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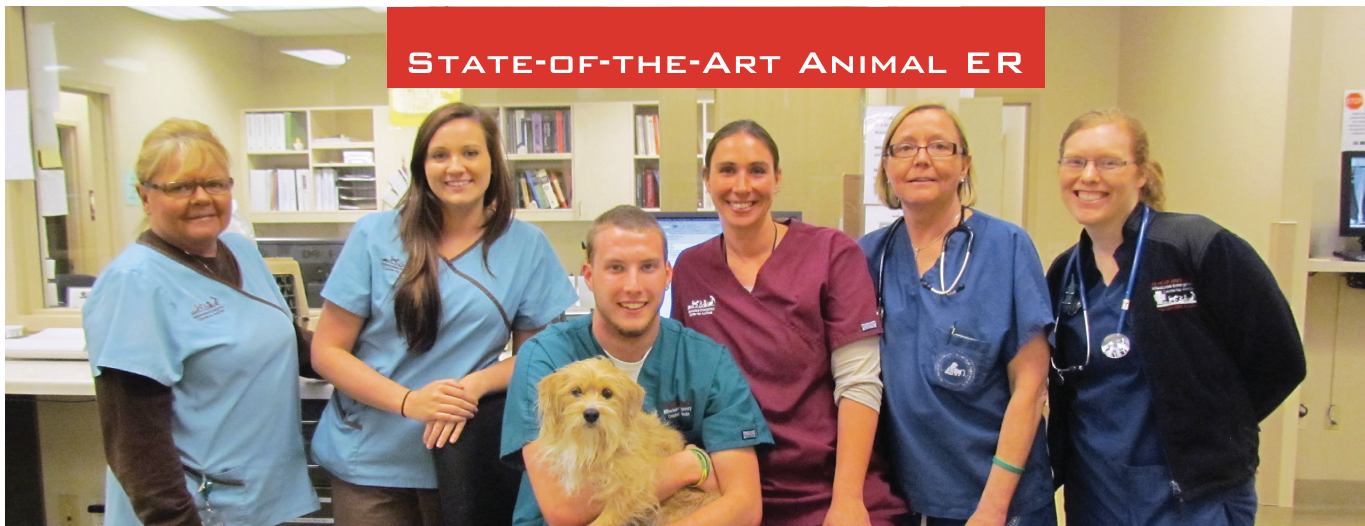
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Glasdun's Nitro

It may be cold outside, but Nitro, our cover doggy, is quite serene looking in this snowy backdrop we call Wisconsin. Just like the term Nitrogen, in which he was named after, Nitro is all around us - at least for the winter issue! His humans, the Glasduns, owners of a Scottish Deerhound breeding facility in Deerfield, say he's a nice representation of the breed but a bit more slow-minded than the rest of his pack.

"He's a big teddy bear," says Carmen Glasdun referring to Nitro's stature and personality. He was the biggest of his mom's litter and is quite a couch potato. Even his sister Fluorine is cautious of him when playing due to his grand physique. However, Nitro is nice enough to lay down so she has a chance to pounce on him says Carmen. And what a nice season for pouncing, that is if you don't mind a mouthful of snow and frozen paws. I think I'd stick to the couch myself, Nitro.

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Editor's Letter

Dear Fetch Readers:

I'd like to start off by saying, "Hi" to everyone and give a special "Thank you!" to the previous publisher Marie Tubbin for this opportunity. Most of you don't know who I am yet, but I plan on changing that.

In 2015, FETCH Magazine will be entering a new phase. It will be changing. Yes, change is scary but it will be a fantastic growing experience for everyone involved. I plan on evolving who I am right alongside this magazine for years to come, and I hope you will all join me for the ride! Note: The logo and look of the magazine, along with some of the content, will be different. The publisher will be different. However, the premise will stay the same. One of the main goals of this magazine is to serve as a venue for finding homeless dogs homes. I plan to continue this 110 percent.

Being a full-time mother of a 1-year-old son with a little girl on the way has forced me to realign how I help dogs these days. My goal of having a rescue may be pushed out a bit further than I originally had hoped, but my desire to help dogs in need with the power of words is now in full swing. And with you all by my side, I know we can accomplish this very task. There is no better feeling in the world than saving a dog's life. If you have any comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I work day and night.

P.S. FETCH will be offering \$15.00 subscriptions as of 2015 in order to help cover some of the wonderful changes in the works. It will remain free at all current locations. But as a convenience to you and as a benefit to the dogs, several options are available to you if you'd like to take advantage of them. Please email info@fetchmag.com to find out more!

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Roxy is a 9-years-young Shih Tzu who is visually impaired – she lost her right eye due to an injury & the sight in her left eye is limited. She would probably prefer a quiet home due to her age & medical condition. Would she do well with a cat sibling? Yes! A dog buddy? Maybe! Roxy is a sensitive girl who will need time to get to know you & establish trust. But she has a few tricks up her sleeve as she can roll over & give high 5s!



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Tini is a 12-years-young Poodle Mix. Tini may be tiny, but he has a HUGE heart! He is curious & a little bit shy. He loves cuddly things like his blanket & plushy bed. Tini is good with cats but isn't so sure about other dogs & needs to build confidence. This little man has lots of living left to do & needs that special loving home to help him!



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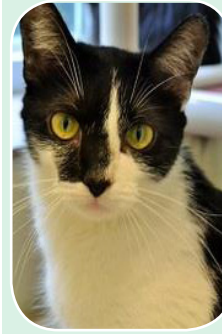
Say hello to **Asa**. She is a sweet 2-year-old kitty with a loving personality. Asa came in with her two siblings as a stray. She is a little reserved at first, but it doesn't take her long to warm up. She's super-snuggly & loves attention. Visit Asa today & see if she's the purrfect fit for your family.



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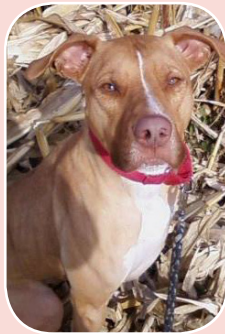
Meet **Boston**, a happy go lucky 4-year-old American Pit Bull Terrier. He loves everyone he meets, including other dogs! Boston just loves to play & romp around & will make you smile & laugh every day! Please come down to meet him; you won't be sorry!



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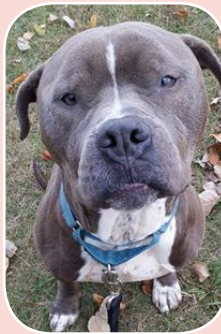
Here's **Kinsey**! This sweet 2-year-old girl is looking for her perfect family. She can be a little shy at first, but she is definitely a lover. Once she is used to her surroundings, her attention is all yours. She is snuggly & beautiful; the perfect combo. Kinsey gets along well with all of her feline roommates here at the shelter. Visit her today at HSSW!



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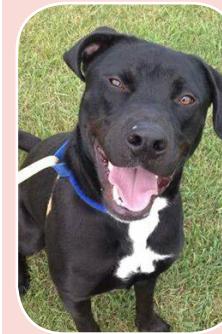
Brodie is a handsome, smart, fun-loving 3 ½-year-old boy who is waiting for his true forever home! Brodie is full of love. He loves people, toys, hiking, cuddling & giving wet kisses! He knows many obedience commands & walks well on leash! He is picky as far as canine friends go, but he did have dog friends in the past, so that potential is possible in the future. Most of all, Brodie is longing for a home with a special family to share his life & love with! Come meet him today.



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Marcos is one of the cutest boys you will ever see! His mouth & whiskers almost remind you of a Walrus! He is only 2-years-old, so he has many years of fun & love to give his special family. Marcos walks well on leash, knows several commands & likes other dogs but may be too playful for some. He loves people & would love to have a home to call his own - a soft bed would be nice too!



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Momo is a 1 ½-year-young, energetic fellow who would love a family of his very own to give his heart to. He loves taking long walks, car rides, playing with toys & just being a best buddy to a special someone! Momo does get along with other dogs & has the potential to accept cats of the right personality. This big fella has a heart of gold & just needs a family to treasure him for the rest of his life!



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"He's gone country...here he comes!" Hey y'all! This is **Ricky**, and he's a country boy at heart. He's 2-years-old and a unique looking dog with big ears & white "gloves." He has a hilarious personality – guaranteed to have you smiling & laughing every single day. Loyal, smart & funny – what a catch! Sweet Ricky has high anxiety around other dogs so is looking for a forever home where he can live a carefree life & not have to worry about other dogs being around – in the country, a rural area or even a quiet suburban environment would be great! Will you share peanut butter with Ricky forever & ever?

Adoptables Continued on pages 22-23
and throughout the entire issue!

