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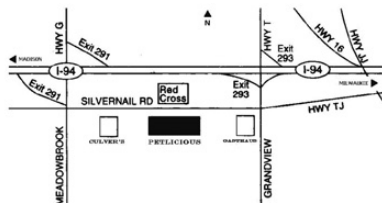
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Although we have plenty of ideas to fill future issues, we'd love to hear from you. Is there a topic you'd like to hear more information on or a service offered by local canine businesses that you would like to know more about? Send us an email or letter with your ideas and suggestions.

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Dog Federation of Wisconsin

You may not know it, but in order to save you and other dog owners money and to educate lawmakers, Kelly Wichman, President of the Dog Federation of Wisconsin (DFOW) will speak at a public hearing in the Wisconsin State Capitol. The bill she will be speaking against, AB247, proposes to change the date a late fee is assessed on the purchase of dog licenses from April 1st to February 1st. DFOW's stands against this bill because many dog owners wait until March for their dogs' annual exams in order to have a visit scheduled nearer to heartworm season. This annual visit can provide the rabies vaccination required to purchase a license. Additionally, many dog clubs hold health clinics in February and March. Monitoring legislation is one way that the DFOW fulfills its mission to "promote and protect responsible dog ownership."

The DFOW is a non-profit group comprised of approximately 40 dog clubs, a couple of pet boarding businesses and about 70 individual members. Although

DFOW almost disbanded in 2003 due to a combined lack of volunteers and funds, some people recognized "the need to have (an) advocate for dog and dog owners" and were able to revive DFOW, according to Wichman.

There are many educational roles that the DFOW fills. An education chairperson, who is both an obedience instructor and Canine Good Citizen evaluator, can provide presentations to such organizations as condo associations. The DFOW provides informational tables at pet expos and dog shows. Both the distributed literature and DFOW's website educates potential dog owners on purchasing from a reputable breeder. Current dog owners are reminded that responsible dog ownership includes picking up after pets, adhering to leash laws, and licensing their pets.

DFOW also provides literature from the American Dog Owners Association (ADOA), the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). DFOW is a member organization of ADOA. DFOW is "recognized" by the AKC as Wisconsin's state federation. The relationship is less defined with NAIA. All of these are "national organizations that for the most part have the same agenda as DFOW" with NAIA "at the forefront of recognizing the threat to animal ownership that comes from the animal rights agenda" states Wichman.

An animal rights group is defined on the DFOW website as a group that "seeks to end all animal ownership; to liberate all animals from their relationship with humans." This is differentiated from an animal welfare group which "seeks to ensure that all animals are treated in a caring, responsible manner." Wichman states, "the animal rights movement is a serious threat to dog ownership. That's why it is important for us to mention this on our website, in our literature and when speaking to people face to face."

As DFOW is a non-profit group, fundraising occurs in a variety of ways. The donation of old dog magazines to be sold on eBay is appreciated. Additionally, the DFOW website has merchandise for sale and provides a link to Amazon.com which benefits DFOW. Sometimes dog clubs donate a portion of each dog show entry to DFOW. A big fundraiser is held each fall when the Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club (WWCDTC) in Ixonia provides their building to DFOW to hold an obedience show and Canine Good Citizenship testing. WWCDTC members also voluntarily work at the event, hold a raffle and let DFOW generate funds from the food concessions on that day.

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Marie Tubbin loves spending time with her two best buddies, her husband, Mike and her dog, Louie. She met Mike at Burger King and Louie at HAWS and considers those two of the luckiest days of her life.

Ask the VET

As we begin the journey into warmer weather, our canine companions will naturally find themselves with a few more scraps and bumps as they dive for the tennis ball or catch a branch while romping through the woods. Are you fully prepared to handle minor medical emergencies? Does your canine first aid kit contain all of the right items? Do you even have a first aid kit for your four-legged friend? Ask the Vet decided that now is a great time to focus on two key topics going into these warmer summer months: Canine First Aid Kit and an Emergency Pet Information card. Make sure you're prepared to handle any minor emergencies with this first aid kit and take a few minutes to cut out and attach to your fridge this emergency pet information card to help yourself and others know exactly what needs to be done when an emergency occurs.

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making Fido realize that his owners are truly the leaders of the pack. This normally results in the dog becoming less stressed and more relaxed - something most owners certainly enjoy.

There are many pieces to the puzzle of elevating Fido's owners to pack leadership. First, Fido must be taught to respond to the owners in all circumstances. This includes such simple things as the sit and stay commands, and coming when called. In addition, owners must learn not to respond to the requests of the dog. Everything must be on the owner's terms. Both of these changes can happen quickly, allowing owners to become much more effective when reprimanding Fido. Then, and only then, will the owner be able to control Fido's nuisance barking.

When Fido is barking in the back yard, the owner must deliver a strong reprimand using the same "sound" each time. Using a variety of human words, such as "stop, don't bark, away from the fence, hey," etc., just doesn't work. Dogs have

no idea what we are saying, and we may reinforce the barking rather than stopping it. When Fido does stop barking we need to immediately praise him lavishly so that he connects the praise with his being quiet. Finally, we need to be consistent by always reprimanding his nuisance barking. Within a short time he will clearly understand what you want and your back yard will be quiet once again.

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Determined dog owners, don't despair or resign yourself to leaving your best friend behind. Other dog lovers have seen the need and are stepping up to fill the void. Jami Hanreddy loved vacationing at a rental home in Door County and enjoyed it so much she ended up buying her own property, Goosehill Retreat. She also loves her two Labradoodles, Emma and Frankie, and can appreciate the struggles other dog lovers face.

