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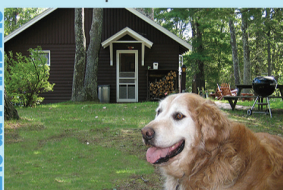


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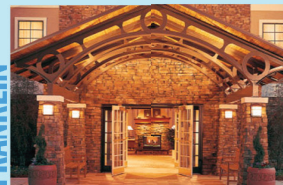
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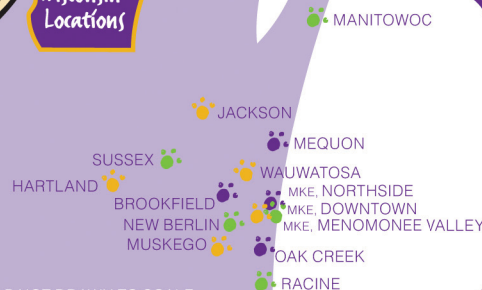
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Dear Fetch Readers:

If you know me even a little bit, you will know that I am a HUGE fan of hot weather. I have visions of the Florida edition of Fetch Magazine running through my head. So, needless to say I am THRILLED that Summer has arrived. And my dog, Louie, likes nothing better than laying out on the wood deck soaking up the sun.

It seems that when Summer comes, Wisconsinites try to get as many dog events into June, July and August as we possibly can. Inside this issue, the Calendar of Events is bursting with activities. On fetchmag.com, our event calendar is updated on a regular basis. Send your pet-related event to info@fetchmag.com to have the details included in our calendar.

In this issue, I learned a lot of things; including the meaning of the word "voluntourism". I hope you find some information that is helpful to you, too. Our writers have done a great job on a variety of topics. So, go outside. Sit on that lawn chair. Pour yourself some lemonade. Make sure the dog has some shade and fresh water to enjoy. And sit and read a spell.

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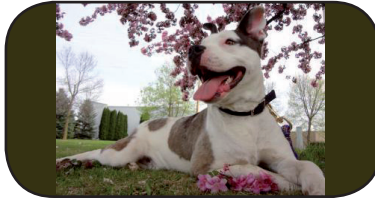
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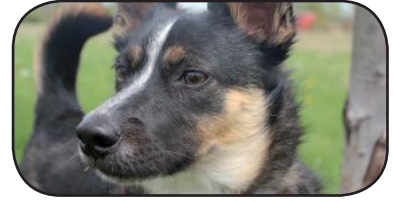
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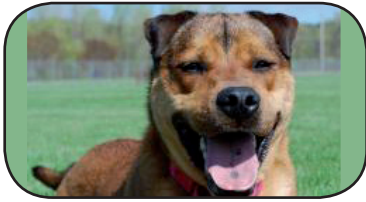
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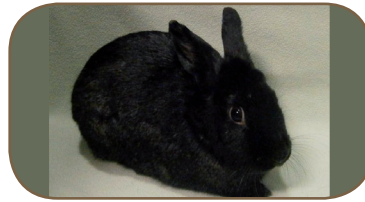
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All for the Love of Animals: Vet Technician/Vet Assistant

If the perfect job for you would involve working with animals every day, you might look into becoming a Vet Assistant or a Vet Technician. Although similar in most respects, the two jobs have their differences, one being the certification or licensing required to be hired as a technician.

To become certified, an aspiring technician must attend three years of study at an accredited veterinary school that offers a Vet Tech program. Upon completion a graduate receives certification, the license necessary to get hired. If you can't afford the time or tuition necessary to be a Vet Technician, consider a Vet Assistant job. This position also involves working with animals every day, but it does not necessarily require schooling. You can receive on-the-job training.

Kim Pascale, a vet assistant at Milwaukee's Park Pet Hospital, wanted to work with animals since she was a child. "I find the work very rewarding," she says. "I started out as a kennel attendant, and I worked in a couple of vet clinics as a receptionist. When I saw an ad for a Vet Assistant, I applied and was hired here (at Park Pet) in 2007. They trained me on the job." Today Pascale assists the doctors during exams. When needed, she holds and restrains the animals and helps collect their blood and urine samples. "I do some laboratory work--sample handling, filling out requisition forms sent to the labs for different kinds of tests, like blood work and cultures," says Pascale. "During surgeries I help monitor the animals

while they're under anesthesia. I'm not certified to do dentals [exams], but I help with grooming and bathing." Her favorite aspect of the job is exploratory surgery. "It's kind of a mystery when you're going in and you're not sure what you're going to find," says Pascale. "I definitely enjoy surgical or emergency medicine. It's very interesting work."

Stephanie Waters works full-time as a vet assistant at Family Pet Clinic in Menomonee Falls. Her work includes blood draws, x-rays, teeth cleaning, monitoring anesthetic



during surgery, and filling medications. "When the doctor writes up a prescription, I get the medicine out of our cabinet and write up instructions that the doctor has written out," says Stephanie. One of her favorite tasks is giving puppy and kitten talks when people get new animals. "I go over all the basics of owning an animal and answer questions." Understandably, the hardest part of her job is helping with the euthanasia process. "I love helping animals, and I've grown close to the patients and their owners," she

says. After four years at Family Pet Clinic, Stephanie has enrolled in a three-year, online course at St. Petersburg College in Florida to become a certified vet technician.

Andrea Bolson, a vet technician at Lake Country Veterinary Care, always wanted to work with animals. She started out as a vet assistant and really enjoyed her work. "I thought about becoming a vet," she says, "But it would have meant a lot of money and schooling, and I just wasn't up for that." So she put herself through Vet Technician School, received her certification and has worked in the field for over twenty years.

Today at Lake Country in Hartland, Wisconsin, Bolson educates clients, administers anesthetics and medication, assists in surgery, performs dental procedures, and provides general care for the animals. "We cannot prescribe or perform surgeries," she explains. "We're like registered nurses. The doctor comes in and tells us what to do, what to use, and we do it."

Kristine Samant received her vet technician schooling and certification at St. Petersburg College in Florida. Upon graduation, she was hired by the emergency and critical care facility where she had been doing her work experience requirement for school. When Samant came back to Wisconsin, she took a vet technician position at Milwaukee's Park Pet Hospital.

