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Around this time of year...early, early spring, come on, let's be optimistic, many of us plan our summer vacations. If you're like a large group of Wisconsinites, you have camping up north on your list. If you're like most other readers of this magazine, you may be wondering if taking the four-legged family member is a good idea. We'll help you out. On page 22 is a great article that will help you decide if bringing the family friend is in the best interest of everyone, including the family friend. Camping with your canine companions can be a lot of fun, as long as a few basic rules are followed. Take a look at our article for some great ideas.

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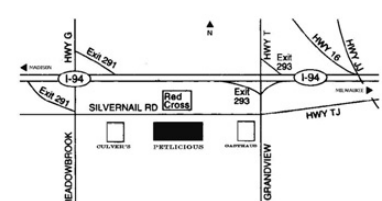
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Answer: Dogs are infected with "kennel cough" through close contact with other dogs. This includes nose to nose contact as well as just being in close proximity as the bacteria can travel through the air. Common situations where dogs are exposed include the kennel, groomer, dog park, training class and even your veterinarian's waiting room! If your dog is a homebody and his friends are healthy, he is at low risk for contracting this disease.

Kennel cough, also known as infectious tracheobronchitis (ITB), is a multifactorial disease in which the primary contributor is a bacteria called *Bordetella bronchiseptica*. ITB usually causes a loud, honking cough that resolves on its own without any specific treatment. However, in certain situations, this cough can develop into a much more serious pneumonia that can be life-threatening.

Certain factors that contribute to a dog developing ITB include: concurrent upper respiratory viruses (parainfluenza, distemper, adenovirus), crowding stress, poor ventilation, heavy dust or smoke exposure and shipping stress. Puppies, with their immature immune systems, are much more susceptible to not only developing the disease, but to developing serious complications as a result. Additionally, brachycephalic breeds (i.e.; pugs, bulldogs, shih tzu, etc. that have pushed-in noses) are at greater risk for serious complications due to their conformation. Geriatric dogs may also be more prone to contracting ITB as their aging immune systems are less effective at fighting off disease.

Your dog's age, breed and lifestyle are all factors we consider in vaccinating dogs for kennel cough. Your health status (immunocompromised) and family makeup (babies, young children) are considerations as well.

Bordetella bronchiseptica is fairly contagious among dogs and may also be transmitted to cats, pigs, rabbits and guinea pigs. Immunocompromised humans and young children are also susceptible to contracting *Bordetella bronchiseptica* which is closely related to the bacteria responsible for whooping cough, *Bordetella pertussis*.

Two types of vaccines are available for protection against *Bordetella bronchiseptica*. One is administered intranasally and one is given by injection. Neither of these vaccines will completely eliminate the risk of infection. However, vaccinated dogs have substantially fewer symptoms than unvaccinated dogs.

In some situations, you have no control over the decision whether to vaccinate or not. Kennels, groomers and puppy classes all require this vaccine.

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Dog parks, yappy hours and doggie day-care. All fun things for your dog to do, right? But, how do you know if your dog will be good around other dogs? What do you need to keep in mind when introducing your dog to a new doggie friend?

KNOW YOUR DOG

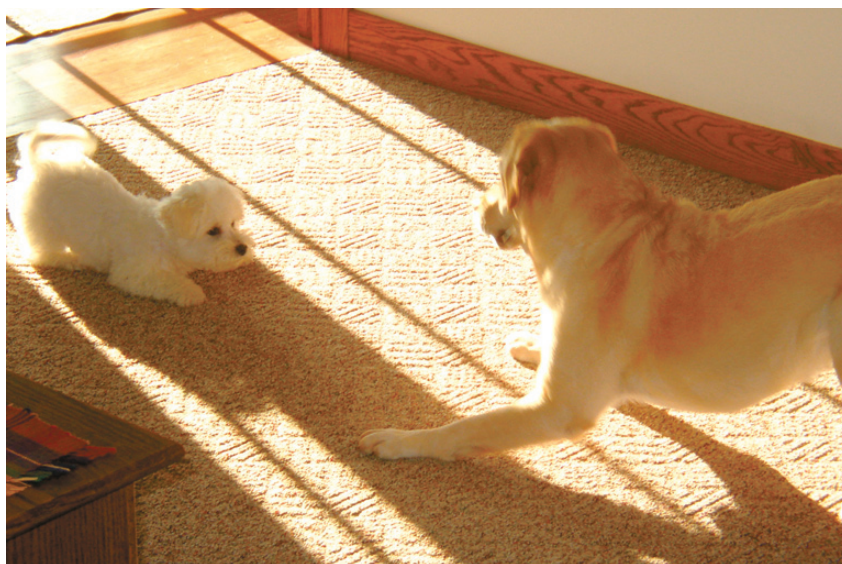
Think about your dog. When your dog is comfortable he is happy, playing and basically not feeling threatened in any way. How does your dog look when he plays with a dog he currently knows and gets along with? What does his body language look like when you or another family member is playing with him and he is having a good time?