"Even the places that did allow dogs, many aren't that nice," she said, referring to the often minimal or dismal décor dog tolerant resorts often use to minimize costs in case of damage. "Ours is such a nice place." Her three bedroom, grey log home is completely refurbished and filled with antiques. When visitors are done appreciating the interior, they can head into the great outdoors for all the beauty the area has to offer.

Goosehill is one mile from water in three directions and five minutes from the only beach in Door County that allows dogs. There's also nearby hiking, fishing, boating and skiing, or just relaxing on the property's four acres. For the human travelers, the retreat is located near Fish Creek, Sister Bay and Ellison Bay, areas full of restaurants, art galleries and shopping.

For those headed in the opposite direction, Turtle Creek Ranch in Prairie Farm might be your ideal dog-friendly destination. 85 miles from the twin cities, owner Vicki Hoff offers guests a chance to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life. There are over 100 acres of woods, meadows and water to enjoy, including a spring-fed pond. The 1200 square foot pole barn was renovated to include a master bedroom, a living room sleeper and a full kitchen and bath with whirlpool all done in a southwestern motif.

Visitors can also take pleasure in the fact that their only neighbors are horses, ponies and pot-bellied pigs, all residents of Turtle Creek. Nature also provides some company with deer passing by the house and bald eagles spotted overhead. "This is a place to relax, to get away from it all for awhile," said Hoff.

She should know, as her own home is located about 300 feet away from the guesthouse. Like Jami Hanreddy, Vicki enjoyed vacationing with her dogs when she could but felt the guilt most owners feel when they have to leave their friends behind. Then this previous city dweller decided to move out to a quieter way of life and eventually started the retreat she'd always dreamed of.

Now that you're dreaming of that idyllic destination with your dogs, there are some things you need to consider. Decide what kind of vacation you'd like to have. If your heart is set on a barrage of dining and shopping experiences, perhaps having a dog in tow isn't what you're looking for. While both Hanreddy and Hoff permit owners to leave their pets at the houses, being left alone in a strange place in no vacation for your dog. For short jaunts, consider bringing your pet's kennel to keep him cozy and out of trouble and remember his favorite toys and bedding too. It'll remind him of home and keep him occupied.

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If you thought it over and your dream is still to enjoy a slower pace with your dog by your side, or sniffing somewhere in from of you, then all that's left is to decide on a date. Both retreats offer year round activities and a discount for off-peak stays. To head to Door County, call Jami Hanreddy's Goosehill Retreat at 414-332-4184. If Turtle Creek is more of what you're looking for, contact Vicki Hoff at 715-455-1281. Plan ahead, as both resorts book out in advance, especially in the more popular seasons.

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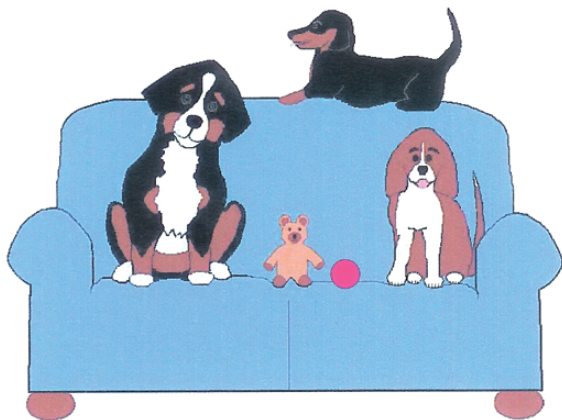
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How is fear of sounds learned?

Actually, it doesn't seem to be! When Tom hears a clap of thunder, a firecracker or gunshot, the sound enters the ear, proceeds to the brainstem and thalamus, then reaches a fork in the road. Electrical and chemical impulses move up both forks simultaneously, one a slow pathway, first to the cortex, then to the amygdala; the other a fast pathway directly to the amygdala. Both pathways work simultaneously to condition Tom to feel fear at the sharp, sudden sound. Each pathway is able to condition fear independently of the other. While some fears, such as those toward strangers, children, boxes and ceiling fans, are learned through association with upsetting situations, studies indicate that noise fears require no such associative learning. Rather, in some individuals, fear may occur with no conditioning or learning whatsoever, because the brain already contains the circuits that respond to a limited spectrum of stimuli, such as the loud and sudden crack of a lightning bolt. From that point, associative learning and generalization can cause the cascade of fearful responses to the sounds of wind, rain, flashing light, distant thunder and other accompanying events. To state this in another way, some individuals are genetically predisposed to develop noise phobias.

One reason why noise phobias are so hard to treat is that the amygdala contains some neurons that don't habituate to the stimulus, but rather continue to fire. These particular neurons are activated only by very loud noises and will always fire when stimulated by them. Learning has nothing to do with it, which is why behavior modification and training so seldom help these dogs.

Many of us have found that as our dogs get older, their sensitivity to storms and other loud, sudden sounds seems to increase. While young animals may be sensitive to sounds, they may be better able to control their responses; the slow pathway, which allows for some thinking about what's happening, is able to override the fast pathway. But as Tom ages, over many exposures, some of them especially intense, he may lose his ability to think rationally, allowing the fast pathway to take over. We then see a very emotional and reactive response.

