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Like any average dog owner, the warm summer months seem to make us grab for the leash more often as we make extra trips to the park, walk a little further around the block, and join in romping games with other furry friends. The summer is also the season for more canine injuries and dog exhaustion. Take a look at our Ask the Vet column for ideas on keeping your buddy safe this season.

As you venture out more this summer with your pooch, we hope you'll think about joining one of the many area training clubs that offer activities such as agility, lure coursing, or flyball, the sport of focus in this issue. Dozens of training clubs in southeast Wisconsin will help you with proper training techniques and prepare you to compete in local and regional events.

And what would summer be without baseball. Slide over to page 14 for a feature on The Brewers' Ben Sheets, Geoff Jenkins and their

canine companions. Read up on how these guys spend free time with their dogs and the perks these pups get.

We're referring more and more to our dogs as "the kids" and obviously everyone with kids has pictures hanging on the wall or photos in their wallet, but have you done the same for your dogs? Take a look at Candid Canines which profiles a few local pet photographers. You'll see that there are many options when capturing your buddy in print.

As any long-term pet owner knows, the hardest part about living with animals is that after years of companionship, they will eventually pass on. If you've recently lost a pet or still grieve the loss of your companion, take a look at The Lost of My Best Friend. This article will help you understand the grieving process and ways to remember your loved ones.

And finally, as you soak up every ounce of sun this summer, make sure to remain a safe and responsible dog owner - keep your pooch's head inside the window, keep the leash on, and pick up where they leave off.

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At Fetch Magazine, we enjoy hearing your thoughts and ideas

for making this publication informative and entertaining. Here are some excerpts from letters we've recently received:

We love your magazine, and thank you for it. | Ann, Wauwatosa

I love your new magazine! I found so many useful articles and advertisements, being a recent transplant from the east coast. I'm really impressed with the first edition, especially the article on our favorite pet stop - Metropawlis. | Bonnie, Milwaukee

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Q: What do I need to think about when starting an exercise program for my dog?

A: Now that warm weather is finally here everyone is ready to get outside for a little exercise! Almost all dogs gain a few pounds during the winter months due to more time spent inside and reduced activity levels. Starting an exercise program for you pet is good for his health and yours. Just like people, dogs that get regular exercise feel better and stay healthier. Exercise also gives your dog an outlet for pent-up energy and helps reduce the behavioral problems often associated with boredom. Here are a few things to keep in mind when you're getting ready to hit the road with your pet.

Visit Your Vet

A comprehensive physical examination by your veterinarian is a good idea before you start an exercise program with your dog. Your vet will discuss issues that will affect your dog's tolerance for the elements and the rigors of exercise. Type of hair coat, body condition, size and even color can affect your dog's ability to keep up the pace. Dogs with signs of heart, muscle or joint disease may require a modified exercise program, so detecting underlying problems before you start can prevent a minor abnormality from becoming a major health issue.

Check Your Equipment

Remove your dog's collar and look it over. If the collar is worn be sure to replace it--one good pull on a weak collar and your dog could be on the loose. Make sure all tags are securely attached and the information is current. Pet and owner identification, a rabies tag and a dog license should be worn whenever your pet is out in public. Your leash should be the appropriate length and thickness for you and your dog. If you plan on exercising at night be sure both collar and leash are fitted with reflectors to make you and your pet more visible.

Practice Your Commands

Your dog should know his basic commands before taking on the general public to provide an enjoyable and safe experience for everyone. Teaching your dog to walk nicely on a leash, sit when needed and come on command will make your outings much more fun than being dragged around the neighborhood by an out of control pooch. Training tools such as choke or prong collars and head haltertype devices can help you get control if your dog likes to pull. Keep in mind that a poorly trained dog can be hard on your arms, shoulders and neck so it's better for both of you if your dog has good manners and the proper equipment.

Know the Law

All municipalities have laws in effect, and rather stiff fines for breaking them, regarding your responsibilities as a pet owner. Keeping your dog on a leash, having a current dog license, picking up after your pet and staying out of "no dogs allowed" public areas are just a few of the things you are expected to know. Check out the local regulations and watch for posted signs to avoid breaking the rules.

Listen to Your Pet

The best thing about exercising with a dog is they always let you know how they feel. Start slow and work your way up to longer walks and eventually runs if that is your goal, always increasing the work gradually. Let the dog set the pacesome breeds can naturally cover more ground than others, so let your dog's stride and energy level determine your speed. When your dog's pace slows it's time to take a break. Offer water frequently but don't force your pet to drink. Sit in the shade to get out of the sun, especially with dark coated dogs that tend to overheat, or white dogs that tend to sunburn. Let your dog take a dip in the water or hose him off to help him cool down. When your pet is ready to go again let him set the pace.

Watch for Heat Exhaustion

Remember your dog can't take off his fur coat so it's up to you to help control his temperature. During the hot summer months try to get out in the early morning or late evening to take advantage of the lower temperatures. Some dogs are genetically predisposed to overheating with exercise and may show signs of heat exhaustion even on cool days, although they appear to be in excellent health. Dogs exhibiting signs of heat exhaustion such as rapid breathing, drooling, muscle tremors or staggering need to be cooled off with water, shade and a fan if possible.

If your dog collapses or has difficulty breathing you should seek veterinary attention immediately.

Check the Footwear

Since your dog won't be wearing designer shoes it's easy to forget about the feet, but this is where most injuries occur. You can minimize foot problems by keeping your dog's nails trimmed short and watching the surfaces he works out on. Sticking to grass or dirt on hot days can spare your pet the discomfort of walking on blistering hot pavement. Your dog's pads will become thick and strong with use, but when first starting out watch for signs of pad irritation from walking on rough surfaces such as concrete. Always check your dog's feet at the end of an exercise session for cuts or abrasions to the toes and pads.

Have Fun

Exercising with your dog is a wonderful bonding experience, make sure you both enjoy it. Change your route to avoid boredom. Stop to pet your dog and reward his good behavior. Pat yourself on the back for giving you and your pet the means to a longer, healthier life!

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Barking Books - Love Reading About Dogs

A dog in a library is not a usual sight (except perhaps for a R.E.A.D dog) unless of course it's the subject of a book. It seems that our four-legged companions are such a popular reading subject that a school librarian recently ordered copies of Fetch Magazine for her students and colleagues and decided to add them to the library's already wonderful collection of dog literature.

From "kindergarten all the way up, kids are interested in dogs," says Karen Strum, librarian at Cushing Elementary School in Delafield. Other dog magazines are nice, explains Strum, but have more pictures and fewer articles. Fetch Magazine, on the other hand, has articles that are "short, varied, and local."

After receiving the magazine, Strum gave copies to teachers, to other librarians and libraries, including the Delafield Public Library, believing it to be well worth the read.

She also kept six or seven copies in manila folders with bar codes to be checked out by students at Cushing. "The information is timeless," says Strum. An article about greyhounds or dog training will be just as interesting and informative in the future. As more issues come out, more will show up on the library shelves.

The subject of dogs makes up around 60 books at the Cushing Library and that's not counting fiction or easy books. A favorite is the thick breed index with descriptions and pictures of different types of dogs.

The library also tries to focus on children's books. "We especially try to find books kindergarteners through second graders can read (or their parents can read with them), which is not always easy," says Strum.

At the library, younger readers enjoy illustrated books about Carl, a babysitting Rottweiler written by Alexander Day; McDuff, a spirited West Highland Terrier, by Rosemary Wells; and good old Clifford, the big red dog.