AROUND THE WATER BOWL

Be Aware & Find Balance: Managing Compassion Stress

Recently Elmbrook Humane Society hosted Doug Fakkema who provided a seminar for staff and another for the general public. The topic of both seminars was Managing Compassion Stress, a term and condition often overlooked and therefore not managed well by animal welfare professionals (i.e. Caregivers).

Doug Fakkema's seminar provided tools for determining one's life stress, compassion fatigue, compassion satisfaction and compassion fatigue levels. His seminar also provided specific ways in which to identify if a person is suffering from compassion stress and how to manage this. The key to proper management is creating a balance between work and personal life.

How does one ensure they are successful with this? It starts with being aware of the balance, making it a priority. Easier said than done for most animal welfare professionals as there is always advocacy work to be done, community awareness to be gained and of course lives to be saved. The key to being successful on behalf of those that need animal welfare professionals most is indeed self-care and awareness.

What are some of the characteristics of compassion stress?

- Sleep – too much or too little
- Increased illness
- Anger or aggression towards others
- Depression
- Job dissatisfaction
- Avoiding conversation about work with loved ones
- Inability to stop thinking about work
- Mental and physical exhaustion
- Isolating from loved ones

How can compassion stress be managed?

- Enjoying life (away from work)
- Building your support system
- Talking about emotional traumas
- Learning how to distance your emotions so that the task at hand can be performed objectively
- Avoiding negative, non-productive thoughts (worry)
- Remaining positive
- Realizing you are not your job

In summary, the key to managing compassion stress, like anything in life, is awareness and balance. Southeastern Wisconsin is incredibly fortunate to have many talented, passionate, knowledgeable and compassionate animal welfare professionals.

To ensure longevity in this line of work, you must create a balance between work and non-work hobbies and fun. Accepting that it is OK to set limits and boundaries related to work and being aware of what you need to take care of yourself is critical for any animal welfare professional.

Goldens Holiday House Celebrates 11th Year

Hard to believe, but the holiday season is just around the corner once again! Celebrate the beginning of the holidays and help a Golden Retriever rescue raise funds to help its dogs. Wisconsin Adopt A Golden Retriever (WAA-GR) will hold its 11th annual Goldens Holiday House on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. WAAGR, an all-volunteer/member Golden Retriever rescue organization, will host the event at the home of one of WAAGR's

founding members, N61 W12851 Hemlock Court, in the River Heights South subdivision, Menomonee Falls, Wis.

The home will be decorated with 30 trees, including a Wizard of Oz tree, a snowman tree, and a tree dedicated to Jolly Old St. Nick himself. WAAGR Board member Barb Hart, who hosts the event with her husband Jim, begins decorating her home for the event in October.

This year's event also will feature a baked goods sale, silent auction, complimentary refreshments, and plenty of Golden Retrievers to greet attendees. A \$5 donation is requested to attend the Goldens' Holiday House, with kids under 12 admitted for free. All proceeds from the event go to help the Goldens in WAAGR's care that are awaiting new homes. So far in 2014, WAAGR has helped 60 dogs.

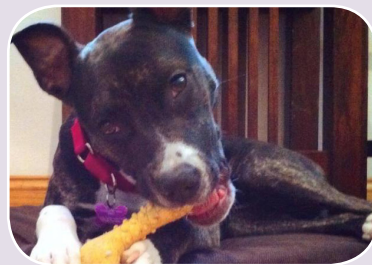
"As a nonprofit organization with no paid staff, we rely on the generosity of individuals who want to help provide a safe and happy life for Golden Retrievers, that, for whatever reason, have lost their homes," said WAAGR President Mary Schmittinger. "We look forward to seeing you at our final fundraiser of 2014, and appreciate all the support we have had throughout this year!"

Goldens Holiday House, by the numbers:

- The tallest tree decorated for the event is 12 feet, the shortest is two feet tall.
- Barb Hart said she has collected more than 2,000 Hallmark ornaments in 35 years, which adorn all but one of the trees.

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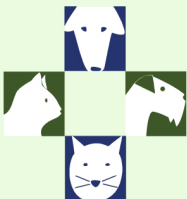


Lucy is a very social dog & loves the company of people & other pups. She is good at playing with others & can match play styles. She loves to PLAY - balls, tug, bones, even a pop bottle will do, but she will keep herself busy. She knows sit, stay, down, come & other commands. She has been through a teenager class at Dog Face! She's great in her crate & totally potty-trained. She also is a great walker - doesn't pull with her easy walk harness. Lucy could be YOUR perfect buddy.



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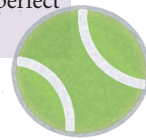
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TRAINING TIP

WAIT ... A MINUTE ...



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This Simple Cue May Just Save Your Dog's Life

BY CAROL SUMBRY, CPDT-KA, CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINER, EBHS

Does your dog dash out of an open door the second he gets the opportunity? Or does he pull you out the door when it is time for his daily walk or potty break? If so, it may be time to teach a simple cue that might even save your dog's life.

If our friends or family members almost knocked us over to get through a door, we would think their behavior was rude and that they lacked manners. However, our dogs often do this to us every time we try to take them outside.

By teaching your dog to pause at the doorway with a "wait" cue, you will be teaching your dog manners. At the same time, by teaching your dog this simple cue, you will be adding a bit of impulse control into your dog's life. Dogs often struggle with impulse control and push for what they want in life. A simple pause at the doorway helps to teach your dog that in order to get what he wants, he must be polite and exercise a bit of self-control and manners.

There are other applications for this cue. You can use it when you are opening the door to retrieve mail or packages and your dog is not going outside. You can also use it when your dog potties on a walk and you must pick it up. The dog does not have to "stay" or "sit" while you pick it up but simply pause or "wait". Wait is quite simply just a pause in forward motion, whereas stay means to actually hold a position like sit.

Another benefit to teaching wait can be a more enjoyable walk for you and your dog. One of the most common behavioral problems in dogs is called leash reactivity. This is when a dog becomes overly aroused when seeing another dog or a person. Getting some control before you leave the house by having your dog pause at the doorway can set the tone for the entire walk. The dog that sprints out of the door at 110 miles per hour on high alert is more likely to be reactive and overly

aroused at distractions. By teaching wait, the dog leaves the house in a calmer state of mind.

Wait is a very simple and useful cue to teach your dog. Once your dog learns this cue, you will wonder how you ever lived without it.

How To Accomplish This Task

Step 1. Put your dog on a LOOSE leash and walk towards a closed door. Cue the dog to wait and open the door about 3 inches. If the dog moves forward, immediately close the door.

Step 2. When the dog backs up, open the door. If he moves forward, quickly close the door again.

Step 3. Repeat until the dog pauses and checks in with you. A "check in" should be a nice pause or eye contact.

Step 4. Once the dog has paused, release the dog with an "OK" and proceed through the doorway. No treats are needed here. This is what we call a life reward. The reward is going through the door and/or out for a walk.

NOTE: Use the door to show the dog what you want and NOT by pulling on his leash. Let your dog think. Thinking and allowing your dog to problem solve is an extremely effective way for him to learn. Once your dog is successfully pausing at an open door, you can raise the criteria by adding distractions such as asking your dog to wait when there is a person at the door or by throwing his favorite toy outside and teaching him to wait.

More Behavior Modification Techniques

If your dog races out of the door each time he has the opportunity, you may need to address an underlying reason for this behavior. Dogs that live in a sensory deprived environment often run out for some excitement every chance they get. How can we train our dogs to want to stay at home? We need to make home more exciting by making sure we are giving our dogs plenty of mental stimulation daily. This can include food-stuffed toys, hunting games with treats or toys and other mind stimulating activities to make their home environment more fun than the outside world.

Dogs often run if they do not get an opportunity to go for walks and explore the outside world on a regular basis. Just like we enjoy a change of scenery, so do dogs. They need to move about by walking on a regular basis. Last but not least, if your dog's behavior causes the family and/or even the entire neighborhood to engage in a fun game of chase, then he is being rewarded for darting out the door. Therefore, before you teach wait, make sure there are not underlying reasons why your dog is whizzing through the door each chance he gets.



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Life of a Rather Mysterious Creature...

Scottish Deerhounds

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BY PAMELA STACE, FREELANCE WRITER

Courageous and strong, loving and serene, the Scottish Deerhound was painted by Sir Edwin Landseer and adored by Sir Walter Scott, whose own Deerhound Maida was often a Landseer subject. Sir Walter wrote that the Scottish Deerhound is “the most perfect creature in the world.”

A Bite of History

Scottish Deerhound origins are rather mysterious, but we do know that as early as the sixteenth century, they were identified as a breed. Deerhounds are physically very well suited for rocky, steep terrains, and they were traditionally used to hunt deer in the Scottish Highlands. They ran either singly or in pairs and were sometimes referred to as Scottish Greyhounds and Highland Deerhounds. Even though they are Sighthounds - a hound that hunts its prey by sight and speed rather than

by scent. Deerhounds have great scenting abilities. That together with their speed and strength makes them impressive hunters.

