the side of the road. When the "bag" moved she realized it was a dog and contacted her husband, Rick. He was able to get the dog to the vet where the diagnosis was not good. The examination showed two broken legs, severe dehydration from being on the side of the road for at least two days and breathing trouble. Lots of time, love and care were involved to save Lucky. During the process, Libby and Rick learned that the dog who had now joined their family of five other dogs was a Plott Hound.

Plott Hounds sometimes seem to be the most famous dog that a lot of people



Rocky - photo courtesy of Stacy Stengel

have never heard of. Ask the average person on most street corners in Wisconsin if they have ever seen a Plott Hound and they will look at you and say, "What is a Plott?" Start doing research into Plotts, and you will find lots of devoted Plott fans who have recorded every detail of the breed, including hunting encounters and the lineage of Plotts back to the 1700's.

The most striking feature of Plott Hounds is a brindle coat – sometimes with short hair, sometimes with slightly longer hair. Brindle is a sort of striped pattern where bands of darker hair appear on a lighter background. The AKC standard states acceptable colors within the brindle as "yellow, buckskin, tan, brown, chocolate, liver, orange, red, light or dark gray, blue or Maltese, diluted black and black". Adults weigh between 40 and 60 pounds. Plotts have large barrel chests due to the lung capacity needed for running long distances.

Verbal history indicates that the breed traces its roots to some dogs,

possibly Hanoverian Hounds, brought over to America around 1750 by brothers with the last name Plott. The Plott family settled in North Carolina and developed a breed of dog for hunting large animals like bear and wild boar. As Libby states in her book *Tracking Plott Hound History – North Carolina's State Dog*, this was a time when "dogs were not considered pets but workers. They hunted animals that provided food for the table and skins for clothes and shoes. They herded and protected livestock and escorted family members."

Jim Wanta from Rudolph, Wisconsin has been breeding dogs since 1982. Big Jim, as he is

known, started hunting around age 10 with his dad. Now 50, he has passed on the hunting tradition to his two daughters who are 28 and 30. He also is involved in a youth hunt every August that gives undistributed bear hunting tags to kids who normally would not have a chance to hunt bear. The group goes through a class that teaches the rules and regulations of bear hunting before going on an actual hunt.

Big Jim says Plotts were bred to be big game dogs. It was a dog that could be used to keep the family and the farm animals alive. But apparently big game isn't the only animal that can catch the interest of a Plott. Big Jim has sold some of his dogs to a guy who lives in California. The gentleman raises organic chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys that are sold to people in Los Angeles. He was having problems with raccoons and coyotes. One night, the 14-week-old pup he got from Big Jim was in the house running from window to window. The California guy couldn't see anything but grabbed a flashlight and headed out with the dog. The dog found one raccoon in the chicken



Louie - photo courtesy of Brian Kobasick

house and another in the almond tree. It is 5 years later and the gentleman says he hasn't lost a chicken since the Plotts arrived. Big Jim has also seen young pups flush partridges and turkeys.

Plotts also make great family pets. Stacy Stengel and I became Plott Hound owners when each of us independently adopted Plotts from the Humane Animal Welfare Society in Waukesha. Stacy says the best thing about her Plott, Rocky, is "his mellow attitude. He gets along with everybody. He is so social and loving." Rocky is always on the prowl. If the neighborhood cat comes over to stare at the bird bath, Rocky will go ballistic. He has chased rabbits on walks. He is very intelligent and food motivated.

Libby, who has written a children's book on Plott Hounds, has travelled to 37 out of the 100 counties in North Carolina teaching at least 9,400 people about Plott Hounds (the state breed) and animal responsibility. A

Plott needs a lot of exercise. As Libby says, when Plotts "are hunting mountain lion, they run through three feet of snow. That takes a dog that is an athlete." Both Stacy's dog, Rocky, and my Plott, Louie, go to doggie day care, and Louie enjoyed weekly classes in agility for many years.

A Plott Hound's howl is useful to keep track of the dogs as they race across the countryside during game tracking. The potential Plott owner who lives in the city needs to be aware of the loudness of the Plott voice and be a good neighbor by stopping the barking. Stacy says Rocky "has a lot of voice to him when someone comes to the door. He is very talkative when he plays with his dog brother, Zeus. He grunts and groans with every effort. It is like having some old guy in the house."

Libby echoed some advice that I received when I first got my Plott. They should always be on leash or contained in a fenced yard. If a Plott comes across a good scent track, they are gone. Stacy says that Rocky does want to wander and that his nose can get him in trouble.

The Plott Hound has a long history in the United States. They have taken care of families by helping to provide food and protection. Plotts provide love and companionship as a family pet. They are active, food-motivated and intelligent. Remember what Stacy states, a Plott Hound is "not the big lazy hound dog that lies on the porch."

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 two best buddies. She met her husband, Mike, at Burger King and her dog, Louie, at HAWS. She considers these two of the luckiest days of her life right along with the day when Fetch arrived and became a part of her life.



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Around the *Water Bowl*

NEW BOOK REVIEWED BY ALAN D. EISENBERG

At my seventieth birthday party, people were not supposed to bring presents, only food. Everyone did except Frankie Sabbath. He brought me a book, written by a prominent Colombian woman now living in Milwaukee, Bertha Lopez Giraldo, a former actress, poet, declaimer and broadcaster in Colombia. She is five foot nothing, slim, beautiful, elder with a mind like a steel trap.