Now, think about what he looks like when he is uncomfortable (scared, spooked, nervous, feeling threatened, stressed, not happy, doesn't want to play). Does he not like storms, car rides, going to the vet or groomer? What does he look like when you scold him for doing something naughty?

UNDERSTANDING DOG BODY LANGUAGE

Have you ever watched a dog work sheep? A body movement of less than an inch can make a ram charge or back away. It is truly awesome to watch! Understanding your dog's body language can seem like you are trying to learn a second language. Actually, you are. You are learning "Doggie" language. And just like we had to learn our first language dogs have to learn their language too!

Let's break down your dog's body language. Taking a look at different parts of the body one at a time to see how your dog's body language will typically look when he is comfortable (not feeling threatened) vs. when he is uncomfortable or may feel threatened.



Overall Body Stance

When your dog is comfortable you will typically see his body look soft. His body will seem loose maybe even wiggly like a puppy. When your dog is uncomfortable you will see his body get very still. He will freeze or look like a statue.

Head

A comfortable dog will move his head about naturally. An uncomfortable dog will hold his head very still or move very slowly.

Eyes

When a dog is comfortable he will make eye contact with another dog, but will not have a staring contest. His eyes will look soft or relaxed. When your dog is uncomfortable he will deliberately not make eye contact or will be staring at the other dog with that "bug-eyed" look.

Mouth

A dog with a relaxed or open looking mouth is showing signs of a comfortable dog. It may look as if they are smiling. An uncomfortable dog will have a tight looking mouth which may be accompanied by a lip curl, snarl, growl or showing of the teeth.

Tail

A high or low wagging relaxed tail is a sign of a comfortable dog. However, a stiff, rigid or tucked tail is an uncomfortable one.

Appropriate Dog Greeting

An appropriate greeting between dogs is to sniff each other while typically moving in a circle. Lots of fun for the owners if

they are on leash! Dogs sniff both front and back end. Think of this as getting the first and last name of their new friend. Since this is the appropriate way for dogs to greet, you should not scold your dog for sniffing another dog's rump!

Keeping in mind that doggie body language is a package deal. You need to put all the little pieces together and look at them as one. So, take another look at your dog. What is his body language telling you?

LOCATION

Are you introducing your dog to a new doggie friend in your house, your yard or on the other dog's turf? Keeping in mind dogs can be territorial it is best for both you and your dog to introduce new friends on neutral territory. There is then no need for them to defend any turf.

RESTRAINTS (LEASHES & COLLARS)

Have you ever known or owned a dog that was fine off-leash, but on leash thought he was going to hurt another dog? This is fairly common. Dogs get nervous when another dog approaches and they cannot get away because they are restrained by the leash. So your dog may bark, growl, snarl or even lunge to keep the other dog away.

YOU also have a strong effect on your dog when they are on leash. It is a natural reaction for dogs to feed off their owners. So, if you are nervous - your dog is

nervous. If you are scared or frightened - your dog is on alert. If you pull the leash up tight - you can put your dog on guard. Your emotions travel down the leash to your dog.

If your dog typically wears a corrective collar (choke chain, pinch collar) remember that if you pull your dog away from another dog he will get a correction from his collar. Choke chains and pinch collars can also be safety hazards when dogs are playing. If you want to use a choke chain or pinch collar while out walking your dog remember to have him wear a flat collar for playtime.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Once your dog is socializing with other dogs on a regular basis, he will be building up his doggie language skills. So, if your dog meets a new dog and does not want to play or will not make eye contact; take that as a sign. Your dog has read the new guy and has realized he is not in the mood to play or is just plain not nice.

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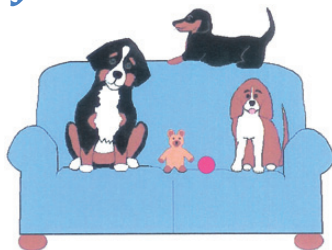
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GETTING BACK INTO THE Game



Henry was more fortunate than most. After a debilitating spinal disc injury, he had surgery followed by a remarkable recovery due to twice weekly rehabilitation sessions that included an underwater treadmill in addition to exercises prescribed for home. Henry, however, was not able to comment for this article; Henry is a chocolate Lab.

Research indicates that muscle atrophy begins within 24-48 hours following injury/surgery. Research also demonstrates that when rehab is delayed, there is increased swelling due to lack of movement,

loss of muscle control and joint stability and increased stiffness of muscles and tendons. Full weight-bearing "land" activities would often be limited for weeks after surgery, extending recovery time considerably. Hydrotherapy allows rehab to begin very soon post-surgery/ injury, based on the recommendation of the veterinarian.