Originally, only highland chieftains were allowed to own Deerhounds. This became a problem when the clan system collapsed in the eighteenth century. Also, people at that time had started hunting differently, and with different kinds of dogs. At a certain point not that many Deerhounds were left in the world. In 1825 however, there was a concerted effort to revive the breed, and today's Scottish Deerhounds are in every way very much like dogs of record from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

This breed houses the second tallest dog in the world (the Irish Wolfhound is the tallest), and males can be over 30 inches at the shoulder. They have Greyhound curves, with a long body, deep chest, a narrow, tapered head, a slightly sloping back and Greyhound-

like ears. Their hair is “ragged”: harsh and wiry, and about three or four inches long. They have a “mane,” longer hair on the head, chest and abdomen, as well as beards and mustaches. Grooming is not difficult. Deerhounds can be dark or light grey, blue-grey, brindle, yellow, sandy red or red fawn.

Life with a Hound

Carmen Rasmussen, together with her husband Mark, has owned and raised Deerhounds since 1989. Their first Deerhound, Dancer, became their first show champion. At their home/breeding facility, Glasdun Scottish Deerhounds, they have experienced three generations including two litters. Currently, there are six Deerhounds at home.

“They are very easy to live with and are basically couch potatoes,” says Carmen. She has noticed that people with Deerhounds often have more than one.

In addition to being show dogs, Deerhounds can participate in obedience, lure coursing and agility. Carmen says it is fun for her to be out and about with her dogs at various public events such as the Highland Games or local dog fairs. Due to their strong hunting instincts, this breed can never be off leash when not in an enclosed area. Since they were bred to hunt independently, they will just take off! They definitely need room to run and a large fenced-in yard is a must. However, Carmen says they are “laid back, loving, sensitive, easy keepers, given that they have the safe, outdoor space that they need.”

Scottish Deerhounds are giant Sighthounds and as such, are subject to the health problems of both giant breeds and Sighthounds. This includes bleeding problems, bloat, neck problems, cardiomyopathy and osteosarcoma. Carmen has noticed that her dogs become extremely stressed when they have to go to the vet.

My Afghan Hound, as well as lots of other dogs, share this trait! The Deerhound's life span is only eight to nine years, although Carmen boasts that she once had a Deerhound who lived to be twelve!

The Best Fit

Deerhounds are good with kids, but as Carmen points out, they are not kid dogs per se. Unlike Labs for example, they do not look for playtime with children. They do not like to be bothered when resting. They can coexist with children, but they are big and strong and when running and playing can easily knock

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Photo Courtesy of Carmen Rasmussen

you off your feet! As far as cats go, Carmen says Deerhounds can live with indoor cats but will kill them if they see them running outside.

Deerhounds are not watchdogs, although their size can be intimidating! Carmen remembers going on a trip to New York once for a new puppy and arriving before the breeder had returned home from work. As they walked into the house, they were enthusiastically greeted by a mob of hounds!

Who is the ideal Deerhound person? Carmen says the best Deerhound person would be someone who has visited with one and done his or her research. As with all breeds, it is really important to know what you are getting into when you choose a furry companion.

The Scottish Deerhound Club of America has a wonderful website which includes lots of information. They also publish an official newsletter, The Claymore, which contains articles about current Deerhound issues, events and concerns.

The Scottish Deerhound is a rare breed. In 2013, AKC registration numbers placed it at number 165 on the recognized breed list. There are very few breeders, and they are justifiably very protective of their dogs. Those who want a Deerhound may have to wait a long time and travel quite a distance for a puppy.

Carmen's appreciation for the breed runs deep. She has a fondness for the connections she has made with others over the Deerhound's uniqueness. "They are very easy to live with and adore us without being demanding. They have a certain play that works best with other Deerhounds – quiet and laid back in the house and pretty wild when roughhousing with each other outside."

"Once you have a Scottish Deerhound, you become part of the worldwide Deerhound community," notes Carmen.

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To Titer Test or Not: The Pros & Cons Revealed

BY DR. MEGAN TREMELLING, LAKESHORE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS

Any discussion of titer testing has to start with this understanding: Vaccinations are the best tool medicine has ever created for the control of viral diseases, both human and animal. The concept behind vaccination is that exposing the patient to a harmless version of a dangerous microorganism can stimulate immunity to that organism. The widespread use of vaccinations has turned rabies and distemper into rarities among our pets, instead of the common and inexorable killers that they are in areas where vaccinations are less frequently used.

Like most medical procedures, vaccinations have some risk. Most vaccine complications are mild and not life threatening, but some can be very serious. Vaccinations do not kill hundreds of dogs every year, as you might think if you surf the more farfetched corners of the Internet, but of course we do not want to expose our pets to any risk that we can avoid.

How Often Do We Really Need to Vaccinate?

Unfortunately, there is no simple answer. The immunity derived from a vaccination is not lifelong. Traditionally doctors (both human and veterinary) have recommended giving boosters on a schedule to ensure that the patient maintains an immune response. But following a schedule may result in giving vaccinations more often than they are really needed. Running titers is one method that is used to try to judge when an individual dog really needs a vaccination booster, rather than simply relying on a schedule.

What's a Titer?

A vaccination titer is a blood test that measures special proteins called

antibodies, which form one part of a dog's resistance to a specific disease. These tests have limitations. A positive titer may mean that the dog is protected against a disease or that it is actively infected with the disease, or simply that it has been exposed to the disease. And there are other forms of immunity that we cannot measure, so a negative titer does not necessarily mean that the dog is unprotected; it just means that we cannot tell. Lastly, titer testing is expensive, sometimes many times the cost of the vaccination.

When is Measuring a Vaccination Titer Useful?

For canine distemper virus, canine parvovirus and canine adenovirus, the presence of a positive titer is a good way to measure protection. All puppies need to be vaccinated against these diseases, and in some cases it is appropriate to run titers on a puppy after vaccinations are complete, to ensure that the puppy has mounted the expected immune response. For healthy adult dogs, the cost and risk of booster vaccinations is so low that most cost-conscious owners usually prefer to give the vaccine than to titer test.

For some dogs with severe allergies or other illnesses, vaccinations may not be safe at all. But for owners who are worried about vaccination or for dogs that are at slightly higher risk of complications from a vaccine, the veterinarian may recommend running a titer instead of giving the vaccination on schedule. If the test is positive, there may be no need to vaccinate. If the test is negative, revaccination with appropriate cautions may be needed. Titer testing for rabies has some value in assessing whether a dog has immunity against the disease, but it does not change whether you have to give the vaccination.

Many state laws, including Wisconsin's, require dogs to be vaccinated against rabies, and while loopholes exist in some areas, Wisconsin makes no exception for dogs with protective titers. Thus, there really is not much point in testing unless you are traveling with

your dog. Titer testing for rabies is a necessary part of the import procedure in certain rabies-free regions like Hawaii and Guam in order to prove that a dog was really vaccinated and to qualify for a reduced quarantine.

For other infectious diseases, such as Lyme disease, leptospirosis, canine influenza and kennel cough, the value of titer testing is questionable. They may be difficult to interpret; they may correlate poorly with protective immunity; or there may not be enough evidence to support their use. Dogs also vary widely in how likely they are to be exposed to these diseases.

For these diseases, your veterinarian's expertise at assessing lifestyle risk is far more useful than titers in deciding whether or not your dog needs to be vaccinated. Titer testing is most important for dogs that have had allergic reactions to vaccines in the past or dogs that have immune-mediated diseases such as lupus.

Even for healthy dogs however, titers can be a useful part of the decision-making process that your veterinarian uses to protect your pet from infectious disease.



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Winter Hazards

'Tis The Season

BY LINDSEY FOSTER, DVM, MILWAUKEE
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As the weather gets colder and you get ready for winter, there are a few things you should keep in mind to keep your pet safe inside and out. Here is an overview of the most common hazards this season.

OUTSIDE

Antifreeze used in automobiles. Antifreeze has a sweet taste which animals like but is lethal with only a few licks (a teaspoon for a cat and 4 teaspoons for a dog). Antifreeze can cause severe kidney damage and/or failure within hours of ingestion. **Signs/Symptoms:** Stumbling, vomiting and depression within the first 12 hours post ingestion, then the animal seems to be getting better until they stop urinating. This can mean kidney failure. Call your veterinarian.

Salt/Ice Melt. This is irritating to paws and when licked off of them can cause gastrointestinal upset and lethargy. It can burn the paw pads of dogs and cats. To help prevent any irritation, wipe the animal's paw pads when coming inside.