Love for dogs is the source of the book *The Silence of the Dogs*, the story of two very different dogs. Bonita was a street dog, while Spark was of a nobler lineage. They met and lived by chance or destiny in a strange, parallel world to our own. A moving story that celebrates the marvelous nature of dogs, *The Silence of the Dogs* expresses the tenderness and affection they feel and suffer because of humans. Often, when considering the ferocity of man touching the lives of most creatures, it seems that the intelligence and nobility of dogs are superior to that of humans. With real settings, such as Caracas, Bogota, Miami, Chicago, La Crosse, and Madison, Wisconsin, and real photographs, Bonita and Spark come to life in this most emotional of stories, set in these times of human cruelty and social injustice.

Here is the most amazing part: Bertha

thinks and speaks like a dog. The book is written in the first person as an autobiography. Bonita refers to her paws as hands. She enters a bank on her own with Bertha. Humans treat her like a human. The book will make you laugh and cry. It can be bought in either English or Spanish edition on the internet or at bookstores everywhere.

DOG BAGS MOST CELEBRITY PICTURES IN WORLD

Guinness World Records is also paying homage to its animal achievers, announcing a new 'top dog' to coincide with this year's global celebration! Lucky, a Maltese rescued by Wendy Diamond has officially achieved the record as the 'Animal Most Photographed with Celebrities' with 363 photos!

Lucky's list of celebrity pictures reads like a who's who in entertainment and politics including Bill Clinton, Rosie O'Donnell, Kim Kardashian, Maria Sharapova, Kanye West, Betty White, Richard Branson, Barbara Walters, Kelly Ripa, Kathy Griffin, and many more.

Founder and Editor of Animal Fair Media, Inc, Wendy Diamond adopted Lucky in 1999. As an animal rescue and welfare advocate, best-selling author and TV personality, Wendy supports countless charitable events with celebrities and always accompanied by

her loyal "wing dog" – Lucky! Wendy started photographing Lucky during interviews, as well as at charity, animal and political events.

Lucky is the global poster face of disenfranchised and homeless animals worldwide. Wendy applied to Guinness World Records for consideration. Guinness World Records Officials set a benchmark of 100 celebrities for the new category.

"I always thought Lucky was sort of the Johnny Carson of canines but I never imagined a Guinness World Record! This record isn't really about Lucky or even the celebrities, but the inspiring message that people can adopt their own Lucky and one day there won't be any more homeless pets!" said Wendy.

PROVIDE SAFE HAVEN FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE FOR ANIMALS

In collaboration with Sojourner Truth House, the Wisconsin Humane Society has started a Safe Haven foster network for victims of domestic abuse and their animals. Currently, there are no shelters in the greater Milwaukee area that allow animals, which is why foster homes are crucial. WHS is now recruiting people willing to foster animals from domestic abuse situations for a maximum of 60 days. The program is set to launch January 1, 2012. Due to this being



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Why volunteer to house an animal?

*A study of women seeking shelter showed that 71 percent of those with animals affirmed that their partner had threatened, hurt or killed their animal (Ascione, Weber and Wood, 1997).

*Numerous surveys have also reported that between 25 and 40 percent of battered women are unable to escape abusive situations out of concern for their animal's safety (McIntosh, 2002).

* Research establishes a need for safe housing for animals from abusive homes as a means of removing a barrier to the victim's ability to leave an abusive situation and keep her animal. Safe housing for their animal may give victims the peace of mind needed to leave a dangerous situation.

* Family animals are a source of comfort and emotional support for victims of abuse and their children. Animals provide unconditional love during difficult times, and preserving the bond between families and their animals is vitally important.

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Jazzy is an affectionate 1 ½ year old angel with an absolutely fantastic disposition! She is tolerant, sweet, and gentle. An active girl, she will need exercise to keep her happy. She walks well on leash and is very gentle when taking treats!

Why is My Dog Limping?

Many people have heard about canine hip dysplasia and are aware of the issues it can cause. But, did you know that hip dysplasia is not the most common reason that dogs are lame on their back legs? The most common reason I see dogs for back leg limping is for cranial cruciate ligament issues. Like people, dogs can have problems with ligaments in their knee joint, the most likely being the cranial cruciate ligament (CCL). In people the ligament is called the anterior cruciate ligament, or ACL, so same ligament, different name.



A ligament is a soft tissue structure that attaches bone to bone, and specifically the CCL attaches at the back of the thigh bone and the front of the shin bone inside the knee joint. A person tears their ligament because of too much force, i.e. being hit or twisting the wrong way. A dog, on the other hand, breaks it down because of weakening of the ligament over time; it is really more of a chronic disease. Very rarely is it an acute injury.

There is likely a strong correlation to genetics and conformation, similar to hip dysplasia in dogs, but we do not know everything about cranial cruciate ligament disease. What we do

know is that as the ligament is breaking down, it causes inflammation within the joint and swelling. This in turn leads to pain, discomfort and continual weakening of the ligament. As the inflammation progresses, the ligament will start to partially break-down and eventually completely tear after weeks to months. All of these changes start the cycle of arthritis. Once that has started there is no way to stop it, but we can slow it down. Surgery is the best treatment option for these dogs. Dogs that have surgery, go through physical therapy and are kept at a good weight will return to higher function and be overall more comfortable than the dogs that do not. The rate of arthritis progression is also slowed when dogs have surgery, and the majority of the dogs can be weaned off of pain medications.

There are many different types of surgery to treat cranial cruciate ligament disease in dogs, but there are two more common ones that are performed. One is a type of suture technique where the ligament is replicated with suture material. Then, it functions like it is the ligament. There are also bone modification techniques in which the biomechanics of the joint are changed so that the muscles around the knee joint can ultimately stabilize the joint. The technique that is recommended depends on many factors such as the dog's size, activity level, the owner's goals, etc.

If your dog has been limping intermittently and is in discomfort, bring him or her in for an evaluation. The sooner dogs are treated, the sooner they can feel better. Even if surgery is not an option, there are medications and exercise modifications that can help your pet be as comfortable as possible.