Canine rehabilitation works much like human rehabilitation. Using

various methods and equipment, veterinarians are able to implement a treatment plan to restore mobility, strengthen muscles and joints, and help dogs heal faster post-injury while focusing on reducing pain. In Henry's case, it was chasing after a frisbee that caused the injury. "He suddenly went down and cried out very loud. He was unable to walk or even move his back legs at all," explains Barb Stollenwerk, Henry's human companion. His injury was a herniated disc, located in the middle of his back. The ruptured disc caused pressure

on Henry's spinal nerves which resulted in paraparesis, the loss of use of his back legs and tail. Even after the surgery he was not at first able to use his back legs. "Within a few days he was able to wag his tail for the first time," says Barb, "and he showed slight movement in his right rear leg. Eight days after his surgery, Henry began his first underwater treadmill session and for the first time, showed movement in his left rear leg. His rehabilitation continued from there."

Hydrotherapy utilizing the underwater treadmill is the cutting-edge treatment modality in rehabilitation. Dogs, however, were not the first to receive such aquatic treatment. Veterinarians have used hydrotherapy technology to treat horses with racing injuries. Not long after, thankfully, the idea caught on for canines.

The doggy treadmill technology is ingenious but simple. The dog enters the see-thru enclosure which gradually fills with water from the bottom. The treadmill starts to move slowly and the dog begins to walk. The resistance of the water increases the dog's work. Treatments can be customized through variable water heights, which can accommodate different sized dogs and be adjusted for various strength and fitness indications.

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The benefits of the underwater treadmill are not limited just to injury, however. Benefits of canine rehabilitation for the average pooch might include improved cardiovascular health, increased muscle strength, endurance, and balance, reduced anxiety and stress, and weight loss. In particular, older animals can exercise effectively, thereby slowing or mitigating the inevitable complaints associated with aging, most notably arthritis and range of motion problems. "Weight loss is huge for orthopedic problems," says Dr. Nan Boss, veterinarian at Best Friends Veterinary Center in Grafton. "Seventy five percent of candidates for hip replacement surgery no longer need the surgery once they have lost the weight they need to lose. Overweight pets develop arthritis two years earlier, on average, than normal weight pets. On the underwater treadmill, obese dogs can exercise without further joint stress, so it's good for weight loss as well as maintaining muscle strength and conditioning despite orthopedic problems."

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debilitate, or go to doggie heaven. According to Henry's human, underwater treadmill therapy can give dog owners a second chance at helping their dogs live a full, happy life. Henry's wagging tail seems to confirm that he is glad to be able to take walks, play together with his human buddies, and generally be a happy family member. No comment required from Henry, the frisbee in his mouth again says it all.

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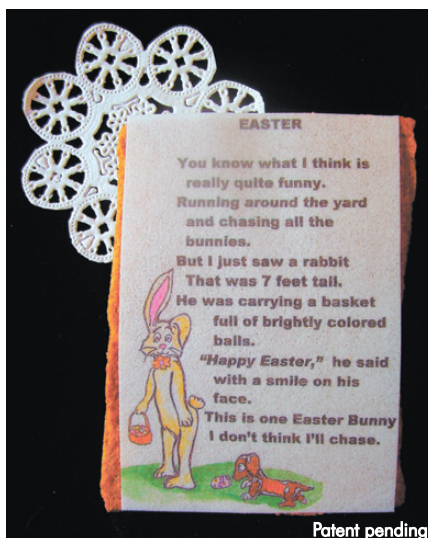
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AKC SURVEY REVEALS RIFT BETWEEN DOG AND NON-DOG OWNERS

A survey commissioned by the American Kennel Club revealed that some dog owners need more control over their pets, especially when out and about in the community. Top issues bothering non-dog owners about their canine-loving counterparts include jumping, barking and owners not obeying pooper-scooper laws. The survey also revealed some quirky human characteristics defining those with pooches and those without.

Forty-seven percent of non dog owners cited "a lack of picking up after their dogs" as their number one complaint with dog owners. Twenty five percent noted, "not controlling their dog" or "letting the dog jump on you" and 13 percent said "allowing a dog to bark incessantly" was their number one grievance. Only 4 percent said "the way dog owners fawn over their pooches or use baby talk to address their dogs" was the most annoying trait of dog owners.

"Responsible dog ownership not only involves taking top-notch care of your pet but also being considerate of those around you," said Lisa Peterson, AKC's Director of Club Communications. "While you may find Fido's jumping and howling endearing, others may not.