Frostbite. This is something that can happen even if you do not feel it is that cold out. When an animal is wet from snow or there is a breeze even on the "warmer days of winter", frostbite can occur. **Signs/Symptoms:** Pale, gray or blue skin at first. Red, puffy skin later (commonly on the tips of the ears, tail or paw pads). Pain in ears, tail or paws when touched or skin that remains cold to the touch even when the pet is no longer outside.

Hypothermia. When animals are kept outdoors in the cold, hypothermia can occur quickly. **Signs/Symptoms:** Shivering then listlessness, weak pulses, lethargy, problems breathing, lack of appetite, rectal temperature below 98 degrees Fahrenheit, coma, cardiac arrest and/or death. If you expect your animal has gotten too cold outside, contact a veterinarian right away, dry the animal off and bring them into a clinic.

If your animal stays outside during the winter for extended periods of time, they need shelter away from the cold and wind. Your animal must have access to fresh water with a heat source to prevent it from freezing.

INSIDE

People food. Several human foods can make an animal very sick and therefore should be excluded from their diet. Chocolate, coffee, grapes, raisins, macadamia nuts, fatty foods, yeast dough and moldy or spoiled food should not be fed to our four-legged friends. If your pet happens to help themselves to any of these foods, you should contact a veterinarian for further instruction as some of these can be extremely dangerous for a dog or cat and even cause death in severe cases.

Christmas tree ornaments/tinsel/ribbons.

These things may look wonderful on your tree but your pet finds these adornments very fun to play with. They may be ingested and potentially become obstructed in their gastrointestinal tract requiring hospitalization and possibly surgery to remove them. Cats in particular love to play with and chew on ribbon and tinsel, so keep any presents with ribbon off the floor. It is best to avoid putting tinsel on anything if you have a cat in your home.

Electrical cords. Everything needs to be plugged in around the holidays which means more cords around the house attracting the attention of your dog or cat. If they bite into the cord and get electrocuted, even if you think it is a very small shock, it can become a big problem. An animal that gets shocked by an electrical cord can sustain minor injuries such as burns to their mouth or tongue. These injuries can vary greatly due to the severity of the shock. A large electrical current passing through the body can cause serious problems in the lungs (pulmonary edema), which might not be noticed at first but can become a life-threatening problem quickly. If

you see bite marks in any cords or see your pet chewing on cords, you should contact a veterinarian and have your animal examined.

Liquid potpourri. It makes your home smell very good but can cause chemical burns to a cat's mouth if they get curious and take a lick.

Fire. As the nights get colder, having a fire in the fireplace can warm up a room very quickly. Be sure to keep your pets away from open flames (both in the fireplace and candles) as burns on an animal's coat may not look bad initially but can become severe hours following.

Lilies. They are beautiful and really brighten up a room, but severe kidney damage can occur in cats even if only a small amount of pollen grazes their coat. Due to their impeccable grooming habits, a cat may ingest what little pollen has come into contact with their fur. Cats like to chew on plants. If you have a cat in your house it is best to keep lilies out.

Mistletoe. Mistletoe is hung up so a kiss can be stolen from underneath it. But if a dog or cat chews on this plant, it can cause cardiovascular problems. However, it is more likely that your pet will experience gastrointestinal upset (vomiting and/or diarrhea).

Holly. This can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and/or lethargy if ingested.

If you are worried your animal has come into contact with, eaten or is displaying any of the aforementioned symptoms, contact a veterinarian, your local emergency vet or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center.

1-888-426-4435 (fees may apply).

Accidents happen, so it's smart to be prepared in case of an emergency. ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center experts recommend that you invest in an emergency first-aid kit for your pet.

The kit should contain:

- Fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent USP (to induce vomiting)
- Turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medicine syringe (to administer peroxide)
- Saline eye solution
- Artificial tear gel (to lubricate eyes after flushing)
- Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid (for bathing an animal after skin contamination)
- Forceps (to remove stingers)
- Muzzle (to protect against fear- or excitement-induced biting)
- Can of your pet's favorite wet food
- Pet carrier

Always consult a veterinarian or the APCC for directions on how and when to use any emergency first-aid item. We also suggest that you keep the telephone number of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center—(888) 426-4435—as well as that of your local veterinarian in a prominent location.

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ARTIST PROFILE

ART WITH HEART Artists Give Back to Animal Causes

BY AMY BEHRENDT, FREELANCE WRITER

A paintbrush, a camera and a pencil: Tools that can create beautiful works of art with the creativity of an artist behind them.

For three local artists, what begins as a simple sketch, an idea, or a vision means so much more than just the final piece of perfection the artwork becomes. Cherilynn Wood, Brittany Farina and Stephanie Bartz, not only produce these dog-inspired works for patrons, but also give back to animal charities through their work.

Cherilynn Wood from Milwaukee works in watercolor with pen and ink as her chosen medium. Wood notes, "As a child, I used to love writing stories on my parent's front porch; it was my favorite thing to do." In high school, Wood fell in love with watercolor and attended the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, allowing her passion to grow stronger.

She began painting pet portraits after her fam-

ily's dog Kuma died in 2008. Having moved away from her parents, she could not be there when Kuma died and turned to art as a part of the healing process. She sketched a portrait of Kuma as she remembered him, which still hangs as a central piece in her parents' home.

"This made me think why not create portraits for other people and maybe my art can do something more for people to help them heal, to celebrate the lives of our pets and the very special relationship we have with them," Wood says.



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Today, 10 percent of Wood's profits go to Trio Animal Foundation in Chicago. "They provide assistance to many rescues, so that dogs with medical conditions can be saved and not over-looked because the cost to rescue them

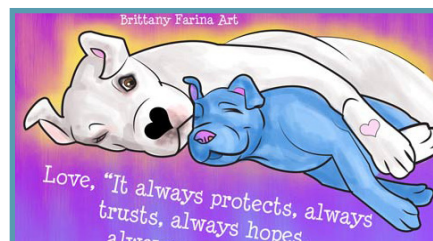


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is too high for small rescues to take on," she proclaims. "They are saving lives that would most likely otherwise be euthanized. I am so moved by the work they do and want to do my part to help further their efforts." www.cherilynnfineart.com

Brittany Farina from Jackson uses a digital drawing tablet to create her works of art, which are digital paintings/illustrations. She also enjoys pencil sketching. Inspiration for her work comes from familiar sources. "I have a Min Pin, Lucy and recently adopted a cat, Ash. Their playful charm is very inspiring to me; they often play while I am creating, so that helps with the creativity." She has a section in her online shop called "Help Animals in Need" and offers discounted 8.5 x 11 prints at \$10 for rescue groups to purchase to use for fundraising efforts. She has been giving back to animal charities for about two years and says, "I love being able to give back and help by using my passions, art and animals; combining them is a plus." www.brittanyfarina.com

Stephanie Bartz from Wauwatosa can often be found behind a camera whether in her studio or on the road. She gives 10 to 20 percent of her profits back to communities and local charities throughout the year such as the Wisconsin Humane Society, Elmbrook Humane Society and ROMP. She also collaborates with another artist, combining her photography and her colleague's sterling silver jewelry for a line called PIXessories.

"I work on location, meaning I come to the client whether that is in a favorite park, backyard or spot that has meaning," Bartz says. "The background is part of the story."

Dogs were among the first subjects she photographed and have been a part of her life throughout the years from having grown up with them to currently helping with her parents' Goldendoodle Molly.

"At the age of ten, I received my first working camera (Kodak 110)," says Bartz. "My first dog Sam was my dedicated subject. Sam was wonderful, sweet and patient, and he seemed to really like being photographed. Or maybe he had nothing else to do? Nah, doubt it!"

From the Kodak 110 camera to today, dogs continue to provide inspiration to Bartz's work. "I ask the owner what makes them special, what quirks do they have and what stories can they tell me, so I can recreate that for our shoot." sbartzphotography.com



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BY SULLEY, SENIOR GOLDEN RETRIEVER FOUND SNORING AFTER A DAY OF PLAY. TRANSLATED BY AMY BEHRENDT, FREELANCE WRITER

Sulley's View

I miss my sister.

Honey was a lovely Golden Retriever, rescued by my family when she was 7-years-old. In May 2013, we lost her at roughly 15 years of age. My family was very sad, and I was confused when they came home without her one night. In overhearing my parents, Honey got sick and crossed the rainbow bridge.

My parents gave me extra attention and love after Honey's passing. I spent time in her favorite spot: I wanted to keep it warm for her in case she came back. Who was going to play in the yard with me?

As I was dealing with the loss of my sister, I suffered another loss later that year: My grandparents' dog passed away due to illness. I enjoyed my visits with Labrador Allie, and she, Honey and I were best friends. The first time I visited after Allie passed away, I followed my grandma around a lot trying to figure out where my favorite tug-of-war partner was.