"There's even a book out there with stories you can read to your dog," says Strum, "about cats too. I gotta put cat people in there too."



The list of dog books continues with dog novels - Shiloh, Where the Red Fern Grows, Old Yeller, etc. These books show the love and companionship of dogs, but many are tragic. Strum recalls she had a student tell her once "I've never read a dog story with a happy ending."

If you're interested in poetry especially when paired with wagging tails and panting tongues, Strum recommends a collection by Daniel Kirk called Dogs Rule! A dog lover with an allergy that keeps him from owning one, Kirk writes poems from a dog's point of view. Titles like "Wind in my Whiskers" fill this book, which also comes with a CD. "The poems are not just read, but put to music," adds Strum.

Besides reading, Strum encourages students to write poems and short stories about dogs. "Dogs are a motivation for lots of things," she says. "People like them even if they can't keep them around."

Introduced to Fetch Magazine when she got her Chow puppy, Strum knew it would be a big hit in the library. Kids love dogs, whether they have one at home or not and stories about them encourage kids to read, improving their skills for later life. Next time you're looking for a great read, try a dog story.

Emily Refermat has written and loved dogs all her life. As a child, she read her stories to Aurora, a protective standard Schnauzer. Now, Refermat writes for a living, reading her articles to her husband, two cats, and Siberian Husky/Collie mix named Maya.

Pooch Playhous

Pooch Playhouse is a family affair. Owner Jolie Palmer, along with her sister Janet Gatlin and mother Darlene DeWinter, conceived of the idea for a canine daycare facility last year. Janet was searching for some type of dog-sitting for her two vellow labs "My Husband is in the 32nd Military Police unit and has been in Baghdad for over a year. The dogs were home alone so often. I needed a place to take them because I work such long hours," explains Janet. Realizing there was no doggy daycare in the Lake Country area, the three took a year to create a business plan and turn their idea into a reality. "We are filling a void in the Lake Country area and providing a safe place where dog-lovers can bring their canines during the day to play," says Jolie.

Jolie, Janet and Darlene have always been dog lovers, having five dogs between them. "We love our dogs and we treat them like our family, that is why we have a passion for this project," admits Palmer. Day to day operations will be run by Palmer and her staff, while Janet and Darlene continue their full time Sales Positions.

Doggy daycare is often compared to daycare for children. Many professionals drop off their furry "kids" on the way to work and pick them up on the way home. At Pooch Playhouse, 1800 square feet of outdoor space and more than 3800 square feet of indoor space provide hours of canine entertainment. Dogs romp for hours with tennis balls and in the summer, they can even frolic in the baby pools. No long-term contracts are required; the playhouse can be utilized every weekday or only as often as needed. Canine friends are supervised as they explore the facility and hone socialization skills, never subjected to cramped cages or kennels.



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Question:

What Should I Look For When Choosing Puppy Classes?

Answer:

We've already discussed the importance of your breeder and choosing your pups temperament. Puppy classes are an important starting point in producing a well-adjusted family dog.

I believe that dog and handler friendly classes are an absolute necessity. If you are not comfortable with the techniques your instructor is teaching you, you probably won't do them. Ask to observe a class or two. Make sure that your philosophy is compatible with the instructors. If the instructor doesn't want you to watch, look elsewhere.

Just as parenting techniques have changed in the last twenty years so have dog-training techniques. Puppy classes should stress reinforcing what your puppy does correctly, rather than focusing on what your pup does wrong.

For the good of your family and your new puppy, I would advise you to find a class that not only covers basic obedience, (sit, stay, come, etc.), but one that includes off leash play sessions, (socialization) and temperament training exercises.

There is a very narrow time window to get your puppy used to other dogs and people. (Socialization) Most experts fix this time window up to about 12 weeks of age. Most puppy class programs will accept puppies between 10-16 weeks of age. When your puppy school accepts your pup may depend on your pups' immunization schedule. During this critical period of development your pup needs to meet as many different people and dogs as possible. This is a major advantage to a puppy class. Many different people can handle your pup in class. Your pup needs to meet people of different ages, races, and size. If your puppy doesn't have contact with a 2-yearold child, until he is 2 years old, he is very likely to be fearful of that 2-yearold child. Fearful dogs are more likely to bite. Prevention is much easier than treatment. Get you pups out to socialize after their second set of immunizations.

Off leash play sessions are necessary to produce a dog that doesn't look at the neighbor's dog as a threat. Play sessions help to teach your pup manners. Your pup needs to know proper doggie etiquette to be a happy, well-socialized family dog.

Your instructor should have enough experience to determine what is normal puppy play and when behavior crosses the line. There are many "normal" dog behaviors that are also "rude". Mounting behavior and threat displays are two examples of rude behavior. Your class should teach you how to redirect the puppy to do something else, rather than punishing the offending behavior.

Statistics tell us that the probability exists that your puppy is going to bite someone later in life. Those same statistics tell us that it will probably be a child. A child that lives with the dog, or a close friend or relative (cousin) of a child that lives with the dog. It makes more sense to teach the dog that he/she may some day have something unpleasant happen to them. Having them starting to associate good things with unpleasant handling, will help reduce the probability of a bite in that context.

Temperament training consists of helping the client build these safeguards into their puppy. Handling exercises will teach the puppy that he/she may occasionally have to be handled in a way that is unpleasant. If you've "stacked the deck" with lots of handling exercises, and plenty of yummy treats, your pup is less likely to object when handled roughly.

Most puppies will grab anything not nailed down. Kids toys, socks from the laundry, tissue from the wastebasket, are some favorites. Everything goes into their mouths. We spend a lot of time taking things away. Many dogs get possessive over these items, particularly with children. Your puppy class should teach exercises that will teach your puppy to give up bones, high value toys and high value treats when asked.

Teaching the pup to inhibit the force of his bite as a means of controlling puppy mouthing, rather than teaching him not to bite at all will assure a soft mouth on your dog. There is a certain comfort in knowing that if someone causes your pup to cross his bite threshold, that he will literally "pull his punch", and you will have a lot less damage done.

Your instructor should be experienced enough in dealing with housetraining problems, destructive chewing, and crate training problems, that he/she will be able to answer those inevitable questions when they arise. The answers should focus not on punishing the offending behavior, but rather it should focus on preventing the offending behavior.

Question:

I recently adopted a dog from the humane society. He's three years old and is not housebroken. I'm open to any advice you may have on how to correct his behavior.

Michelle

Answer:

There are a couple of things that will be helpful right away. First, take him out every hour on the hour for a while. I know it's inconvenient, but it's better than spending all your time cleaning up after him. If you can't watch him he should either be in his crate or attached to you with his leash. (You can even sit on it). That will prevent him from wandering around the house and eliminating. Additionally, it helps to teach him patience. Some people call this "the umbilical cord method of bonding." Certainly you will need to provide him with something to do while he's attached. Experiment with different types of chews until you find one he likes. I wouldn't rule out beef soup bones or beef knuckle bones.

Many dogs have lived a life outside the home. Therefore, he has no idea that he's not supposed to go to the bathroom in your home. It will take some time to teach him that. In the meantime, manage things so that he can't have an accident. Don't give him the opportunity to make a mistake. Many people give their dogs too much freedom, too soon. Once he's become reliable you'll be able to give him the run of the house. Until then the key is supervision.

