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ABOUT OUR COVER DOG

Winter can make you think about those we have known in our past. This issue finds us contemplating our cover dog, Joe. Joe was the Miniature Schnauzer owned by photographer Stephanie Bartz's parents Maggie and Jim Roberts. I love this photo of Joe, eyes gleaming, nose and ears on full alert embracing the joy of a car ride. Stephanie says that Joe was a fun loving Schnauzer and adored his younger sister Sammi, a West Highland Terrier. Joe's favorite toy was a burglar which Sammi never touched. The respect was mutual. Sammi had two toys, a cube and an elephant, that Joe never touched. Both Joe and Sammi were such snugglers. They both loved being right next to you or on your lap. Stephanie says they still miss Joe today. Ahhh, the love of a good dog never leaves us.

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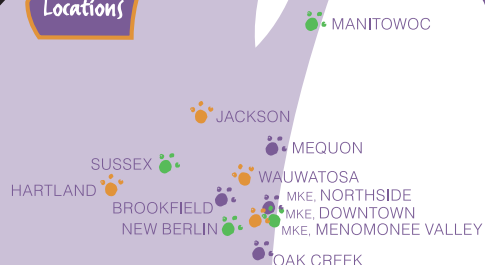
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Editor's Letter

Dear Fetch Readers:

This issue of Fetch was being created as the first snow of the season was falling. The snow made the ride into work twice as long and the daily walks with the mutt a bit more of an adventure. After clearing poor Louie's paws of sidewalk salt for the third time, I must admit I was not thinking good thoughts about winter.

But for a different perspective, I contemplated the perspective of the Door County Sled Dogs who are in this issue. That first snowfall for the mushers and their team must make their hearts beat a little faster. Looking out the window as the grass changes from green to white as the snow falls must cause a twinkle in their eyes of the excitement to come...of running through snow covered fields and listening to the laughter of those who get to share the ride.

For yet something else fun to do on the ice, in this issue we also hear about the Milwaukee Admirals and their annual invitation to dog lovers to bring their furry friend to a game. I would love to go just to hear the howls that accompany the singing of the national anthem.

Okay, so maybe winter in Wisconsin does have something more to offer than slush and sore paws. I wish you all a warm belly to rub and a full heart.

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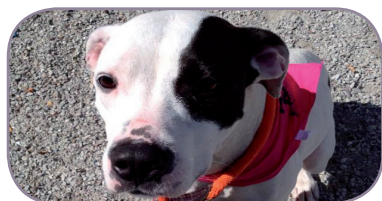
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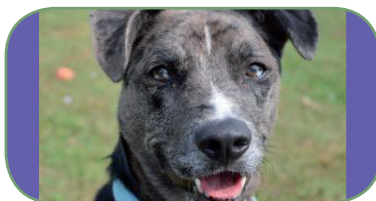
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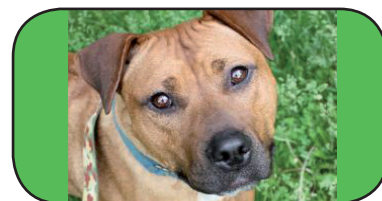
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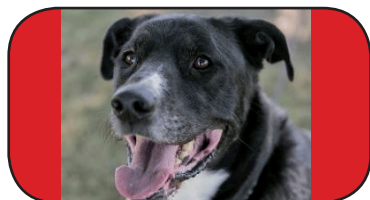
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Max is a 1 year old male Catahoula mix who is a fun-loving happy dog looking for someone to laugh & play. Must have a great sense of humor & some time to spend with him. His family didn't have enough time to devote to him. He lived with kids, another dog & cats. Did very well with the kids & the dog but was unsure about cats. He has been to obedience class & knows a lot of tricks including sit, down, come & shake! He would love a family that would continue the training that has already been started!



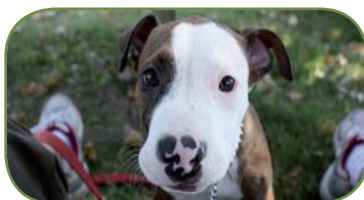
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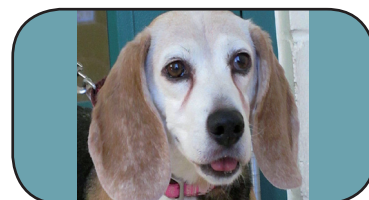
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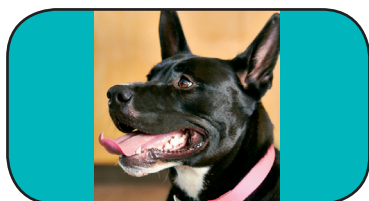
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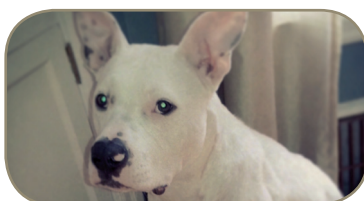
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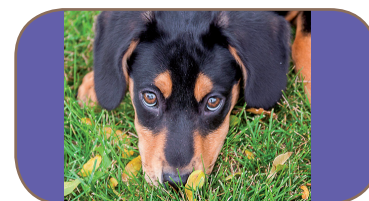
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The beauty of Reading with Rover is that it is not only for young readers. I had an opportunity to visit a designated Reading with Rover lo-



cation in Redmond, Washington. I spoke with a second grade teacher who has several dogs visit his classroom each week. The teacher also invites older students from the Emotional Behavioral Disorder (EBD) classroom to join his group of young readers. Everyone benefits from the interactions between the

younger students, the dogs, and the EBD students. For example, the young readers like having an older buddy to read with them and their dog. The EBD students are naturally attentive due to the dogs' presence and they like acting as mentors to the younger students. Everyone is at a different stage in their reading ability but at the same stage of reading enjoyment!

I also met Sarah and her dog Rosie, a Golden Retriever. Sarah is a high school senior who chose

Reading with Rover as her community service project. Sarah and Rosie were acting as a Greeter Dog team, a pre-requisite to becoming a full-fledge D.R.E.A.M. team. Their job was to greet the children and their parents as they joined other Reading with Rover dogs and their

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owners. Sarah was a perfect example of how Reading with Rover is a wonderful opportunity to capture the interest of teens and teach the importance of literacy and becoming life-long readers and dog lovers.

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If you are interested in learning more about Reading with Rover this is their website: <http://www.readingwithrover.org>. If you live

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Bob Prohaska of All Ears Pet Photography in Waukesha caught the photography bug 12 years ago. He said he started professionally photographing pets about four and a half years ago when his family adopted a puppy from the Wisconsin Humane Society.

"I have always been extremely passionate about pets and animals," Prohaska said. "Anytime you can work with a subject you are passionate about, it shows in the photos. One of my favorite things about photographing pets is that you can almost never plan a typical shoot. You kind of just take what the animal gives you. The benefit is that you get some great, unexpected results. I could never have planned some of my favorite photos, and I could never duplicate them."

In preparation for his photo shoots, Prohaska said that he has the owners fill out a survey to help him get to know the pet or pets. "Typical shoots start with me getting acquainted with the animal, I spend as little or as much time is necessary until I feel that they are comfortable with me. The session usually consists of a lot of playing and one-on-one time. I like to sit back and let the pets have a good time. This always comes through in the photos."

Prohaska said the most challenging part of photographing pets is adjusting to taking photos of animals in brand new environments. "With animals, you need to go to where they are most comfortable. This means going to brand new locations. When working with people, you can find great light/backgrounds and pose them so everything is perfect. Animals do their own thing, so I need to be constantly adjusting to what they are doing while also keeping in mind light and location."



Photo Courtesy of Bob Prohaska

Peggy Morsch of Peggy Morsch Life Photography in Milwaukee has been a photographer for more than 30 years but pets became an interest in 2001. "I've been a dog owner all my adult life, and like many, have found them to be humorous, cuddly, and smart companions," Morsch said. "When an 86-year-old woman in my obedience class arrived with a new Schnauzer puppy, I knew I wanted to explore the relationships and emotions of dogs and their owners. A light went on for me about just how important pets are for people and I wanted to explore that."

A moment in time captured on film

becomes a visual memory for those she serves, Morsch said. "Perhaps it's the playful look in the eye, the bouncing puppy with a toy, the clumsy splash into a mud puddle, or the comfiness of the two of them sitting quietly together," she said. "Those memories will live on more vividly with photographs and I understand this from my own personal loss of beloved pets. Clients will call me to photograph their dog because they've just discovered it has a terminal illness."

"While it's a sad occasion, it's very satisfying personally and an honor to be a witness to that very special relationship!"

Morsch's favorite part of taking photos of pets? "Every pet and every owner is different, and I'm faced with the fun challenge of making images that reflect the dog as an individual and dog-human relationship," she said. "That forces me to be mentally limber and think on the spot, reacting to what I sense and see before me. It usually brings up spontaneous ideas of how to photograph them, and I often find myself laughing along with the owner."

Editor's Note: Please also support other pet photographers associated with Fetch which include Mary and Jerry Braunsdorf of IN-FOCUS Photography and Stephanie Bartz of Stephanie Bartz Photography.

Amy Behrendt

Amy Behrendt is a freelance writer from the Fox Cities area. Her family's daily adventures include her 9-year-old Golden Retriever Sulley, who can usually be found snoring loudly after a hard day of play.