Laying in Honey's spot looking for Allie, got my mom thinking about how I might be feeling. Unfortunately, I could not tell her through words. So she asked a few experts in the pet care field about doggy grief...

Doggy Grief

Dr. Keven Schepp, medical director at VCA Pahl Animal Hospital in West Allis, says that some of the signs Sulley's mom saw in him following their losses indicated him searching for his canine companions. "I think pets do feel sadness/grief when these things happen," he says. "If you think about what a human goes through (in dealing with the loss of a pet), I don't think you are far off from what a dog may go through."

Angie Poos, a veterinary technician with West Allis Animal Hospital, echoed those sentiments. Being with the clinic for 16 years, she has seen her share of grieving families. "When

there is more than one pet in the household, especially for a number of years, they can develop close bonds," Poos says. "If one of them passes, it can be very confusing for the one left behind. We have a grief booklet for owners that can help them with their grief process and also has helpful information for helping the pets left behind."

Poos said the booklet references a study done by the ASPCA in 1996 called the Animal Mourning Project. The project uncovered the following:

- 36 percent of dogs ate less than usual after the death of another canine companion
- About 11 percent actually stopped eating completely
- About 63 percent of dogs vocalized more, or less, than normal
- Study respondents indicated that surviving dogs changed the quantity and location of sleep
- More than half of the surviving pets became more affectionate and clingy with their caregivers

"I would agree with this study after hearing many stories over the years from our clients," Poos says. "Pets that have lost companions may sit at the window or door, as if they are waiting for their companion to return. They may seem depressed or begin displaying inappropriate behavior such as vocalizing, chewing, pacing and/or obsessive grooming. Pets are very sensitive to changes in our moods, and they also respond to the grief we feel."

How can families move forward, and in turn, help their canine companions like Sulley? "Some ways to cope with grief and the entire process of pet loss are to acknowledge and give yourself permission to express it, reach out to others who can lend a sympathetic ear, attend a pet loss support group and have a memorial ceremony for your pet," said Paul Mann, Founder and CEO of Fetch! Pet Care.

"Surviving pets may exhibit a range of actions, including refusing to eat or drink, whimpering or seem lethargic, especially if they had a close bond with the deceased pet. The changing circumstances and your emotional state may distress them. Give them lots of TLC and try to maintain their normal routine. It's advisable to seek your veterinarian's attention if issues persist."

For those facing the loss of a pet, the Wisconsin Humane Society hosts a Pet Loss Seminar once a month at the Milwaukee location. The seminar includes a discussion of the grieving process and suggestions for coping with loss. For more information visit www.wihumane.org/services/end-of-life-services.

Sulley's Final Note

Each day did get easier for us, and I am thankful for the extra attention my family gave me. In the meantime, I found Honey's place by the door is pretty comfy.

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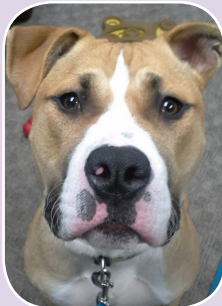
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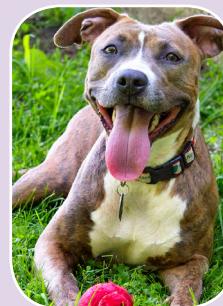
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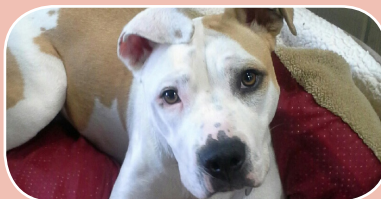
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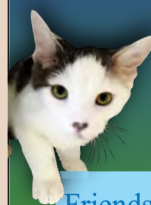
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HOLIDAY FEATURES

Holiday Gift Ideas for the Dogs & Dog Lovers on Your List

BY KATHLEEN A. HUNTER, MS, FREELANCE WRITER

No matter what holiday you celebrate this winter season here you will find the special gift for the dogs and dog lovers on your list. Highlighted are businesses that donate a portion of their proceeds or product to dog service organizations. It's like giving two gifts in one.



Snug-A-Bull

Angela Tomasino took her talent for knitting and her love for dogs and created the Snug-A-Bull. The idea was conceived in the middle of a long, cold winter in Chicago 2012. Her Pit Bull Mix pups, Bruce Wayne and Alfred, are her inspirations for her designs. Snug-A-Bulls are constructed from yarn and fleece made in America. The materials are "soft, yet durable (easy to clean!) and come in a variety of colors." They can be worn by all breeds from Chihuahuas to Pit Bulls, just designate your size when ordering.

She donates 10 percent of her proceeds to American Animal Rescue Society and One Tail at a Time because they helped socialize Alfred when Angela rescued him from the streets. However, she has donated to other rescues and she says, "If you have rescues you love in Wisconsin send me their info and I would love to check them out!"

Angela will also knit a custom Snug-A-Bull for you. The deadline to order for the holidays is December 19th. For custom orders it is December 1st to guarantee shipping by December 24th. Angela will also gift-wrap and include a personalized message from you. etsy.com/shop/SnugABull



Bowser Beer

Jenny Brown started with homemade pretzels for dogs. They were a yummy treat but they needed something to wash them down besides water. That led to the creation of Bowser Beer, a human-grade beverage for your dogs that does not contain any alcohol or hops. Jenny goes to great lengths to ensure quality ingredients are used.

Bowser Beer donates a portion of their product like custom labelled six-packs to various charity organizations. Jenny says she has an "affinity for service dog organizations due to the quality of life potential they offer and the fact that they are very intensively volunteer-driven to train dogs."

A 6-pack sells for \$20. A custom label with your dog's picture and brew name is an additional \$10. Orders are shipped within 24 hours; custom label orders are shipped within 24 to 48 hours. However, if you are on the east coast she recommends ordering before December 17th to ensure delivery by the 25th. They also give wholesale discounts to 501c 3 non-profits. bowserbeer.com



Puppy Paws Jewelry

For the dog lover who loves to wear her pup's paws close to her heart, Puppy Paws Jewelry is just the gift. Each piece has a paw print imprinted in sterling silver. Pamela Meltzer adds customer chosen colored crystals in the pads of the paw. Pamela says, "She wants to bring smiles into people's lives." Sometimes that is a paw print to celebrate a new dog or it might be to remember one who has passed. Paw Prints range in price from \$25 to \$2,500. She will also gift-wrap and include a handwritten note from the sender. Items ship within 24 to 48 hours. Note: As with any holiday shopping, it is best not to wait until the last holiday week. That is, "cutting it close but it can be done." Pamela also donates a portion of her proceeds to a variety of animal rescues. puppypaws.com



Greater Good

This is a site for donating to various charities. One dog specific program is One Picture Saves a Life. GreaterGood.org is collaborating with WAHL Clipper Corporation and The Animal Rescue Site to educate shelters on the importance of a great picture for their adoption sites. Another program is the Shelter Renovation Project, a collaboration between PEDIGREE® Brand and GreaterGood.org to improve shelters across the country. theanimalrescuesite.gretergood.com

These businesses should get you started on your holiday shopping for the dogs & dog lovers on your list. With each purchase you make you will help other dogs less fortunate than your own. For all that our dogs give to us, you & your pooches can help make every dog's holiday season special.

On The Tenth Day of Christmas My True Love Gave To Me...

Ways to Help Homeless Pets During the Holidays

BY JESSICA PAIRRETT, FREELANCE WRITER

As the holidays quickly approach, it is easy to get caught up in their hustle and bustle. Sales ads beckon us here and there, getting us to spend our hard-earned dollars on friends, family, pets and even a bit on ourselves. But what about those pets still waiting for their forever homes? Thankfully, there are many different ways to spread joy to homeless animals this holiday season.

Adopt. "National research has found that animals adopted during the holidays are no more likely to be returned, and with families off from school and work, for many families it can be a wonderful time to help an animal make that transition into a new home," says Angela Speed, Vice President of Communications, Wisconsin Humane Society.

Simultaneously, you can support Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission's animals during their 12 Days of Adoption event on December 26 thru January 8. Take home a special animal at a reduced adoption fee of only \$12. "We want to get animals into homes while people are off for the holiday," says Kathy Shillinglaw, MADACC's Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator.

Foster. If you are not ready to commit to another dog, check with your local rescue or shelter and offer a temporary home. Note: Fetch has a list of local rescues/shelters in the back pages of each issue for your convenience.

Volunteer. Put your talents to work! Organized? Great! Make a comprehensive online wishlist for a shelter using a site like Amazon.com. Photographer by trade? Then build your portfolio by taking photos of dogs at play in the snow suggests Shelly Grade, foster home for Fluffy Dog Rescue. Social butterfly? Help promote adoption on various social media sites, says Michelle Serocki, Brew City Bully Club.