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Bringing Home a

Congratulations! The stork will soon be delivering your brand new baby bundle... but wait, it's without fur. Yes, you've decided to take the leap from pet parenthood to baby parenthood. And what a leap it will be. Now is the perfect time to get yourself and your favorite pooch ready for the wondrous event. The only similarities the two will share at first is that they both like to eat, sleep and cuddle, respectively in that order. It goes to reason then, that they both will be compatible right from the start...right? Unfortunately, in some cases, this scenario couldn't be further from the truth. Your loving pet may be perfectly content with his pack just the way it is. Adding "one" more to the family equation can turn the whole family pack unit into turmoil in your pet's eyes. The best way to avoid the pitfalls of canine unacceptability to a new family member is to gradually introduce your pet to his new way (better not worse) of life several months prior to your infant's birth. This should be easy to do anyway, since you'll already be busy preparing the nursery, organizing closets and coping with insomnia, you'll easily be able to incorporate other "training moments" to your agenda.

The following suggestions should help ease your pet(s) into accepting the new addition into the family with a positive outcome for everyone involved.

A great way to get your exercise and spend time with your pet would be to enroll in a dog obedience program. Even if your pet is already trained, a refresher course couldn't hurt. Many dog clubs offer beginner to advanced courses, as well as additional doggie sports options (which your husband may have to do). Until now, your pet's antics and overly rambunctious nature probably weren't an issue in a childless home, but they could be in one with a new baby. Particularly because your infant's behavior won't be predictable or controllable, your dog's behavior must be. Training for your pet will help deepen the bond you two already share and increase their listening skills which leads to a more stable pet, which in turn, is less likely to harm your infant.

Real life experiences with other children now will also prove to be helpful in preparing your pet for the inevitable

arrival in nine months. Get your dog used to babies and toddlers now when you can help make it a positive experience. Invite friends with babies over to your house and offer your dog scrumptious treats when he sniffs the baby or lets the supervised toddler pet him gently. This creates a positive impression, one worth modeling for the new baby on the way. Your pet will become better

acquainted with a child's movements and enjoy the treats as he sits and watches all the action. Another way to get your pet used to someone else special in the house is to use a baby-size doll as a prop in your training sessions. Treat this doll exactly as you will the new baby; diaper it, rock it, sing to it, "nurse it", carry it, put it in the crib, take it for a walk in the stroller along with your dog. It would be wise to purchase a doll that cries so your dog can get used to that sound periodically throughout the day and night (bathroom break!).

If you share your bed with your dog, you may want to reconsider before baby comes along. Decide now what the sleeping arrangements will be, so it won't come as a shock later. You may find feeding baby in bed is more comfortable at 2:00 a.m. than elsewhere. This could be difficult to do with your pet on the bed also, so offering him his own bed would be ideal. Find

the perfect doggie bed for him and place it next to yours, include a favorite blanket or pillow for company and comfort. If baby's crib will be in your room, train your dog not to go under the crib since he could accidentally unlock the rail, making it fall down. Perhaps the crib will be in the nursery, if so, train your dog to stay out of it while you're not there. A baby gate should be used in the



Brai is always eager to help with Gabriella's bath.

doorway to help set a boundary and discourage unsolicited visits. Setting limitations is how your pet(s) learns their place in the family and how to behave around the new baby.

A complete health check-up at your pet's veterinarian would also be in order before the big day arrives. Make sure your dog is up-to-date on vaccinations and free of parasites and fleas. Ask for proper and safe procedures, in the event that your pet is inflicted with any of the mentioned above. After all, a healthy pet is a happy pet!

Now that you've done all your homework, rest, relax and get ready for the big day! After the delivery, but while you're still in the hospital, have your husband bring home an unwashed piece of clothing your newborn has worn and her receiving blanket so that your pet can become familiar with the baby's scent. When it's time to come home and introduce baby to your pet, let your



Maddue & Brai are happy to have a new play buddy

husband hold the baby while you greet your pet. You should allow your pet to sniff your swaddled baby once they've calmed down but keep the baby's head and face protected by your arms. After baby's back snug in daddy's arms, grab a dog toy, some treats and go spend some quality one-on-one time with your best friend.

The next few weeks can be very stressful while the household is adjusting to the new schedule. Although it's important to be attentive to your new baby, you shouldn't act overprotective around your dog. This will only complicate any feelings of jealousy or insecurity that your pet may have. Rather, incorporate your dog's training periods and treat time around your baby's schedule. Pet your dog while you're feeding your baby, take both baby and dog out for a walk, sing to baby while you play fetch with your pet, let your pet follow you into the nursery when you need to change a diaper and so on. It's important to get your pet involved with the new addition and let him know he's still a loved member of the family. Try to make a point of spending time alone with your dog every day for your

bonding time. Keep tabs on your dog to make sure he doesn't display any aggressive behavior toward your infant such as intense staring, baring teeth or growling. These behaviors need to be addressed promptly by a qualified dog trainer/behaviorist before they escalate and potentially cause harm to the baby.

Once again, enjoy pet and parenthood. Before you know it, you'll be asking yourself if there's such a thing as toddler obedience courses!

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ARE YOU LEAVING...AGAIN? Dealing with Separation Anxiety.

The domestic dog, like its ancestor the gray wolf, is a social pack animal, which is genetically designed to spend its entire life with companions. Even though this is true, most dogs can handle periods of time in isolation by finding a familiar spot to lie down and nap or just pass the time in a comfortable alert state. However, for other dogs, alone time is the worst possible environment causing overwhelming anxiety resulting in destructive behavior.

Dogs with separation anxiety exhibit one or more behaviors such as chewing/ scratching through doors, defecating or urinating, repetitive barking and/or whining and even self-destructive habits like chewing or licking areas of their body until hairless and raw. Separation anxiety can develop at any age. It is common in rescue dogs as well as dogs that were not socialized properly, neglected or abused. Some can also develop these behaviors as a reaction to improper nutrition and/or allergies. With this illness, dogs don't have confidence and security when in isolation, for any period of time, so it is up to their human companions to help them alleviate the distress they feel.

According to Tiffany Gutman, owner of Paws-itivly Behaved K-9's in Oak Creek, many dogs with separation anxiety can be trained and cured but it takes diligence and patients on the part of the caregiver. "These dogs need training as soon as possible. Start crating them and cover the crate or set up a small secure area in the house. The less they can see the less stress they will feel when you leave," said Gutman.

A few items on Gutman's list of things to do are to start leaving the house in short intervals of one to two minutes, several times each day, while the dog is confined. "When you come back in, don't react in any way to their behavior by scolding or acting overly affectionate. Then, once progress is made with the length of intervals, allow the dog the original space." Continued Gutman. "If there is a set back, start the process again. It is also helpful to leave the television or music playing when you leave if that is what is on when you are home. Consistency in the environment is important," she concluded.

Tiffany also recommends obedience training in a group setting because dogs need a job they are good at to build confidence and security while being socialized. They learn structure, guidelines and what is appropriate. It also builds a strong bond between you and your dog.

Paws-itivly Behaved K-9's provides classes for puppies, practical training for the family dog and basic obedience classes all of which can help facilitate the reduction and elimination of separation anxiety. Visit their web site for more information at www.pawsitivlyk9s.com.

In addition to training and conditioning techniques, there are a few nutritional and holistic treatments that may also contribute to a successful recovery. Consider changing the diet to one higher in protein with fewer grains. Add a digestive enzyme to your dog's dry food or consider feeding a raw diet where the natural enzymes haven't been destroyed in the cooking process. When dogs are getting the proper nutrition from their food they will naturally have a stronger immune system, which allows them to assimilate stress more efficiently.