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"The base of our clientele comes in for wellness exams," says Samant. "I'm very happy in this environment where we get to see healthy dogs. We get to know our patients well, make them feel better, and keep them well. I have thought of becoming a vet, but I want to switch to human nursing." Samant is the mother of two young children and also attends school to become a registered nurse. "But for now, I'm very happy in the veterinary field," she says.

Jean Scherwenka

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



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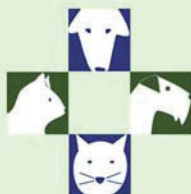
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DOGS IN THE HOOD

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Jim loves Molly dearly and makes sure she is completely comfortable. First, there is a blanket that covers the tank. On hot summer days, coolant packets are placed within the blankets to keep Molly cool. She wears Doggles (goggles for dogs). Jim has even designed a waterbowl that is set at the base of the handlebars within easy reach by Molly.

Jim and his motorcycle riding, canine companions have met a variety of people from the famous to the everyday Joe. The famous include the Wauwatosa mayor, Green Bay

Packers, former Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, Marie Osmond, and Milwaukee Bucks players amongst others. All the motorcycle cops know the motorcycle riding duo. The officers have even honored them by hanging their picture at the police station. With the age of cell phones, Jim and Molly meet so many people that they will get their pictures taken 100's of time during an average ride. But if they go to a festival or biking event, that will multiply to 100's and 100's of times.



What does Molly get out of all of this? Well, you can tell she loves it by how excited she gets when Jim asks her if she wants to go for a ride. Ears up, feet prancing, eyes bright – she cannot wait to get on the bike. She gets lots of treats and attention. She can even say “I love you” which is likely in thanks to Jim for taking her for a ride.

So, if you are out and about, keep your eyes open for Jim and Molly. They appear at parades, festivals, motorcycle riding events, and even help with the Salvation Army at bell-ringing time. They shouldn't be hard to find. Molly may be attired in one of the many outfits she has including a tailor-made Brewer's shirt from a seamstress neighbor and a Santa Claus outfit.

Jim enjoys riding with Molly because of all the people he meets, “I get a kick out of it. I love to see the smiles on people's faces. I really enjoy it.” Recently at Wal-Mart, a lady came up to him and Molly and asked if she could take a picture. She said that 30 years ago her uncle would ride around with a dog on his motorcycle. Her uncle was at a hospice now. She thought that showing him the picture of Jim and Molly would cheer him up a bit. Jim said, “I went home and that made my day.”

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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Jan Much has always loved big dogs and has been involved with St. Bernard rescue for thirty years. As the contact for Wisconsin's Saint Bernard Rescue Foundation (WSBR), she gets to enjoy the company of several really big dogs most of the time.

WSBR belongs to the Alliance of Wisconsin Animal Rehoming Efforts (AWARE). This group's mission is to "foster cooperative relationships among animal welfare organizations and to improve the lives of companion animals in Wisconsin through Adoption, Wellness, Advocacy, Rescue, and Education."

Today, Much sees our economy as the biggest reason for relinquishing "Saints"--people losing their homes or being forced to downsize or those who can no longer afford their big dog's food and health care costs. Still others give up their Saints claiming, "I can't control this dog." According to Much, this is usually due to a lack of spaying or neutering and poor training. Saints are highly intelligent, loyal and eager to please-perfect traits for success-

ful training - but it's best to start sooner than later as they grow quickly! A newborn St. Bernard (one of usually six to eight in a litter) weighs on average 3/4 of a pound. By six months the pup is 50-60 pounds, and by nine months he can weigh 90 pounds. Full grown



Saints weigh 130-180 pounds and stand 25-1/2" to 27-1/2" tall at the shoulders. Yes, an untrained Saint can be a big problem.

Researching a breed before buying is always recommended, but it's especially important when considering a Saint Bernard. People will claim, "Oh, I didn't know he was going to get so big!" Much considers this one of the most puzzling and frustrating reasons for a return. "How couldn't they know?" she wonders. Furthermore, she says having a Saint doesn't necessarily require a lot of space. "I've adopted [dogs] to people living in an apartment." Of course, like most dogs, Saints need a couple of walks every day and not

just around the block. Surprisingly, they don't need vigorous exercise, but they do like long walks.

Saints' coats can be either rough or smooth, and both are very dense yet easy to groom with a firm bristle brush. Of course, with a massive dog comes massive amounts of dropped hair so if you don't want to be walking ankle-deep in it, some brushing every day is recommended. Bathe the dog with a mild soap and only when necessary.

Saints can have a reputation for excessive drooling, but as with their coat, it may be a matter of big dog, big mouth and naturally more drool. "I think it's no worse than any other dogs," says Wisconsin breeder Donna Lang. "If we are eating, and they are waiting for our leftovers, they will drool. Also, after running or drinking water, they drool some." Much says "It depends on floppiness of the dog's mouth. With a tighter mouth, the tendency is to be less 'drooly.' But if you don't want to deal with the drool or the hair, the Saint is not the breed for you." Beware of a breeder who wants to sell you a "dry mouth" St. Bernard. There's probably no such thing.

Lang has two questions for potential St. Bernard parents. First, will the puppy be raised indoors with his/her family? "We want them all to have indoor, loving homes," says Lang. Second, will the dog be left home alone all day? If the customer plans to raise the dog outside or to leave it alone every day, Land will not sell the pup. "Saints love their family and want to be with them, just like kids," she says.





Lang has had St. Bernards since 2008, and she says, "They are the easiest dogs we have ever house trained. After we taught them to go outside, we've never had an accident in the house." Saints are extremely gentle and friendly, and they are an excellent breed for children.

The exact origin of the St. Bernard is unclear, but according to *Legacy of the Dog*, they probably descend from the Roman Molossus dog introduced in the Alps some two thousand years ago. Molossis people lived in the mountains of Ancient Greece, and their dogs were well-known for guarding their flocks. According to the Saint Bernard Club of America, in 980 A.D. the Augustine monk Bernard de Menthon founded a monastery and hospice in a pass through the Alps between Italy and Switzerland. Snow covered this pass for all but a few months during summer. Foot travelers risked getting caught in bad weather, losing their way and getting stuck in the snow, often resulting in their death. Their only hope for rescue was the monastery's dedicated monks and their "special dogs."