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DOGS OF THE FROZEN TUNDRA

Q&A SESSION WITH A.J. HAWK

Dog Owner: A.J. Hawk
Occupation: Green Bay Packers Linebacker #50

Frozen Tundra Fetchers: Todd (Chihuahua), Karl (German Shepherd), B'Gin (Belgium Malinois)

FETCH MAGAZINE: Growing up in Ohio, did your family own any dogs that might have prompted you to be a dog lover as an adult?

A.J. Hawk: *When I was in 3rd grade we had a Golden Retriever who was an awesome dog. He died a couple years ago. We were all bummed out, but my dad was especially close to him. He was my dad's little buddy.*

FETCH: How did you name your current dogs?

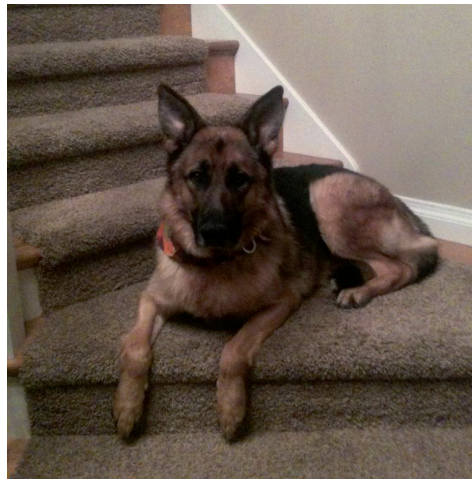
A.J.: *We're big into human names for our dogs. We went through a bunch of human names that we thought would be good, and then the perfect names just sort of hit us. Weighing only one pound, Todd's name just "fit" him. Now he's a little superstar. Everybody knows him. We did the same thing with Karl. He's a big 95- pound dog, but he loves people. Both dogs really ended up almost taking on their own names. B'Gin was already named when we got him.*

FETCH: How did you pick the winner for the Mighty Dog Big Guy/Small Dog Calendar Contest? What elements in the stories/photos stood out for you?

A.J.: *After Purina went through hundreds of thousands of entries, they narrowed the list down to the top 30. My wife Laura and I then just poured over these stories and photos and chose the ones that struck us the most. Our decision was based on a combination of the owners' passion for their dogs and the activities they engaged the dogs in. It was fun process, really.*

FETCH: Are you the resident "dog person" on the team or do you share your love of canine companionship with any of the other players?

A.J.: *I don't know of any other one who has as many dogs as I do, but there are certain guys who have taken a special interest in breeding. I could never do it though. I can't imagine having a house full of little puppies everywhere! But, a lot of the guys really enjoy our dogs. They come over and know them well.*



Karl - One of A.J. Hawk's three dogs

FETCH: Obviously, discipline is not a four-letter word for an athlete such as you. In fact, I read somewhere that you are admired as having one of the strongest work ethics in the league. So it goes without saying that adhering to such discipline is "key" to keeping your edge. Do you feel that your dogs are properly disciplined, or do they have some "opportunities"?

A.J.: *The two big guys listen. They know we run the show. Todd though, he doesn't listen to a thing we say. He seems to have that "little dog thing" where he thinks he can do whatever he pleases. He's a little guy who likes act like a big shot, I suppose...but, he absolutely loves people. He barks and barks when we have friends over and we have him in a separate room. He absolutely HAS to be with*

people.

FETCH: Do you have any special recommendations for training?

A.J.: *I use Red Star Kennels, personally. I've known of a lot of other guys who have used them in working with their own dogs, and they seem to do a really good job. They do excellent obedience training, that sort of thing.*

FETCH: What is the most indulgent thing you've ever done (or continually do) for your dog? 'Fess up.

A.J.: *Well, we don't feed them human food or anything like that. I suppose the way I indulge our dogs is by bringing them down to a beach near Lake Michigan. I throw a tennis ball around, and they absolutely LOVE it. I'd say being in the water is by far their favorite thing.*

FETCH: Your daughter Lennon must be about 10 months old. How does she get along with the dogs?

A.J.: *She loves them! Especially Karl. She'll poke him in the eye and jump all over him, and he'll just sit there and take it. You'd think the dog would be annoyed, but he just gives her face a big 'ole lick. We have to watch it sometimes because we'll get her all bathed and cleaned up, and then she'll start playing with him - we've got to keep him from slobbering all over her.*

FETCH: We have to teach our dogs a lot - how to come when we call, to stay off the furniture, etc., but I've often heard from dog owners that their pets have actually "taught" them a thing or two. What has your dog taught you?

A.J.: *Similar to my daughter Lennon, it amazes me of how they are capable of only love. They don't seem to get jealous or have any of those kinds of hang-ups. Everyone gets their love and all they seem to live for is their owner's*

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HOW MUCH IS YOUR DOG WORTH?

YOUR DOG'S VALUE IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

It is unthinkable to imagine someone hurting your dog, whether by accident or intention. Perhaps you – like the majority of Americans who live with pets – consider your dog a “member of the family.” So, if your dog was sickened, injured or killed, what would you consider fair compensation for all that you, your family and the dog went through? Would you want payment for your dog’s veterinary treatment? How might you adequately measure the emotional distress for every being involved? If your dog died, would you be able to put a price tag on losing him or her as a piece of property?

Each U.S. state and territory has its own criminal code. District Attorneys use it when choosing how to charge a crime; the courts use it when ruling on crimes against animals, including pets. Laws vary greatly from state to state. In Wisconsin, a place to start is statute 951.02: “No person may treat any animal, whether belonging to the person or another, in a cruel manner.” (Exceptions exist for some scientific research and accepted veterinary practices.) “Cruel” is defined as “causing unnecessary and excessive pain or suffering or unjustifiable injury or death.”