Herbal remedies such as Tranquility Blend by Animals' Apawthecary can be purchased for approximately \$9.00 online (www.animalessentials.com), in the offices of holistically trained veterinarians and in local specialty pet boutiques where natural pet foods are sold. Tranquility Blend is an herbal tincture of valerian root, skullcap herb, oat flower and wild crafted passionflower in a vegetable glycerin base, which is palatable to dogs and cats. It's common use is to safely calm dogs and cats and other animals during acute episodes of anxiety without diminishing alertness. The drops are administered or ally and the dose is based on the weight of the pet.

Another natural product on the market specifically for separation anxiety in dogs is Comfort Zone Canine Behavior Modification Plug-in by Farnam Pet Products in Phoenix Arizona (www.farnampet.com). It is an electric diffuser that plugs into the wall outlet in the room most used by the dog suffering from anxiety. It contains a jar of Dog Appeasing Pheromone (DAP). The package claims to reduce or completely stop stress-related behavior by releasing a pheromone that naturally mimics that of a lactating female dog. The plug-in is refillable and works 24 hours per day for 30 days in





an area of 500-650 square feet. It costs about \$39.95 for the plug in which includes the first jar of pheromone and refills run about \$22.95.

The most important thing to remember is that scolding only makes the problems worse. It is not the dog's fault that it is feeling anxiety and they need a patient, loving and willing caregiver to take the necessary steps to help it achieve a full and healthy recovery. It may be a long process for some dogs depending on the severity of their disorder but it will be well worth your efforts to help your dog become comfortable when alone in your home.

Stacy Conroy is Co-Owner of Companion Natural Pet Food and in starting her company, has conducted several years of research into the relationship between pet nutrition and health. She also gives talks on the raw diet for dogs and cats.

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Celebrity Profile: Majarague Canines



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Professional athletes all seem to have certain items that have a place in their hearts. Some collect cars, others exotic watches and still some others houses on the lake. What is occasionally overlooked is professional athletes' fondness for their pets. An affinity for the canine variety has not escaped the Milwaukee Brewers.

Former Brewer first baseman Richie Sexson, refers to him as a "keg with legs." While his owner admits that he could probably use to shed a few pounds, Ben Sheets gets a glow about when talking about his bulldog, Bruiser.

"He's real calm, laid back, never gets mad and is really good with kids," said Sheets. "He's my best friend too."

Sheets' affinity for bulldogs goes well beyond the onset of his professional baseball career back in 1999. Bruiser is the third bulldog that Sheets has owned. It was the dog's character that led Sheets and his father in search of Bruiser after Sheets had been selected by the Milwaukee Brewers with their first overall selection in the 1999 June Draft. Sheets has not regretted his decision.

"The best part about him is his demeanor and how kind he is," Sheets glows. "No matter how many times Seaver (Sheets' son) jumps on him, he just lays there and takes everything in stride."

This laid back outlook is apparent when the Sheets family is traveling around the family and in Milwaukee with the Brewers' star pitcher, it appears Bruiser has no problem making extended journeys during the off-season.

U.S. Dividing

his time during

the baseball

season back in Louisiana with

Sheets' wife and

"He travels a lot," said Sheets. "It's like sleeping time for him and that has got to be one of his favorite things to do. We've taken trips from Milwaukee to Louisiana, Louisiana to Milwaukee and Louisiana to Arizona. He just loves it."

Sheets tends to keep things simple when exercising and entertaining his beloved canine. Bruiser loves to be outside rolling around in the grass and exploring while back in Louisiana during baseball's offseason. He loves the water and playing with other dogs. That's not to say that Sheets' does not afford him a couple of guilty pleasures.

"His favorite thing is eating so I give him table food every once in a while," Sheets said. "And I let him sleep in the bed when my wife's not there."

Jenkins and his canine buddies

Geoff Jenkins is a fan of a smaller dog. Actually, "dogs" is probably a better description.

Jenkins is the proud owner of three shitzu's - Daisy, Fiver and Spencer. The Brewers' all-star leftfielder can't help but laugh when describing each of their respective personalities.

Spencer, a black and white shitzu, is by far the most active in the group according to his owner. Described as the "ball chaser," Spencer is apt for playing 24-7 usually carrying his favorite ball around in his mouth and occasionally sleeping with it. Jenkins laughs when describing his dog's enthusiasm.

"If you even look at the ball, he wants to go play."

Both Fiver and Daisy are similar in appearance with a brown and white mane. Their personalities however are miles apart.

"Fiver just chills out," says Jenkins. "He is more inclined to just lay out all day. Gets some sun, some rays."

When you get this many dogs together, there has to be at least one that demands a little more attention. For Jenkins, Daisy fits that description to a T.

"Daisy is the little princess," Jenkins gushs. "She's the spoiled one. She would probably be the one that would like to shop at the mall."

Jenkins love for dogs goes back to his youth. Growing up in Sacramento, California, his family owned a Springer Spaniel named Heidi. His love affair with the canines continues to this day as he can't help but spoil his three little companions.

"I'm always buying them stuff at the mall," said Jenkins. "I'll always pick them up some treats or whatever I can think they might want."

While neither owner adopted their canine counterpart from the Humane Society, both are strong believers in their work and advocate adopting from this organization.

"I have had many family and friends visit the Humane Society in search of their next dog," said Jenkins. "It's a great place to find a dog that is looking for a place to call home."

A dog lover and proud owner of many golden retrievers, **Jason Parry** is a first time contributor to Fetch Magazine. He and his wife, Amy, live in Milwaukee.

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB APPROVES THREE NEW DOG BREEDS

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club has announced that effective May 1, 2004, the Black Russian Terrier and the Neapolitan Mastiff have been granted regular status as AKC-recognized breeds and are eligible for competition in the Working Group, effective July 1, 2004. In addition, the Glen of Imaal Terrier is approved for AKC registration as of July 1, 2004 and for competition in the Terrier Group as of October 1, 2004.

as a guard dog. The breed has great courage, strength, and endurance.

"The Black Russian Terrier can sometimes be a clown to those that know him, but this large, protective breed must be well trained and socialized," stated Marjorie Tuff, AKC liaison for the Black Russian Terrier Club of America. "This breed needs plenty of space and exercise, and is very social."

"The Neapolitan Mastiff is an ancient breed, rediscovered in Italy in the 1940's. The Neapolitan Mastiff is a heavy-boned, massive, awe-inspiring dog bred for use as a guard and defender of owner and property. He is characterized by loose skin, over his entire body, abundant, hanging wrinkles and folds on the head and a voluminous dewlap. The essence of the Neapolitan is his imposing appearance, astounding head size and attitude. The breed has gained attention due to a brief appearance in the popular movie Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

Over the centuries, breeders of the "Mastino" in the Neapolitan area of southern Italy focused on breeding guards for their homes and estates. They created a breed that retained the giant size, heavy, loose skin and dewlap. This was an animal that was a stay-at-home type, and was good with the family but was bred to detect unwanted intruders and to deter them from the property under their care.

"The Neapolitan Mastiff is a breed like no other, with a fantastic head, and unusual movement," said Peggy Wolfe, president of the United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club. "When you look at the Mastino, you can see the 4000 years of history in its eyes. We are very proud that this primeval canine is finally joining the ranks of the AKC breeds."