Enter the hippocampus. This is a structure in the brain which appears to control the expression of fear. Chronic stress compromises the ability of the hippocampus to regulate the fear response of the amygdala. Conversely, the amygdala seems to like a stressful environment. So without the hippocampus to apply the brakes, the responses of the amygdala get stronger over time, and so I find Tom climbing on my head at 4 a.m. as a distant storm approaches. A sort of feedback loop forms. The more the dog is stressed, the better the amygdala functions, the more the hippocampus degenerates, and the more extreme the dog's responses become.

Additionally the "flight" hormone epinephrine (adrenaline), produced by the adrenal glands when an animal is stressed (afraid) makes anything learned during the fearful time especially resistant to unlearning. So even barometric changes associated with the sound stimulus invariably and vividly recall to the dog her fright at the actual thunderclap.

While some fears may be linked to a past event, such as being tied out during a storm, or taken to a Fourth of July event during a critical fear period, often there is no such connection. Some breeds, such as Border Collies, German Shepherds, and Labrador and Golden Retrievers seems to have a genetic predisposition to develop noise phobias.

Learned fears have several characteristics. First, studies show that once it's learned, it's probably always there, sort of like that raspberry stain on your white tablecloth. And while fearful responses can be extinguished and counter-conditioned, these processes often spontaneously reverse and the fearful responses return. This is called "recovery."

So besides extinguishing and counter-conditioning fearful responses, the best results are obtained by simultaneously teaching the dog self-control and coping skills, such as running to get a tennis ball when a storm approaches, or using Tellington TTouch to facilitate a learned calm response to a word like "easy."

That being said, what are our options? As alternative and complementary treatments become more mainstream, we find there are actually quite a few things we can do to help our dogs. They may never be completely calm at the approach of a storm, but may be content to lie at our feet rather than exploding through a screen door.

Electricity.

Some animals may gather a static charge, thus try to ground themselves behind plumbing pipes or by leaping into the bathtub. Relief may come from application of spray anti-static products, such as you'd use to keep your slip from gluing itself to your pantyhose in the winter.

Tellington TTouch

Just as a hug may calm a frightened child, or swaddling a baby stops its crying, body wraps, which use the concept of maintained pressure, may shift the autonomic nervous system from sympathetic (responding to stress) to parasympathetic (remaining calm) functioning. Tactile stimulation may reduce cortisol (stress hormone) levels.

In my experience, wraps are best applied when the dog's emotional state is still calm, for example, if storms are forecast, rather than waiting till thunder is heard in the distance. The idea is to preserve, as much as possible, the calm state. You can, however, put the wrap on at anytime to help the dog come back to a state of calm. To apply a body wrap, simply slip a t-shirt over your dog's head, back of the

shirt on the front of the dog, front legs through the armholes. Gather up the loose material hanging under the belly into a knot on top of the dog's back and secure with a rubber band or scrunchie. This provides remarkable calming for some animals. Tom still wears his body wrap during severe storms.

Touching dogs in specific ways, such as those used in Tellington TTouch, lowers their heart rate, blood pressure and cortisol levels, as well as generates brain wave patterns that promote thinking rather than reacting. TTouch can be an effective method for teaching relaxation and self-control. Three techniques to use for storm and noise phobic dogs include: Tail TTouch, Ear TTouch, and Belly Lift.

While you're touching your dog in this way, your heart rate, blood pressure and cortisol levels are also being reduced as a result of the direct tactile interaction. I don't know about you, but during violent storms my heart rate, blood pressure and cortisol levels tend to rise a bit, so doing TTouch on my dogs helps control my own stress response.

Another effect of wraps and touching may be the production of molecules of "endogenous morphine," often referred to as "endorphins." These consist of short protein molecules called "peptides" which the brain and pituitary gland produce in response to pressure and touch. When the endorphins plug into opioid receptor sites in the hypothalamus, amygdala, and other brain structures, they create a calming and stabilizing effect.

Help From Plants.

Flower essences, believed to work energetically, may calm a stressed animal. Rescue Remedy, Rock Rose, Mimulus and Aspen have helped some of my clients. Aromatherapy, particularly, lavender essential oil which has an affinity for the nervous system, has also been helpful. A solution of flower essences or lavender essential oil can be misted around the animal. Be sure to purchase only 100% pure, preferably therapeutic grade, essential oils.

Herbals such as chamomile, valerian, and skullcap also have an affinity for the nervous system, meaning that its components bind to receptors of nerve cells to

create a calming effect. Because these herbs may have side effects, work with your veterinarian or an experienced herbalist.

Additional Possibilities

Acupressure, the hormone melatonin, Dog Appeasing Pheromone (D.A.P.), or a white noise machine or a radio tuned to static provide relief for some dogs. You might even try something as simple as a pink lamp in a nightlight next to your dog's crate, which two of my clients found helpful. Pink lights have been used to calm violent inmates in prisons. Finally, pharmaceuticals used in conjunction with behavior modification have been helpful in some cases. It's always helpful to consult your veterinarian, especially since underlying health issues may affect behavior.

It's also been reported that if a dog overcomes the fear of storms over one season, you'll probably need to repeat the helpful treatment for a second season to completely fix the problem. And don't wait till a storm is imminent. Begin the desired remedy long before that first lightning bolt splits the heavens. It's much easier to keep a calm dog calm than to calm an aroused dog.

While Tom still gets a little concerned and trembly during the really violent storms, I no longer find myself wearing a fur hat in the middle of the night. Tom's "fix" was a combination of two things which I've found work well for many

dogs: a t-shirt body wrap and Rescue Remedy, available at many health food stores. If you'd like more information about the suggestions in this article, come to a workshop at Kindness Canine called "The Big Bang!"