Schnauzers

Big Dog Attitude - Little Dog Body



If Ratatouille (the rat of Disney fame) had a four-legged nemesis it would be a Miniature Schnauzer. Bred to be natural ‘ratters,’ Minis are fearless, feisty and fun. However, those three characteristics, though treasured by some dog lovers, can be found vexing by others. That is why finding the ‘right’ person for a puppy versus an older rescue dog of this breed can be challenging.

THE MINI’S ‘WOO WO’ (PERSONALITY):

“The ‘big dog’ aspect of the Miniature Schnauzer applies to its temperament,” says breeder Patricia Discher. “Minis are seldom afraid of anything.” Discher and her husband, James, have been breeding Minis for roughly 30 years and run a kennel called PJ’s DogHouse in Darlington, Wisconsin. They obtained their first dog from a breeder and initially started showing dogs and learning as much knowledge on the breed as possible.

According to Discher, Schnauzers are confident and assured yet remain relatively loving, people-

pleasing dogs. “They seldom meet a stranger, person or dog that they don’t want to greet up close and personal,” says Discher.



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So be prepared. This trait can be rather bothersome to some individuals and their dogs, according to her. Just imagine a bearded, robust little dog running up and pushing itself into a strange dog’s way—not necessarily a wise decision for such a little guy.

Then on top of that, they are talkative, stubborn and full of personality, says Nancy Wandersee, a Mini dog owner and foster parent for Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Southern Wisconsin.

Wandersee adopted her first Schnauzer in 2004 from the rescue and began fostering other ones in 2005. She soon became very acquainted with the

Schnauzer ‘woo woo’—the distinct sound of the Mini’s bark which for some owners can easily become an issue.

“That is why a lot of Miniature Schnauzers end up in rescues,” notes Pechanach. “They bark too much.” This is a trait of the breed, which can be controlled, but not expelled.

Pechanach is able to look past the noise and enjoy the people-pleasing aspect. She loves the breed and hasn’t been able to take a bath in years without a Schnauzer lying on the other side of the tub.

UNDERSTANDING/MASTERING THE MINI’S MAYHEM:

Dating back to the late 1800’s, the Miniature Schnauzer began making its appearance into rural households. As a derivative of the Standard Schnauzer from Germany and as a part of the terrier family, Minis were bred to be small farm dogs with one primary job, to rid the area of all vermin, something they do quite well.

Since then, Minis have progressed into family dogs. However, they still want to “rid the yard of anything with hair on it,” says Pechanach. “They can spot a rabbit from a block away.” She also notes that they are “very tenacious and spirited little dogs that will not just sit at your feet and lollygag all night.”

Discher agrees and adds that this quality can get them into trouble. “They are naturally curious and aren’t afraid to follow whatever

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piques their interest,” she says, “like fast moving animals close to the ground.” That is why training is key for a well-behaved Mini. From Discher’s experience, Minis are intelligent and do best with short training sessions accompanied with tons of treats. “Repetition of training exercises can quickly become boring to most Schnauzers,” she notes. “They either shut down or create their own way of doing the exercise.”

Wandersee has fostered over 20 Minis in her lifetime and tends to focus on the ‘problem child’ of the breed. She has a talent for working with the ones that need “attitude readjustments” as she calls it and corrects bad behavior with redirection followed by positive reinforcement.

For instance, she uses a strong negative sound or hand tap to turn their heads. Then when she has their attention, she gives them something positive to do and rewards them accordingly. “I think people that have problems with Miniature Schnauzers don’t know how to train them,” says Wandersee. “Minis sometimes need to be convinced. You have to make your case.” That is the stubborn terrier in them. According to

her, this breed requires a lot of time and effort, especially puppies.

Pechanach won’t give a puppy or a rescue to just anyone. She advises people to buy or get an animal that fits their lifestyle. “If I give them a dog that doesn’t fit their life, they’re not going to be happy with this dog.” If a potential owner works a full-time job or has young kids, a puppy may not be a good fit. Wandersee prefers older dogs and says they can always learn new things.

One of her rescues, Boots, 7, originally had an owner with three children all under the age of five. The dog entered the rescue still not potty-trained because the effort and time was not made. In this situation, the owner may have benefited from an older dog and perhaps a less active breed.

“Always keep in mind that all terriers are characters,” notes Discher. “It helps if the owners are somewhat of the same temperament because they can understand the activeness and curiosity of their dog.”

“And most dogs don’t want to misbehave; they just want your attention,” says Wandersee. She admits that Minis are not easy dogs. “If you don’t convince them that you are worth paying attention to, then you’ll have a dog that makes up its own rules and that is never good.”



Nastassia Putz

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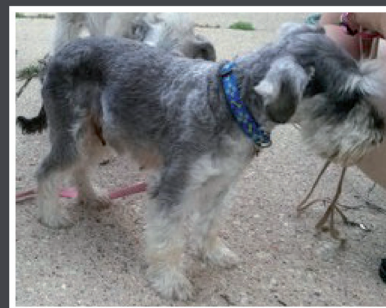
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Kyle Wagner, 25, is an exemplary young man who is battling with post-traumatic stress disorder after serving our country in Iraq. Kyle was deployed in 2007 as a medic with his unit. Kyle describes the war and Iraq as, "A culture shock, dirty, nothing worked, just a terrible place to be." Kyle struggled to tell Elmbrook Humane Society staff about his time in Iraq and summed it up by saying, "A lot happened there."

After arriving home from the war, Kyle was unable to tell friends, family and those close to him about what happened and what he had seen. He described flashbacks and nightmares relating to the war. Kyle needed something to take his mind off of what he had seen. He applied with the organization, Pets for Vets, in hopes to connect with an animal that he could bond with. Two years passed and no dog through the organization. Kyle decided to come to Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) on Oct. 14, 2013, with the help of Linda Bobot, a certified dog trainer, who has started a new program to

help connect veterans with animals that need forever homes.

Kyle described his perfect dog to EBHS staff member, Meghan Weisenborn, as playful, affectionate, and someone he could cuddle with. Meghan told him about a shy, gentle, yet sweet eight month old Labrador Retriever mix the shelter had, her name was Jade.

Jade and Kyle bonded instantly, it was love at first sight. Jade had always been shy at EBHS, but when she met Kyle, she completely opened up because he was so patient and calm with her. Kyle threw the tennis ball; Jade would retrieve and drop at his feet. Kyle would walk her; Jade would flip on her back wanting to be loved. Linda told the staff, "Veterans look for dogs that are a bit on the shy side. The dogs will look to the veteran to give them guidance when they are unsure." Kyle was patient and calm with Jade who in turn gave him all of the respect and love that he had been missing.

On Oct. 15, Kyle officially adopt-

ed Jade. Jade will now be Kyle's therapy and service dog, where she will help him work through his post-traumatic stress disorder and together they will both bring each other out of their shells. This is such

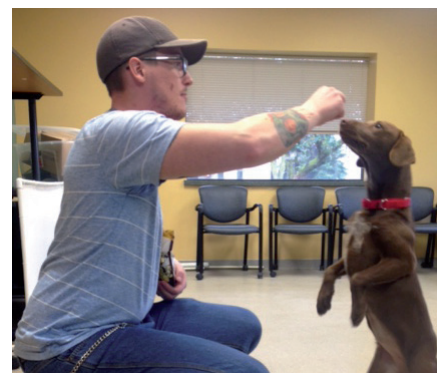


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a perfect ending for this veteran and this dog to come together and help each other grow, learn and experience life together.

Kyle said to staff member Meghan, "No one should have to go through this. I just want a dog."

GOLDENS HOLIDAY HOUSE CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR

Wisconsin Adopt A Golden Retriever (WAAGR) held its 10th annual Goldens Holiday House in early December. WAAGR, an all-volunteer/member Golden Retriever rescue organization serving southeastern Wisconsin and beyond, hosted the event at the home of one of WAAGR's founding members in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

The home was decorated with 30 trees, including a Wizard of Oz tree and a tree dedicated to Jolly Old St. Nick himself. WAAGR Vice President Barb Hart, who hosted the event with her husband Jim, began



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decorating her home for the event in October. This year's event featured a baked goods sale, silent auction, complimentary refreshments, and plenty of Golden Retrievers to greet attendees. A \$5 donation was requested to attend the Goldens' Holiday House, with kids under 12 admitted for free. All proceeds from the event went to help the Goldens in WAAGR's care that are awaiting new homes. In 2013, WAAGR helped 110+ dogs.

"As a nonprofit organization with no paid staff, we rely on the generosity of individuals that want to help provide a safe and happy life for Golden Retrievers that, for whatever reason, have lost their homes," said WAAGR President Amie Trupke. "We appreciate the support we have had throughout the year!"

Goldens Holiday House, by the numbers:

- The tallest tree decorated for the event was 12 feet.
- Barb Hart said she has collected more than 2,000 Hallmark ornaments in 35 years, which adorn all but one of the trees.
- More than 5,000 cookies are baked for the bake sale each year.
- Ten volunteers were on hand to help with the event.

Wisconsin Adopt A Golden Retriever received its 501(c)(3) February 2005 and helped its first dogs in May of that year. For more information about WAAGR and adoption, visit the organization on the web at www.waagr.org.

GREAT LAKES PET EXPO CELEBRATES 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Great Lakes Pet Expo is celebrating its ten year anniversary on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park. The Alliance of

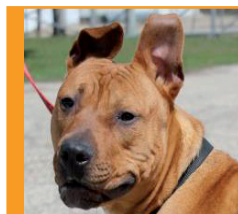
Wisconsin Animal Rehoming Efforts (AWARE) has announced that the 2014 event will celebrate the bond between pets and people by featuring a special tribute to veterans and their pets. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to veterans programs designed to help soldiers who are having trouble with their transition back home. Traditionally, the expo has raised thousands of dollars to help animals in rescues and shelters with their medical and housing needs. This year, the focus will shift to both people and their pets.