"The Black Russian Terrier first bred true in 1956 and its history is a compelling one. During the 1930's a military kennel named the Red Star started work on a native breed that would be part of the national security force. The kennel worked on selective interbreeding using Rottweiler, Giant Schnauzer, Airedale and Newfoundland mixes. It was important to have a large breed not only reliable but trainable in many different situations. The dog would also have to be able to endure the harsh Russian winters. The result was the Black Russian Terrier, a robust, large and powerful dog. The dog has large bones and well-developed muscles and is expected to be balanced, have a good temperament and be reliable





"The Glen of Imaal Terrier -- "There is a glen, Imaal, in the Wicklow Mountains that has always been, and still is, celebrated for its terriers." This 19th-century reference is to the beguiling Irish breed we now know as the Glen of Imaal Terrier. Initially bred to rid the home and farm of vermin, and hunt badger and fox, these rugged dogs also had a unique task for which they were expressly designed to

perform; they were turnspit dogs. The turnspit was a large wheel which, when paddled by the dog, would turn a spit over the hearth -- a canine propelled rotisserie. Game and spirited with great courage when called upon, the Glen is otherwise gentle and docile. Although generally less easily excited than other terriers, the Glen is always ready to give chase.

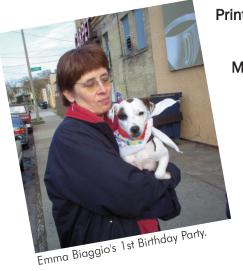
"As a breeder, one of the most appealing attributes of the Glen is the antiquity of the breed itself," said Richard S. McKinney, former AKC liaison for Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America. "Today's Glens are very much the same as the Glens that worked the lowlands of County Wicklow 100 years ago, with very little refinement or influence by fashion. Function was the key then and it is what we strive for as the club guiding the breed into the future."

The American Kennel Club (AKC), founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of purebred dogs. The AKC maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States, and along with its 4,500 licensed and member clubs, educates the general public about responsible dog ownership. More than 15,000 competitions for purebred dogs are held under AKC rules each year including conformation, agility, obedience, tracking, herding, lure coursing, hunt tests, and field and earthdog trials. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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BREED PROFILE:

The Whippet

Race track - sprinting along at full throttle. Couch - snuggling alongside a friend.

At either setting, you may find a Whippet. It just depends on the day - or the hour.

"They can be very, very mellow - just like couch potatoes," said Mary Beth Arthur, the past present of the American Whippet Club and a well-known breeder and expert in the Milwaukee area on Whippets. "They also can have a high, high energy level."

Once you make the connection with the Whippet - be careful. There's no turning back. You'll be off and running, too, just like Arthur and her Whippets.

"They are my passion - that's my breed, always," she said.

The Whippet, originally bred to chase and capture small game, is quietly becoming a popular breed, in large part because of its many desirable traits - most notably, its even-keel temperament and goodnatured behavior.

The Whippet's appearance oftentimes mirrors the Greyhound or the Italian Greyhound. The medium-sized breed can grow to be 18 inches to 21 inches tall, weighing between 20 pounds to 40 pounds, making them traveling convenient. The Whippet's coat is short and close - with a variety of color and marking patterns. Its skin is thin, resting directly over muscle with little or no fat layer. They are tough and hardy, living 11+ years. Few genetic defects or health ailments are associated with the breed, too.

"They really don't have a lot of health issues - fortunately for the dog and the owners," Arthur said.

Whippets are known for their intelligence and adaptability, as well as a strong need for companionship.

"This is a breed that craves comfort and just wants to be near you," said Carol Sumbry, a long-time Whippet owner in the area who stays very active in various rescue groups. "That's what they live for." And of course - the chase. It doesn't matter what (Arthur said she's seen Whippets take off after plastic bags blowing in the breeze). Or where (on straight tracks or on walks around the block). These sleek canines will take every opportunity to run - and run fast - no matter what the circumstances.

"This is a breed that loves to chase. They're bred to chase. They have very keen eye sight," Sumbry said. "I

always have mine in a fenced-in yard and on a leash. You're playing Russian roulette" if the Whippet is left free.

Some may say enough obedience classes or intense training will solve this inconvenience - running after a loose Whippet that's broken free from a yard or a leash. Not so, both Sumbry and Arthur caution.

"It's something you're not going to train out of them," Sumbry said.

But that can be a good thing, if they exercise in the right safe environment. Or participate in races or course work, like Arthur does on her property on Milwaukee's northwest side. Whippets are known to travel anywhere from 35 mph to 40 mph, an impressive feat for any animal by any measure.

To see the breed race is to witness nature's beauty, Arthur said. Correct that, not just seeing, but also listening and feeling. The experience is something you'll never forget.

Hearing the rumble. Feeling the earth below.

"You can actually feel the ground - feel their feet pounding on the ground," she said.

At the finish line, as the muzzled Whippets converge on the simulated prey (they wear the muzzles so they don't mangle the item), it's obvious that the canines



Photos Courtesy of Doug & Mary Beth Arthur.

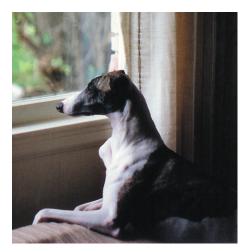
have reached the zenith of their existence - in their minds.

"When they finish racing, they seem to get a great big smile on their face," said Arthur, a Whippet owner since 1963. "It just seems cruel not to let them (race)."

That's what makes it so important to consider a fenced-in yard or a convenient outlet for this extreme exercise if you are considering adding a Whippet to your family, Sumbry said. At least five miles a week of runs or walks seem appropriate, she said, depending on the particular dog.

Invisible fences, too, might not be a good idea because of the Whippets' high tolerance for pain. When they chase their prey, they're known for being "reckless and rowdy" - running through anything and everything to track it down.





"They'd just run right through those fences, Arthur said.

Also consider a willingness to spend a little more quality time with this breed.

"We all work, but this is not necessarily a breed that does well alone for long hours," Sumbry said. "This dog thrives on companionship."

Not just leashing them up and letting them hang outside in the back yard.

"You have to be able to hold their hand a little bit," Sumbry said.

Another consideration needs to address the breed's lack of a coat.

"They don't like the cold weather," Sumbry said, which contributes to the Whippets tendency to become lap dogs for some. "They have that cuddliness factor."

So be ready to clothe these critters.

"You've got to be willing to put coats on the dogs in cold weather," Sumbry said.

The Whippet would be up to exercising in the cold weather - but it may not be safe to expose them to the extreme elements and the extreme exercise for long stretches.

"They're pretty hearty and always up for long walks," Sumbry said. "They've got a big dog mentality, but they are soft inside."

Arthur and her husband, Doug, have an easy solution in cold, inclement weather. Just let the hounds take over inside of

the house - "and it becomes the Indianapolis 500 in here," Sumbry joked.

The activity and energy is part of what makes the Whippet so attractive to their owners.

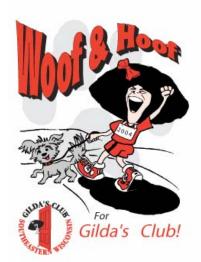
"To me, they don't compare with any other breed," Arthur said. "The only other breed I'd consider would be a Greyhound, but the size would hold me back."

More information on Whippets and Whippet rescue groups can be found at www.whippetrescue.com.

If you are interested in learning more about Whippets, contact your local Breed Rescue Group, Humane Society, or Training Club.



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A Reader's Story:

FUN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR DOG

If you are like me, you are always looking for something fun to do with your dog. While my dog, Louie, a mix from HAWS (Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha) loves to just lie on the couch at times, he also likes to be out and about doing things. Here are some things that we think you and your dog will like.