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BREED PROFILE:

The Border Collie

The Border collie: A lovable, smart, workaholic.

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"Border collies are a very unique breed," says Lori Jensen, president of Wisconsin Border Collie Rescue. "We normally tell people that owning a Border collie is not like owning a 'regular' dog - owning a Border collie is a lifestyle. They are a time and energy commitment that is more than most any other breed, of course there are great returns on your investment, but most of the dogs we see in rescue are turned in because their previous owners had no idea what they were getting into when they got a Border collie."

The Border collie is one of the few breeds that were not bred for looks. Instead the dogs were bred for intelligence, trainability to work with humans, and ability to work with livestock. According to Janet Larson's book, "The Versatile Border Collie," the breed is presently known to have the longest lifespan. In England there are two known females who are currently 27 and 23 years old. On average, however, the typical lifespan of the dog is 16 to 18 years.

A typical Border collie can be anywhere from 25 pounds to 65 pounds, according to the United States Border Collie Club (USBCC). The coat can be rough (long), semi-rough, or smooth (short-haired). Coat colors also vary from black and white to red and white and tri-colored

(brown, black and white). Freckling on the muzzle and legs is common. The eye colors range from amber to dark brown and sometimes blue, while the ears can sometimes be pricked, semi-erect, dropped or a combination.

The trait that sets Border collies apart from most breeds is the way they stare when their minds are working. This stare is called the Border collie "eye," according to Grace Saalsaa, author of "A Perfectly Good Dog." Saalsaa, a Whitewater native, has been active in Border collie rescue for 15 years.

"I've often referred to this (stare) as having your Border collie stare at the inside of the back of your skull. Even eight-week-old Border collie puppies with the herding instinct will drop into that slinky crouch and fix their eye on whatever they intend to herd," Saalsaa explains. "Herding is an instinct and a Border collie owner must be aware that this is a genetic trait that is hardwired into the dog. You cannot train it out of the dog."

Border collies have a herding style that also sets them apart from other herding breeds, adds Saalsaa. They are known to be gathering dogs rather than driving dogs. In most cases the Border collie will head out in a pair-shaped circle to get in front of a flock, gather it, and bring it back the shepherd.

Another characteristic of the Border collie is to nip any critter who fails to have his motion controlled by being "eyed," continues Saalsaa. This is commonly seen with Border collies attempting to herd children or other household pets. "Motion typically sets the Border collie into his genetically programmed need to herd. To stop the herding behavior the easiest thing to do is to stop moving and stand still," she adds.



Since Border collies have been bred to think on their own, they tend to be workaholics and can be enthusiastically destructive. "They really love to take things apart," says Saalsaa.

Because of their intelligence, Border collies can often find themselves in trouble. Jensen describes the breed as more intense and in-tune than most other breeds.

"I've had a foster dog that learned to open the front door to let himself outside when his family was gone, just by watching them do it," she explains. "I normally tell



people that the Border collie intelligence is a double-edged sword and while it's wonderful in some aspects, it can be a pain in others."

Jensen admits that she's had both positive and negative experiences in dealing with Border collie intelligence during obedience training. "They pick things up really quickly and try behaviors in order to win approval. Unfortunately, this sometimes leads to my dog trying too hard and giving me new and exciting behaviors when all I was asking for was the first one I gave him. It's kind of a 'if you like that, let me show you this' type of thing."

Dr. Patricia McConnell, a certified applied animal behaviorist, owner of Dog's Best Friend, Ltd., (a dog training facility in Black Earth), and author of "The Other End of the Leash," concurs. "Border collies can be easier to teach in some ways, but harder for beginners because Border collies can be like an overly responsive car. They really aren't a good dog for anyone with little experience or who uses rough methods," she explains.

Though Border collies are truly a wonderful breed that will work tirelessly for their owner's love and approval, researching the breed is highly recommended for anyone thinking of adopting one.

"Research the breed, talk to a rescuer to hear about the dogs that are flooding the humane societies and rescues," adds Jensen. "Meet some Border collies and notice their intensity. People should ask themselves if they have the time to dedicate to a Border collie. We normally tell adopters that it is important for most Border collies to have a job to do. That job can be herding, obedience, agility, tricks, Frisbee, tracking, rescue work, almost anything. They need their bodies and brains worked everyday."

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The P O O P on Professional Scoopers

Land mines or lawn sausages, no matter what clever name you pick, dog poop stinks. More than one backyard barbeque has been interrupted by a misstep in something less than pleasant. Once the dreaded weekend chore, dog owners can now enter their backyards free of both poop and scoopers.

Professional doggy poop scooper companies offer people the enjoyment of canine companionship without the hassles of backyard clean up. In today's busy lifestyle, one less chore is a good thing, particularly this one. "People just don't like to do it," says Mike Burns, owner of Scoop's Pet Waste Removal. "Customers love the service; they say they couldn't do without it."

There are plenty of reasons to go with such a service. For instance - your family's protection. Bacteria and parasites can reside in waste which can be transmitted to other animals and family members. For the environment, storm runoff can carry contaminants and pollute waterways. It can also increase nitrogen levels in the water, which depletes oxygen harming plants, fish and other wildlife.



Photo courtesy of Mike Burns, Scoop's Pet Waste Removal.

You can do it for your lawn; dog poop is not a fertilizer, think about all those ugly brown patches. (Refer to Fetch Magazine's May 2005 issue for lawn care advice.) It's also the law. Many communities require that you pick up after you pet. Pile Patrol's Gretchen Gibb reminds owners that in some communities what you do with the waste is restricted. "Owner's aren't supposed to throw it away," she said, "it's supposed to be flushed." That makes the scooper's haul away service a very appealing option.