Just over ten years ago, the US sent

troops to Afghanistan and the war began. Just about that time, the Expo Director started to sketch out a dream to create an event which would give shelter and rescue animals their day in the spotlight and raise thousands for the groups who care for them. The Great Lakes Pet Expo made its debut on Super Bowl Sunday 2003 with approximately 2,000 pet lovers in attendance.

The tenth anniversary celebration will feature a heartwarming tribute to veterans and their pets sponsored by Lakeshore Veterinary Specialists. Attendees will meet soldiers

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Anesthesia: What Goes On When A Dog Goes Under

Many myths about anesthesia exist. I often hear clients say that they believe their pets are too old or too small for anesthesia, or that they cannot be anesthetized due to some preexisting medical problem. While anesthesia cannot be made a risk-free procedure, modern advances have made it safer than ever before. There is no patient for whom anesthesia cannot be considered under the right circumstances.

Before performing anesthesia, a veterinarian performs a physical exam. In some cases, pre-anesthetic testing is recommended. This might include labwork to look for metabolic problems, including checking the liver and kidneys, which have the job of clearing anesthetic medications from the dog's body. When there is concern about the heart, I recommend chest x-rays, EKG or echocardiogram. Your veterinarian needs to know if your pet is taking any medications, in order to avoid harmful interactions. Herbal and complementary remedies count, as do over-the-counter medications.

Many veterinarians start by giving a sedative injection called a "pre-med" to calm the dog, followed by another injection into the vein that induces anesthesia. Anesthesia can be maintained either by injectable medications or by a gas anesthetic. This requires careful judgment to make sure that enough medication is given to keep the patient unconscious and pain-free, but not enough to cause a decrease in blood pressure. We start by calculating doses based on the patient's body weight, and then adjusting as needed

to compensate for the patient's condition. Different medications may be chosen for different patients. A boisterous, healthy young adult dog that is being anesthetized for an elective spay would receive different medications and different doses than an elderly dog with a leaky heart valve who must be anesthetized to remove a rotten tooth.



Once the pet is asleep, most veterinarians will place a breathing tube into her throat. This allows the veterinarian to help her breathe if she is not breathing deeply enough on her own. It allows oxygen and gas anesthetics to be given in carefully controlled amounts. Perhaps most importantly, it prevents her from inhaling any liquid if she should happen to vomit while she is sedated.

Many veterinarians administer IV fluids during anesthesia to maintain normal blood pressure and replace some of the fluid lost to evaporation at surgery. Anesthetized patients can easily become chilled,

so keeping them warm is important, but it must be done cautiously to avoid causing burns.

Monitoring is critical during anesthesia. The most important anesthetic monitor is not a

machine but a trained observer using his or her own eyes, ears and hands. That said, we also use specialized tools such as EKG, pulse oximeter (heart monitor), end tidal capnograph (carbon dioxide monitor) and blood pressure monitor to measure vital functions.

Pain management is a topic that is very important to veterinarians and to dog owners. In olden days, it was thought best not to give a dog pain medication, in hopes that feeling pain after surgery would encourage them to rest. We now know that treating pain is not only humane but safe. The best way of getting a dog to rest is not by letting him suffer but by using kennels, leashes or verbal commands to prevent overactivity.

So what about patients that are tiny, elderly, or have pre-existing medical problems? The potential risks and benefits of anesthesia and surgery must be weighed for them, as for all patients. Careful prescreening can help to choose the safest medications for each individual patient. Specialized medications and monitoring procedures may be necessary. Consulting with veterinarians and veterinary technicians with special training and experience in anesthesia can help to reduce risks when anesthesia cannot be avoided.

Anesthesia should not be considered a trivial procedure. It is extremely complex and the potential for complications is very real. However, neither should it be considered unreasonably dangerous. With careful planning, anesthesia can be considered for almost any patient. No dog should be euthanized or allowed to suffer with treatable conditions because of an irrational fear of anesthesia.

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For the past several years, in partnership with the BMO Harris Bradley Center and Nestlé Purina, the Admirals have hosted an annual "Bring Your Dog to the Game" event. Typically held on a Sunday game day in March, dogs and their proud owners are invited to fill an ever-growing reserved section of the Bradley Center's upper deck. Pet owners mingle, forming friendships and often lifelong bonds. Pets of all breeds, shapes and sizes are treated to water, exercise areas and seats covered with plastic. In the past, Purina® has offered treats and a free gift such as a retractable leash with bag dispensers. To make the day even brighter, a \$1 portion of each \$2 doggie ticket purchased by an owner is donated to a local animal shelter.

According to Wojciechowski, the unique event is a truly rare opportunity that attracts a growing number

each year. Since its inception six years ago, as many as 700 to 800 dogs have attended. Many become instant stars when shown on the big screen throughout the game. Although costumes are optional, those dressed in Admirals gear are definite crowd pleasers. Wojciechowski lights up when discussing the event and finds that the creativity and re-



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sponsibility of the pet owners is inspiring. The singing of the National Anthem, accompanied by a rousing mix of barks and howls, is an anticipated highlight met with smiles from everyone in attendance.

The rules and regulations are few: owners are in charge of policing their pets and for the safety of the dogs, the escalators are off limits. For your pet's comfort, in and out access for bathroom breaks is available.

Bring Your Dog to the Game, presented by Purina®, will be held on Sunday, March 30th, 2014 with the Admirals facing off against Grand Rapids at 5 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. For tickets or more information, call the Milwaukee Admirals at 414-227-0550. Ask for Admirals tickets for yourself and your dog.

It's a win-win situation. Experience an entertaining Admirals hockey game with your best friend at your side and help support a local animal shelter.

Doris Greenberg

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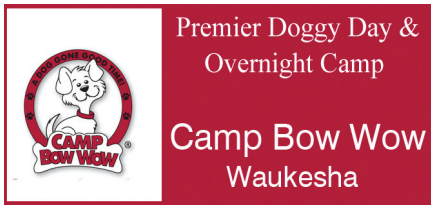
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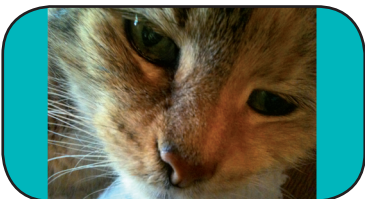
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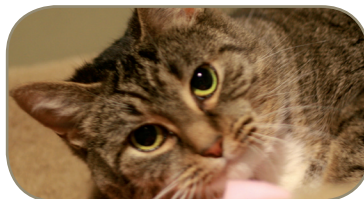
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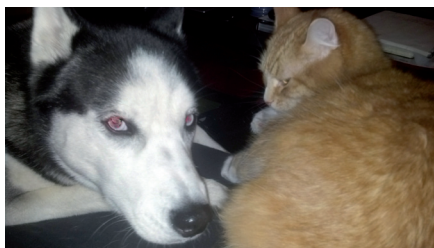


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The old phrase “fighting like cats and dogs” has led many pet owners to believe that cats and dogs are incapable of living together. Luckily, multi-pet owners around the world have shattered this misconception by proving that it is in fact possible for cats and dogs to live together peacefully. I, myself, have three rambunctious felines and two quirky canines whose relationships with each other continue to flourish and entertain on a daily basis. By following a few simple guidelines, pet owners can easily transition their household into a peaceful, harmonious environment where cats and dogs live quarrel-free.

FIND THE PERFECT MATCH: When deciding to bring a new dog or cat in to your existing environment, it is incredibly important to know as much about the breed and history as possible. For example, an older

Cats and Dogs Living Together!

dog who has a history of hunting or injuring small animals may not be the best companion for your single cat household. Similarly, a feral or un-socialized cat is likely to be fearful and aggressive toward meeting the family dog. If you are planning to bring a new dog in to your feline-friendly home, it is important to research the breed to determine their prey drive. Hunting breeds,



such as Pointers and hounds, have distinct instincts to shake and kill small prey, which could result in a dangerous environment for your household cat.

YOUNG LOVE CAN BUILD A LASTING RELATIONSHIP:

Introducing dogs and cats to one another when they are puppies and kittens can allow them to build a strong, long-lasting bond. Puppies that are introduced to the family cat at a young age will learn to respect their new companion as they grow older. Kittens who are introduced to puppies will also come to learn that the

puppy is not a threat, but actually a new friend. Whether you are introducing a new puppy or kitten to your household, always ensure that the new playmates are supervised at all times.

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE:

The process of introducing a new dog or cat is time consuming and must be performed at a gradual pace. To begin, start by keeping them in separate spaces for the first few days without contact. Slowly begin to introduce each other's scents by rubbing a small towel, blanket, or article of clothing on the dog and placing it in the same room with the cat. Repeat this process with the cat and place the scent-filled article in the same area as the dog. This will promote a less-stressful meeting and allow the household pet to identify the mysterious stranger as a welcome guest. Over the course of the next few weeks, slowly begin to allow the pets to see one another from a distance for short periods of time. After they have become accustomed to the sight of one another, it is time to allow them to “meet” while still keeping them separated, such as allowing them to sniff one another from opposite sides of a pet gate. Only when the time is right should cats and dogs be allowed to



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Door County Sled Dogs

Perhaps you have seen them on Milwaukee's Lakefront in January and February offering sled dog rides to the public. What you probably didn't realize is that Door County Sled Dogs has a year round presence in Wisconsin. The individuals that advance sled dogs forward are called "mushers". Bonnie Ulrich and Rick Desotelle are two such mushers who use their dogs to spread the word about teamwork, community, safety, dog breeds, mushing history and pet care. They appear at schools, museums, libraries, at corporate, private and charity events, and of course in Milwaukee County Parks. Their mantra: "love all dogs" and through dogs, anything can be taught.