After determining a crime has occurred, the court must make a judgment regarding the worth of damage or loss caused by the crime. For the person whose beloved pet is wronged at the hands of someone else, it is natural to say the pet’s value eludes a mere dollar amount. There seems to be no way to put a price on the distress of losing a companion. But, for the legal system, rulings must include actual numbers: dollar amounts for restitution to the victim and dollar amounts due the court when a person is convicted and sentenced for a crime.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund ranks Wisconsin 18th in its 2010 U.S. assessment of state animal protection laws. The ranking takes into account how a state classifies felonies against animals, if it increases penalties for

repeat offenders and whether pets are included in domestic violence protection orders. Wisconsin currently does not have a legal precedent for pet-crime victims to receive restitution monies beyond a pet’s value as property. Contrast that with Tennessee (8th on the ALDF assessment) where the legal code states that the person causing death of a domestic dog or cat can be liable for up to \$5,000 in non-economic damages such as pain, distress and loss of enjoyment of life.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court addressed this issue of non-economic damages in a 2001 ruling. Julie Rabideau’s dog, Dakota, was shot by a neighbor who was also a City of Racine police officer. Dakota died from the injury two days later. Rabideau collapsed when told of his death, and she received medical treatment. Rabideau sought



non-economic damages from the City of Racine. While the court acknowledged that an emotional bond is expected between human and dog, the court reiterated that Wisconsin law categorizes a dog as personal property. The court asserted, “a companion dog is not equivalent to other items of personal property (like) a living room sofa or dining room furniture,” but still concluded, “Rabideau cannot maintain a claim for the emotional distress caused by negligent damage to her property.”

Larry Polonec’s dog, Harold, also died after someone else shot him. In 2007, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals upheld an order of restitution in the amount of \$7,500 to Polonec. The difference between Dakota and Harold is that Harold was an expensive piece of property, and Polonec could prove it. As a case purely about property crime – and not of emotional distress – the court can require the defendant to pay the “reasonable replacement cost of the value of the property on the date of its loss.” Wisconsin statute 973.20 requires the victim of such a property loss to prove the amount of the loss by a preponderance of the evidence. At the hearing, Polonec testified to purchasing Harold for \$2,000. Additionally, three hunting-dog raiser/trainers testified to Harold’s value by calculating his future breeding potential: ten breedings per year at \$300 each for several years.

In her 2002 Wisconsin Law Review, attorney Janice M. Pintar discusses the need to value some types of property beyond market prices. A pet dog is a unique form of personal property, she says. Pintar argues that owners should be allowed to testify to the social and emotional value of their companion animals. “Pets are still property. Yet to stop there...does a disservice to those owners who seek protection from and prevention of harm to the animals with whom they choose to share their lives.”

Perhaps Wisconsin will shift in this direction in the future, taking cues from other states that allow the courts to consider your dog’s value as more than just that of a piece of property.

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Every night the constellations circle overhead to retell the stories of all cultures. Our canine friends figure into some of these stories and even “star” in a few. This winter, when the icy air makes for haze-free skies find these canine constellations—possibly while you’re out walking your dog!

Our dog star-tales begin with the constellation Orion the Hunter. Visible in the evening winter sky, Orion is easily recognizable to many of us with his narrow waist, starry belt and club held overhead. Below Orion are his two hunting dogs: the constellations Canis Major, the Greater Dog, and Canis Minor, the Lesser Dog. Canis Major contains Sirius, the Dog Star, which is the brightest star in the night sky.

CHASING RABBITS

Also below Orion is the constellation Lepus the Hare. Because the Hare is close to Canis Major in the sky, it looks as if the Greater Dog is chasing the Hare across the heavens. Next to Orion is Taurus the Bull, a constellation of zodiacal fame. Again, because of their locations in the sky, it looks like Orion fights the bull Taurus, assisted by his trusty dogs Ca-

nis Major and Canis Minor.

The stories about the mighty Orion told by the Greeks—and there are many—do not include either of his loyal hunting dogs or the heavenly bull, however. Orion was a legendary hunter who was stung and killed by a scorpion which is why Orion and the constellation Scorpio, the Scorpion, are on opposite sides of the sky. Separate from Orion who is close to him in the night sky, Canis Major is featured in his own stories.

My favorite is the story of Laelaps, a dog who “ran so fast that no prey could

from the gods—from either the goddess of hunting or the King of Crete (himself the son of the god Zeus and a human woman). Laelaps was taken to a land where a fox, “destined never to be caught” lived. The fox and dog, both with their magical speed, started on a chase that could never end. To end the heavenly hunt, the god Zeus turned both animals into stone and then placed just the dog into the sky as the constellation Canis Major.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Canis Major with the bright Dog Star Sirius is joined in the sky by Canis Minor which contains another bright star, Procyon. August, when Procyon and the star Sirius begin to rise in the dawn sky, is the hottest month of summer and is called “the dog days of summer” by both the Greek and the Romans. The dog days are named for the stars in the two dog constellations—not on how dogs feel in the heat!

In addition to the Greeks and Romans, the Native American Cherokees created a story about the Dog Star. Along with the star Antares, located in the constellation Scorpio, the Dog Star was part of a test for departed souls. According to legend, souls had to feed first one dog (star) but have enough left over to feed the other dog. If the dog-feeding test was failed, the soul would be trapped forever between the two heavenly dogs.

This winter, enjoy hunting down the dogs of Orion. If you wonder about the tales behind other stars you see, go inside—where it’s warm!—and lose yourself in the myths behind other constellations in the night sky.