No one likes to risk stepping in a mess and dragging it into the house or car. Nor does anyone like the family battles of who cleaned the yard last and whose up next. Not to mention it's a lot more neighborly to not force those next to you to have to see or smell the mess in your backyard.

These services come with a variety of options. Price is usually dependant on the size of the yard and the number of dogs, but it can be as low as \$7 per visit. The scoopers bring their own equipment and take the waste with them. Gretchen Gibb also offers a litter box service for dog owners with cats. Owners get two clean litter boxes; they bag up the soiled one and replace it with the clean one. Gretchen picks up the used box and leaves another sanitized one.

In addition to being a convenience for pet owners, professional pooper-scoopers can provide an invaluable service to elderly or disabled clients, saving them from one of the more physical challenges of pet ownership. It's the people that have kept Mike Burns at it for three years. "It isn't the work," replied Mike when asked what he likes about his job. "I really like the customer interaction."

For Gretchen Gibb, who started her service in August of 1993, it's the travel. "I like going from house to house, although it's always a yard, it's still like always having a different environment," she said. "I also like the down time I get in my car." There's plenty of travel time for those in the poop industry. The average

visit is less than 15 minutes per house, longer for larger or messier yards, and they might visit up to 50 clients a day in the busy spring season.



Photo courtesy of Gretchen Gibb, Pile Patrol.

So for those owners without the time or the interest to pick up another pile, a professional service might be the way to go. The services listed here can be contacted at 262-366-7949 for Mike Burn's Scoop's Pet Waste Removal or, to reach Gretchen Gibb, owner of Pile Patrol, call 414-6k9-poop.

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The Legal Beagle

Staying Out of the Dog House: Responsible Pet Owners Equal Happy Landlords

As a former tenant, the Legal Beagle has first hand experience with the difficulties many pet owners face trying to find pet-friendly rental housing. Landlords are not solely to blame for this problem. Unfortunately, not all tenants are respectful and responsible pet owners. These "bad apples" discourage landlords from renting to all pet owners.

The lack of available rental housing is a serious problem for pets. One of the most common reasons given by pet owners who relinquish their pets to an animal shelter is "moving" or that "the landlord won't allow" the pet. The purpose of this article is to help landlords and tenants work together to increase pet-friendly rental housing.

First Things First

Renting with a pet is a privilege, not a right. The reason is simple. Legally, except in very rare circumstances, landlords do not have to permit pets. Therefore, if a tenant makes the landlord's experience of renting to a pet owner a miserable one, it is unlikely the landlord will want to permit pets in the future.

What Tenants Need to Know to Be Responsible Renters

Tenants with pets, like all pet owners, have various legal responsibilities as pet owners. These responsibilities can be found in state statutes and municipal ordinances. The rental agreement sometimes imposes additional obligations on the pet owner.

In the City of Milwaukee, the legal obligations of pet owners include the following:

- Both dogs and cats must be licensed.
- Pet owners must prevent their pets from frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking or other disturbances.

-Pet owners and/or caretakers must confine, restrain or maintain control over the pet to prevent an attack or injury to any person or domesticated animal.

-When pet owners and/or caretakers appear on any property other than their own, they must carry a shovel, scoop, bag or other item to clean up after their pet.

-Pet owners and/or caretakers must immediately clean up after pets by properly picking up and disposing of pet waste.

Tenants who take the time to learn their legal responsibilities make the landlord's experience of permitting pets a more enjoyable one.

Landlords Should Re-examine Their Pet Policies

Typically, landlords mistakenly create pet policies with restrictions based on the pets. For example, many landlords have always had a firm "no pets" policy. Others allow "only cats" or "only dogs." Still others restrict pets to those of a certain "weight limit" or of a certain "breed." Of course, although most dogs make lovely tenants, they have abundant difficulty understanding the terms of the lease agreement!

Truly successful pet policies focus not upon the pet, but on the actions of the pet owner. With careful consideration, landlords can create thorough lease agreements that demand responsible behavior from tenants with pets. Some provisions that landlords may wish to include in their lease agreements include:

- Require full compliance with laws regarding pet ownership.
- Require that pets be up to date on rabies and other vaccinations. Verify compliance by requiring a vaccination record from the veterinarian.
- Require that pets wear collars with identification tags at all times.
- Require "pet references." Ask the tenant if he or she has ever rented with a pet before. If so, ask to speak with the prior landlord to determine whether the pet owner upheld his or her responsibilities under the prior lease agreement.
- Require that all pets be spayed or neutered to reduce pet overpopulation.
- Require the tenant to be fully financially responsible for any damage caused by the tenant's pets.



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 -Require the pet owner to have the carpet cleaned by a professional carpet cleaner at the end of the lease.
 -Require the pet owner to indemnify the landlord against liability for any injury to any person or damage to property that is caused by the pet.

The Benefits

Pet-friendly rental policies benefit both landlords and tenants. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, approximately 50% of renters have pets. Landlords who permit pets benefit from a reduction in vacancies. Tenants benefit from the availability of pet-friendly rental housing. But the greatest benefit of pet-friendly rental policies is the one to our pets. After all, the ability to read the lease agreement may not be in the stars, but having a roof overhead is far better.