Organized dog-walks/fund-raisers. We enjoyed several dog walks that were fundraisers for rescue and humane societies, especially HAWS' Bark in the Park at Minooka Park. Here, and at the other fundraisers, there were demonstrations, vendors and contests to accompany the dog walk. Louie won the most mixedup mutt contest! Other walks included GRROW's (Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin) hike at Lapham Peak State Park, Elmbrook Humane Society's Wag Walk, the Ozaukee Humane Society's Walk for Animals and Gilda's Club Hoof 'n Woof.

Take a Freestyle Dance class. Here you learn dance routines for you and your dog. We enjoyed the uniqueness of trying to perform commands to music. You take a basic command like heel, add some figure eight's under your legs and string them together with other commands. Our biggest struggle with this class was MY two left feet. (Louie had no trouble with his two left feet.)

Dress them up. Okay, now we all have to admit it. Hasn't there been at least one time in your dog's life where you put sunglasses on them or how about those reindeer antlers at Christmas? Get some clothes out and have a canine fashion show. Or, hit those after Halloween or Christmas sales. Look for hats, bandanas and costumes for kids. With the creative use of scissors and elastic, you have outfits for vour beast.

Become a Canine Good Citizen. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) is a certification offered by American Kennel Club stating that your dog is able to pass a test that consists of 10 different parts. Testing includes reactions to other dogs, strangers and being touched as if for grooming. To receive the CGC, take a class or self-teach, then test. Check out the book titled The Canine Good Citizen by Jack & Wendy Vollhard. Review the full test information at the American Kennel Club's website www.akc.org.

Become a Therapy Dog. If you think your dog is friendly and gentle enough to enjoy visiting such places as nursing homes. and both of you would enjoy spending time volunteering, investigate becoming a therapy dog. For the details of the Therapy Dog test, visit Therapy Dog



Louie loves to be out & about

International, Inc.'s website www.tdi dog.org. Locally, an organization called Pets Helping People offers a four week class/ evaluation to see if your dog has the temperament to become a therapy dog. They also offer placement assistance. Check out their website www.petshelpingpeople.org. If you want to read more on the subject, get the book Therapy Dogs by Kathy Diamond Davis.

Cuddle. Sometimes doing almost nothing is a special pleasure too. Slow down and take some time to just cuddle with your hound. Louie's "all is right with the world" posture is on his back, legs flopped like noodles, getting his chest rubbed. I swear you can almost hear him purring like a cat. Give your dog some cuddling and show him/her how much you care.

Hopefully, these suggestions should present some ideas that appeal to you and your dog. Take some clues from your dog's personality and your preferences and get out there and play! For me, I think I will go over to the couch, wake Louie up and see if he wants to head on out. Have fun and enjoy!

Marie Tubbin

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Don't worry so much about him signaling you he has to go out. That will come with time. You'll figure it out together. If you start taking him out every hour on the hour, and he's not going each time, cut it back to every hour and a quarter or every hour and a half. You'll soon learn what his limits are.

Make sure when he goes outside that you praise the heck out of him. Have a party!! Your mission is to teach him that all it takes to make you absolutely ecstatic is for him to eliminate outside. It's a good idea to give him something really yummy. Maybe it's some shredded chicken or some cheese, but he has to get something for getting it right.

When he does have an accident in the house, it's absolutely imperative that you use an enzyme product to clean up. You have to get rid of the source of the odors. House cleaners won't do it. It needs to be specifically for pet odors. If you don't get down to the source of the odor, but just cover it up, you may not be able to smell it...but he sure can.

In addition to the training at home, structured training classes run by a qualified instructor can help him with the adjustment to your home and improve your relationship, as well as teach him manners.

I applaud you for adopting an older dog. Sometimes they come with bad habits, but it's always really satisfying when you've turned them around.

One last thing. Under no circumstances should you try to punish your dog after an accident has taken place. Yelling at him, rubbing his nose in it, rolled up newspaper will not help the situation at all.

You need to be proactive and prevent the accidents from occurring.

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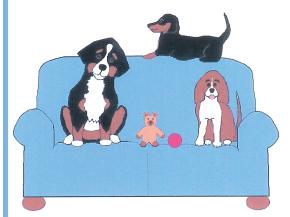
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Fast, Furious, and Fun

Once appearing on "The Tonight Show" as a novelty act, flyball has since become one of the most popular dog sports. Unlike agility, first practiced in England, flyball is an all-American invention. Whether started by Herbert Wagner and his invention of the tennis ball launcher in the 70's or a natural evolution from the sport of scent hurdling, the sport in its current incarnation is a relay race with 4 dogs (plus 2 alternate dogs) running down a 51' lane. Two such lanes are set

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up side by side allowing 2 teams to race against each other. The start line is marked by a set of timing lights much like that seen in drag racing. The first dog (start dog) on the team is released by its handler with the goal of crossing the start line at top speed just as the light turns green. The dog jumps each hurdle in succession and then leaps on to the spring-loaded box at the end of the lane. A tennis ball is ejected from the box as the dog triggers it. After catching the ball, the dog ricochets off of the box and runs back over the hurdles. Most dogs are able to complete a full run in 4 - 6 seconds. The release of each subsequent dog on the team by its handler is optimally timed so that the returning dog meets the dog heading out nose to nose at the start/finish line. The first team to have all 4 dogs complete a run without errors wins the heat.

If a dog makes an error, such as skipping a jump, dropping a ball, or crossing over into the other lane, that dog must be re-run after its teammates have finished running. Often more errors are attributed to the handler than the dogs as an "early start" for the first dog (reaching the start line before the light turns green) or a "bad pass" (dog going out reaches start line before returning dog crosses) are frequent handler errors. Regardless of who commits the error, it is the dog that runs again. Conservative handling does not pay off either as holding a dog back too long to avoid a "bad pass" costs the team valuable time. In the early years of flyball few teams could complete a heat in less than 24 seconds. Today the very fastest teams can run this relay in under 16 seconds! At the time of this article, the world records in both Multi-





Kilt & Ted trigger the box and catch the ball. Photos Courtesy of Milwaukee Dog Training Club.



Kilt runs back over the hurdle.

breed and regular class, 15.66 and 15.54 seconds respectively, are held by the team Springloaded out of Michigan.

The sport is challenging and exciting for teams of all breeds and skill levels. At tournaments, one may see a speedy all-Border Collie team as well as root for a team of senior dogs playing at their own pace. In tournament competition, teams are divided into divisions based on a seedtime; as a result they run against other teams of comparable speed. So, you won't find a team a 16-second team racing against a 22-second team. Prize money is not at stake in flyball but each tournament typically ends with an awards ceremony where ribbons or dog toys are given per placement of the team. Regardless of how the team places at a tournament, the dogs earn points towards flyball titles based on how fast their team raced each heat:

24 secs: Each dog - 25 points 28 secs: Each dog - 5 points 32 secs: Each dog - 1 point The points accrue throughout a dog's flyball career and titles are awarded:

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At a flyball tournament, the excitement is as palpable as the barking is deafening. The sport is fast, furious and tons of fun. But many people are misled by the simplicity of the sport and believe that flyball is easy for a dog to learn. While the dog is expected to perform a repetitive sequence of tasks every time they run, maintaining focus and confidence in tournament conditions is no small feat. A great deal of time is spent teaching the basics and exposing the dogs to the challenges of the competitive racing environment, not to mention fine-tuning the team's performance. The fun you and your dog will have working together, as well as the unique team aspect of flyball, makes the training time well worth it!

Sally Haldorson and Sarah Willems are instructors for Milwaukee Dog's Great Balls of Fur flyball team and members of Milwaukee Dog Training Club.