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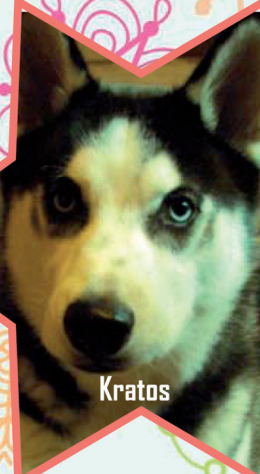
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Seek & Ye Shall Find: Shed Antlers



Hiking with my Chessie (Chesapeake Bay Retriever) and “searching” for things just seems to go hand in hand. Every season I hike the woods searching for that season’s treasures. In the spring I search for morels, the best tasting mushroom ever - and turkey hunting spots. In the summer I search for wild blackberries for pies and jams. In the fall we search for pheasants and ducks. Winter has us searching for rabbits and one of my most prized “finds” of the year - shed deer antlers. Late winter and early spring are the best times to find shed antlers since this is when the bucks “drop” them.

Yes, each year the male deer, called a buck or bull (depending on the species), lose its antlers and re-grows them. Moose, elk, mule deer and whitetail deer all do this as well. In Wisconsin, our official state animal may be the badger, but whitetail deer are probably our most popular game animal. Although you can’t use dogs to hunt deer, you can use dogs to find the deer’s shed antlers. In fact, shed hunting has become so popular that several western states have seasons designated for it! Shed antlers even

have their own record book for tracking the size of the found antlers, and they also have a high retail value. You can make or buy items that use shed antlers. Light fixtures which include huge chandeliers that cost over \$10,000, tables and other furniture, wine racks, coat hangers, door and drawer handles and knobs, and knife and silverware handles are some of the uses and ways you can buy shed antlers. And, of course you can also just display them for their pure beauty. I have several displayed on our fireplace mantel. From the dog’s standpoint, hunting for shed antlers is just plain fun. What dog doesn’t enjoy a run in the woods with their favorite humans?

Because of this demand for shed antlers, using dogs to find them has become big business. Dog trainers that specialize in training dogs to find them charge several thousand dollars for a “finished” dog. Many dog trainers now offer to train your dog for this type of hunting for a lot less, but this still may be more than you may be willing to spend. Some trainers offer to train you and the dog. This may be great option to quick start the dog

training process. The least expensive method is to buy a shed antler dog training guide, DVD or book and train your dog yourself. You can find books and guides on the internet or for free at your library. As with most dog training, you will find that patience, repetition and commitment are the main keys to success. One word of caution for self trainers: make sure that you train your dog not to chase deer as you will likely encounter them while hunting for their “sheds”.

So what breed works best for shed antler hunting? No dog breed has been developed specially to find shed antlers, but, many breeds can be trained to find them. Any breed that has a good nose and is trainable can succeed in this sport. Training your own dog to find shed antlers is very similar to training your dog for any other type of “hunting.” Your dog just needs to be taught precisely what they are hunting for. While the ever popular Labrador is often a favorite, more unlikely breeds like Dachshund and Beagles can also be used. As a rule, most of the breeds in the AKC’s Sporting and Hound groups will likely be able to be trained to find shed antlers.

Because shed antler hunting is done mostly in the late winter and early spring, you should be careful that you don’t stress wildlife while searching for the antlers. This is why many of the western states have designated “hunting” seasons. Late winter and early spring often finds deer, elk, moose and other wild animals at their weakest physical strength. Tread lightly in areas where you can see fresh signs of deer and other wild animals. Or, search in a completely different area since you’ll often have the woods to yourself during this season.

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Pet Industry Profile: Humane Officer

Looking for a new career that includes animals? Consider becoming a humane officer. Once connotatively known as a “dogcatcher,” the rewarding work of a humane officer varies as much as the job’s hours and pay.

Before making this career switch, get experience handling animals as this career takes talent working with dogs, cats, and even snakes, advises John McDowell, field office supervisor at Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC). “What you’re doing with your pet at home is not the same as on the job. That’s the toughest thing people learn.” Jill Posanski, a humane officer in Waukesha County, echoes John. “Know what to expect. My job is nothing like the one portrayed on television. The cases I work on do not typically wrap up with great outcomes in 45 minutes.”

“The show ‘Animal Cops’ is accurate to a degree. What you’re not seeing is 85 percent of what goes on in between,” John says. “No clean uniforms,” he jokes. And, unfortunately, most endings aren’t happy.

So volunteer, work part time with your local humane society or another organization like wildlife rehabilitation, or seek opportunities at dog shows. Once you’ve determined you’ve got that mental toughness and can get down and dirty, it’s time for training! After almost 40 years into his career, John says he began his sworn position through the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s department when humane officer work was done as part of a law enforcement job duty. It was a law enforcement or police position at that time.

To become a humane officer today, you can still work in law enforcement, but you must complete 40 hours of training. In fact, anyone can take this training, but it must be followed by continuing education. Then you need to be appointed by a governing body (i.e.,



“you cannot be a humane officer in Wisconsin without being appointed.”

Depending on where and who you work for, pay can vary “from minimum wage to over \$30 per hour,” Jill notes. For higher pay, a bachelor’s degree could work in your favor. Also, expect to work atypical hours. MADACC has both full- and part-time positions, with eight-hour shifts, which results in employees that are on-call and in the field every day. In Waukesha County, Jill works on-call 24/7 through the non-emergency dispatch.

As with any job, there are downsides, including those unpredictable hours. Diseases passed from animals to humans are another risk. Dealing with very dangerous animals, like venomous snakes or dogs ready to attack, is yet another possibility, John says. But “training employees keeps everybody in one piece.” Jill adds that she receives many calls about unsocialized pets. “What was a cute antic at 8 weeks of age is obnoxious and sometimes dangerous when the kitten or pup becomes an adult.” She advocates training to ensure a well-mannered pet. Finally, animal-owner conflicts happen but can be solved using people skills.