So why doesn't everyone have a dog? Recognizing the time and effort it takes to properly care for a canine companion, 22 percent of non-dog owners said "too much responsibility" was the reason they didn't own a dog, followed by a "lack of time" at 16 percent. Only a small percent cited reasons such as messiness (5%), cost (4%) or allergies (3%).

Peterson adds, "Owning a dog requires flexibility and a sense of humor when Fido chews on your shoes. The responsibility of pet ownership is well worth the rewards, but anyone considering bringing a dog home should realize that it's a 10-15 year commitment of time, money, & love that should not be taken lightly."

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What has happened to the dog names of the past? A recent sampling of more than 100 dogs registered in Milwaukee County reveals not one Rover or Fido, once popular in early America. Instead the most common names are Maggie and Buddy, followed closely by Harley, Toby and, believe it or not, Maddie Bell. The current tendency is for dog owners to choose more distinctive and individual names for their pets. Today, most names fit into one or more of the following categories.

Appearance

This is an easy one to understand. Naming your dog based on a particular physical attribute works especially well for a new pet who hasn't yet shown his personality. A friend of mine took one look at the big cheeks of her Chocolate Labrador Retriever and called him Satchmo after the famous trumpeter, Louie Armstrong, (whose nickname Satchmo was short for satchel mouth). She is a big Jazz fan.

Even President George W. Bush had an English Springer Spaniel named Spot (I

won't explain why). And who can forget the wonderful spotted dog by the same name in Eric Hill's famous children's books.

Personality

Personality traits often become names as well. I saw a large, stubborn black dog at the dog park named Bear and I thought the name fit like Cinderella's glass slipper. And the popularity of Buddy seems to be a testament to a companionable personality. It was the name of President William (Bill) Clinton's chocolate lab.

One the most creative puppy names I've heard in this category was for a yellow Lab and Golden Retriever mix. She ate everything insight, but instead of Hoover, the family named her Kirby (after their vacuum).

Terms of Endearment

Everyone has a "pet" name for their pet. My dog comes to not only her name, but a variation of Sweetie Pie, Lover Girl and the crinkle of a bag. Naming your dog "Sweetie," as at least one Milwaukee County resident has done, signifies a special relationship with the dog. These pets are often treated like a surrogate child or special companion. Honey, my grandmother's miniature Poodle, gets a mini-human meal for dinner, trips to the store in "mom's" purse and the best spot on the couch.

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Reports on dog names suggest this is where the true shift in trends lies. We are naming more and more of our canine



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companions after ourselves. Many names already mentioned support this theory. I myself know a Moesha, Jackson, Cleo, Maya, Jack, Riley and Pete.

What is great about this category is the variety. There are mythological figures, Greek gods and goddesses, famous war heroes, the old west cowboys, movies, books, musicians, even cartoons. The selection is endless. I've met a very sophisticated long-haired Dachshund who personifies her name sake, the Russian Princess Anastasia.

Locations

Bucking the trend, but still relevant, is the occasional place name. Sometimes the name is simply the location of the breeder or humane society. Sometimes it carries more meaning. A friend of mine picked up a stray dog in Cincinnati, OH. Cin probably doesn't realize what his name is short for, but everyone else asks to hear the story. On our Milwaukee County list there's a Gary Indiana, which I'm sure must be quite a tale.

I could go on for pages with more categories like Drinks (a Guinness and Bailey both live in Milwaukee County), Famous Pairs, Nature, etc. Creative naming is all around and the restrictions are less than those of naming a child. There are just a few helpful tips. The best names are one or two syllables names that are easily recognizable, (not too similar to basic commands like sit or stay), and which contain meaning for you. The name given to your dog is special. It's a unique identity transforming a canine into a loved pet and family member. In writing this article, I started asking the basic question, how did you pick your dog's name and the stories I heard made me smile.

Emily Refermat has written about 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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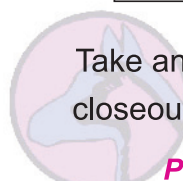
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One of the first steps in choosing a suitable veterinarian is to talk to friends, co-workers or people you know - a good recommendation can oftentimes set your mind at ease before you even meet a doctor or visit a clinic. Along with recommendations, take a look at the veterinarians surrounding this article. Each of these veterinarians is available to discuss your specific canine health needs and to be a resource for emergencies or the regular annual exam. Feel free to give them a call today.

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Veterinary Knowledge

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Size of the Veterinary Clinic

Size does matter in some circumstances. At a smaller clinic you may see the same veterinarian a majority of the time, while at large clinics you may see a variety of veterinarians. Smaller clinics may be more personal and the staff may get to know you and your pet better, but larger clinics may offer more specialized care and longer hours.