Are you interested in learning more about Flyball? Dozens of Training Clubs in southeast Wisconsin offer classes on Flyball. Consult friends, family, or Fetch Magazine for clubs in your area.

Best Friend

Just before the holidays my best friend for more than 14 years passed away. She was the most forgiving and loving friend that I ever had. I have great feelings of self-worth and confidence from what we accomplished together. She was there for me when I cried and she was beside when I felt great. Her love was warm and unconditional. She was my dog.

We all, at sometime in our life, experience the death of a loved one whether it be a dog, a child, a parent or a friend. The grieving process is never an easy one but a necessary step to be able to move forward in our life. And when we reach the final of step of acceptance we find a special spot in our heart for that loved one and are able to move forward.

The stages of grieving for a pet are the same as for a person. They involve denial, anger, bargaining, depression and finally acceptance. The intensity and length of each stage varies. However, this doesn't mean that when we reach the final stage, the acceptance stage, that we don't still feel depressed or sad some days. However, at this point it will be easier to move forward.

I just recently went through the process myself in losing my 14 year old Bichon, Keshka. I would like to share ways I learned to deal with the grief and ideas on how to remember your loved one.

If you have ever lost a pet you probably already realized that society is sympathetic to the loss of a human family member but not everyone realizes just how difficult if is to lose a canine family member. I suggest at this sad time to seek out people you know will share your feelings and understand. It is important to vent and allow yourself to cry and just plain feel bad for awhile.

People often in an attempt to make you feel better will tell you that it was "just a dog." Well, "Seris" was just a dog as well. He was the search and rescue Belgian Malinois that even though he became ill searching through the rubble at the twin towers wouldn't quit working and later



Photo Courtesy of Patti Muraczewski

Keshka provided more than just friendship.

died. He was considered a hero. I believe many dogs would give up their lives for their owner. There is a saying that goes "every relationship that comes in our life touches us in some way...forever." I feel this statement is even truer about loving relationships in our life. In our saddest times the nudge of a warm nose, a purr of a cat or the feel of a furry chin resting on your knee can give us solace beyond words. We grieve for the loss of that unspoken connection.

I have given Comfort Cards by Darlene to many friends and clients that have lost a pet. It is a sympathy card designed specifically for pet loss and attached to the card is a dog or cat angel figure on a black ribbon. The pin can be worn in memory of your pet and because of its uniqueness, the pin is often noticed and it gives the person wearing it the opportunity to talk about their companion.

I found some unique ways to keep the memory of Keshka close. Before she died I cut off a lock of her hair and put it in a small plastic bag that I carry in my purse. So she goes everywhere with me.

I put her ashes in a memory box with pictures of her on the outside. I keep it where I can see it every day.

As a Christmas gift one year my Groomer gave me a clear ornament personalized with my dog's name on the outside and inside was a lock of Keshka's hair tied together by a delicate ribbon. I put it on my tree every year. This Christmas, since she is not with us, it will mean even more to me.

Currently, I am putting a scrapbook together of our life together and all we did. In constructing the book I am revisiting many good times we had together.

There are a number of good books and websites that are helpful for those going through the grieving process and I have some listed below:

Books for Adults:

Coping with Sorrow on the Loss of Your Pet by Moira Anderson Goodbye, Friend by Gary Kowalski Pet Loss, A Spiritual Guide by Eleanor Harris

For Children:

Dog Heaven by Cynthia Rylant The Tenth Good Thing about Barney

Websites:

http://rainbowsbridge.com./stories.htm http://www.in-memory-of-pets.com/

My experience has taught me that grieving follows no prescribed schedule and healing will happen, if we let it. But that doesn't mean we won't remember and when we do...remember with love.

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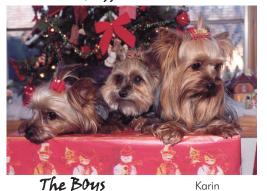
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Include a SASE if you'd like your photos returned. Deadline: **July 30th**.

Event Calendar July | August 2004

July

5 Monday

Who: The Dog Spot

What: Walk with your dog in the Tosa 4th of July Parade

When: July 5, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a. m. Where: 7707 W. State St., Wauwatosa

Info: 414-258-3444

8 Thursday

Who: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants What: Tellington TTouch for Small Breed

What: Tellington 11 outch for Small Breed Puppies 8-20 weeks When: July 8 - Aug 19, 2004, 7:45pm-8:45pm Where: 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc Info: Phone Marie Greenfield at 414-961-2597

Who: For Pet Sake Dog Training School **What:** Obedience Run Thrus

When: 6:30 p.m. Utility and Novice, 7:30 p.m. Open

Where: 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago

Info: 1-888-581-9070

Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery What: Yappy Hour - reservations required When: Friday July 9th 6:30 to 7:30 Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

10 Saturday

What: Pet Massage Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More Janesville Rd, Muskego Info: 262-679-6776 Space is Limited

Who: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants What: "Throw Your Dog A Turnip!" How Food

When: July 10, 2004, 1-4pm Where: 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc Info: Phone 262-569-1050

email claudeen@kindnessk9.com

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery What: Golden Retriever Rescue

When: Saturday July 10th 11-1 Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

11 Sunday

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec When: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Appt. Required Where: The Natural Pet, 3074 W. Delaware, Bay View

Info: 414-482-PETS

Who: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants What: Tellington TTouch III for Dogs When: July 11, 2004, 9am-5pm

Where: Positive Pooch, 2003 Pewaukee Rd, Suite 5, Waukesha

Info: Phone 262-569-1050 email claudeen@kindnessk9.com

15 Thursday

Who: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants What: Tellington TTouch for Large Breed Puppies 8-20 weeks

When: July 15 - Aug 26, 2004, 6:30-7:30pm Where: 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc

Info: Phone 262-569-1050

email claudeen@kindnessk9.com

16 Friday

Who: For Pet Sake Dog Training School What: Agility Run Thrus When: 6:30 p.m. (course and obstacle practice)

Where: 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago **Info:** 1-888-581-9070, \$5/5 minutes

17 Saturday

What: Tellington TTouch Session w/ Claudeen

McAuliffe, M.Ed.

When: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Where: The Natural Pet, 3074 W. Delaware, Bay View Info: 414-482-PETS

Who: Sliderphoto Summertime pet photos What: pet photos with or without family Where: Friends of Nature W309 S4837 Commercial Drive, Genesee Depot When: 9:30-4:00

Appts: (262) 968-3333

Info: www.sliderphoto.com or (414)899-8697

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery What: Animal Communication- Mini Consultations w/ Rebecca Moravec When: Sunday July 18th 12-5 - reservations required Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

22 Thursday

Who: Paula Gorman, Red Cross Pet First Aid/CPR Instructor

What: Red Cross - Pet First Aid and CPR Class When: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More Janesville Rd, Muskego Info: 262-679-6776 Cost \$30-\$10 Non-Returnable Reg. Fee Class Size is Limited. Discounted Books/Tapes Available

23 Friday

Who: For Pet Sake Dog Training School What: Fun and Games Night

When: 7:00 p.m. (fun night of group games) Where: 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago

Info: 1-888-581-9070

25 Sunday

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery What: Greyhound Great-n-Meet When: Sunday July 25th 12-2

Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery What: Yappy Hour - reservations required When: Friday July 30th 6:30 to 7:30 Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

31 Saturday

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery What: Canine Massage by Doug Arthur When: Saturday July 31st 10-4 Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

August

7 Saturday

What: Tellington TTouch Session w/ Claudeen McAuliffe, M.Ed.