There’s plenty to enjoy about being a humane officer. The variety and independence makes it fun and interesting. No two calls are the same, John says, whether they involve crime scenes or law enforcement. Then there’s the paperwork and returning of phone calls. Jill’s office is also in charge of Wauke-

your employer), Jill says. Whether it’s a shelter, law enforcement agency or local government,

sha County’s Rabies Control Program so she receives numerous wild animal calls and bite reports.

Another perk is saving animals from cruelty or neglect. In these situations, Jill educates owners, often getting them to surrender an animal “when they realize they are unable to provide for it properly. I know the local animal shelters will give the animal the care and respect all animals deserve.” Away from her desk, she attends animal-related events and speaks with others “about everything from county dog park use to concerns with their neighbor feeding feral cats”. Jill says she enjoys feedback from fellow animal lovers. “It helps balance out the sometimes hostile reception I receive on neglect or cruelty complaint calls.”

John loves the humorous, amazing things he’s seen animals do such as the almost-100-pound dog that left MADACC one night. Climbing his walk-in kennel’s walls and over its covered top, the dog escaped out the back doors to the employee parking lot and went on a short adventure. (He was safely returned the next day.)

Teaching enthusiastic kids and others excites Jill. But saving animals like her own dog, Rebi, is what makes Jill’s week. In 17 degree below weather, the dog was found tied outside of a barn without shelter and was very thin. Once he was surrendered to Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWA) in Waukesha, Jill adopted her pup. “Not everyone is as lucky as I am to have a living success story hogging their bed every morning. Rebi is my daily inspiration to change lives for the better.”

Jessica Pairrett

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

The Black Dog

Stroll along the sandy, pristine beaches of Martha's Vineyard and you're bound to bump into a black dog. Peek into one the many quaint boutiques and you'll find yet another one. Sip your sangria at a local lobster shack and again, more black dogs. They're everywhere. But these black dogs are decidedly different. They don't greet you, wag their tail or even ask for a biscuit. Rather, they are plastered on tee-shirts, coffee mugs, canvas bags, baseball caps, flags, shot glasses, baby bibs, candles, pillows, cookie jars, just a name a few items. Heck, even dangling from glittery silver charm bracelets.

Meet the most infamous black dog on the island of Martha's Vineyard or perhaps even in New England itself. The Black Dog Tavern Company has unquestionably one of the most intriguing dog tales to tell. How one sailor and his pooch could turn the entire East Coast into Black Dog lovers is an anomaly that few can wrap their heads around. But, I tried.

On a recent trip to Massachusetts, I had the opportunity to visit the "The Vinyid" (as the locals call it). I met the folks who steer the ship that is the Black Dog phenomena. The Black Dog Tavern was actually the brain child of Captain Robert Douglas Sr., who in the hippie hey-days of 1971 was simply frustrated at not finding a decent place to eat in his hometown of Vineyard Haven. He decided to take matters into his own hands and build The Black Dog Tavern, a pub that eventually became

a favorite eatery for the locals. Named after his pet, not-so-creatively named "Black Dog", Douglas decided to have a friend design a tee-shirt that would depict the silhouette image of his Labrador/Boxer mix pooch. Douglas asked the cooks to don the shirts while flipping burgers and mixing clam chowder.

The patrons liked the food but loved the tee-shirts. Clamoring for a tee-shirt of their own, Douglas realized the loveable Labrador was attracting as much attention as his bar was. Shortly thereafter, he decided to open his first merchandise store, featuring the Black Dog-tee shirt and sell it to the public. Today, Black Dog merchandise accounts for about 80% of the company's \$15-20 million in yearly revenue, and you still can't find a better cup of chowder this side of the Atlantic.

Martha Luce is the Assistant to CEO Robert Douglas Jr., who took over the business in 2001 for his father. When asked how a simple idea for a uniform could turn into one of the most recognizable logos in the world she responds, "I think its serendipity. It's the confluence of events. When Rob took over the helm he focused on building a profit, while taking the business of merchandising the product slowly. He cut back on advertising and invested in protecting the brand." Word to the wise for anyone out there with brown dogs hoping to also cash in.

The Black Dog is quick to give back to the dog-loving community of New



England. The National Education for Assistance Dog Services (NEADS) has benefitted from contributions throughout the years. NEADS is a dog training facility in Massachusetts where puppies prepare dogs for a life of canine assistance to individuals who are deaf or have a disability (neads.org).

Twenty stores and forty years later, the Black Dog is still alive and well in the Vineyard and everywhere else for that matter. While the Captain no longer runs the business, he sets sail each week with fifth graders from the island, sharing the nautical history of Martha's Vineyard and encouraging the preservation of it's great natural beauty. And, while his four-legged muse no longer is at his side, there are plenty of black dogs near and dear to the Douglas name. Robert Douglas Jr. can often be seen with recently-adopted black dog

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The problem is that we've also seen the dogs that have had too many treats, too many second helpings and not enough exercise. We've seen what morbid obesity can do to a dog, and we don't want it to happen to yours.

Being overweight can contribute to the progression of crippling arthritis. Arthritis hurts and makes it hard to get around. There is nothing quite as sad as a beagle that is so fat that it doesn't even try to chase a rabbit or a Labrador that gives up retrieving the ball after one fetch. These dogs are not happy. They are sore and miserable. The unluckiest dogs are the ones who suffer from back problems such as intervertebral disc disease (IVDD also known as slipped disc). Managing their weight could mean avoiding expensive surgery or permanent paralysis.