Seven years ago Bonnie and Rick began training five dogs in Milwaukee and first appeared at the Lakefront with a dozen dogs. They are still appearing there today. They also spend lots of time at their fifth generation Door County farmhouse, on three and a half acres of fenced-in land. Volunteers and their dogs are encouraged to take part in mushing activities there or in Milwaukee. The Door County fall training this year included 15 volunteers and over 23

dogs. Any healthy dog thirty pounds or more that likes to pull is welcome to try! Door County Sled Dogs also offers training in other dog-related sports such as canicross (cross country running with dogs), scootering and bikejoring.



Photo Courtesy of Door County Sled Dogs

Today, Bonnie and Rick's all-rescue team consists of nine Siberian Huskies, two Alaskan Huskies and one Collie/Husky mix. They are a mid-distance team and only race for charity events such as Make a Wish Foundation and Adopt a Husky. Every Saturday and Sunday between January and March, weather permitting, the team can be found in Whitnall Park offering reasonably-priced trail

rides on an authentic freight sled. The public gets the opportunity to get to know more about the lead dogs, wheel dogs and swing dogs and how they work as a team. Bonnie stressed the importance of calling ahead for reservations. New this season is the "Tundra Tracker", a modified cart that can be used without snow. For those who want a more comprehensive sled dog experience, Bonnie and Rick offer a longer, private trail ride and training experience at the Door County farm.

Door County Sled Dogs is not a rescue group per se, but through their website they have rehomed over 59 dogs. They also offer mentoring on the Arctic breeds. Also, you can sponsor one or all of the team and in return receive private visiting privileges, a certificate of adoption and periodic updates. Door County Sled Dogs' website (www.doorcountysled-dogs.com) provides lots of detailed information and photos, and they are very active on Facebook.

Door County Sled Dogs is an all volunteer 501c(3) organization that depends solely on fees, sponsorships and donations for funding. Everything that is received goes directly towards the care of the dogs and their related travel expenses. The dogs "earn their keep", but they are also all beloved pets. Bonnie and Rick want to remain "Mom and Pop" and hope that Door County Sled Dogs continues to grow, but at its own pace, emphasizing the connections we have with the dogs and people in our lives.

Pamela Stace

Pamela Stace is mom to three Afghan Hounds, one cat and an Arabian horse. She is a Milwaukee-based actor and voice talent. Also, she and her husband Bill run The Miramar Theatre on Milwaukee's East Side.



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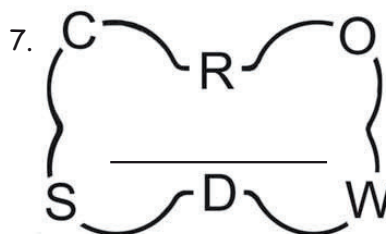
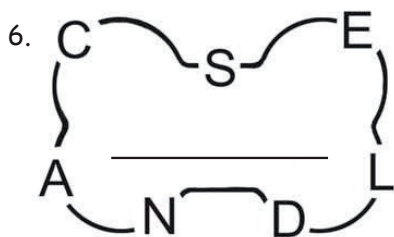
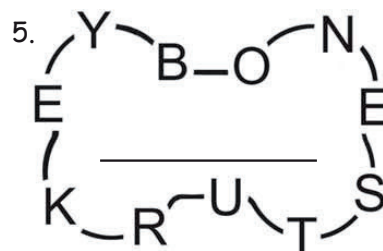
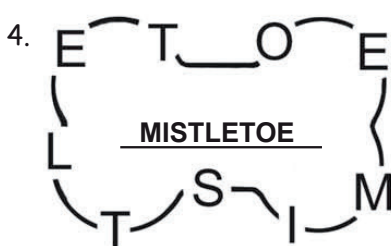
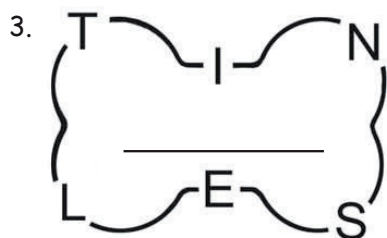
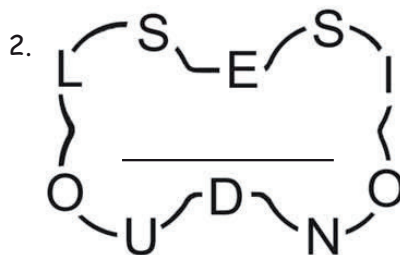
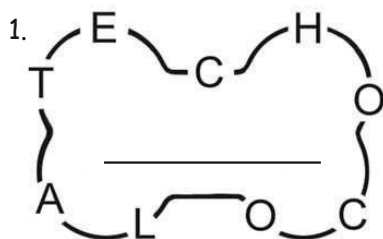
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DOGS AND THE HOLIDAYS



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The holidays are a fun time for everyone. But loud noises and crowds may frighten your dog. Your family may want to keep your dog in a crate or safely in another room while you entertain guests.



People food can make your dog sick, so be sure not to give your dog table scraps. Also, certain foods can be deadly to your dog, such as chocolate or turkey and chicken bones.



Holly and mistletoe are poisonous to dogs. Keep them out of your dog's reach. Poinsettia plants can cause stomach upset and tinsel, if swallowed, can also harm your dog.



Keep burning candles on high tables or mantels, out of the way of your dog's wagging tail.

Answers: 1. chocolate 2. loud noises 3. tinsel
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Our travels have taken me from Key West to the Arctic Circle and from Washington State to Maine. We spend a lot of time camped in our national parks. This lifestyle is exhilarating but does create problems for my people. There are perils you don't find in your city park or walking around the neighborhood. My people need to be alert so we don't come upon a rattlesnake when hiking a trail out west. So far so good! If I am running off-leash, there are those big ocean waves that can easily pull me from shore or the swift mountain streams that can sweep me away. There are also some mean animals out there like bears and mountain lions that are dangerous to us both. It is good to carry bear spray and know the

proper techniques to use if confronted by a large wild animal.

There are some national parks that don't even allow pets in the park and not even in a vehicle. If the park



Photo Courtesy of Ed Cooke

doesn't allow dogs on trails, my people need to make arrangements for me to be cool and comfortable while they are gone. They have had to take me back to the trailer for the day while they went and played. I understand this is for the protection of the natural surroundings and wildlife. (Once, when they took a long whale watching boat trip for the day in Alaska, they had to search for a dog sitter to leave me with for the day. It wasn't easy, but they found one. I was not a happy camper!

Now, I have been to a lot of veterinarians around the country due some problems I developed. To keep all my veterinarians informed about me, I have a medical folder with lots of papers. Some of those papers tell stories of my surprising encounters. One thing my people and I have learned the hard way is to never play Frisbee in the desert southwest. I will dive into the cactus plant to retrieve it. That little trick cost me a lot of discomfort and

them a couple of grand at the doggie ophthalmologist to have the cactus spines removed. Another time I should have known better than to eat the cayenne pepper sesame sticks; but, they were really good. You guessed it, another trip to the vet. Now I get a rather bland diet and no table scraps. Another lesson learned!

The joys of RVing outweighs the perils. When I hear, "Get in the truck, we are going for a hike," I see them smile and laugh as I bark, wag my tail and run in circles. They tell me I am a people magnet because I am so darn cute. This gives my people a lot of opportunities to have a friendly conversation with strangers. They like that! I have climbed mountains, swam in the ocean, crossed many a rocky stream, played in the snow at 10,000 feet and hiked a lot of desert trails. They always have fun getting me to sit still on the trail while the camera is balanced on a rock or log to take a photo of the three of us. They love the memories! When around the campfire, I enjoy my own chair or a lap to snuggle in. Do you think I am spoiled? Life on the road is grand!



Ed Cooke

Ed Cooke is from Waukesha, Wisconsin. He and his wife Bunny are enjoying their retirement by travelling coast to coast in their RV. They keep in touch with family and friends by sending photos and e-mail summaries of their adventures on the road.



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Dogs IN THE HOOD

Let's hear it for Iggy! Fetch Magazine would like to sing the praises of an 11-year-old Miniature Schnauzer who may be familiar to you if you are a fan of music. He has been the shop dog and official greeter at Rush Mor Records in Bay View for his entire life. Owners Kate O'Keefe and Bill Rouleau tell us he's a mellow dog, and not very barky. But watch out, because when he does voice his concern, it has been described as sounding like "a motorcycle with a dead battery", according to amused family and friends.

But what we're all jazzed up about is how this precious pup is championing

Article by Colleen Terry

his Type 1 Diabetes, which unfortunately is a common condition for this breed. With a little help from his paw parents, Iggy sticks to the strict diet recommended by his veterinarian, and bravely accepts his insulin treatment. If that weren't enough, Iggy was recently diagnosed with hypertension, which requires daily medication to keep it under control.