No records exist about these hospice dogs during the first 700 years of their existence. Historians only speculate about the development

of the breed which ultimately became the St. Bernard, named after the monastery's founder. Available records show that they started saving lives around 1700. An interesting and inherent skill of the dogs led them to rescue work--their uncanny sense of impending avalanches. No wonder the monks took their dogs with them on all hikes through snow.

The hospice dogs spent most of their time outdoors, and whenever one sensed a traveler buried deep in snow, he would dig through to the person and lay on top of him to keep the traveler warm until help arrived. Meanwhile, one of the other dogs would return to the hospice and alert the monks that help was needed. The instinct to locate, dig out and rouse people buried in snow is still inherent in the breed today. For this reason, today's St. Bernard is considered a working breed and continues to rescue hikers, skiers or anyone buried in the snow.



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PET POISON HELPLINE

Pet Poison Helpline now offers a handy iPhone application that contains an extensive database of foods, drugs, chemicals and plants commonly found in the home and yard that are poisonous to pets. Always available with or without Internet access or cell phone service, the iPhone app has a powerful indexing feature that allows users to search for toxins, cross-referencing them by common and scientific terms.

The iPhone application's database includes more than 250 toxins, each with a description, list of symptoms and a full color photo. Each toxin entry has a bright yellow banner across the top that indicates the potential severity of the toxin, from "mild to moderate," to "moderate to severe." When in the midst of a potential emergency, users can dial Pet Poison Helpline directly from the application on their phone. Called Pet Poison Help, the iPhone app costs \$0.99 and is available on iTunes.

Pet Poison Helpline has also mobile-enabled their newly redesigned website, which is a resource for pet owners and veterinarians. This means that when accessed via a smartphone, the information on www.petpoisonhelpline.com is optimized for mobile environments. The layout is simple and fonts are large for easy reading. The mobile-enabled version of the website displays concise emergency instructions for dealing with poisoned pets, as well a list of poisons, and a direct dial feature to Pet Poison Helpline.

As always, if you think your pet may have ingested something harmful, take action immediately. Contact your veterinarian or Pet Poison Helpline at 1-800-213-6680. Pet Poison Helpline charges \$39 per call; this includes unlimited follow-up consultations.

lis, is available 24 hours, seven days a week for pet owners and veterinary professionals that require assistance treating a potentially poisoned pet. The staff provides treatment advice for poisoning cases of all species, including dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, large animals and exotic species. Pet Poison Helpline is available in North America by calling 800-213-6680.

332ND ESFS CANINE DEFENDER: HONORED FOR SERVICE, READY FOR RETIREMENT

Tanja patiently waited at the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing's monthly awards and promotion ceremony until she and her partner were called forward to take center stage. This would be her last military ceremony here; when she re-deploys she will retire after 10 years of faithful service.

The 12-year-old Belgian Malinois, on her seventh deployment from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, was honored earlier this year for her work as a patrol dog with the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron (ESFS).

She and her handler, Staff Sgt. Roseann Kelly, also deployed from Mountain Home, worked as a cohesive team conducting more than 1,000 installation defense measures and searching more than 800 vehicles during their deployment.

Tanja and Kelly have been together since Kelly was assigned there on July 15, 2011. The bond between dog and handler was strong from the start. "When I arrived at Mountain Home she was the next dog who needed a handler," said the New York native.

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"Usually military working dogs have to go through a period where they are introduced to their new handler, and learn over time that they are partners. Since she is so experienced she immediately knew I was her handler—we didn't have to do that."

This bond was never more evident than when Tanja alerted to a potential base intruder. She helped Kelly handle the situation so it could be quickly reported to higher headquarters. While Tanja is all business when it comes to her job, she also enjoys having a little fun whenever she can. She is the sweetest dog and has such a great temperament, I consider her Mayor of the base," said Kelly, discussing how Tanja easily interacts with and befriends anyone she meets.

Because Tanja enjoys that interaction so much and thrives on the energy of crowds, Kelly loves bringing the dog to ceremonies and other fun events. "I love to bring her to these ceremonies because she is usually the loudest dog," she said. "The excitement of a ceremony like this gets her so excited that she joins in the cheering." With her retirement, the opportunities to attend ceremonies like this will likely come to an end, but the faces she sees will remain the same for the time to come.

When Tanja redeploys she won't be able to patrol anymore, so she'll live and run around at the ESFS canine facility at Mountain Home until she is officially retires and can be adopted — more than likely by her handler. "Since I am her last handler, I have the first right to request to adopt her if at all possible," said Kelly with determination. "I plan on bringing her home."



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George & Buster - Part 1

Editor's Note: This is part one of a three part article. The writer will share a story of a man and a dog as they go through the seasons of life together.

The early spring afternoon sun cast a pleasing shadow on the back of my old friend George and his Springer Spaniel, Buster. Unlike the summer sun, which can be hard on the eyes, this spring sunshine was light and crisp. George could not see me as I approached him from behind. He sat on a bench and watched the golfers tee off on the Nagawaukee Golf Course. Buster sat, too. No leash. He, like George, was in the winter of his life. No energy to chase squirrels or the recent spring robin which hopped in front of them. Buster had patches of grey mingled with his white and black patches. George, like Buster, had a head of grey hair and a day or two grey beard growth. Their appearances revealed that they were seasoned veterans of life. They both had lost the people who cared for them; now they had each other.

Boom. Another golfer teed off.

George often told me stories of working at the Pabst Brewery as a young fellow. His job was to watch the bottles pass while looking for intruders such as mice or insects. He wore special glasses for the job. The bottles eventually stopped passing; the brewery was sold and later shut down. Like so many other Milwaukee industrial workers, his pension and health benefits were also lost. "There was a time anyone with a high school degree could get a job at some factory and raise a family in Milwaukee" he told me a week ago.

Rounding the bench I caught Buster's and George's attention "Hey Buster," George's raspy voice spoke. "Look who is here. It's my buddy, Garbo. Grab a seat and watch these guys tee off."