Donate. Shelters rely on your generosity for monetary and animal-supply gifts. Serocki suggests giving food, towels, blankets, tough toys and more. Also in demand are old pillows, comforters and even crib mattresses. Stretch your dollars and look for dog treat,

food and cat litter coupons, purchase those items, then donate them, suggests animal lover Amanda Callais.

Set up a giving tree. Shillinglaw says MADACC puts a tree in their lobby. Stop in to take an ornament featuring an adoptable cat or dog, their picture and whether their wish is for a toy, food, treat or enrichment toy. Buy it and then return it to MADACC. Similarly, Laura Nigbur, a MADACC volunteer, says you can set up a similar Christmas tree at your own workplace.

Start a penny war. Get the kids involved! Reach out to your child's school and help organize a penny war. Encourage classrooms to compete for a top prize, like a pizza party, by bringing in all their pennies to see which classroom can gather the most. The animals win when all those pennies are donated to a shelter or rescue.

Host a wrap party. Gather some friends, plenty of gift wrap, tape and tissue paper, and wrap presents. Suggest a donation, like one dollar per present and donate proceeds to a rescue.

Sell. Nigbur says you can sell crafts at holiday fairs. One Fluffy Dog Rescue volunteer

will be raising funds serving lunch at an Agility Junkies agility function, says Grade. Bake, book and garage sales are other ideas.

Party. Join MADACC's Rockabilly for Rescue on December 13, one of the most fun events of the year! Prize raffles, a 50/50 raffle and great music by female rockabilly band Crazy Rocket Fuel will keep the night pumped. Help plan this party or a party of your own to support animals.

Sponsor. Remember or honor a special pet in your life by attending the WHS's Hope's Lights on December 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Milwaukee and Saukville campuses. "Enjoy treats, tours, special animal guests and a presentation about the incredible animals who inspire Hope's Lights," says Speed. Plus, take in the more than 5,000 brilliantly illuminated holiday lights. Waffles, a little Maltese rescued along with 93 other animals from the Orphan Kanines facility in Caledonia, will be honored.

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STOLEN DOGS

Getting a Leash on Locating a STOLEN PET

BY BRENDA RYNDERS, FREELANCE WRITER

Consider this: You open your door to let your dog outside to run around your fenced-in yard, as you do every day, however, today is different. When you open the door and call for your dog, the usual sound of your pet's jingling collar and the pitter patter of his paws on the pavement are replaced by the sound of silence. You rush outside and notice he is nowhere in sight. After calling his name with no luck, you begin to panic and check the fence to make sure it was not left open. As you are checking the fence, you notice a vehicle quickly leaving your driveway. Your heart drops as you realize your beloved pet was just stolen from what you once considered to be a safe and secure sanctuary.

Sadly, this scenario happens more often than one might think and can happen to anyone, at any time, in any neighborhood. Since it is never expected for a four-legged family member to be stolen, many individuals are riddled with the question "What do I do now?"

Although it may seem like all hope is lost, the most important thing to remember is NEVER give up hope. By following these guidelines, the chances of recovering your pet are increased significantly.

File Report & Embrace Facebook

In the event that your pet is stolen, be sure to contact local law enforcement. By contacting law enforcement officials, you are able to file a report and create a case, allowing police to respond and notify you in the event that your pet is recovered. When contacting law enforcement, it is vital to provide any information pertaining to suspicious activity, including vehicles or individuals surrounding your home during the time the event occurred. Be as detailed and as thorough as you can in your recollection.

According to one Brookfield police officer, it is equally important to get the word out as soon as possible. Social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter are excellent resources to post your story and request help from others. In addition to social media, there are other venues like Lost Dogs of Wisconsin and Craigslist, which are equally useful in allowing your story to reach others in a timely manner.

Flyer the Streets & Offer Reward

As a Milwaukee native and New York Times Bestselling Author of "The Stolen Dog" Tricia O'Malley, emphasizes the importance of using flyers in your search. Although many people think flyers are ineffective, using flyers actually allows you to reach individuals not available through social media. When creating

your flyers, make them eye-catching by using bright colored paper or poster board. Also, use pictures of your pet by himself and do not include anything personal in the background such as addresses or personal belongings. It is also wise to write "REWARD" on the flyer, but do not list a specific amount. This will allow you to effectively filter through who is willing to genuinely help you and who is only in it for the money.

When posting your flyers, be sure to stop at several locations that have high traffic such as the following:

- Bus stops
- Liquor stores
- Schools
- Bars & coffee shops
- Pet stores
- Shopping malls & supermarkets

The more places you post, the more people you will reach. Do not be afraid to also hand out flyers directly to people in your neighborhood.

Just remember to stay positive and persistent during your search. Having your pet stolen is without a doubt one of the worst nightmares for any owner, but with diligence, hard work and persistence, the better your chances are of having your four-legged companion returned to you.

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Note To Readers: *Animals As Gifts*

(INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION)

With the holidays approaching & tons of adoption-related events popping up in your county, there are a ton of tempting reasons to save a life & adopt a new furry friend. And the holidays are exceptionally enticing to those considering gifting an animal to a fellow loved one. However, consider all possibilities for helping animals this season, especially if you or that loved one may not be ready for the full commitment that comes with bringing another life into your home. Animal rescues & shelters have thousands of wonderful companions available for adoption year-round & are always seeking help. See pages 24 & 25.

If you are considering adopting/gifting a pet this season, the American Humane Society says, "Instead of bringing home an animal right away, consider putting together and wrapping an "adoption kit." Fill a box with toys, a bed, a leash, a collar, food, treats and a gift certificate for adoption fees at your local shelter. Then, make an event of visiting the shelter to find your next best friend! Remember, millions of homeless animals wait for a home each year! Give the gift of life this year and choose to adopt!"

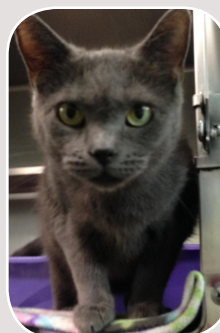
First, consider all scenarios prior to bringing home a new pet such as where will he sleep, who will feed him, if you decide to go on vacation who will care for him, how will you afford vet bills for instance ... the list goes on. Returning an animal can be devastating to him as well as to anyone in your family already attached. Think first, adopt second!



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Lizzie was abandoned outside of our shelter tied to a car over night. She was scared & cautious at first, but now she is a social butterfly, loves to play fetch & would make a wonderful addition to any family.



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Clarissa and kittens joined us in May. All of her babies have found there forever homes, while she waits patiently for hers. She is a sweet girl who loves belly rubs and will love you in return. Take her home!



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MEET MAYOR SOGLIN & His Canine Deputies

BY KATHLEEN A. HUNTER, MS, FREELANCE WRITER

Mayor Soglin grew up in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. He was 11-years-old when he had his first dog, a Beagle named Skippy. This is his story.

At the time Skippy joined his family, they were all living in an apartment, not the best living situation for anyone, so they chose to find Skippy a new home. Although Soglin loved animals, and dogs in particular, it was not until he went away to college that he got his next dog, Che, a reddish half Golden Retriever half German Shepherd. Mayor Soglin's fondest memory with Che was playing fetch on Lake Mendota until his arm was about to "fall off" as he puts it.

Che sounded like the perfect dog. Mayor Soglin says Che was "smart, loved to play, quiet when in the house, and an expert at giving and receiving affection."

But once again Soglin was living in an apartment – not ideal conditions for having a large dog as a roommate, so Che moved in with his parents and younger siblings. Plus, his political career was starting to take flight. Soglin graduated from UW-Madison with honors and a Bachelor of Arts in history then attended graduate school and law school there. In 1973, he was elected the youngest mayor in Madison history.

For much of his life, Soglin has had anywhere from one dog to his current pack of four dogs, which began years ago when he wanted to surprise his wife Sara with a puppy. After driving to Malagold Kennels and finding no puppies available, Soglin was presented with another option, a 2-year-old Golden Lab named Amber. The mayor says he took a chance and drove Amber home without first checking with Sara.

"I remember to this day the look on Sara's face when she saw Amber sitting in our living room." That was the beginning of the Soglin homegrown kennel.

the Mayor drove back to Malagold. His justification was, "Lenny needed a companion" and Benny, a rescued Newfoundland, became just that. However, two dogs soon led to two more dogs, specifically Golden Labs named Roxie and Rudy. By 2006, both Lenny and Benny had passed away and they were back to only two dogs.