Iggy Photo Courtesy of Stephanie Bartz

While most dogs might bow-wow out and sing the blues, Iggy takes center stage with his cuteness quotient and

effervescent personality. True to his breed, he'll fancy any opportunity to play with his "cousin" dog, love on his humans and of course dig. No dirt? No problem. A blanket suits Iggy just fine for the happy task of burrowing, a favorite pastime for any Schnauzer.

Kate and Bill tell us that Iggy has inspired several animal welfare charity events at their store, and they consider him to be the dog about town in Bay View. We think so too, which is why we're showcasing this handsome guy here, and in the breed article on Miniature Schnauzers.

Iggy loves chasing balls, and it doesn't matter what kind. Bowling balls, blow-up balls, balls that are four times his size, soccer balls, you name it. But when all his ball-chasing and barking is done, he does what any good dog does. He sits by the kitchen window and watches the world go by. Now that's music to our ears.

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Searching for My Dad

"The Cuban Missile Crisis, that's what changed my plans. I was ready to be discharged from my service on the destroyer, the USS *Sullivans*." Tom paused while Ben, the big yellow lab barked and shuffled his huge paws while his buddy, a smaller chocolate lab, Gerry kept her head resting on her paws at Tom's feet.

"Easy Ben, I am answering the guy's question. Where was I?" asked Tom.

"You were explaining how you served on my dad's ship during the peace times of the early sixties. I believe the Cuban Missile Crisis was October of 1962. President Kennedy made a demand to have the atomic warhead missiles re-

moved from Cuba. This was the height of the Cold War and the closest the US and Russia came to nuclear war." I reminded Tom.

"That's right, but I had civilian plans, I had a babe waiting for me, and all of a sudden my enlistment was extended a year!" Tom shouted spilling his beer and slapping his leg for emphasis. This startled Ben who jumped up and began to bark again. He began to lick up the beer. "This lab's got good taste. He likes the cheap beer I drink," laughed Tom.

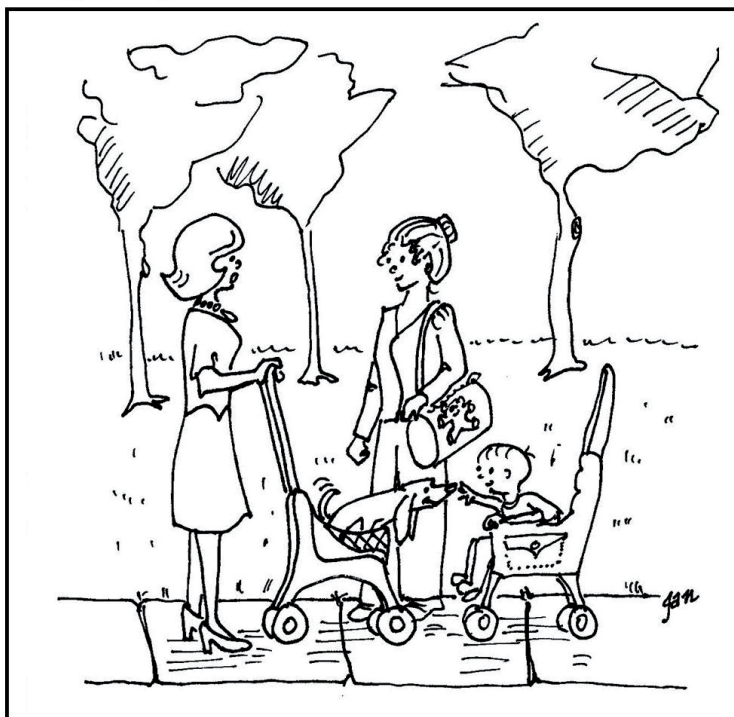
I reached out my hand and Ben came over in what seemed like two moving pieces. His bobbing head and shoulders moved opposite to his swinging hindquarters.

His huge tail could not contain his friendliness. He was so happy to come over and greet me. I had seen many Labradors in my life but this one was big. "Gooood boy Ben. How much does this dog weigh?" I asked as he sat down right on my left foot and licked my hand.

"He is about 120 pounds, but he has been on a diet for the past year and lost 20 pounds," Tom laughed. "One time good old Ben and his Labrador partner in crime, Gerry, got into to six pound bag of dog food. Ate the whole bag these two. They just lay on their backs and groaned for two hours. Didn't you Gerry?" Now it was Gerry's turn to visit. The lab came over and sat at my right foot and began to nudge my other hand. He wanted to be petted also.

Gotta Luv 'Em

By Janice Biniok



*I prefer strollers with a longer seat. You know...
more tail room...*

"Ben and Gerry, like the ice cream. Two of the best labs I have had. All my life I raised Labradors. Not a mean bone in their body. One time I fell asleep on the couch and honest to God, a burglar or some teenage kid came in the back door and stole my television from the other room. These dogs probably wagged their tails and watched. Not a trace of the television or the thief." Tom laughed and continued, "So tell me again about your dad and his connection to the USS *Sullivans*."

I continued to keep both hands busy scratching under Ben and Gerry's thick leather collars while I explained how my dad served on the same destroyer Tom did. However, my dad served in World War II, from 1943-1946. Now that he has passed, I was curious to find out what his life was like as an eighteen year old aboard a ship fighting in the Pacific. Perhaps



Tom could introduce me to some men who served during the Second World War. As the years have passed since his demise, I think of my dad often. I am searching for a story, a morsel of the past to fill a void in the present.

"Charley, this is your lucky day." Tom boasted, "My neighbor, Bill Matheson, lives a block away, and he served in the Navy in WW2. You keep these dogs from tearing the place apart and OFF THE FURNITURE and I will go get him now. Hell at 88, telling old navy stories is like a trip to Disneyland for old Bill!"

Before I knew it Tom was out the door. Sensing they were now alone, both dogs jumped on the couch I sat on and began to lick my face and hands until my hands were full of slobber.

Soon the squeaky screen door was being held open by Tom. Walking in was a hunched-over man, struggling to walk with a cane while proudly wearing a baseball cap that had NAVY blazed across it. Knowing they were not to be on the couches, Ben and Gerry quickly abandoned me, raced over, and surprisingly sat to the left and the right as Bill made his entrance.

These labs had a keen sense of Bill's frailty and were actually being protective. I also got up and held out my hand. Bill bent his crooked head and looked up with his steel grey eyes peering through heavy eyelids and bushy eyebrows, which matched the color of his hair covering the sides of his head.

"You looking for me?" Bill said as Tom, standing behind, widened his eyes and grinned from ear to ear as he pulled on Gerry's collar.

"Hello Bill, I am Chuck Hajinian and my father served on the USS Sullivans." Before I could finish, Bill took his cane and poked me hard right in the gut.

"The Sullivans! That was the ship named after the five brothers who died on the Juneau! Your father was on a lucky ship. Same ship as Tom- only we saw real action- none of this cruising the Greek Islands and Bahamas crap," Bill preached while Tom hung and shook his head. "And I got news for you, what did you say your name was, Fred?" Bill continued before I could correct him, "your father's ship saved my life."

For what seemed like an eternity, Bill paused. He looked to his left, then his right as he searched for a chair. Tom helped him sit as I noticed tears forming in the corners of his eyes.

The words flowed out of his wrinkled mouth. Hands flew this way and that. There are times and memories which age can never steal. This was one of them. We were all there with Bill as his stories mesmerized us. Bill was on the USS Bunker Hill aircraft carrier, which was hit by Japanese Kamikaze planes. Over 200 men were sent into the raging waters filled with burning oil and debris. The

men on the USS Sullivans rescued over 166 of these sailors. Sitting in front of me was one of them.

I listened for over two hours and then it was time to go. I got up and hugged this salty sailor. I thanked him for his service.

"You are welcome!" he said as he slammed his cane down. This startled Ben and Gerry who were lying at his feet with slightly closed eyes. They jumped up and looked around confused.

Bill laughed as he disappeared through the screen door, "Some guard dogs you got here Tom."

For an afternoon, I had found my dad.

Chuck Hajinian

Chuck, aka "Garbo" (Chuck in Armenian) Hajinian is a dentist by profession (the fun dentist). He has done stand-up comedy: www.youtube.com/user/ArmenianComedy, Garbo Hajinian. He 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.