Swat-pop. Another tee shot. "Hi George. What yah say Buster?" I blurted as I sat and petted Buster's head. He licked my hand, and his eyelids hid

his big brown eyes staring at up at me. His swishy tail beat a rhythm. Buster was more than a solution that George's son picked up from the Humane Society a few years after George lost his wife. He was a lifeline out of the world of a widow. After fifty-six years of marriage, George found himself alone at the age of 84. Buster's owner, a nice older lady, died. Despite Buster's age, he was put up for adoption. George picked him. They have been buddies for three years.

Swish-click. A tee shot off the mark. We caught the golfers lament: "Oh no darn it!" Soon some women tee off. They are not happy with their shot. Their bright clothes complement their athletic golf swing. As she slams her club down in disgust, Buster starts to bark. "Easy Buster, Garbo, Buster is a ladies man, just like me. Those women can really drive the ball. Have you seen how far they hit it on the Golf Channel? They have poetry to their movement. Don't you agree Buster?" George asked. Buster looked up and shuffled his feet in agreement.

"Well Garbo, time for us to head home. We've got a nap waiting for us. Hope to see you again here sometime this weekend," George said as he shook my hand.

"Sounds good. See yah George, bye Buster. Be a good dog. Don't cause George any trouble," I said. The warm spring sun reflected off their grey hair. They cast a warm violet shadow as they left me. I leaned back on the bench. It was a beautiful spring day.

Read Part II and III of George and Buster in future issues of Fetch!

Chuck Hajinian

Chuck, aka "Garbo" (Chuck in Armenian) Hajinian is a dentist by profession (the fun dentist). He has done stand-up comedy and paints impressionist art (www.garboart.com). He is the author of *Sandy and Garbo* from Dog Ears Publishing. He considers himself self-trained and too childlike to think he can't do it or to care what people think.

Pet Stabilization Project: For You and Your Pet

Bridget Bannon, MADACC (Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission) volunteer since November, reenacted the Pet Stabilization Project in Milwaukee roughly two months ago. Since then, approximately a dozen animals have been treated with this new source of funding.

Funding for this program is designed to provide individuals living in Targeted Investment Neighborhoods or TINs with low cost spay or neutering, a microchip, a rabies vaccination and a license for \$12. A \$3000 grant has been procured for those who qualify.

David Weber, who began the program in 2010, is pleased to see the program up and running again. And with Bannon as his street team, Weber is able to promote the program while continuing with his position as community outreach liaison for the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC), a non-profit affiliation of the City of Milwaukee's Department of City Development. The NIDC fostered the TIN program and partnered with MADACC to bring the Pet Stabilization Project to Milwaukeeans in need of financial assistance.

David Flagler, executive director of MADACC, explained that funds for the program are currently available for 90 pet owners. "By offering low cost spay/neutering services, we hope to benefit by seeing a reduction in the community's pet surplus," Flagler said. "We believe that in order to reduce the euthanasia at MADACC, pet owners need to accept their role in be-

coming responsible pet owners by leashing, vaccinating and spay/neutering their pets."

"If people take advantage of this program now, there may be more opportunities in the future", Weber said. The premise behind the project is to shed light on the need for spaying and neutering. If people are willing to help decrease the pet overpopulation in Milwaukee,

then there should be a cost effective way to do so.

Weber wants the process for helping low-income individuals to remain simple and said, "My goal was to get resources to residents." If it's good for the neighborhoods, good for the residents and good for the city, I'll try to make it work."

Bannon encourages pet owners to think of their pets' future. "Most people don't realize that spaying and neutering their dogs and cats is really good for the dogs and cats," she said. "It avoids very serious health issues as the animals get older, it prevents tumors and cancers that arise that are most prevalent in animals that have not been spayed or neutered."

According to Bannon, MADACC is trying to decrease the percentage of unwanted animals and help them find their forever homes. "And one of the best ways to do that is to educate people on the advantages of spaying or neutering," she said.

If you are a TIN resident, bring proof of residency to MADACC and schedule an appointment for your pet. For those not in TINs, MADACC still provides low cost options as an attempt to decrease stray, homeless, abandoned and abused animals in Milwaukee County.

Natassia Putz

Nastassia Putz is a freelance writer and pit bull advocate. She is the mother of two pits, Tess and Gracie Putz and step-mom to a boxer named Sonya.

This is only available for those living in TINs

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DESIGNING YOUR DWELLING FOR YOUR DOG

When we shopped around for our first home, there were a few “musts” that my husband and I individually required before we signed on the dotted line. I had to have a fireplace, he needed a two-car garage, and we both agreed that wooden floors were a must. When we finally moved in, we figured we had the makings of the perfect house for two. Fast forward a couple years, and we heard the pitter-patter of not two but four little legs flying across the kitchen floor. A warm, adorable and very messy puppy was now the master of our domain. Let’s just say we moved heaven, earth and lots of furniture in order to accommodate this new edition to our family.

For starters, we needed a new yard. The pup that clung to us as a nine-week-old soon sprouted leg muscles and a yen for the neighbor’s (grouchy) cat. The gleaming oriental rug that we could practically eat off of was soon replaced by ...a splotchy oriental rug. Scratch marks on those wooden floors, a basement filled with pet paraphernalia, and what was once our dream home was now, well, a dog house.

Karen Kempf knows the story well. A dog owner herself, this Wisconsin interior designer caters to dog lovers everywhere who want to include their pets’ needs into the architecture of their home. She gives a few examples such as incorporating a custom feeding station into a kitchen base cabinet or raising the height of your dog’s food and water

bowl so that it’s at the most comfortable height for them. Another popular item she creates is a pull-out drawer that will hold the pet food in an airtight container.

Dog owners will agree that one of the tell-tale signs of a home owned

room or laundry room. Now your kids and your canines can rinse off before tracking in the dirt!

A few design tips to keep in mind when creating the perfect environment for your pet-friendly family:



- Keep things safe for your dog. For good measure, all accessories should be at least three times the size of your dog’s mouth.

- Remember that the coziest blanket or cushion that you want to sink into will undoubtedly make for a great napping spot for Fido. Keep this in mind when choosing colors and fabrics.

- Black, white and bright colors will draw attention to your pet’s hair. Choose muted or neutral tones whenever possible. Velvet is a considered a doggie-home designer’s no-no as it is a fur-loving fabric.