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What is the point of teaching my dog a trick, you might ask? Well, your dog's one-dog-show does more than entertain your friends. Teaching tricks can improve the relationship you have with your dog. Owner and operator of Amiable Dog Training and multi-media personality Amy Ammen believes in the benefits of dog tricks. "It helps you learn your dog's body english and signals, and how to elicit responses." This can help you segue into obedience training, which is important when your dog must obey emergency commands in the presence of distractions such as a squirrel and a speeding car.

As unique tricks go, Ammen has taught her own dog, Able, to dance. Actually, he does freestyle obedience - choreographed tricks in four categories: paws, spinning, weaving and jumping. The variations and combinations of these make the dance. And the real crowd pleasers aren't the hardest tricks to teach, admits Ammen. Her audience loves Able walking arm in arm with Ammen, who holds her forearm parallel to the ground and Able puts his forepaws on it, walking along on his hind legs. But "Able's most impressive trick," says Ammen, "is he jumps on my back." Ammen describes it as "I bow, he bows."

Another benefit of dog tricks is to lessen anxiety in both people and dogs. If you come across someone afraid of dogs, watching your dog perform a dog trick can win their heart, says Ammen. For dogs, children often cause anxiety. Ammen recommends having the children ask the dog to perform a trick. "It actu-

ally gets rid of the phobia," she says. "It's forcing [the dog] to concentrate on some other project." She says this works better than just treats and nice talking which can sometimes work in reverse, rewarding the anxious behavior.

And don't forget that spending time with your dog is the ultimate reward. "Tricks allow you to get on your dog's good side," says Ammen. Learning tricks is like having a goal and both you and your dog will feel a sense of accomplishment.

Tricks come in all forms. A quick search on Google produced 595,000 websites with unique tricks. There was Bye-Bye (the dog waves her paw at you), Clean paws (the dog stands on his hind legs and shows you how clean his front paws are), bow (a dog behind is in the air while she bends her forepaws down) and even close the door (which is exactly what it sounds like). I found many of these, including instructions at www.canineconcepts.co.uk, just to name one. Professional trainers, such as Aimable Dog Training, often offer freestyle obedience clubs or classes too.

The possibilities are endless, and you can always come up with your own tricks with just imagination and patience. A

Hartland resident taught his Yorkshire Terrier, Copper, to roll on his back, with his paws out, playing "dead" whenever someone pointed at him in a mock gun shape and said "bang." It was a delight and Copper performed for anyone, wagging his little tail even with all for legs stiff in the air. As for the most unusual trick Ammen's seen: "I instantly think of the Circus," she says. "I don't know how they teach a dog to do a back flip . . . It flabbergasts me."

Here are some general techniques for teaching any trick.

1. Break it down into small parts. For Able to learn his arm-in-arm trick, Ammen first had him put his paws on a ledge on command. Once he knew that, she got him to do it to her arm and finally she began to move.
2. Reward with treats and praise. Ammen recommends small sized, really good treats, something your dog wants in inhale, not chew.
3. Keep it short. Even Ammen's intense training is only eight minutes a day. Also, doing the same trick for the whole session is frustrating for a dog, so keep it varied. Breaking it into many shorter sessions is good too.
4. Don't work on too much too soon. And if you feel yourself getting frustrated, stop. It should be fun.

Although working up to back flips and a dog-human do-si-do will take a lot of work, many tricks can be done in only a few sessions. See what unique tricks you can come up with, and don't forget to write in to Fetch Magazine and tell us all about them.

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.

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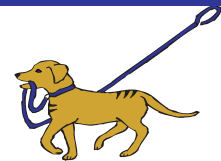
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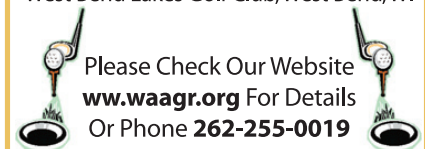


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Puppy Socialization	Monday, June 13th	7:45pm - 8:45pm
AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)	Tuesday, June 14th	7:45pm - 8:45pm
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The breed dates back over a thousand years in Sweden, and these "big dogs in little packages" are still seen working on farms. Valls are said to be related to small European wolves and still retain some wolf-like traits. Similar to wolves, the Vallhund has a relatively big head and teeth, often comes in season only once a year, has smaller litters and retains some of the alertness of their ancestors. Most will bark if aware of an intruder, and many have a big-dog bark. Vallhund, translated from Swedish, means herding dog. They are exceptionally versatile and can do everything from herding, agility, and search and rescue, to water retrieval, tracking, obedience, detection work and flyball. They also make loving companions and pets. Swedish Vallhunds are fun-loving, loyal and dedicated to their owners and families. They get along well with other animals and love children. Brought to the U.S. in 1985, their numbers have been growing slowly, but steadily. There are approximately 600 Valls in the U.S. at this time.

This medium-sized breed ranges from 12-14 inches in height and weighs between 23-35 pounds, with males being somewhat larger than females.



They are sturdy and, in general, healthy and long-lived. Some individuals attain nearly 20 years of age. There have been some occurrences of eye problems, but few major health issues. Anyone wishing to purchase a puppy should make sure they are dealing with a reputable breeder who can provide documentation of having tested their breeding stock.

Vallhund coat colors are similar to those found in wolves, most commonly red or grey sable. Coarse, black guard hairs in the outer coat give the sabled appearance. Occasionally, there are litters with pups that would be classified as blue, cream, red or white, some without true sabling, some spotted and some over one third white with colored spots. These pups are considered mismarks and are not acceptable colors for show or breeding. However, mismarked pups are generally healthy and make wonderful pets.