After narrowing down your search of veterinary clinics to a short list, location may be the next big factor in helping you choose the right one. Convenience can be useful when your pet is ill, has been in an accident or when if he/she requires their annual check-up. Though convenience is helpful, this may not always be the best determination in choosing the right clinic. That's why it's also wise to visit a few clinics to be sure you're comfortable with the doctor and staff.

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BREED PROFILE:

The Dachshund

What's Up Dach? Feisty, stubborn Dachshund breed pleases many in many ways.

You wouldn't think the Dachshund would share one of its signature characteristics with the donkey.

No, it doesn't kick or bray - or lean Democratic during elections.

"They can be a very stubborn breed," said Jim McGuigan, a member of the Coast-to-Coast Dachshund rescue organization. Sometimes the Dachshund can be difficult to train in obedience classes. And other times, house-training can be an issue.

Barbara Teigen, the treasurer of Badger Dachshund Club Rescue (Dachshund actually means "badger dog" in German), didn't think being stubborn should be consider a negative characteristic.

"Their stubbornness can be good and bad," Teigen said. Unlike the Dachshund, other breeds (the Golden Retrievers come to mind) are always ready and willing to share and please to every whim and wish of its owner, friend, or visitor.

The stubbornness can be seen in many of the rest of us. With the Dachshund, "it's always, I'll do it if there's something in it for me," Teigen said. "I respect their attitude. Why would they completely volunteer to do everything?"

"Dachshunds can be very determined - and never give up easily. Yes, training can be difficult," Teigen noted.

The determination and fight in this little long dog is what they were originally bred for - to hound badgers. According to the Dachshund Club of America, German foresters first started breeding this animal in the 18th and 19th century so they could dig the earth from a badger burrow. A fearless, elongated dog that could tunnel under the earth and uncover unsuspecting badgers would become valuable companions for these foresters.



Today, Dachshunds very much keep this instinct to hunt and chase and corral anything and everything it spots. McGuigan, a Brown Deer resident, owns two Dachshunds. He said it's fairly common to see his Katie today spy a squirrel or chipmunk in the backyard and race after the terrified creature. Schatze, McGuigan's second Dachshund, is nine years old and has lost a step or two. Chasing backyard prey isn't one of her fortes.

Teigen, too, can see any one of her Dachshunds chase after backyard treats at her Nashotah home. Even a deer making its way through her property has caught the attention of her elongated companions.

"They will follow their noses. No doubt. They will hunt," Teigen said. "They are hunters. They are gamey little guys." The Dachshund is technically considered a hunting dog, even though many prefer



cozy couches and warm laps to nestle in. There are three coat varieties of Dachshunds: smooth, wirehaired, and longhaired.

Smooth Dachshunds, predictably, have short, smooth and shiny hair. There can be two-colored Dachshunds in this category - black, chocolate, red wild board, gray (blue) and Isabelle (fawn), and tan, according to the AKC. There are patterns found in this category of Dachshund - dapple, double dapple, brindle, sable, and piebald. This is the most popular in the United States.

Wirehaired Dachshunds are covered with a tight, wiry short, thick, and rough outer coat. Its undercoat is somewhat softer with shorter hairs, according to the AKC. Wirehaired Dachshunds tend to be mischievous.



Longhair Dachshunds wear sleek, glistening, sometimes wavy hair, sometimes longer under the neck and the underside of the trunk, ears and legs. Some say this look gives the dog an "elegant" appearance. For whatever reason, the longhair Dachshund tends to be more docile than the wirehaired or the smooth.

There are miniature and standard size Dachshunds. The weight of the standard size is usually between 16 and 32 pounds, according to the American Kennel Club (AKC). Signature characteristics of this popular breed, of course, is its long, muscular trunk and alert, bold facial expression. They are built low to the ground (with short legs) which makes them ready to dart and dash through tunnels and tight corners.

With the long and lean profile naturally comes a predisposition for injuries to the back.

"They can have back problems," McGuigan said. "You just have to make sure they don't do a ton of jumping."

Some common-sense parenting for those with children, too, can't hurt.

"A lot of kids want to lay on and hang on these 10 pound dogs - with a fragile back," McGuigan said. "And the Dachshund is going to be protective of itself. And it may bite. But really, it's a matter of adults parenting their children."

"Just think, here's a kid, 40 pounds, climbing on a 10 pound dog. I'm a big man - 200 pounds. If I had a 600 pound man jumping on me, I think I'd bite them, too."

Teigen said Dachshund owners need to keep a close watch on the dog's diet and activity to ward off any back or disc ailments or troubles.

It's simple. People need to keep them in good shape," she said. "If they are kept in good weight and get enough exercise, it will lower their risk" for back problems.