- Play it safe by checking the chemicals used when dry cleaning rugs and furniture. These can be toxic to your pets and children. Using natural products are a great way to keep your pet and the environment healthy.

Karen offers encouragement to dog owners who want to cater to their pooch without busting the budget. “Making your home beautiful and functional for you and your pets does not need to be a costly ven-

by dogs is scuffed up floors and fabrics. Karen advises, “Rather than worry about dogs being up on the sofa, I think most people would just like to make sure the fabrics they choose will be durable enough for them and resist dirt. In a project we just finished, my client’s dog has the habit of scratching the back door when she needs to go out. So we had the metal worker that created a custom stove hood and staircase for this project make a decorative wrought iron panel that fit over the base of the door. It’s essentially a kick plate but works beautifully for keeping Lola’s nails from damaging the wood on the door. Plus it matches the other metal work in the house so it became its own little design element.” Karen also sees a trend in remodeling that incorporates a dog wash station in a mud-

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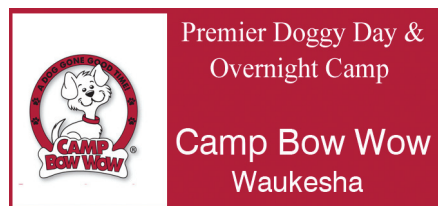
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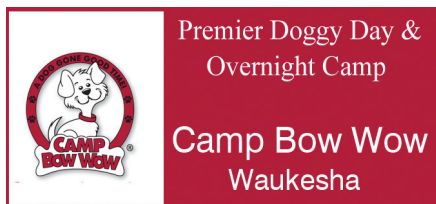
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ROLLING IN SOMETHING STINKY

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When your dog lifts his leg, it might be a way of expressing attraction to a person, another dog, or what he perceives as prey (a tree or pole). He may be marking territory, and exposing himself so that his scent will be transported through the air. Lifting his leg may also recall a dog's memory of his mom licking him to encourage him to urinate and defecate.

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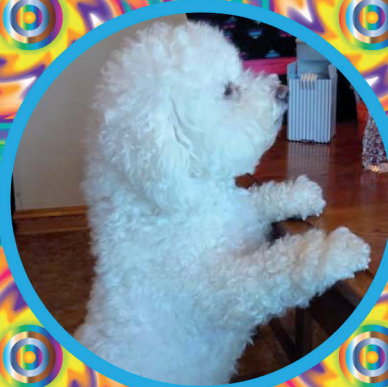
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HOWLING

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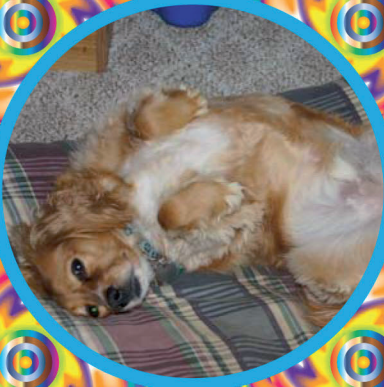
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This part of my husband's and my vacation to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary I would learn later is described as voluntourism, or volunteering while on vacation. And for us animal lovers, this type of vacation can be a dream come true. While your favorite four-legged friends stay at home as you venture around the country, you can make friends with other furry critters and make a difference at the same time. Our fun, enjoyable time at Best Friends allowed us to walk the Sanctuary's dogs, take a dog into town and on an overnight venture, and work with lots of puppies in a special socialization class. We even spent half a day cleaning up after bunnies and guinea pigs, making sure their pens

were swept, bedding was clean, and that new hay, water and food was set down.

The many benefits of volunteering during a vacation carry over from volunteering any other time. And maybe the most important is the feeling of helping others, both animal and human. Giving your time and talents to a shelter or humane society allows that organization to use their staffing resources at a higher potential. For example, your skills could be used in an office, maybe to help staff catch up on filing. Some animal shelters could have you make toys or wash bedding. One task that is always greatly appreciated is cleaning, as we realized at Best Friends. There are always kennels to wipe down, floors to mop, and dishes to wash.

Because not all dogs and cats in shelters are instantly ready for a forever home, here's your chance to work with them, preparing them for that permanent home. Spend some one-on-one time, giving them valuable socialization skills. Exposure to

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be to discuss holistic treatment options, one of which may be acupuncture.

ACUPUNCTURE

Acupuncture has been used in veterinary practice in China for thousands of years. It functions to restore energy flow through the body. Through specific placement of sterile, medical needles, acupuncture assists the body to heal itself and relieve pain. It can stimulate nerves, increase blood circulation, relieve muscle spasm, and cause a release of endorphins (the "feel good" brain chemicals that also enhance immune response) or a healthy amount of cortisol (the "stress hormone" that boosts energy and immunity.) "Acupuncture is not a cure-all, but it can work very well when it is indicated," says Dr. Carrie, "I continue to be amazed by what acupuncture can do."

You need not be nervous at the thought of your dog being stuck with needles. It begins at the "permission point" along the dog's back or between its hips, and introduces the treatment as the dog lies on the floor or any comfortable spot in the house. Dr. Carrie again feels all points along the dog's body, noting areas of heat, depressions, or anything else that "jumps out." The gauge (thickness) and length of needles necessary is determined. This is partially driven by fur-length and density. Needles are typically left for 20 minutes, though a dog's first treatment may be shorter. Some patients experience relief after the first treatment; others may improve after 3 or 4 sessions. Clients should expect a treatment period of a few months with weekly or monthly sessions, depending on diagnoses and level of symptom relief.

IN-HOME EUTHANASIA

If you've reached a decision that your dog's quality of life makes euthanasia the best option, Dr. Carrie can provide the service where you and your dog are most comfortable: at home. Your dog will be less stressed than going to a clinic. There's no need to transport or lift your dog if it is in pain, plus, you won't be rushed. Flower essences and essential oils prepare your dog for transition from life to death. A sedative is given, and the process continues as it would in a clinic. "The biggest difference is that the owner can stay as long as he or she wants in the process." After the family takes the time needed with the body, Dr. Carrie transports it to the crematory. "Euthanasia is something special we can do for animals. They didn't come into our lives to suffer," says Dr. Carrie, "We can give them that gift."