Washington Co. Humane Society
262-677-4388
washingtoncountyhumane.org

This is Spike ... what a handsome boy he is! He is super curious and anxious to see what you are up to! Guinea pigs live longer than most small animals with 5-7 years being their average lifespan. Most guinea pigs do very well with children, providing the parents teach proper handling and supervise interactions as guinea pigs are small, therefore fragile, pets. Come in today and ask to see Spike.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Camps/Classes/Seminars

Training Help

Every Thursday evening 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Every Sunday 11:00 am – Noon
Frank Allison III, APDT
Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
262-679-6776 www.psnmore.com

Confident Canine

December 5th, 7:00-8:00 pm
February 27th, 7:00-8:00 pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Solving Common Canine Behavior Problems

6:30 pm
December 9th
January 13th
February 10th
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Pet Loss Support Seminar
December 5th, 7pm - 8pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

Beyond Manners Class
December 7th, 9:00-9:50 am
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

Dog Manners Class
Milwaukee Campus
December 7th, 10:30 am
December 9th, 7:15 pm
December 26th, 6:15 pm
January 4th, 12:00 pm
January 8th, 6:15 pm
January 21st, 7:30 pm
January 27th, 6:15 pm
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

Puppy ABC's Class
Milwaukee Campus
December 9th, 6:00-6:50 pm
December 26th, 7:30-8:20 pm
January 8th, 7:30-8:20 pm
January 27th, 7:30-8:20 pm

Ozaukee Campus
January 2nd, 6:00-6:50 pm
January 25th, 7:30-8:20 pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
Ozaukee 262-377-7580
www.wihumane.org

The 3 Pillars of a Well Behaved Dog
& Using Your Dog's Mind Seminar
December 11th, 6:00-7:00 pm
December 14th, 11:00-12:00 pm
Elmbrook Humane Society
262-782-9261
Ebhs.org

Symposium Series

Food Talks
December 13th, 6:30-8:30 pm
Dog Body Language
December 14th, 3:30-5:30 pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Canine Massage by Doug Arthur
Noon - 4:00 pm
December 14th
Petlicious Dog Bakery
2217 Silvernail Road, Pewaukee
www.petlicious.com

First Aid for Pets
December 14th, 1:00-4:00 pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

Bow Wow Blizzard Camp
Milwaukee Campus
December 27th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Ozaukee Campus
December 29th, 11:00 am-5:00 pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

Greyhound Meet'n'Greet
December 28th, 1:00-3:00 pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Dog Manners Class
Ozaukee Campus
January 2nd, 7:15 pm
January 25th, 6:15 pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Ozaukee 262-377-7580
www.wihumane.org

Shy Dog Class
January 4th, 1:30-2:30 pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

Dog Training Class - Basic Manners Level 1
January 4th, 9am-10 am
January 5th, 9am-10 am
January 6th, 5:30-6:30 pm
January 7th, 7:30-8:30 pm
January 8th, 5:30-6:30 pm
January 9th, 5:30-6:30 pm
February 16th, 9 am-10 am
February 18th, 7:30-8:30 pm
February 19th, 5:30-6:30 pm
February 22nd, 9 am-10 am
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Clicks and Tricks Foundations
January 5th, 10:30-11:30 am
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Dog Training Class - Life Skills for Puppies
January 7th, 6:00-7:00 pm
January 8th, 7:00-8:00 pm
February 16th, 10:30-11:30 am
February 19th, 7:00-8:00 pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Winter Symposium with
Karen Shaw Becker, DVM
January 11th, 10:00-3:00 pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Winter Camp 2014
January 17th-19th
Camp Dogwood
Ingleside, IL

Dog Behavior Seminar
February 11th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

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4th Annual Arctic Art for Animals
February 15th, 10:00-4:00 pm
Friends of Noah
FriendsOfNoah-wi.org

Dog Training Class - Basic Manners Level 1
Spanish
February 17th, 7:00-8:00 pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Dog Training Class: Basic Manners Level 2
February 18th, 6:00-7:00 pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Dog Training Class-Training Express: Come
February 20th, 5:45-6:45 pm
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Dog Training Class-Scent Work II
Intro to Birch
February 22nd, 10:30-11:30 am
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Fundraisers/Gatherings

Texas Roadhouse Benefit Night
December 5th, 4:00-10:00 pm
Elmbrook Humane Society
Ebhs.org

Kids' Night Out!
December 6th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

Goldens Holiday House
December 7th, 10:00 - 4:00 pm
Wisconsin Adopt a Golden Retriever
(WAAGR)
N61 W12851 Hemlock Court
Menomonee Falls
Waagr.org

2013 Hope's Light Celebration
Milwaukee Campus
December 8th, 5:30-7:00 pm
Ozaukee Campus
December 8th, 5:30-7:00 pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
Ozaukee 262-377-7580
www.wihumane.org

Santa Photos
December 7th, 11:00-3:00 pm
Harmony PetCare 1208 Dolphin Ct
Waukesha
December 7th, 11:00-4:00 pm
PetSmart Brookfield 585 Main St.
Brookfield
December 14th, 11:00-4:00 pm
PetSmart Brookfield 585 Main St.
Brookfield
December 15th, 9:30-1:30 pm
Spa Paw and Tail 5055 S. Emmer Dr.
New Berlin
December 7th, 11:00-4:00 pm
PetSmart Pewaukee 1275 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee
December 14th, 11:00-4:00 pm
PetSmart Pewaukee 1275 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee

Hambingo
January 15th, 8:00-10:00 pm
Hamburger Mary's
2130 S. Kinnickinnic Ave Milwaukee
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

HAWS Jan-Boree
January 18th
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Great Lakes Pet Expo
February 1st, 10:00 - 5:00 pm
Wisconsin State Fair Park
www.petexpomilwaukee.com

Have a Heart Bakesale
February 14th, 9:00-5:00 pm
Waukesha State Bank
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Wine & Whiskers - A Night in Paris
February 15th, 7:00-?
Westmoor Country Club
400 S. Moorland Rd. Brookfield
Elmbrook Humane Society
Ebhs.org

Pet Parties/Play Groups

Playtime at the Playground
Saturdays, 9:00 am - Noon
Puppy Playground, Oak Creek
414-764-PUPS
www.puppyplaygroundwi.com

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

Pup Social
Sundays, 5:15 - 5:45 pm
Best Paw Forward, Hartland
262-369-3935
www.bestpawforward.net

Puppy Parties
5:15 pm & 6:00 pm
Sundays
HAWS, Waukesha 262-879-0165
www.hawspets.org

Pooch Playtime
1:30 - 2:15 pm
December 1st
December 15th
January 12th
January 26th
Wisconsin Humane Society
Milwaukee 414-264-6257
www.wihumane.org

Sporting Activities

Obedience and Rally Run Thrus
2nd Friday of the Month, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
www.cudahykennelclub.org

Rally Run Thrus
Last Sunday of the Month 6:00 - 7:00pm
Proper Paws University
2625 Eaton Ln. Racine, WI
Properpawsuniversity.com

Rally Obedience Run Thrus
Last Sunday of the Month 6:00 - 7:00pm
Proper Paws University
2625 Eaton Ln. Racine, WI
Properpawsuniversity.com

Agility Run Thrus
3rd Friday of the Month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
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Hats OFF to Beautiful Black Dogs

Halloween is just a memory but there is no end to the fascination we have for apparitions, ghosts, or phantoms, if you will.

Some even appear in animal form. Garmr, a big black dog from Norse mythology, guards the underworld. Hellhounds are large, onyx dogs who guard the gates to the afterlife.

While mythology can be entertaining, it contributes to prejudice and fear against black dogs. Sadly, this prejudice carries over into reality. Black dogs and cats are usually the last to be adopted, if at all. Luckily, these creatures have a few committed organizations coming to their rescue. One such rescue group, located right here in Wisconsin, is Rescue A German Shepherd (RAGS). All of these superheroes have one message to share: All you have to fear concerning black dogs is yourself.

Black Dog Syndrome and Big Black Dog Syndrome are well known in shelter and rescue communities. Dark-toned animals are euthanized at a higher rate than their colorful family members. There are a few theories about this. They are not noticed in shelters because they blend in to the surroundings. They don't photograph well, and their features are hard to distinguish. Many young black dogs have white muzzles mak-

ing them appear older than they are. And getting back to our friend Garmr, people are petrified of them.

To combat this discrimination, shelters and rescue organizations have started campaigns to squelch the fear and promote the black beauties. - The Black Dog Rescue Project, Black Dog Animal Rescue, Inc., Black Dog All Breed Dog Rescue, Loup Garou Rescue, and Black



Pearl Dogs are just a few rescues around the country fighting to save these raven-haired lovelies.

Rescue a German Shepherd (RAGS) in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, assists German Shepherd dogs (GSD) in a variety of coat colors, but the group has a preference for the big, black dogs. Susan Drewitz, RAGS founder and president, states that her love of black Shepherds was formed when a friend adopted one from a rescue in Illinois. Sue had never known there were black Shepherds before but decided her next GSD was going to be a raven haired member of the breed. When she formed the rescue, she knew

the plight of the large black dog and wanted to do her share to help. The majority of the dogs in the rescue at any one time are predominantly black.

To encourage a better chance at adoption for this black pack, basic training for the dogs is provided and some have even earned their AKC Canine Good Citizen award! RAGS also serves as a sanctuary for a few senior dogs, where the frosty old faces can live out their golden years in a loving, healthy environment. A good majority of the wards of the rescue come from distant kill shelters, owner surrenders and local community shelters.

Whether it is a purebred Shepherd, a fragile, darling senior or a delightful obsidian mix (who Sue fondly refers to as PENDs - Pointy Eared Black Dogs), Rescue A German Shepherd strives to give the underdogs a fighting chance at finding a loving home. Through love, care and training these canines can become real life angels, not scary demons from the portal to the beyond!

For more information: Rescue A German Shepherd (RAGS) rescueagermanshepherd.org

Two smaller photos courtesy of Dawn Armstrong.

Dawn Armstrong

Dawn Armstrong and her husband Paul have one sage, senior Sheltie male and a couple of female, ex-puppy mill breeders they have rescued and rehabbed. A volunteer with dog rescues in Wisconsin and Illinois, she also likes to write. Dawn refers to their home as Grandpappy Orbit's Home for Unwed Puppymommies.