A few years ago, on their way back from taking their daughter Natasha to college, Mayor Soglin and Sara did what any dog-loving family would do ... they stopped to visit their friends at Malagold Kennels (now in Michigan). And when they arrived, they learned a puppy needed a ride to his new owner in Madison. Coincidence? Never saying "no" to doggy-time, the Soglins agreed to deliver the pup to his new home. But just before leaving Malagold, the puppy's new owner-to-be called to say circumstances had changed and he would not be able to take the pup after all. Mayor Soglin and Sara still drove the pup to Madison but into their own home. Enter puppy Boris.

When Rudy passed away a few years ago, the Soglins were back to only two dogs in the family. So when friends of theirs had Shih-Tzu/Bichon puppies to give away, they adopted one and named him Vinnie. However, after Benny had passed away they were missing having a Newfoundland in the family. Each time a Newfy was available, they missed out, sometimes by mere minutes.

Eventually, their luck changed, and they adopted Edna who is now 5-months-old. Mayor Soglin loves her to pieces, but he says she came with one big headache.

"When she takes a drink it lasts about a minute or two and half of the water is soaked into her lower jaw and neck ... the floor is like someone got out of the bath tub and forgot to turn off the water."

The Soglins and their canine crew start the day at 5:00 a.m. The dogs "take care of any squirrels and chipmunks that are dumb enough to come into the backyard," says the mayor. Everyone eats two times per day except Edna who eats four times per day. They have in and out privileges throughout the day until their final outing at 9:00 p.m. The mayor says they live on a fenced-in half acre, so there is plenty of space for their pups. His favorite pastime is watching the dogs play - chasing Frisbees and bouncing into each other and catching a stuffed squirrel for the 137th time! On occasion, he and Sara will take two dogs at a time for a ride in the car to State Street so they can socialize in an urban setting.

Mayor Soglin appreciates that not everyone has a dog park in his or her own backyard.

You will be happy to know that he has allocated in next year's budget a proposal for two more off-leash parks. In the meantime, be sure to say hello to the mayor, Sara and their pooches when you see them downtown.



Photos Courtesy of Mayor Soglin

In the early 1990s, when Amber was diagnosed with cancer, the family adopted a second dog named Lenny. Then when Amber's time came to cross the rainbow bridge, the family was so used to having two dogs that

DOGS IN THE HOOD



On June 23, 2009, Matthew Benson lost his Pit/Rott/Lab Mix to hemangiosarcoma -- an aggressive form of cancer found in dogs and sometimes cats. From 3-weeks-old on, Benson cared for George until the day George died in his arms at home after nearly \$5,000 in surgery and treatments.

George was roughly 13-years-old when this happened, leaving Benson devastated. "Soon after, I realized that I could not bear NOT having another APBT in the house," states Benson. "So I began searching online for adoptable dogs."

Benson discovered Buddy on Petfinder.com. He was listed as a "baby" and was located with Bombshell Bullies Pit Bull Rescue in Vernon Hills, IL.

"I made an inquiry and then in the following days somewhat forgot about him," says Benson. "About one week later I received an email from Kelli, one of the two wonderful women who run the shelter, asking if I was still interested in meeting him. I was."

So Benson went to meet Buddy and what struck him most, was the dog's gait. "He didn't quite walk like a dog, more like a show horse," remembers Benson. He also noticed Buddy's inviting smile and spots. After that, he was hooked.

In order to adopt Buddy, Benson had to do the following:

- Provide copies of his previous dogs' vet records
- Bring the other family dogs to the shelter to see how they interacted
- Sign a contract stating that if he was negligent during the 14-day-trial period, (i.e. Buddy is picked up as a stray, involved in organized fighting or abused), he pays a \$2,000 fine and relinquishes ownership to the shelter

But all went well according to Benson. And after two weeks and the \$250 adoption fee, Buddy was gifted a permanent home. When Benson adopted Buddy, he weighed roughly 67 lbs. at 1-years-old, now he's an impressive 83.7 lbs., sleeps on a queen size bed, mostly under the covers and with his own pillows. Oh and his human, Benson, is somewhere in that mix.

"My only fear is that Buddy may harm somebody by licking them to death or by accidentally breaking a leg bone with his ever wagging tail," chuckles Benson. "He is superb with children and has never in 5 years even as much as growled at a human. He has made me smile every day (his only real job!)."

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PawsForward Program:

Making a Difference in The Lives of Inmates & Dogs



BY SHANNON VENEGAS, FREELANCE WRITER

Photo Courtesy of Sister Pauline

When most people envision their idea of a comforting home, they rarely picture a prison cell. But for guide dogs in training in the PawsForward program, a prison cell at Oshkosh Correctional Facility is a place for them to be fed, educated and nurtured. It is a place where they spend their first years, training and being loved by the inmates who care for the dogs before they move on to better someone else's life.

PawsForward is not the first prison dog program in the United States. Sister Pauline Quinn began the first prison dog program at the Washington State Correctional Facility for Women in 1981. Since then, she has helped start programs in California, Florida, Maine, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, as well as a program in Wisconsin that helped train dogs for people who were physically disadvantaged.

"What I wanted to happen back in 1981 was for inmates to learn how to become 'other' centered where they can learn to move past their own pain and help someone else in need, using the dog as a tool for change," Quinn says.

Emphasizing the power of the unconditional love a dog gives, Quinn further notes that, "People are able to tear down their own barriers and really start to feel and have empathy about the other." This allows the individual to "move past who they are and try and reach out to help others to have a better life by having a trained dog that would help them and would love them as they loved the inmate trainer."

The PawsForward program, which is a joint effort between Oshkosh Correctional Facility and OccuPaws, a nonprofit dedicated toward empowering people who are visually im-

paired, is unique because it is geared specifically toward guide dogs.

Getting Started

Quinn was the impetus for the project, initiating the contact with OccuPaws and reaching out to several facilities before finally making a connection with Oshkosh. Her main task was to make the connection between the facility and organization and help create the foundation for PawsForward, before moving on to start other programs.

Creating a foundation included getting the chain link for the fenced yard and all the pipes to put up the fence; getting a surveyor to come in to make sure that there were no buried wires or piles; and acquiring many of the needed items such as bath tubs to bathe the dogs, leashes, grooming equipment, lavender-scented waste bags, dog blankets, shampoos

and Fromm Dog food to help with the program. Many of the supplies came from donations. Quinn was also instrumental in searching for dog trainers in the area and was very impressed with Brenda Cirricione, who has formed an excellent relationship with the inmates. Cirricione is the OccuPaws Oshkosh area coordinator who just happened to start volunteering with the organization right before they started PawsForward. She is also on the board of directors for OccuPaws and works closely with the inmates and their dog training, along with a few other volunteers.

"I can safely tell you two years ago I would never have expected that I would be going into a medium security prison to teach classes to inmates," Cirricione says. "I am amazed at how well they have learned dog training skills. Their concern is incredible."

How It Works

In order to be chosen, the inmates go through an application process, similar to applying for a job. If an inmate has specific qualifications (good behavior, no animal abuse record), they can fill out a written application and then undergo an interview. Cirricione stresses that this is strictly a volunteer program and does not involve any sort of compensation such as other programs may offer.

"The guys volunteer their time, and no one gets paid," said OSCI warden Judy Smith. "It has created a positive environment ... it is amazing to watch the staff and inmates with the dogs."

The most common breeds used are Poodles, Labradors and Retrievers. Each dog placed in OSCI is under the care of two inmates and lives in a cell with them. The inmates have to give up some of their own luxuries in order to make room for the dog crate and its other needs. They are then fully responsible for the upbringing of each dog including the bathing, grooming (with a number of Poodles in the mix, the grooming can be extensive), feeding, body weight management, potty training, playtime and love.

There is also a staff member assigned to each dog, so there are quite a few people responsible for the well-being of each dog in order to ensure it thrives and succeeds.

The inmates also employ clicker training, a positive training method that sets the dogs up to want to learn and work for people in order to be suitable companions.

The dogs also have a number of opportunities for exposure in and outside OSCI. Community volunteers pick up the dogs from the facility and place them in different environments, such as the community pumpkin patch or a room that is completely dark (there is always lighting at OSCI). There are also a number of areas within OSCI where the dogs can experience different sights and sounds, such as a braille printing area, office area and infirmary.

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They also get a chance to be used as pet therapy for elderly inmates.

Looking Ahead

The intent, Cirricione says, is to keep the program going indefinitely. They started with three dogs two years ago. Now, there are eight dogs of varying ages at the prison.

Meanwhile, Quinn continues to start more prison programs all across the country because of their ongoing success.

"You can't force an inmate to train a dog, just like you can't force a disabled person to want to take a trained dog. They have to want to do this," she says.

"When you want something in your life, then you will see it differently. I've seen so many times how the inmates really changed ... their personality ... and that is why I wanted to start the program—to help people who have been hurt find purpose in their life, and there is no better way than to have a dog to train that eventually helps someone else.