And give the Dachshund easy access to that LaZBoy or sofa. Maybe a ramp of sorts or a boost to get him/her on and off the furniture or bed to cut down on the jarring and shock. Whenever holding a Dachshund, hold him/her like you were holding a football. Support his/her chest and tuck your arm under his/her hind quarters.

DCA recommends that Dachshunds get two walks of moderate distance (each about a 1/2 mile) a day. Important to note, according to DCA, that Dachshunds are very much social creatures and don't do well as outdoor dogs. They need to be with their humans.

Kennedy McGuigan knows that. He's Jim's 10-year-old son. He's got a companion every night he goes to bed. It's his Katie, who makes herself comfortable in Kennedy's bed - no matter if it's January or July. But Kennedy doesn't mind.

"They're little, they not big dogs when they jump in your lap," Kennedy McGuigan said. "They're easy to pick up."

And cuddle and snuggle.

"They're essentially lapdogs. And bed warmers," said Kennedy's father, Jim. "You'll find they pretty much claim 'a person' in the family. For us, it's Kennedy for Katie. They will bond with a special person in a home."

Teigen, who has owned seven Dachshunds in her life - said she will never choose to own another breed.

"They are a wonderful breed. Small, neat, clean. Good temperament. They're just a lot of fun," she said.

For more information on the Dachshund, visit the following sites:

www.dachshund-dca.com

The Dachshund Club of America is dedicated to encouraging and promoting quality in the purebred breeding of the Dachshund.

www.mwdr.org

The MidWest Dachshund Rescue is a volunteer organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and placing homeless and in-need Dachshunds and Dachshund mixes in the Midwest.

www.c2cdr.org

The Coast-to-Coast Dachshund Rescue is the national organization dedicated to rescuing in-need Dachshunds and Dachshund mixes across the country.

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Camping is a great way to enjoy a family getaway without leaving your best friend behind. Most dogs love the outdoors, being surrounded by new smells, fresh air and the company of their loved ones. With a little proper planning it can be a safe and enjoyable vacation for everyone.

Take a hard look at your dog and make sure he will indeed enjoy the experience. There are some dogs that dread the idea of leaving home sweet home and would be better left with friends or a pet sitter. Does he enjoy possible interactions with other campers and their dogs? Since you never know when he may run into a stranger, human or canine, a dog with aggressive tendencies might also prefer the security of home, and you won't spend your whole trip worrying about what might happen.

A visit to the vet to make sure your friend is up to the rigors and new terrain of your trip is also in order. All his vac-

cines should be up to date and depending where you're going you may want to consult with his doctor about getting a lyme vaccine and any other flea or tick medications he may need.

Crucial to his enjoyment, and yours, is to research the campground. Some are extremely dog friendly while others won't allow them at all. Find out before you go. The North Woods won't be much fun for Fluffy if he's barely allowed to stick his head out of the tent.

Speaking of the tent, don't forget to plan where he's going to sleep. Bringing his bed from home and his favorite toys might make him feel more comfortable. Packing a portable crate may help as well. Leaving him to sleep outside the tent is not recommended. Extra towels and doggy wipes can help freshen Fido before he snuggles by your sleeping bag.

He'll also need his food, with a few extra meals worth, just in case, stored in the car to prevent attracting wild animals. Water from home is a good idea for both of you, since neither is use to the water where you're at, and while there may be plenty of lake, river and other waterways where your going, never let your dog drink from those sources as they could be loaded with bacteria and parasites.

If your pet is on any medications, don't leave those behind. Carrying an extra leash and collar can also come in pretty handy. They can sustain a lot of damage with all the added activities and it's better to be safe than sorry. A tether, or long durable rope, can be used to allow your dog a little freedom around the campsite. In addition to his regular ID tags, add a temporary tag providing the information where you'll be at or someone who can be contacted. If he hasn't been already, consider getting him microchipped.

Carrying a first aid kit is as necessary for him as for you. Many pet stores carry pre-made kits or you could talk to your veterinarian's office about what they recommend and what to do in an emergency. Also, try to find a veterinary emergency clinic or a veterinarian who accepts emergencies in the area that you're going.

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everyone else's. To anyone who has ever camped before you know what I'm talking about. Being awoken in the wee hours to a howling serenade, being bombarded by seemingly ownerless dogs perusing your tent, and having your beautiful nature hike ruined by stepping in something a little too natural is no picnic. Please when you go, make sure you have good control over your pet and be considerate of others. Yes, that does mean that even though it's a natural process, you still have to pick up after your dog, so add a good supply of baggies to your needs list.

There's something about camping with our canine companions that really solidifies the bond. Perhaps it's returning to our roots, to the kind of lifestyle that first brought on the connection between the humans and wild dogs. And while we might be trekking through the woods in search of the perfect sunset instead of food, and curled together around the campfire roasting marshmallows instead of our latest kill, that impact isn't lost on us. So let's plan, pack and head out to a full family getaway.