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People wishing to buy a Swedish Vallhund puppy should expect to wait due to a scarcity of litters worldwide. We encourage people to meet and spend time with a Vall, if possible, and research the breed thoroughly before purchasing. Joining a breed club such as the American Swedish Vallhund Society (ASVS) or a special interest group on the internet can be helpful in acquiring more information about the breed and breeders.

Similar to other herding breeds, the Swedish Vallhund is not for everyone. They are extremely intelligent and intuitive and need mental stimulation. Simply put, they can be a greater training challenge.

Overall, Valls are eager to please and are an enchanting breed. Being owned by a Vall, as a well known Vall owner stated, "is a life enhancing experience." Having three Vallahunds each, we'd have to agree.

For further information on Swedish Vallahunds please go to the ASVS (American Swedish Vallhund Society) website at <http://www.vallhund.net> or the SVCA (Swedish Vallhund Club of America) website at <http://www.swedishvallhund.tripod.com>. You can also search for "Swedish Vallhund" in your favorite search engine to access links for Swedish Vallhund sites around the world.

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Canine FREESTYLE



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Mark Twain once said, "dance like no one is watching". That was his philosophy on how to live life. That quote is also the feeling of many of us canine freestylers. Yet, people are compelled to watch when our dance partner is our dog.

Canine Freestyle has become an increasingly popular sport. It can be defined as a choreographed musical program performed by handlers and their dogs. The routines unite obedience and tricks with music. Creativity, innovativeness and originality in movements are encouraged, which gives teams the opportunity to put some non-traditional obedience moves on display.

I decided to give dancing with my dog a try about five years ago when I was preparing for a demonstration at the Wisconsin State Fair. Since then we have started classes at our training school at For Pet's Sake and will be starting our own club in the near future. We have about fifteen students that are actively training in the sport and aggressively pursuing titles.

Dog owners are attracted to this sport for a number of reasons. For anyone who has invested a great deal of time into training basic obedience it gives them another outlet to use these skills. This is especially true of handlers whose dogs have reached their titling potential or are facing retirement. Even dogs that have some physical limitations can do freestyle since they can often do freestyle moves when they can't participate in a physically demanding sport like agility.

Freestyle demonstrates the ability of humans and canines to work together. The activity is truly bonding and very rewarding for both team members. At our school it is the most requested demonstration. We often visit senior centers and nursing homes. As much as I enjoy seeing how much fun my dog has in freestyle nothing can match the sight of elderly people, some who are very limited in movement, clapping along to the music as we dance.

In learning different freestyle moves I have found that I have gained a better grasp of shaping canine behaviors. Also, the learning process is not as stressful as in some other types of training. I use the moves as a physical warm up for my dog before agility and flyball, to keep my dog more chiropractically balanced and to use ringside before obedience for focus and stress reduction.

There are also organizations that have formalized some rules and offer competitions and titles. In order to achieve a title the team must receive two qualifying scores either through a live competition or a videotaped performance that is judged. Our original freestyle instructor, Mary Ann Coutley, was one of a few people in the state to receive titles on her Dalmatian, Wynonna. Mary Ann has her title in both the category of heelwork to music and musical freestyle. I have had the honor titling the first Bichon

Frise in this sport according to Patie Ventre, founder of The World Canine Freestyle Organization (WFCO).

The WFCO offers a number of divisions such as pairs, juniors, teams and sassy seniors. Within those divisions there are style categories. In the category of heelwork to music the dog and handler can be side-by-side, face-to-face, face-to-back or back-to-back. However, when performing any of these moves the dog must always be within four feet of the handler and in some form of heel position. For the beginner there is an "A" class and an on-leash class.

In the division of musical freestyle, the handler can be far more creative in developing a routine as distance work is allowed along with weaves, jumps, send outs and distant spins. For instance, in one of Mary Ann's routines she starts out circling the dog in a down position and then as Wynonna rolls over Mary Ann jumps over her. It is a very memorable start.

Amy Stern, our current instructor, just returned from a seminar where they offered help in learning dance moves as well as selecting music. Amy states, "It is recommended that you select music that reminds you of your dog or represents your relationship with your dog. I chose



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Costumes and props make the WCFO's competitions even more interesting to watch. To see some of the top teams in the world you can go to www.worldcanine-freestyle.org and click on to the video clips. Some of the moves and routines are truly unbelievable. The website also provides any information you may want about their organization.

Another freestyle organization is Canine Freestyle Federation. To find out more about this organization you can go to www.canine-freestyle.org

If this sounds interesting you can start a freestyle class for fun or to strive towards competition. For Pet's Sake Dog Training offers an eight-week course for beginners as well as an advanced level on Monday nights. Amiable Dog Training School has a walk-in class on the second Sunday of every month at 2:00pm in Milwaukee.

To learn more on your own, Sandra Davis has a video set with three levels of instructions, which can be purchased through www.dogwise.com. They also carry a few books on freestyle as well.

So the next time you feel your toes tapping to some good music, grab your dog and dance like no one is watching!

Patti Muraczewski has been a dog training instructor for over 28 years. She owns For Pet's Sake Dog Training School which offers both in home training and group sessions. Patti trains her dogs for obedience, flyball, agility and tracking. She is certified as a trainer through Association of Pet Dog Trainers and Animal Behavior College and writes for the national magazine Front and Finish.s

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June

2 Thursday

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When: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc

Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

What: Lead Dog (Intermediate) Class Starts

Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago

When: 7:00 p.m.

Info: 1-888-581-9070

3 Friday

What: Yappy Hour

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery

When: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (reservations req.)