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Slim is in! ~Keep Your Dog Trim

So how thin should your dog be? Well, if people stop you on the street to tell you your dog is too skinny, you're probably doing fine! Unfortunately, there are so many overweight dogs out there that many owners aren't very good judges of what a dog really ought to look like. You should be able to feel your dog's ribs with just a little bit of pressure, no matter how thick his coat is. Yes, even Huskies. If your dog has a short coat, like a German Shorthair, you should be able to see ribs. If you stand over your dog and look down at her, she should have a visible waist no matter what breed she is. Yes, even Bulldogs. Be careful of the body weights listed in breed standards because your dog may be bigger or smaller than average for its breed. For example, the breed standard says that Collies average 50 to 70 pounds, but my Collie is petite, and she would be overweight at 50 pounds, let alone 70. When in doubt ask your veterinarian.

If your dog is at a healthy weight, that's great. Now, all you need to do is be vigilant and adjust your dog's feeding routine to fit its needs. That may mean fewer calories as he gets older. It probably means fewer calories after being spayed or neutered. It definitely means fewer calories if they aren't getting much exercise.

And what should you do about it if your dog is overweight? Don't despair. It is possible to get a dog to lose weight. Your first step is to ask your veterinarian for help. Your veterinarian will look for signs of any medical problems that could be relevant. Unfortunately, most overweight dogs aren't hypothyroid and are just overweight, but it's important to check anyway; once in a while we do find a medical cause.

It is usually best to put the dog on a food that is formulated for weight loss to make sure that she still gets all the nutrition she needs with fewer calories. Measure what you feed her, using standard measuring cups leveled off at the top. You need to be honest with

yourself about how much you are actually feeding. Everything that passes your dog's lips needs to be counted.

Watch those dog treats! Just because they are dry and crunchy doesn't mean they are calorie free. They aren't called cookies for nothing. Most of them are way bigger than they need to be. Break them into halves or quarters or just give one instead of a couple. If your dog is one of the many that loves vegetables, replace some of those cookies with a bit of raw carrot. Because pet food labels don't always contain useful nutritional information, ask your vet for help figuring out how much food you should be offering and how many treats you can get away with. Your veterinarian may recommend using certain foods, partly because they are the ones for which nutritional information is available.

Dogs benefit from increased exercise to maintain a healthy weight. But if your dog is a couch potato, don't ask him to go jogging with you right away. Walking and swimming are the best exercise for those who are overweight, especially if they have joint or back pain. Moderate, regular exercise is best. Spending time walking with your dog is a much healthier way of showing your love than showering him with treats.

You may have heard of a weight loss drug called Slentrol that is approved for use in dogs. There are pros and cons to its use, and if you are interested in trying it, ask your veterinarian whether it is appropriate for your dog.

Once you have your weight maintenance plan in place, weigh your dog weekly. Ask your veterinarian if you can stop by to use her scale. She will probably be so happy that you are taking weight management seriously that she won't mind a bit. Just don't dip into the cookie jar on your way out. If your dog's weight isn't making the progress you need, decrease the food you offer. (This is where the measuring comes in.)

If your weight loss plan is working, your dog should lose between 1 to 2 percent of her body weight per week. You don't want to starve her and make her lose weight faster than that. A slow, steady drop is your goal.

Megan Tremelling, DVM

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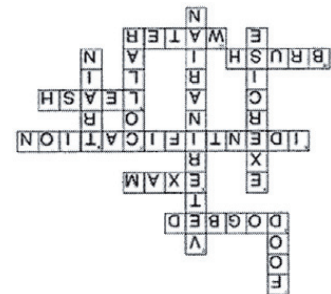
Use the clues below to figure out the words, then fill in the appropriate blanks.

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3. A dog needs a warm, dry place to sleep. You can purchase a _____ (2 words) at your local pet supply store.
5. Each year you should take your dog to the vet for an annual _____.
6. All dogs should wear an _____ tag. This tag will have your family's name and phone number so someone can call you should your dog become lost.
9. You walk a dog using a _____.
10. You use a _____ to keep your dog's coat tangle-free.
11. Always provide fresh _____ for your dog to drink.



ANSWER



DOWN

1. Most dog owners feed their dogs nutritious _____ twice a day.
2. Your dog's "doctor" is called a _____.
4. You should _____ your dog at least twice a day. Walking, running, or playing fetch are good examples of this.
7. Your dog should wear its _____. You attach a leash to this.
8. All responsible owners should _____ their dogs to sit, stay, come, heel, and lie down.



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Wellness for Senior Dogs

The thought of making time stand still has likely crossed the minds of puppy owners who wish their cuddly canine could stay young forever. Sadly, we know this is not the case.

Like humans, dogs age from puppies to adults and eventually into seniors. While there has yet to be a senior citizen discount for dogs, it is important to be aware of some of the common changes dogs go through during their senior years.

Every dog is distinguished individually by its size and breed, as is the case when mapping their age. Many dog owners consider their dogs to be seniors by the time they are over the age of 7 because of marketing from the dog food industry. Although some dogs may be considered seniors at age 7, other dogs may not be seniors until they are much older. Smaller breed dogs, such as Chihuahuas or Toy Poodles, typically have a longer lifespan than that of large or giant breed dogs. These small breeds may not be

considered seniors until they reach 9-12 years, while larger breed dogs are often viewed as seniors when they are 5-7 years of age.



Similar to humans, old age in dogs can lead to certain medical problems and conditions. According to Dr. Denise Follett of Brook-Falls Veterinary Hospital in Brookfield, Wisconsin, aging pets can experience changes in sight and hearing, immune system suppression, a slowdown in metabolism, a decrease in muscle-mass and joint deterioration. Small breed dogs

are also prone to luxating patellas (dislocated kneecaps), while arctic-circle breeds like Siberian Huskies, Malamutes and Samoyeds are more prone to age-related cataracts. Owners of Cocker Spaniels and Basset Hounds may notice signs of glaucoma as their pet's age.

Another common age change in dogs is Lenticular Sclerosis (a hardening of the eye lens), states Dr. Heidi Jahn of North Shore Animal Hospital in Racine, Wisconsin. Dr. Jahn says that when examining the eyes of a young dog, the retina and vessels can be seen perfectly. How-

ever, in older dogs, the eyes have a "hazy" appearance, much like "looking through a pair of dirty glasses."