Keri Meyer has spent her life surrounded by the joy of companion animals. She's worked, volunteered and educated others to provide a better life for pets and their people. She now spends her days writing and spending time in the company of her friends and family, both with and without fur.



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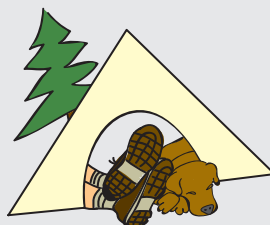
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March 2006

3 Friday

What: Rally O Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: www.grkc.org

4 Saturday

What: Wisconsin Kennel Club Dog Show
Where: Wisconsin State Fair Park
When: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

5 Sunday

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7 Tuesday

What: Pet Nutrition with Heather from Natures Variety
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - ?
Info: 262-679-6776

10 Friday

What: Yappy Hour - reservations required
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 p.m. (Utility & Novice), 7:30 p.m. (Open)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Rally O Drop-In Classes
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m. (adv), 7:30 p.m. (novice)
Info: www.grkc.org

What: Obedience & Rally Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Info: www.cudahykennelclub.org

11 Saturday

What: Nail Trimming (your pet's, not yours)
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776, only \$10

What: Pet Massage w/ Geri
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776, only \$15

What: Fun Match Hosted by The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Southeast Wisconsin
Where: Cedar Creek Pet Resort, Jackson
When: 11:00 a.m. (Judging begins)

12 Sunday

What: Pizza Party for you and your dog!
Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc
When: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Info: 262-560-1717

15 Wednesday

What: Dog Behavior Seminar
Where: Elmbrook Humane Society, Brookfield
When: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Info: 262-782-9261, www.ebhs.org

17 Friday

What: AKC Agility Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Agility Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Info: www.cudahykennelclub.org

18 Saturday

What: Canine Massage
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

19 Sunday

What: Golden Retriever Rescue
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 5:00 p.m. (reservations required)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

24 Friday

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club, Ixonia
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: 920-206-9334, www.seespotsit.com

What: Yappy Hour (reservations required)
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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What: Fun & Games Night
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Agility Run Thrus
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m.
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25 Saturday

What: Positive Training Class w/ Rock's Positive Training
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776, only \$20

What: Spring Fling
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
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26 Sunday

What: Animal Working with Crystals for you and your Pet w/ Rebecca Moravec
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (reservations required)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

31 Friday

What: The Big Bang: Fear of Loud Noises
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

Every Wednesday

What: Conformation Drop-In Training
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 7:30 p.m.
Info: www.grkc.org

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: Puppy Parties
Where: Central Bark Doggy Day Care, Downtown
When: Noon (Starting Oct. 1st)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

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

Every Sunday

What: Puppy Social
Where: Best Paw Forward Dog Training
When: 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.
Info: 262-369-3935

What: Puppy Parties
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 12:45 p.m. (except holiday weekends)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

Who: "Your Family Pet" with Amy Ammen
Where: WRRD 540AM The Word
What: Radio Show 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Info: Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

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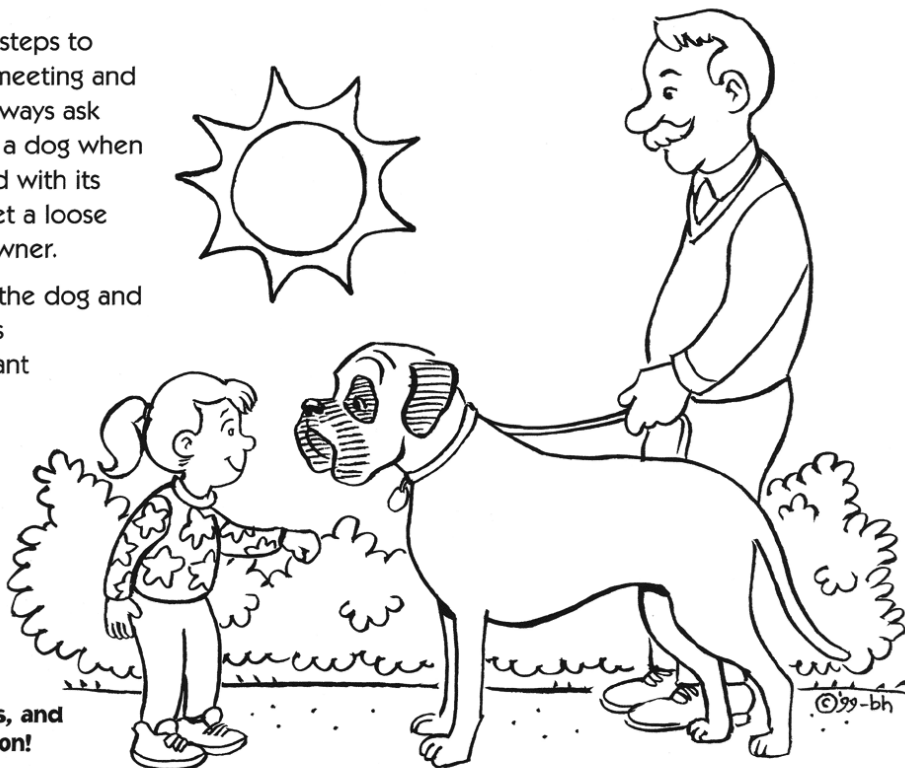
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How to Greet a Dog