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

What: Obedience Run Thru's

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown

When: 7:00 p.m.

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5 Sunday

What: "Grand Opening" of Soggy Paws Self-Serve Dog Wash & Wellness Center

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery

When: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

What: Animal Communication with Rebecca Moravec

Where: The Natural Pet, Bay View

When: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. By Apt. Only.

Info: 414-482-PETS, 20 min./\$40, 30 min./\$60

What: The Big Bang: Thunderstorm/Noise Fears and Phobias

When: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc

Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

What: Golden Retriever Rescue (GGROW)

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery

When: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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7 Tuesday

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec

Where: The Natural Pet, Bay View

When: Starting at 5:30 p.m.

Info: Pre-Registered Apts. Only. 414-482-7387

What: AKC Canine Good Citizen (GVC)

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown

When: 7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Info: 262-502-3647

10 Friday

What: Obedience Run Thrus

Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago

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

Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Flyball (\$20/6 months, \$9 walk-in fee)

Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield

When: 6:30 p.m.

Info: 414-289-7785, www.dogclass.com

11 Saturday

What: Milwaukee Dog Training Club's Annual AKC Obedience Trial

Where: Western Waukesha Dog Training Club

Info: 961-6163 Spectators welcome!

12 Sunday

What: Animal Comm. Mini Consultations w/ Rebecca Moravec

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery

When: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (reservations req.)

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

What: Ice Cream Social (Sundaes for you and your dog)

Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc

When: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Info: 262-560-1717

What: 4th Annual K9 Carnival

Where: Amiable Dog Training, Brookfield

When: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Info: 414-289-7785, www.dogclass.com

13 Monday

What: Basic Obedience

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown

When: 7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Info: 262-502-3647

What: Puppy Socialization

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown

When: 7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Info: 262-502-3647

16 Thursday

What: Rally Obedience Class Starts

Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago

When: 7:30 p.m.

Info: 1-888-581-9070

17 Friday

What: Nail Clipping w/ Cathy Thomas

Where: The Natural Pet, Bay View

When: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Only \$7.00

Info: 414-482-PETS, No appt necessary.

What: Yappy Hour

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery

When: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (reservations req.)

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What: Big Rummage Sale for WAAGR

Where: N61 W12851 Hemlock Ct., Menomonee Falls

When: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fri & Sat

Info: www.waagr.org

What: UKC Agility Run Thrus

Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago

When: 6:30 p.m. (\$5/5 minutes)

Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Teacup Agility Run Thrus

Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield

When: 6:30 p.m.

Info: 414-289-7785, www.dogclass.com

18 Saturday

What: Open House

Where: Lucky Dog! Dog Day Care, Mukwonago

When: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Info: 262-363-5951, www.luckydogdogdaycare.com

What: 1st Annual Milwaukee Pugfest

Where: YMCA South Shore, Cudahy

When: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Info: www.pugrescue.org (\$5 Adults, \$2 Kids)

What: Holistic Horse and Pet Fair

When: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Angell Park, Sun Prairie WI

Info: 608-827-6870; dcnikki@earthlink.net

What: Canine Massage by Doug Arthur

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery

When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

19 Sunday

What: Greyhound Rescue

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery

When: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

24 Friday

What: Run & Games Night

Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago

When: 7:00 p.m.

Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Yappy Hour

Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield

When: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Info: 414-289-7785, www.dogclass.com

25 Saturday

What: Reike III w/ Rebecca Moravec

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery

When: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (reservations req.)

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

What: Pet Pictures w/ SliderPhoto

Where: Pet Supplies Plus, Greenfield

When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Appt req.)

Info: 414-545-9790, www.sliderphoto.com

26 Sunday

What: Pet and/or Human Massage by Doug Arthur

Where: The Natural Pet, Bay View

When: Starting at Noon by Apt. Only

Info: Pre-Registered Apts. Only. 414-482-7387

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elaine@cockerrescue

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wrtr@bigfoot.com

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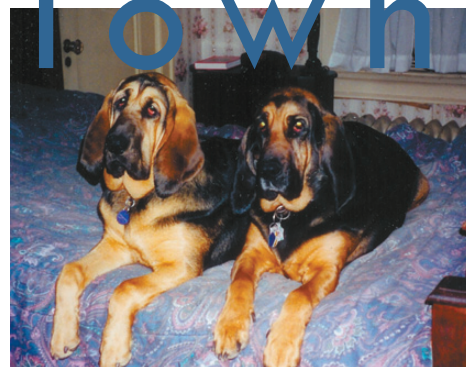
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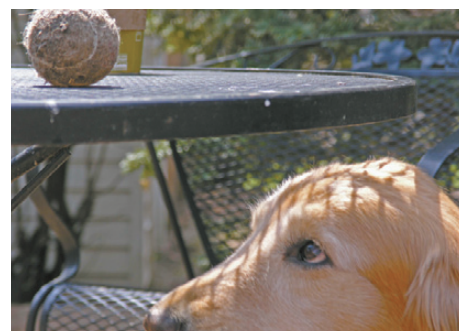
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Parker Pat, Racine

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28 Tuesday

What: Beyond Basic Obedience
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Info: 262-502-3647

Every Thursday

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

Every Saturday

What: For Pet's Sake Puppy Parties
Where: Central Bark Doggy Day Care, Downtown

When: Noon (except holiday weekends)
Info: For Pet's Sake 1-888-581-9070

Who: "Your Family Pet" with Amy Ammen
Where: WRRD 540am The Word
What: Radio Show 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Info: Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

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

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