When: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Where: The Natural Pet, 3074 W. Delaware, Bay View

Info: 414-482-PETS

Who: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants

What: Clicker Training 1 & 2 When: Aug 7 - Sep 4, 2004; 10am & 11am Where: 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc Info: Phone 262-569-1050

email claudeen@kindnessk9.com

13 Friday

Who: For Pet Sake Dog Training School What: Obedience Run Thrus

When: 6:30 p.m. Utility and Novice, 7:30 p.m. Open Where: 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago

Info: 1-888-581-9070

14 Saturday

Who: Pet's Supplies Plus Summertime pet photos What: pet photos with or without family

Where: 4505 South 76th St Greenfield

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Info: www.sliderphoto.com or (414)899-8697

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec When: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Appt. Required Where: The Natural Pet, 3074 W. Delaware, Bay View Info: 414-482-PETS

Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery What: Dog Days Summer Beach Party When: Sunday August 15th 12:00 to 2:30 Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

20 Friday

Who: For Pet Sake Dog Training School

What: Agility Run Thrus

When: 6:30 p.m. (course and obstacle practice) Where: 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago Info: 1-888-581-9070, \$5/5 minutes

Who: Dog Days of Wisconsin

What: Summer Camp for You and Your Dog

When: Aug 20-22, 2004

Where: Camp Helen Brachman WI (Stevens Point)

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21 Saturday

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery What: 5th Annual Dog Days of Summer Beach Party, Music, water, sand and fun!! When: Saturday August 21st 12-2 Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

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When: Sunday August 21st 12-5 - reservations required Info: Phone 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Who: Petlicious Dog Days of Summer photos What: pet photos with or without family Where: 2217 Silvernail Road, Pewaukee

When: 10-4 Appts: (262)548-0923

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26 Thursday

Who: Paula Gorman, Red Cross Pet First

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What: Fun and Games Night When: 7:00 p.m. (fun night of group games) Where: 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago Info: 1-888-581-9070

Who: Dog Days of Wisconsin

What: Summer Camp for You and Your Dog When: Aug 27-30, 2004

Where: Camp Helen Brachman WI (Stevens Point)

Info: www.dogcamp.com: 262-521-2005

28 Saturday

Who: BassetFest 2004

What: pet photos with or without family

Where: Muskego Park No appointment needed

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Who: Amiable Dog Training with Amy Ammen What: T.V. Show 6:00 p.m.
Where: Channel 14 (MATA/MCM) Community TV

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Info: Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

Who: Amiable Dog Training with Amy Ammen What: T.V. Show 10:30 a.m.
Where: Channel 14 (MATA/MCM) Community TV

Every Sunday

Who: "The Everything Pet Show" with Amy Ammen What: Live call-in show 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 414-799-1234 Where: WEMP The Voice, AM 1250

Info: Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

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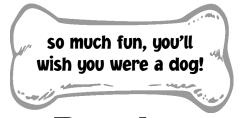


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Candid Canines

When it comes to capturing the true essence of an animal on film, there's much more to the job than meets the eye. A steady hand, infinite patience and an overall love of the subject matter are definite prerequisites to the challenging and rewarding field of pet photography. Following are a handful of area photographers who mix talent and passion to produce an everlasting portrait of your best friend.

Stephanie Bartz Photography



Not relying on the obvious is something that makes the work of Stephanie Bartz standout from others. Her well-trained eye will often catch your dog in a pensive pose, and her artistic nature will also capture scenes that many times might be overlooked.

"I like to focus on expressions and use unique graphic elements," Bartz explained. "Sometimes it can be just the paws or even a tail in the photograph."

Bartz began her career in the beauty and fashion industry, but later learned that portraits were more her style. She finds photographing dogs particularly rewarding because it provides people with a lasting memory of their pet. "At times I'll get people who might call me when their pet is ill and they want me to take the a photo so they can remember them, I'm very honored when people ask me to do that."

With a particular knack for black and white, Bartz's photos have a "timeless"

appearance, which are oftentimes very complimentary to the subject matter. "I mainly use black and white because sometimes color can be a bit distracting and it allows me to focus more on the expression," she added.

Bartz photographs most of her subjects on location, mostly in people's home or a location of the client's choosing. Growing up with dogs, and currently having two of her own, Bartz has the in on how to get just the right shot. Having experience in photographing both people and dogs, Bartz added that she often gravitates more toward four-legged clients.

"I like doing dogs and people, but dogs are just so much fun, they're just about pure-joy."

For more information on Stephanie Bartz call 414-453-2060 or visit www.sbartzphotography.com.

Valerie Beaudry Slider Photography



Back when she was a wedding consultant, Valerie Beaudry learned she had a knack for photography and soon went from scheduling photographers for weddings, to personally taking the photos. As time went by, she soon broadened her horizons from photographing weddings to also shooting sports and pets.

"I sort of fell into photographing pets and I've received such positive feedback that I just kept going," said Beaudry.

Now Beaudry spends the majority of her time scheduling and photographing pets at various pet supply store locations. "Sometimes I think it's easier to shoot dogs rather than kids. Kids move too fast, but dogs have so much personality and I'd rather take a dog any day over a wedding," she joked.

Along with taking photographs of dogs on their own, Beaudry also finds a majority of her work includes families and their pets, especially around the holidays.

Beaudry admits photographing dogs takes a lot of patience, but she takes time to get to know each dog during her sessions by taking a couple minutes to give out treats and belly scratches. "It takes a lot of determination and patience on the dog owners part also to get the right shot. Sometimes people are really amazed how well the photos turn out," she explained.

For more information on Slider Photo call 414-899-8697 or visit www.slider photo.com for a full schedule of where to find Beaudry on location.

Patrick Dean Patrick Dean Photography



You might not think the professions of a grief counselor and pet photographer go hand-in-hand. But, in the case of freelance photographer Patrick Dean, they fit together quite well. Serving as the director of the Wisconsin Grief Education Center and having been a freelance photographer for the past 27 years, Dean knows a thing or two about capturing a moment.

"I'm a major animal lover, I have two dogs and I love being around animals," explained Dean. "I really try to document the spirit and essence of an animal's personality in my photos."

Working with digital photography since 1996, Dean also enjoys making mosaics or collages with his photographs. "I once had a woman who contacted me after her dog died and I was able to make a really wonderful collage of photographs of her dog," he said.

Being a grief counselor and a photographer allows Dean to see both sides of a wide, emotional spectrum. "One part of my job deals with great sadness, while the other deals with great joy, oftentimes the two overlap like the case of the woman who's dog passed away."

Currently Dean admits he does very little advertising for his freelance work, but he is kept quite busy through word of mouth from friends and veterinarians familiar with his work.

For more information on Patrick Dean Photography call 262-534-2904.

Jamie Klinger-Krebs is a freelance writer and avid animal lover who lives in Jefferson County with her husband, two dogs and two cats. Having been around animals her entire life, Jamie can't imagine what life would be like without "four-legged" kids to keep life interesting.

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If you see yourself at the end of these lists, you're not alone. And neither is your dog. We're Central Bark Doggy Day Care and we're as crazy about your dog as you are. Our unique day care centers are now open in Downtown Milwaukee, North Milwaukee, Waukesha, and in the Lake Country (North Lake) area. To find out how our dog obsessions can make the best of yours, call 414-353-9991 (Downtown Milwaukee and North Milwaukee), 262-966-7637 (Lake Country – North Lake), 262-446-2273 (Waukesha), or go to www.centralbarkusa.com.

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