A dog that is out of shape gets out of breath with any sort of exercise. He can't pant very efficiently with all that fat weighing him down. This becomes catastrophic in a



heatstroke situation. Dogs that are obese also suffer more from chronic bronchitis and collapsing trachea which cause a lot of coughing in small dogs. This cough is a nuisance in some dogs but can become life threatening in severe cases.

If your dog has skin folds, the skin down in the valley stays moist and warm, and that is a prime growing area for bacteria and yeast. Fat dogs develop skin folds in areas where slim dogs don't. Chronic skin infections are painful and stinky, and are no fun for anybody.

Obesity even makes it harder for veterinarians to provide medical care when your dog is sick. It's difficult to draw blood, place IV catheters and perform surgery when there is a lot of extra tissue in the way. Obesity also increases the risk of complications with anesthesia. Drug doses derived for lean dogs may not be right for dogs that are carrying around extra fat. And, since obesity makes it harder for dogs to breathe even when they are awake, it increases the risk of them not breathing deeply enough while they're anesthetized.



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Megan Tremelling, DVM

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It all started with one dog that caused two miracles. As a kid I had no siblings and my parents had to work most of the day. I so badly longed for a dog my whole life. When I turned six my parents took me to the Humane Society. I remember walking up and down the corridors. The first dog I saw was a poodle. I thought it was really cute, but my mom didn't want a big dog so we kept on walking. In the last room of the last hallway sat a small black and white dog that looked like a mop. I tapped on the glass but, he didn't look up. My dad read his file. "Playful, sweet, two years old, Shih Tzu." Sounds nice I thought. We decided to check him out, but it turned out someone beat us to the chase. He was already on hold, and all we could do was hope they didn't adopt him.

Well they didn't. Many people had taken him home but brought him back claiming he was depressed and not house trained at all. We took our chances and adopted him. I remember to this day my dad saying "a dog is not a toy. He feels pain but can't talk. He needs to be taken great care of." I thought it would be easy to have a dog, but boy was I wrong! The first months were tough. He wouldn't eat or move. Finally, he began to warm up to some chicken and slowly opened up. After the first year, he was once again the dog he had once been. He played with me and loved belly rubs!

That made me very sad. I begged for another dog, a puppy that would be all mine. For years I asked and asked. On Christmas Eve of 2009, I received a napkin from my parents. I looked at them thinking it was a joke. My dad whispered "open it up" and on the inside it said "You are getting a puppy"! I was so excited I nearly fainted! I couldn't stop smiling, and my heart was pounding.



but to this day I stand by my decision. The best part was when we got home. I put her on the ground, and she was really scared. When I took a step she followed inches away from my heel. I was ecstatic! I finally had my own baby to follow me! Since it was Christmas, I was on vacation and spent every single day at home with her. I was so sad

when school started again. I missed her so much. As she grew older, I started training her. She knows a handful of tricks now and is about 15 pounds. She is still really little and adorable. She has me in the palm of her paw!

Today Lucas is eleven years old and Minnie is turning two this month. I can't even imagine my life without them. They have not only taught me responsibility

but they have showed me that love is a universal thing. You don't need to know a person to know who they will be, and you don't need words to say a thousand things. Dogs have a way of life that is so far beyond complicated it hurts to think about it. They love us unconditionally even when we push them away or yell at them for no real reason. I hope that someday humans can be

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Yip! The Voice of Young Dog Lovers
Fetch Magazine knows that big words can come from little packages. If you're a dog lover age 18 years old or younger, you could be our next Yip! contributor. Simply e-mail your article submission to fetchyip@yahoo.com. Articles should be 600-800 words, based on any subject related to dogs. Articles will be chosen based on creativity, grammar and clarity, and will not be returned. Unfortunately, no hard copy entries will be accepted.

The following Saturday we went to Mauston, Wisconsin and met with a Shih Tzu breeder. She made my parents fill out papers and took me to meet six Shih Tzu puppies. Five were black and brown. They were lying side by side sleeping. Then there was one brown and white puppy jumping on the sleeping ones and pulling their ears. The breeder said she was the last one available from her litter; the rest had been sold. So I chose that one. She was three months old and was the size of my palm. I cried when I held her because I was so happy and she was so incredibly cute!

On the ride home she slept on my lap, and every once in a while she would lick my hand. I right away knew I had to name her Minnie. Many people make fun of her name,

We named him Lucas. Lucas is an amazing dog, but he was my dad's. The thing with Shih Tzu's is that they're really protective over their owners, and I was not his owner.

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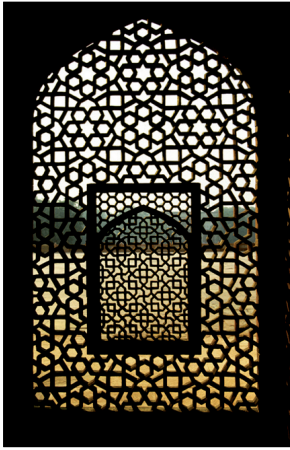
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR ANIMALS IN INDIA

In 1985, English woman Crystal Rogers founded Help in Suffering (HIS) after a trip to India where

she saw a lame horse being eaten alive by crows in the street. Since that time, HIS has grown to include 25 staff members, four veterinarians and three office personnel. The staff members work full time and often around the clock. They rescue homeless and injured animals, assist the vets, feed and care for recovering animals and maintain the shelter. To support their work, the non-profit charitable organization receives funding from Humane Society International U.S.A, various government agencies in India, other charitable groups and private donors.

No matter what you may have heard about animals in India and how they are treated, you will find the work of Jaipur's Help In Suffering rescue group extremely heartwarming. Yes, it is true that millions of India's animals suffer neglect and abuse but not because Indians have no regard for animals. Overpopulation, poverty, apathy, ignorance and superstition make it virtually impossible for most people to provide the kind of care the animals of India need.