Diabetes, cancers and heart disease are frightening to consider but can be seen in breeds of senior dogs. According to Dr. Jahn, giant breeds have a higher risk of bone cancer. Large breeds, such as Retrievers, Labradors and Shepherds are prone to splenic cancers and tumors. Boxers may be more susceptible to skin cancers. Dobermans, Cavaliers and smaller breeds may develop breed-related heart disease as they grow older. Senior dogs are also more prone to conditions such as Cushing's Disease.

Two of the biggest problems seen most often in senior pets are arthritis and dental disease. Overweight dogs are especially vulnerable to arthritis as they age. Dental disease caused from abscessed teeth and bacteria can lead to kidney disease and other medical conditions if left untreated.



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One of the most important ways to ensure your senior pet is happy and healthy is by scheduling routine visits with your veterinarian. Dr. Ken Allen of Wauwatosa Veterinary Clinic compared the importance of veterinary care to necessary pediatric care for young children.

“Think of your dog as a child,” he said. “When a child is very young, they should see the pediatrician frequently. As the child ages and becomes an adult they do not need to visit a physician typically more than annually since their immune function is good and age-related deterioration has had minimal effect on the body.”

According to Dr. Allen, when dogs become seniors veterinary visits should occur more often than once a year in order to detect and treat illnesses and infections before they become advanced. “During the geriatric years, age-related illnesses are much more likely and screening tests such as blood work, radiographs and ultrasounds are a good idea to diagnose age-related diseases early. Many age-related diseases are treatable and initiating treatment early may improve the treatment outcome.”

As dog owners, there are several things we can do for our younger pets to increase their chance of health and happiness in their senior years:

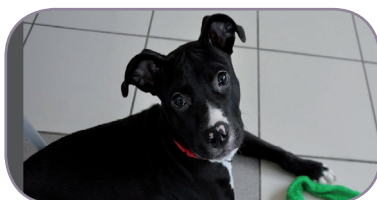
- Keep your pets lean by providing tons of exercise!
- Feed a high-quality, low-fat senior diet that contains highly digestible ingredients and is rich in fiber. Vitamins and antioxidants will ensure your pet is getting the proper nutrition its body needs.
- Talk to your veterinarian about

glucosamine supplements for healthy bones and joints.

- Keep your pets on a regular preventative schedule, including preventatives for heartworm disease, fleas and ticks.
- Provide regular dental care, such as brushing their teeth and offering toys and treats for chewing.
- Trim your dog’s nails regularly. Nails that are too long can lead to joint discomfort.
- Continue with training and obedience, even after they are puppies. Senior dogs who have not received training in several years may experience changes in behavior and temperament.
- Be aware of changes in your dog’s appearance. Sudden weight loss or gain, a distended abdomen, dullness of the hair coat, lower activity level and a change in appetite or behavior can be the signs of a medical problem.

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Fostering: From the Kid's Viewpoint

Hi my name is Hannah and I am 10 yrs old and in the fourth grade. My mom and dad work at MADACC (Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission). We get to foster the animals from there. My family has helped to save the lives of 60 animals that found themselves homeless over the last year. I would like to tell you about some of my favorite ones.

The first animal we fostered was a four month old pit bull puppy that was deaf. We named him Louie. His sister Godiva, his mom Blanca and Louie ended up at MADACC because their owner could not take care of them. Having a deaf dog in the house was really neat. My mom taught us how to do hand signals with Louie to get him to do what we wanted. When we wanted to get his attention or when he was sleeping we had to touch him in the same spot every time so that we didn't spook him.

Louie's favorite toy was his teething dino. He had a Snoopy bed that he would chew on at night when he was in his crate. He didn't like being in his crate and would cry really loud. Louie was very friendly and loved to snuggle with people. He also liked going for walks. Because it was really cold out when we brought him home, he had a sweater that he would wear to keep warm.

Our next fosters were 3 kittens, 2 boys and 1 girl. The boys were all grey, and the girl was all black. They came to MADACC after someone found them under their porch. My mom let me name the girl. I named her Tinkerbell because she was really small when we brought her

home and Tinkerbell is my favorite fairy. Tinkerbell liked to sleep on the back of our couch or in the windowsill. Her favorite toy was a furry little mouse that she would carry around with her in her mouth and meow while trying to find a place to hide it. She stayed with us for four weeks and then went to Elmbrook Humane Society and was adopted.



After Tinkerbell and her brothers left, we took a small break from fostering. It is hard work. It didn't last long though.

My mom brought home 5 kittens that were about 5 weeks old. I named one of them Snuggles because he loved to cuddle. He was buff and white and had medium length fur. For the first few weeks he was here, everything was fine, and then he started to act funny. Snuggles stopped eating and wasn't going to the bathroom. My mom took him to the vet at MADACC. They sent him to the emergency hospital for animals. They told my mom that Snuggles had a blockage in his stomach so they gave him some medicine to help him go to the bathroom. The medicine didn't work and Snuggles just got sicker. My mom and dad took him to our own

vet and they found that Snuggles' esophagus was going into his intestines. The only way to fix it was with surgery. Snuggles was not strong enough to survive the surgery, and no one knew if he would recover if they did the surgery. My mom made the hard choice to end his suffering and have him put to sleep. I was very sad about this. He was just a

baby, and I didn't understand why he wasn't going to come home with us that night. My mom told me that Snuggles was now an animal Angel and will always be in my heart. I know that Snuggles is no longer in pain, and he is running around with all the other animal Angels in heaven.

Well, these are my experiences with some of the animals my mom and dad have brought home for us to love and care for until they can find forever homes. Fostering animals is a great, no wait, AWESOME part of my life, and I love doing it!

Hannah Grycowski

Hannah Grycowski is 10 yrs old and lives in Milwaukee. She has 2 rescue dogs, 2 rescue cats, a rescue guinea pig and a rescue bearded dragon.

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PICKING THE PERFECT VET

Let's face it – the veterinarian you select is NOT just the one that is right for your pet. It also has to be the right fit for you and your personal preferences.

A veterinarian is your pet's second best friend. When selecting a veterinarian, you're doing more than searching for a medical expert. You're looking for a doctor who has people as well as animal skills. The worst time to look for a veterinarian is when you really need one, so plan ahead and choose wisely.