Cirricione continues to witness the impact this program has on the inmates.

"We take our dogs in with us, so the men get exposure to other dogs. I am incredibly picky with my dogs, but I have no problem handing them off to these men. It's amazing to watch these men work the dogs ... knowing that at the end of the days, I could leave my dogs and not worry."

"It's hard not to get choked up," says inmate David Chiapetta while wiping his eyes. "It's just a blessing to be able to do it, and then you're giving back to the community, trying to make amends for your crime ... it's gonna change me."



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Maggie is a loving & energetic Labrador Retriever/Border Collie Mix that was transferred from Vilas County Humane Society. She must be the only doggy princess in her new home as she does not care for other dogs or cats. Maggie would do best with children age 10 or older. If you are looking for a fun & high energy dog for your household, Maggie may just be what you are looking for.

If your organization is interested in connecting with a correctional facility to start making a difference in not only a dog's life, but a person's as well, visit bpofcourage.org or contact Quinn at srpauline1@centurytel.net.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
"Make It Meaningful Momma"

No venturing off for days right now, you need to stay warm. I know being bored isn't your forte, so try a trick or two for entertainment purposes only. **Tip:** Your Sag may not love tricks but it beats boredom, so go ahead & give it some consideration.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)
"Just Say No Joey"

Ornaments, tinsel and anything that happens to fall on the floor doesn't make it fair game. You'll be an unhappy pup if you submit to instinct. **Tip:** Keep holiday-related items or anything your dog could be tempted to eat out of reach. Be cautious.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb.18)
"Naughty Nicky"

Are you on the naughty or nice list this year? Both are not an option. I suggest the nice list if you want a stocking full of treats and not training apparatuses. **Tip:** Keep presents off the floor or anything else that your curious Aquarian may want to explore.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – Mar. 20)
"Soothing Sara"

Prefer a quieter environment? Well, you're in luck! The cold should deter some of the in and out traffic. But if not, sneaking away to your secret spot is always an option. **Tip:** Your pet functions best in a tranquil setting so think "Silent Night" verses "Jingle Bells".

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)
"Chum Up Chuck"

This is a grand time of year for you & your human. Holiday parties are aplenty & you are the social pup everyone's been waiting for. So say beef! **Tip:** Keep your little socialite out & about to ensure a happy, go-lucky chum.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)
"No Longer Lonely Leela"

If you choose, you will make a lifetime friend in the coming months. Just be your coy self & a warm bed buddy may be there to stay. **Tip:** If you are thinking of bringing another dog home now is the time. A rescue dog makes a very special gift to all responsible parties involved.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)
"Calm Down Carla"

Has the holiday spirit filled your soul with gratitude? Are you jumping for joy at everyone you see? Yes, you barked. Well, then you deserve all those treats in your stocking this year. **Tip:** Your nervous Gem may respond well to some lavender-infused gifts & chamomile treats. Think calm.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)
"Carefree K-9"

It's that time of year in which your homebody nature is appreciated. It's just too cold to socialize, wait until spring. **Tip:** Let your furry friend lounge about & don't expect any miracles. He's just not in the mood.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
"Lazy Larry"

Time to upgrade your cozy indoor spot for the winter months. The outdoors may be fun but in short doses for the next couple months. Sorry! **Tip:** Find a comfy, warm spot for your buddy when it's cold out. The cold is just as dangerous for him as it is for you.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
"Serving Sammy"

It's training time! So get ready ... it is the season for learning new tricks, helping others & getting some well-deserved petting. **Tip:** Service is this dog's middle name & training is her game. So go for it.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 23)
"Love Me Some Scraps Louie"

It's not your time of year sadly but your mild-manners will be rewarded when guests come over. Yeah! Here come the table scraps. **Tip:** Be careful of what you or your holiday guests drop on the floor during mealtime. Not everything is safe for you fur baby to ingest.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
"Seeking Susan"

In need of mental stimulation ... well, do some extra chores around the house & maybe Santa Paws will get you a nice treat puzzle to play with. **Tip:** Try engaging your Scorpio this winter with a puzzle or a good game of hide & seek. He'll enjoy it much!

BY N.PUTZ

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By Janice Biniok



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December 6, 10:15-11:05am
Ozaukee Campus 262-377-7580
December 6th, 1:30-2:20pm
December 20th, 10:30-11:20am
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Puppy ABC's Class

December 6th, 9:00-9:50am
Ozaukee Campus 262-377-7580
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December 6th & 11th, 10:00am-Noon
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December 9th, 6:30-8:30pm
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December 15th, 5:30-6:30pm
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Dog Training Class: Basic Manners Level 2

January 7th, 7-8:00pm
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January 11th, 6-7:00pm
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January 24th, 10:30-11:30am
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Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

December 6th, 3:30pm
Milwaukee, Julia Kaminecki, 262-227-6830
Bay View Bark, bayviewbark.com

Helping Pitties in the City Adoption Event

December 6th & 13th, Noon-2:00pm
PetSmart, Brookfield 608-356-3555

Pictures with Santa

December 6th, 1:50pm
Ozaukee 262-377-7580
WHS, wihumane.org

Vaccine Clinic

December 6th, 9-11:30am
SHHS Kenosha 262-694-4047
volunteers@safefarborhumane.com

Festival of Trees

December 6th, 10:00am-9:00pm
& December 7th, 10:00am-6:00pm
WCHS Slinger, 262-677-4388

Goldens' Holiday House

December 6th, 10:00am-4:00pm
Menomonee Falls 262-252-4334

Hope's Lights Celebration

December 7th, 5:30-7:00pm

2 locations—Milwaukee 414-264-6257
Ozaukee 262-377-7580
wihumane.org

6th Annual Rockabilly for Rescues

December 13th, 7:00-10:00pm
J&B's Blue Ribbon
Milwaukee
MADACC, madaccfriends.org

Pet Photos with Santa

December 13th, 11:00am
Harmony Pet Care, Waukesha
EBHS, ebhs.org

Howliday Party

December 13th, 6-8:00pm
Milwaukee 414-763-1304
Bay View Bark, bayviewbark.com

Story Time: Tails & Tales

December 18th, January 15th, & February
19th, 11:30am-Noon
Milwaukee 414-431-6159
WHS, wihumane.org

12 Days of Adoption

December 26th-January 8th
Milwaukee 414-649-8640
MADACC, madacc.com or madaccfriends.org

Brew City Bully Club Annual Meeting

January 11th, 1:00pm
Double Tree Hotel, Brookfield
brewcitybullies.org

Brew City Bully Club Spicy Dog (Salsa Sampler Event)

January 17th, Noon-5:00pm
Serb Hall in Milwaukee
brewcitybullies.org

Great Lakes Pet Expo

January 31st, 10:00am-5:00pm
WI Expo Center & WI State Fair Park
Milwaukee 414-840-8691
petexpomilwaukee.com

HambINGO

February 4th, 8-10:00pm
Hamburger Mary's Milwaukee
Friends of MADACC, madaccfriends.org

Friends of Noah Arftic Art

February 21st, 10:00am-4:00pm
Pontiac Convention Center
Janesville, friendsofnoah-wi.org

Pet Parties/Play Groups

Playtime at the Playground

Saturdays, 9:00am – Noon
Puppy Playground, Oak Creek
414-764-PUPS, puppyplaygroundwi.com

Puppy Party

Sundays 11:30am-12:30pm
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For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
800-581-9070, forpetssake.cc

Pup Social

Sundays, 5:15- 5:45 pm, Hartland
Half-pint Social
1st & 3rd Fridays, 6:30-7:30pm, Pewaukee
Best Paw Forward
262-369-3935, bestpawforward.net

Puppy Parties

Sundays, 4:45 pm
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, hawspets.org

Pooch Playtime

December 28th, 1:30-2:15 pm
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
WHS, wihumane.org

Obedience Run Thrus

2nd Friday of the Month, 6:30-8:00 pm
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis 414-769-0758
cudahykennelclub.org

Rally Run Thrus

Last Sunday of the Month 6:00-7:00pm
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3rd Friday of the Month, 6:30-7:30 pm
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Nicky: "Why is that computer in your lap where I'm supposed to be?"

-Julianne Carlile, East Troy, WI

Little Bit: "Mom.... Why do I have to be on a leash all the time? I feel so much better running free!"

-Lori Mendelsohn Thomas, Racine, WI

Buddy: "Jessie! Quit sleeping in! Don't you know I love getting up at 7 a.m. even on weekends. Quit telling me to get some more sleep."

-Jessica Pairrett, Waukesha, WI

Blake: "I am tired of having foster dogs in the house. I need more me time!"

-Patti Muraczewski, Mukwonago, WI



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