RESCUES

Airedale Terrier

ATRA-Airedale Terrier Rescue & Adoption
715-526-5961, www.aire-rescue.com
airedale@frontiernet.net

All Breeds

Bags for Wags Rescue, 262-993-2606
bagsforwagsrescue.org, bagsforwags@gmail.com

Bichons & Little Buddies Rescue
414-750-0152, www.bichonrescues.com
bichonandlittlebuddies@gmail.com
Specializing in Bichons, Poodles, and Shelties

Brew City Small Dog Rescue
414-313-2040, www.brewcityrescue.org
Heather@brewcityrescue.org

Furever Home Finders Dog Rescue
262-495-DOGS, www.FureverHomeFinders.com
info@FureverHomeFinders.com

HeavenlyHearts@wi.rr.com
www.heavenlyheartsrescue.org

JR's Pups-N-Stuff, 414-640-8473
jrspupsnstuff.org, jrspupsnstuff@yahoo.com

Milwaukee Pets Alive
www.milwaukeekeepetsalive.org
adopt@milwaukeekeepetsalive.org

One Life @ A Time Small Breed Rescue
414-517-7469, www.onelifeatathetime.petfinder.com

Remember Me Ranch
www.remembermeranch.org
remembermeranch@gmail.com

Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue
262-617-8052
rescuedogs@tailwaggers911.com
www.tailwaggers911.com

Yellow Brick Road Rescue, 414-758-6626
www.yellowbrickroadrescue.com
loveqmoment@wi.rr.com

American Water Spaniel

312-339-4177, info@awsrescue.com
www.awsrescue.org

Basset Hound

Basset Buddies Rescue, Inc, 262-347-8823
info@bbrescue.org, www.bbrescue.org

Beagle

BrewBeagle Rescue
midwest@brewbeagles.org, brewbeagles.org

Bichon Frise

Little Buddies Rescue, 1-888-581-9070

BPB Rescue

(Bordeaux, Pug, & Boston Terrier)
262-573-7837, bordeauxdogue@gmail.com

Border Collie

MidAmerica Border Collie Rescue
414-449-0888, www.midamericabcrrescue.com
MidAmericaBCRescue@yahoo.com

Steppinstone
608-745-8414, www.steppinstonerehabcenter.com

Boston Terrier

WI Boston Terrier Rescue
414-534-2996, Ollie1022@sbcglobal.net
www.wisconsinbostonterrierrescue.com

Boxer

Green Acres Boxer Rescue of WI
info@greenacresboxerrescue.com
www.greenacresboxerrescue.com

Brittany

American Brittany Rescue, 1-866-brit911
www.americanbrittanyrescue.org
info@americanbrittanyrescue.org

National Brittany Rescue & Adoption Network
708-567-2587
www.nbran.org, nsinbran@gmail.com

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rescue Trust
262-253-4829, rguarascio@wi.rr.com

Chesapeake Bay Retriever

www.crrw.org, 920-954-0796

Chihuahua

Wisconsin Chihuahua Rescue, Inc.
608-219-4044
www.wischirescue.org
chigirl1983@gmail.com

Cocker Spaniel

Wisconsin Cocker Rescue
262-255-0246, WiCockerRescue@Juno.com
www.geocities.com/WiCockerRescue

Shorewood Cocker Rescue 262-877-3294
www.cockerrescue.net, elaine@cockerrescue

Collie

Minnesota-Wisconsin Collie Rescue
612-869-0480, collietalk@aol.com, www.mwcr.org

Coonhound

American Black and Tan Coonhound
920-779-6307, www.coonhoundrescue.com
sjoch@yahoo.com, jayne23@neo.rr.com

Coonhound Companions
www.coonhoundcompanions.com

Dachshund

Badger Dachshund Club, 847-546-7186

Oolong Dachshund Rescue
sarahdermody@oolongdachshundrescue.org
www.oolongdachshundrescue.org

MidWest Dachshund Rescue, Inc.
rescue@mwdr.org, www.mwdr.org

Dalmatian

Dal-Savers Dalmatian Rescue Inc.
414-297-9210
loveadal@yahoo.com, www.dalrescue.net

Disaster Response Team

Operation Bring Animals Home S&R Team
262-224-1964, www.obahrescue.com

Doberman Pinscher

Wisconsin Doberman Rescue, Inc.
414-536-4477, www.wi-doberescue.org
widoberescue@aol.com

Shadow's Doberman Rescue
262-662-4838, www.drafthorseinn.com

English Springer

English Springer Rescue America, Inc.
715-845-8716, www.springerrescue.org
kcmcheinking@verizon.net

French Bulldog

French Bulldog Rescue Network
414-744-5717, beemeli@sbcglobal.net

German Shepherd

German Shepherd Rescue Alliance of WI
414-461-9720, www.gsrw.com
yur_rlr@execpc.com or gsdrsq@hotmail.com

Good Shepherd K-9 Rescue
608-868-2050, www.gsk9r.org
pawmeadows@hughes.net

ARF's German Shepherd Rescue Inc.
www.arfrescue.com, gsd@arfrescue.com

WhitePaws German Shepherd Rescue
www.whitepawsgsr.com, 920-606-2597
calspence@aol.com

Wisconsin German Shepherd Rescue
920-731-1690, CFilz@aol.com

Rescue A German Shepherd (RAGS)
414-529-4642, RescueAGermanShepherd.org

German Shorthaired Pointer

Wisconsin German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue, Inc.
262-309-1519
wgsprinfo@yahoo.com
www.wgspr.com, www.wgspr.petfinder.com

Glen of Imaal Terrier

lakerun@execpc.com

Golden Retriever

GRRoW 888-655-4753
president@grrw.org, www.GRRoW.org

WAAGR 414-517-7725
www.waagr.org, president@waagr.org

Great Pyrenees Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc.

920-293-8885
www.greatpyrescuewi.com
woolfodge@yahoo.com

Greyhound

Greyhounds Only Inc., Adoption & Rescue
414-559-0445 or 773-297-GREY (4739)
goinc@aol.com, www.greyhoundsonly.com

Greyhound Pets of America - WI
414-299-9473, www.gpawisconsin.org

Irish Setter

Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee
920-734-6734, muttsgo@aol.com

Irish Wolfhound

262-968-3421, 262-547-3705
jbanasak@yahoo.com, marussell01@centurytel.net

Italian Greyhounds

star279@juno.com, 414-559-0445
www.midwestgreyhoundrescue.com

Japanese Chin

Luv-A-Chin Rescue, 605-940-7811
luvachinrescue.org, info@luvachinrescue.org

Labrador

Labrador Education and Rescue Network
847-289-PETS (7387), www.labradoption.org
learnedogs@labradoption.org

The Labrador Connection
414-299-9038, www.labradorconnection.org

Labs N More 414-571-0777
LabsNMoreRescue@yahoo.com
www.LabsNMoreRescue.petfinder.com

Steppinstone
608-745-8414, www.steppinstonerehabcenter.com

Maltese

Northcentral Maltese Rescue Inc.
262-633-9371, malteserescue@hotmail.com
www.malteserescue.homestead.com

Miniature Pinscher

IMPS (Internet Miniature Pinscher Services)
414- FOR-IMPS
www.minpinrescue.org
Facebook search "IMPS Wisc"

Mixed Breed

Fluffy Dog Rescue, www.fluffydog.net

Neapolitan Mastiff

www.neorescue.net, mhweglarz@msn.com

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BIG K9 CHILL: NO GRRR WHEN IT IS BRRR

If you have ever seen Snoopy standing at the door of Charlie Brown's on a snowy day, you know that dogs do not appreciate being left out in the cold. The fact is, a dog exposed to cold weather is no laughing matter. Unless you're armed with a few basic facts on caring for your pooch when the temperature drops, you run the risk of injuring your beloved furry friend. Warming up a cold dog can range from being as minor as a restoring your pet's natural comfort level after a chilly walk to providing lifesaving care to a dog that is suffering from hypothermia. Either way, it is best to be prepared.

To ensure your dog stays healthy and happy during the snowy season, here are a few tips when the temperature takes a plunge.

BE AWARE OF YOUR DOG'S TOLERANCE FOR COLD.

Some breeds are naturally accustomed to the cold air like the German Shepherd or the Husky. Dogs of the short-haired variety will need actual clothing when they voyage out into the cold. Sweaters and "paw mittens" aren't just for looks; these accessories serve a valuable purpose in keeping a dog's body temperature

from dropping while outdoors.

TIME OUT.

You have let your dog out to do his "duty" on a chilly day. You have moved onto a project of your own indoors and suddenly remember that



Fido is still outside. Nothing major, right? Wrong. Your pooch may need more than a big bear hug and a gushing apology when you let him in. Cheryl Kuchera, Hospital Manager at Pewaukee Veterinary Service warns dog owners that there are ways to see if your dog has been out too long. "Always keep an eye on these tender parts for any signs of angry pink color or the telltale sign of frostbite happening - paleness of the

skin and hard to the touch. If you see pink or paleness happening on your pet's skin, call your veterinarian immediately. Time is of the essence to treat and save the tissue exposed to frostbite."

GO EASY ON THE SALT.

An innocent walk around the block on a snowy day could turn into a trip to the emergency vet if you are not on solid ground. Salt can penetrate your dog's tender paws and cause more than a little discomfort. Use sand or salt that is labeled "pet friendly" in order to avoid pellets from becoming embedded in their tender paws.. You may pay a little more at the store, but you will avoid having to dig deep to pull those painful pellets from a dog's paw later. Also, you may want to limit the distance you and your dog walk, lest you end up carrying your limping canine companion all the way home.