Evaluate the entire veterinary team's competence and caring. If you think the veterinarian is terrific but don't care for one of her staff, you may not be happy. On the other hand, while the location may be convenient and the fees may suit your budget, you may not feel comfortable about some other aspect of the veterinary facility. Weigh the factors that are important to you, but remember you will probably be happier if you drive a few extra miles or pay a few extra dollars to get the care you desire.

To help you pick the perfect vet, consider the following:

Price. Selecting your veterinarian should not be on price alone. Veterinary care needs to be within your means, but the least expensive care is not necessarily the best value for you or your pet. Quality veterinary care is much like any other decision you make. The VALUE, not the bottom line, is what counts. The old adage "You get what you pay for" holds true here. I surely would not select the least expensive dentist to do the

work on my children's teeth; I am not going to recommend you select the lowest price for a surgical procedure for your pet either.

Quality of care. This is difficult for you as an owner to assess. Your pet can't tell you if they were hospitalized on a cold cage floor or if they had a warmed bed with a fluffy towel! But you can and should ask for a tour of the hospital "in the back" so YOU can see if it is clean, how the pets are handled and how the facility is equipped. Once you've narrowed your search, schedule a visit to meet



the staff, tour the facility and learn about the hospital's philosophy and policies. This is a reasonable request that any veterinarian should be glad to oblige. Sometimes, a tour will need to be scheduled in advance if the hospital schedule cannot accommodate you at that exact time. Be wary if you are never allowed to see the surgery and housing areas of the hospital.

Value. Does your veterinarian assist you in deciding how to get the most for the money you are spending? Are services being duplicated? Are they advising you about nutrition and nutritional supplements?

Exercise and conditioning? Grooming needs? Dental health care? Vaccinations and other preventive care?

Needs. Not all veterinarians are trained or are interested in the same area of the field, just as in physicians or dentists. If you have only birds and snakes, find a veterinarian and staff skilled in exotic pet care. If you have a geriatric pet, find one who enjoys working with pets of this age. You may wish to have other philosophical needs of your own met, such as treating your pet holistically or nutritionally. If you like to ask in-depth questions, be certain you find a veterinarian who can take the time or has staff trained to address your specific concerns.

Reputation. Word of mouth continues to be the way most of us find our health care professionals and veterinarians are no exception. The best way to find a good veterinarian is to ask people who have the same approach to

pet care as you. Start with a recommendation from a friend, neighbor, animal shelter worker, dog trainer, groomer, boarding kennel employee or pet sitter.

To summarize: what do I look for?

- Is location and parking convenient?
- Are appointments required?
- Is there value based on the services and price?
- How many veterinarians are in the practice?

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Backyard Quotables

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

What is the biggest luxury you allow for your dog?

"He gets everything. Sleeps on the couch, the bed, anything he wants."

Krystal Parker
West Allis, WI

"She gets her food handfed to her. Like ribs."

Angelina Borchard
Milton, WI

"She sleeps ON my head. ON TOP of my head. And blueberry facials."

Kim and Jimmy Lesch
Coralville, IA

"She sleeps between my legs under the covers. She nudges and nudges until she gets under those covers!"

Kathie Workowicz,
Villa Park, IL

"They get the couch to themselves."

Ariana Nowicki
South Milwaukee, WI

"We let her sleep with us. And we give her food scraps. She loves ham."

Savannah Wolnick
South Milwaukee, WI

"We have a lot of pictures of her all over the house. We love her to death."

Judy and Adeline Piorkowski
Milwaukee, WI

"Treats. Lots of treats, kisses, hugs. Lots of toys. And little clothes to put on."

Ava Sterbin, 7
Milwaukee, WI

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DWELLING

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ture. Making some small adjustments like being thoughtful about the fabrics you select for your new sofa or the type of flooring you put in can just create a less stressful, more functional living environment and be beautiful at the same time.”

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Colleen Terry

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VOLUNTOURISM

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cats at any given time. Volunteers are always welcome to come clean the many cages and corrals (dog play areas), bathe the dogs, and play with the adoptable pets. The Heart & Soul Animal Sanctuary in Santa Fe, New Mexico offers similar activities, plus a chance to hike with a donkey, clean up after chickens and bunnies, and snuggle with animals.

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No matter where you decide to volunteer, make sure to first contact the rescue. Animal shelters have limited hours or volunteer time slots or may require that you attend a scheduled orientation. Planning ahead helps you and the shelter make the most of your time commitment and experience. And you never know you just might fall in love and take home a new companion.

Jessica Pairrett

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PICK A VET

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- Are there technicians or other professional staff members?
- Is the facility clean, comfortable, and well-organized?
- Are dog and cat cages in separate areas?
- Is the staff caring, calm, competent, and courteous, and do they communicate effectively?
- Do the veterinarians have services that meet the needs of you and your pet?
- Are x-rays, ultrasound, bloodwork, EKG, endoscopy, and other diagnostics done in-house or referred to a specialist?
- Have you heard favorable comments from others in the community?
- Which emergency services are available?

Use these helpful hints and you will be successful in finding a vet for you and your dog!

Dr. Marty M. Greer, DVM

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QUIRKY

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Like singing, howling and vocalizing really is music to your dog's ears, and has the same relaxing effect that music has for humans.

COCKING THE HEAD

Dogs can understand some of the things that we say to them, but obviously not everything! They tilt their heads to try to hear better and to comprehend what's going on. If they hear an unusual noise, they might repeat these actions. In shorter eared dogs, the ears may be up and forward. Floppy-eared dogs do the head tilt more than others.

LOVING ATTENTION

Our emotions connect us to other humans. Dogs also connect social-

ly (with humans and other dogs) through their emotions. In both humans and dogs, the hormone oxytocin produces feelings of love, and is associated with bonding in social animals. Oxytocin is released by physical contact, so as we pet and caress our dogs, we are engendering the bond of love between us.

Keeping in mind the way that dogs perceive the world, with emotion and without judgment, can help us understand the way dogs behave. These are just a few of the things that dogs do that we might find puzzling. To a dog, however, it all makes perfect sense!

Pamela Stace

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