Fortunately, the situation is starting to change. More and more groups like HIS have sprung up to rescue and care for sick, injured and homeless animals, and their work has fostered a more caring culture in Indian society toward animals. Help in Suffering is located on a large area of shaded land on the outskirts of Jaipur, the state capitol of Rhjakistan. The animals they rescue from the streets of Jaipur

receive compassionate care including medical treatment, sterilization, vaccination and re-homing. Any rescued animals with incurable injuries or illnesses are humanely put down.

HIS operates three rescue ambulances and two mobile clinic vehicles. Ramsakal ji, also known as Driver ji (ji is an Indian word showing respect) is the main driver and dog catcher. He also does the daily purchasing and transporting of dog food. Shiv Chand, another dedicated ambulance driver, collects sick and injured animals of all kinds and sizes--dogs, cats, birds, cattle, donkeys, ponies, horses, pigs, camels, monkeys--that are found on the streets of Jaipur both day and night. For his work, Shiv Chand needs to drive a larger vehicle equipped with a folding ramp big enough to transport camels and elephants. At least ten animals are rescued each day, and seventy dogs a week are sterilized and vaccinated for rabies.

The HIS sterilization program, Animal Birth Control (ABC) was started by British veterinary surgeon Dr. Jack Reece. In 2001, Dr. Reece attended the Asia for Animals Conference in Manila, Philippines where he learned of a desperate need for a program in India to teach and train vets working in Indian animal shelters. He volunteered for the job, set up the HIS/ABC sterilization program, and fifteen years later he is still there.

According to the HIS website, the purpose of their sterilization and immunization program is "to create a friendly, stable, rabies-free street dog population. The street dogs cannot be eliminated from the city of Jaipur unless the rubbish on which they feed is also eliminated. For many centuries they have lived in symbiosis with humans, filling a biological niche."

Thanks to ABC, Jaipur's street dogs

are no longer burdened with mange, venereal cancers, malnutrition, maggot-infested wounds and injuries from accidents. In fact, most people in Jaipur now accept the presence of the street dogs because they know the dogs are now safe and healthy. The success of this program resulted in many requests from other animal welfare groups to provide assistance, inspiration, advice and training. As a result, ABC now offers advice, training, and support to vets, managers and dog catchers from groups involved in humane street dog and rabies control throughout South Asia.

HIS includes a regular veterinary clinic where averages of 450 cases are treated every month. The HIS website lists these cases as ranging from "a small boy bringing in his pet rabbit to a village woman bringing her goat with mange or a family in tears because the street dog living at their gate has been injured on the road."

In 2006, the British Veterinary Association presented Dr. Reece with the first Trevor Blackburn Award for his dedicated work in the field of animal health and welfare in a developing country and in 2007 Humane Society International presented the doctor with an Award for Extraordinary Commitment and Achievement. "At HIS we gladly share duties and responsibilities to look after the animals in this part of the world," says Dr. Reece. "It is a labor of love. We get immense satisfaction from what we do, and we enjoy a strong bond of friendship among ourselves in helping the animals of Jaipur."

Jean Scherwenka

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

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:

Will there be anything for your dog under the Christmas tree?

"Of course! That's what Christmas is all about!"

Jan Kuehn, Colgate, WI

"Daddy will be building Kaiya an obstacle course for agility."

Steve and Linda Zik, Hubertus, WI

"A new doggy bone for Abby."

Tanner and Lexi Krajcir
New Berlin, WI

"Yes. Absolutely. They always get new treats and toys."

Katey and Ashley
Port Washington, WI

"Oh yeah. Last year we got him one of those big rawhides. He had it gone within a week."

Heather Maison, Brown Deer, WI

"No way! They'd probably open the gifts ahead of time!"

Barb Hart, Menonomee Falls, WI



"They sure do. They usually get a toy and one of those pre-filled stockings, and if it's on sale, a sweater or a bandana."

Kris Thompson, Menomonee Falls, WI

"Well of course! My dogs will be happy. Emily will tear the packages, even if they're not hers."

Dana Weber and
Sue Atwood, West Allis, WI

"I won't get him anything but only because all of his aunts and uncles and cousins do!"

Marie Tubbin
Waukesha, WI

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RESCUES

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A.J. HAWK'S DOGS

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praise. That's probably one the greatest things about dogs.

Special thanks to A.J. Hawk for contributing his time to sharing about life with his dogs and his family. Look for more outstanding Wisconsin athletes and their canine companions in upcoming issues!

Colleen Terry

In addition to working for the team of Fetch, Colleen lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin with her husband Paul and their precocious Cocker Spaniels, Oliver J. and Carmen Rose.

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THE BLACK DOG

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Lucy rubbing up against him. "She was born on Christmas Day, and I'm not sure what breed she is, but she's a great dog." Lucy looks eerily similar to the figure on the Black Dog logo, and she is without a doubt at home in the CEO's office of the Black Dog Tavern Company, located unpretentiously above the restaurant itself.

When asked what he feels is the primary reason for the Black Dog's far-reaching notoriety Douglas Jr. stops to consider, and then summarizes like a man who can appreciate the value of

Colleen Terry

Colleen Terry lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin with her husband Paul. They are owned by two ambitious Cocker Spaniels, Oliver J. and Carmen Rose. She's been a member of the Fetch Magazine pack since the summer of 2010, and has been wagging her tail ever since.

YIP!

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as open-minded and loving in the way a dog is. People who don't have dogs can't understand this feeling, this bond that forms between man and canine. If I ever lose my little miracles I don't know how my life will uphold itself. I need them more than they will ever need me.

Isabel Recalde

Isabel Recalde loves all animals, especially her dogs. She also enjoys writing and reading about everything. When she's not practicing volleyball she plays the piano and practices martial arts.

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