As far as winter weather injuries from a typical dog walk, Kuchera has seen it all. From minor sprains to full-blown bone damage, icy sidewalks and snowy pathways can result in the perfect storm, in terms of damage to your dog's bones. "These types of injuries can be costly depending on the severity, how and where they fall. A simple slip up that causes your pet to limp could mean anywhere from some pain medication and a few days of rest to tearing of the knee with costly cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) surgery and months of post-surgical recovery time," she warns. So make sure you and your pet are careful that the ground beneath you isn't so slippery that you both end up in the hospital.

Colleen Terry

Colleen Terry lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin with her husband Paul. They are owned by over-nourished and under-disciplined Cocker Spaniels, Oliver J. and Carmen Rose.



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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 do you recall most about the dog you grew up with?"

"Max was a yellow lab. I'm telling you he was the best dog EVER."

Ellen Sawicki
Pewaukee, WI

"I had a little poodle. She couldn't wait to get rid of me so she could play with my older brother. I was just a toddler and so I was an 'intruder' in their relationship!"

Lynn Madisen
Menomonee Falls, WI

"We had a German Shepherd named Romel, and a Cockapoo named Sabe. They were an odd combination but the very best of friends."

Chris Gremo
Milwaukee, WI

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

Monica St. Claire
South Milwaukee, WI

"I remember a big package under the Christmas Tree. In the box was a Boxer puppy. It was the sweetest dog."

Cathy Derivan
Germantown, WI



"My first dog was Tammy, and she was my best friend. She protected me against my older siblings. She would come to me and no one else."

Elizabeth T.
Menomonee Falls, WI

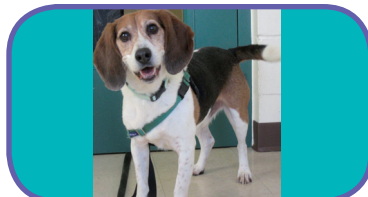
"When I was young, we had the most precious Golden Retriever named Megan. She was my life, but we had to put her to sleep for some reason. It's no wonder that to this day, every time I see a brown dog my heart breaks a little."

Colleen Terry
Waukesha, WI

"I was the fifth kid and a surprise one at that. By the time I came along, my mother had her fill of dogs and she wouldn't let me have one. I tried hermit crabs, gerbils and fish. I am sorry but no kid should grow up without a dog. Life is missing something without one."

Marie Tubbin
Waukesha, WI

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This is Elvis! Don't be cruel - at 12-years-young this senior citizen is allowed his wish of living in a home with children only age 8 and older. Elvis is a bit uncomfortable with handling but is good with both cats and dogs and very playful. A Beagle-savvy owner might be best as Elvis constantly uses his nose and does have a typical beagle bark!

RESCUES

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Pit Bull Terrier

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WATERBOWL

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from all eras of war and hear the stories of how their pets helped them with their transition home after serving overseas. The stories go from the battlefields abroad to the return home and share the critical role the pets play in helping these heroes transition home. Of course, their four legged heroes will join them on the stage. The audience will feel the bond and be inspired by the stories as the entire event delivers a patriotic salute to our soldiers and their pets.

In the ten years it has existed, the Great Lakes Pet Expo has grown its attendance to approximately 11,000 and has become known as Wisconsin's Premier Pet Lovers' event. The show is the place to go every year on the Saturday before Super Bowl and offers something for everyone in the family.

The event features three stages of live entertainment, 300 exhibitors with the latest and greatest pet products and services, and a large reptile education area. If you are looking to adopt a companion animal, you'll likely meet your match at this event. Speed Dating and a huge Puppy Playground for meet and greets provide the perfect setting to meet your soul mutt. For those looking for a bigger thrill, hop a ride on Bubba, a 9 foot fully trained alligator that enjoys an occasional pat. The show features an interactive reptile exhibit that allows kids to hold and learn about various types of snakes, turtles, and other reptiles.

38 The event provides a full day of fun for \$6. There is no charge for veterans with a military ID and for children under 10. Every ticket sold will benefit both our veterans and animals in need. Doors open at 10 am and close at 5 pm.

Major sponsors of the Great Lakes Pet Expo include: Alliance of Wisconsin Animal Rehoming Efforts (AWARE), Lakeshore Veterinary Specialists, and the Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center. Other sponsors include Paris Pet Crematory, Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals, Fetch Magazine, and Bay View Bark.

If you're looking for a great way to break up the winter "indoor blues," come out, see the show, and celebrate those who serve our country. For more information on all there is to see and do visit:
www.petexpomilwaukee.com

SPANISH SPEAKING DOG TRAINING CLASSES

HAWS, the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, is pleased to announce the shelter will be offering dog training classes for Spanish speakers, beginning in February 2014.

Leading the classes will be HAWS' trainer and Adoption Counselor, Andres Garcia. Garcia is a 2013 graduate of Carroll University.

Basic Manners, Level 1, is a 6-week class for dogs of all ages and puppies over 18 weeks. The goal of the class is to lay a strong foundation in basic skills. Week by week, dogs learn to perform skills with increasing levels of distraction, distance and duration. Through these sessions, owners build a relationship of trust with their dog that makes training faster and easier. Maximum class size is 6 dogs; a front-clip harness required for class can be purchased at HAWS.

For registration or more information – in either English or Spanish – contact training@hawspets.org or call 262.542-8851, x114.

CATS & DOGS

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interact with one another without confinement.

DESIGNATE A SAFE ZONE: Whether you are introducing a new cat to your dog-friendly home or providing a feline friend for your canine companion, it is important for your cat to have a "safe zone" to retreat to, such as a room separated by a pet gate. In order for your cat to feel safe and secure, ensure that this area is kept off limits to the dog. It is also important to keep the cats personal belongings in this area, such as their food, litter box, scratching post, and toys.

KEEP THOSE CLAWS TRIMMED!

Cats use their claws as a defense mechanism and pet owners may see their cats utilizing their claws in the presence of a new dog. This is a normal behavior, however, keeping a cats claws trimmed can prevent severe damage to the dog. It is recommended not to declaw cats, as they may feel more vulnerable around a new dog.

Follow these tips, and your cat and dog will fast be forever friends!



Brenda Rynders

Brenda Rynders lives in Oak Creek, WI with her husband, three cats, two dogs, and a Ball Python. In addition to writing for FETCH, she is a Client Service Representative for Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center. Brenda is also in the process of completing her undergraduate degree in English and Psychology.



Living at Freeway Pace: Pacemaker for My Dog

"Your dog has a WHAT?!"

"I didn't know they did that for dogs."

They are the common phrases we hear every time we talk to someone about our fuzzy mutt, Freeway (aka "Muzzy Futt" aka "The Muzz"), and the marvel of veterinary medical science keeping her alive.

Freeway has a pacemaker. No kidding. And we didn't know they did that for dogs either.

NOT HER USUAL SELF

Something wasn't right. Though Freeway had just celebrated her 14th birthday at Thanksgiving, she was in perfect health. Energy was not a problem. She maintained her ritual of running back and forth down the hall with the squeaky toy of the evening, and two-a-day walks were still a must, no matter what. But then she started putting herself to bed early, and the spark in her eyes dimmed just a bit.

Dr. Peterson at New Berlin Animal Hospital knows our pets almost as well as we do. From the minute we arrived in the exam room she sensed all was not right and confirmed that after listening to Freeway's heart and running an ECG. She referred us to Dr. Koplitz, a cardiology specialist at Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center. She diagnosed a third degree atrioventricular block, meaning there was no electrical communication between the top and bottom of the heart and sudden death was a possibility.

After a quick phone consult with the cardiology unit at the University of

Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, an appointment was set for Freeway for the very next day for emergency pacemaker implantation.

The should-we-or-shouldn't-we conversation was short. Yes, it would be expensive. Yes, our dog was already



Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Smieja

14 years old. Yes, she could pass at any time anyway. But ultimately we felt Freeway deserved this from us. This was our first dog; the dog that had fostered many family members' interest in getting their own dogs. Freeway had introduced us to so many things, giving us daily reminders of how great life can be (we call it "Joie de Muzz"). Besides, who else could do the HAWS' business partners contest featuring "Subie & Freeway's Spectacular Roadtrip"? And who else would I use for my HAWS' fundraising testimonials? She's been an inspiration and has more inspiring to do!

WE  **FREEWAY**

Freeway underwent surgery on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 in the capable hands of Drs. Stepien and Markovic at UW. She was home by

Friday with a new medication regimen and some interesting precautions: no more collars or neck leads because they could damage the pacemaker implanted on her neck. And, no blood draws on the right side due to a ligatured jugular vein. And as soon as the activity restrictions were lifted at the end of January, Freeway was back to running the hall with her squeaky toys!

Six months post-op, Freeway was hiking with us in Door County, romping on the beach at Whitefish Dunes and enjoying burgers and ice cream on our favorite outdoor patio in Fish Creek.

One year post-op, a note appeared on my Facebook page: "Just thought you would like to know that I had a cardio lecture in my UW critical care elective and got to see Freeway's picture!" The lecturer was Dr. Markovic. Turns out, Freeway is a bit of an inspiration to her, too.

These days, Freeway is slowing down, celebrating birthday #16 in November. Her legs don't always keep up with her heart, but we are still doing two-a-day walks and the words "car ride" are met with much enthusiasm.

In whatever time we have left, we will marvel at our "reconstructed" Freeway... and her impact on our hearts.

Jennifer Smieja

Jennifer Smieja and husband Andy share their Waukesha home with rescues Elliott the cat and dogs Freeway and Scooter - all "job hazards" from Jen's work at HAWS as Development Coordinator. Retired racing greyhound Diesel completes the family...usually lagging along behind.

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