There are a few steps to remember when meeting and greeting a dog. Always ask permission to pet a dog when it is on a leash and with its owner. Never greet a loose dog without an owner.

Even if you know the dog and are friends with its owner, it's important to remember and follow this plan.



Grab some crayons, and color this illustration!

- 1.** Always walk slowly to the dog's owner to ask if you can pet the dog.
- 2.** It's important to receive permission before petting the dog. If the owner says "no," politely accept the answer, and don't pet the dog.
- 3.** If the owner says "yes," curl your hand into a closed fist with the back of your hand facing upward. Extend your hand slowly to the dog.
- 4.** Allow the dog to sniff the back of your hand. We recognize people on sight; dogs recognize people by their scent. Dogs sniff people to learn their scent.
- 5.** After the dog has sniffed your hand and become familiar with you, pet it gently under the chin or on the chest.

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While visiting a clinic, take note if it is clean, comfortable and well-organized. This can be a good indication of how well the facility is run. Other factors to consider during the visit are:

- How many veterinarians are in the practice?
- Are there technicians or other professional staff members?
- Are dog and cat cages in separate areas?
- Is the staff caring, calm, competent, and courteous, and do they communicate effectively?
- Do fees fit your budget, and are discounts for senior citizens or multi-pet households available?
- Are x-rays, ultrasound, blood work, EKG, endoscopy, and other diagnostics done in-house or referred to a specialist?
- Which emergency services are available?

Once you've narrowed your search to one specific clinic, a "test appointment" can help you decide if the clinic or veterinarian will fit your needs. The test appointment may be a routine appointment for vaccinations or a simple checkup. This is the time to recognize first hand how the doctor and staff interacts with and handles your pet. It's also a good time to observe how your pet responds to them.

Following a test appointment, if you walk away from a clinic with a good feeling, chances are you've made the right choice for you and your pet. Having trust in your own instincts can be the final determining factor - if you feel at all uneasy, don't be afraid to keep looking. And if you've found the right place, you can rest comfortably knowing that when accidents occur or routine visits approach, your four-legged family member will be receiving the very best care.

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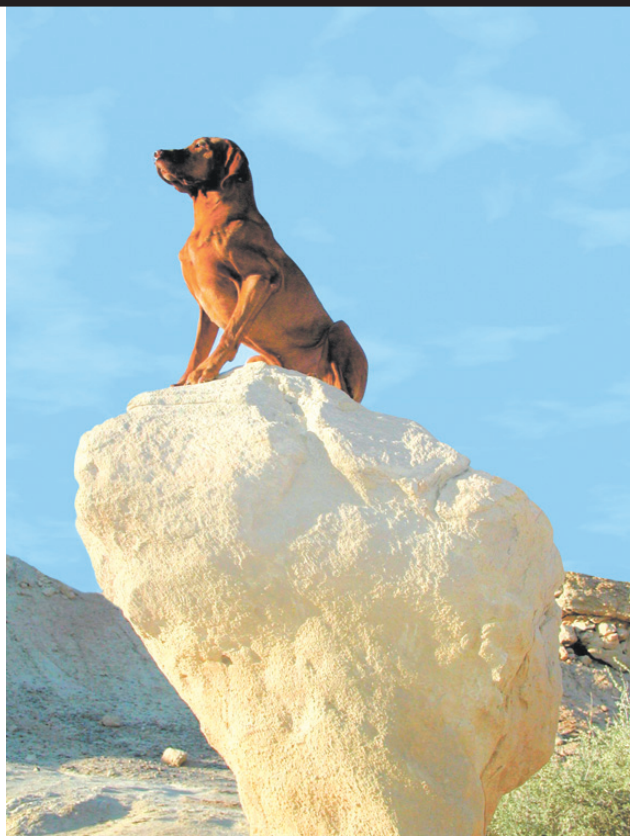
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Howard has taught first aid, CPR, and basic life support for the American Red Cross and the National Safety Council. He is a First Responder and served on the Red Cross First Aid Team. He received special training in Pet First Aid and introduced the Red Cross class on this subject.

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