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Publisher's Letter

Spring is coming...sort of. I'm sure by now you've wiped your share of the muddy, slushy feet our canine companions simply don't think is a big deal to bring the house. But you've probably also noticed the extra time you're spending outdoors with you buddy. As we all get out more to enjoy the seasonal weather, let's remember that hundreds of canines are waiting in local humane societies and neighborhood rescue groups. Each of these dogs deserves a permanent home where they can enjoy the weather just as much as we do.

If you were one of a few thousand dog lovers that visited the AWARE Pet Expo in February, you clearly saw the great need we have in southeast Wisconsin to save every dog...cat, ferret, and reptile that we can. But wait. The goal of bringing dogs into our families is to make sure their stay is permanent. Ask yourself plenty of questions before seeking out a companion. Good home environment? Extra time to spare? Dedicated to training, grooming, feeding, etc? Long-term commitment? Once you evaluate your home environment, you can make a logical decision of adding another member.

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In this issue, we'd like to congratulate Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks (ROMP) on their agreement with the Milwaukee County Parks Department for the operation of a dog exercise area on land adjacent to General Mitchell International Airport. This is a huge step that was years in the making. We hope that the opening of this park for dog exercise starts a trend that opens a park in your area as well. Take a look at the article on page 17 for more information on this new dog park and ways you can support their efforts.

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*Provide your dog with a sandpit where it can dig and fill it with toys for your dog.

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*You can only reprimand your dog for digging IF you catch him in the act -- reprimanding after the event is pointless.

*Never use any type of physical reprimand. Never show your dog the hole after the fact. These actions have the potential to create other behavioral problems. Physical reprimanding can trigger aggression in many dogs.

*Diet is another important factor. A healthy balanced natural diet can assist in reducing digging.

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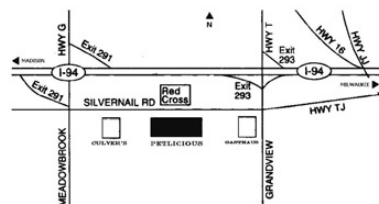
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Ask the VET

Question: Is Lyme disease always easy to spot?

Answer: The following is a true story from a veterinarian at the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. It is an account of a canine "senior citizen" named Pepper. Hunting dog Pepper appeared to have a touch of arthritis. A vigilant veterinarian had a hunch it was more and had Pepper tested for Lyme disease. With a positive test result, Pepper received medication, and was soon back in the woods.

Pepper's Lyme Disease A hunch pays off

The veterinarian smiled happily at the pair in her examining room. Never were a man and dog more perfectly suited. Pepper and Sam were the perfect example of the human-animal bond.

Pepper was eleven years old at the time, a beagle-mix. Sam got her as a puppy, years ago, as a gift for his kids. As the kids and Pepper grew up together they spent countless hours together playing in

the yard together and when they were up North at their cabin, Pepper loved hiking in the woods with the whole family.

One day when Sam went along, they ventured far into the woods where even the fence line had deep cover sprouting. Pepper meandered just ahead of them, zigzagging back and forth, enjoying the exciting scents coming his way. All of a sudden Pepper "lit off" in hot pursuit of one very frightened bunny. Pepper chased the rabbit into a hole and an idea "lit up" in Sam's head.

Sam being an avid hunter, he figured that this friendly little Beagle mix had definitely inherited the famous Beagle nose. Sam's hunch proved correct, and Pepper fast became Sam's hunting dog. A relationship was forged that gave them both great joy for over nine years. Although it hadn't been love at first sight between Sam and Pepper, it certainly turned into a marriage made in heaven. (Unless you're a rabbit, of course!)

At this annual exam Sam mentioned to the veterinarian that he thought Pepper was getting arthritis, after all, he was eleven. Sam went on to describe how after a day in the woods Pepper would have trouble getting up and walking around the next day. Knowing how much the dog loved running outside, Sam asked the veterinarian if perhaps Pepper should go on some pain medication.

After the examination, the veterinarian was convinced that the symptoms that Sam described were not due to the early stages of arthritis. A detailed discussion of the location of Sam's cabin, Pepper's love for the woods and physical symptoms such as shifting leg lameness (lameness that does not always appear in the same leg) made the veterinarian suspect Lyme disease.

The blood test was performed and came back positive for Lyme disease. Pepper was put on a 30-day regimen of an antibiotic called Doxycycline. In no time Pepper and Sam were back on the trail!

What turned out to be great news for Sam and for Pepper, was not so great news for those north woods rabbits.

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Zip and Molly Mae are two very hard-working dogs, though you wouldn't know it by their disposition. Friendly, happy and ready to play, these two working border collies engage in constant training to hone their skills as forensic evidence specialists.

As members of the 911BC Search and Recovery team based in Dousman, Zip, Molly Mae and their handler A.J. Marhofke, travel all over the country at the request of law enforcement agencies to participate in both "hot" and "cold" cases that have been pending for as long as 20 years. In 2004 the team logged over 200 hours of search time in 17 cases for nine separate police agencies. Though most of their work is done in and around Waukesha and Milwaukee counties, Zip and Molly Mae will go anywhere they are needed at any given time. Currently the team is on a crusade to assist U.S. troops in Iraq.

"I've probably sent out 300 e-mails requesting to go to Iraq to help where we can," explained Marhofke. "We're ready to go if we get the call and it's almost become a personal crusade now to get there."



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Marhofke founded 911BC shortly after the Oklahoma City bombing in April of 1995. While working with a Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) recovery team at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, Marhofke realized the value of search and recovery dogs.

"The bombing happened before there was a big boom in K-9 search and rescue and when I saw what they could do I realized this would be a great job to have and a great way to help the community," he explained.

Having served in the Waukesha County Medical Examiners office and as a death scene investigator, becoming certified in K-9 forensics was second nature to Marhofke. Prior to beginning his training, he first adopted Molly Mae from Wisconsin Border Collie Rescue and later trained her to locate live persons as well as human remains. When he later adopted Zip, Marhofke immediately knew that, like Molly Mae, Zip was perfectly suited for search and recovery work.

Able to detect human remains up to 3,000 years old, Zip, also adopted from Wisconsin Border Collie Rescue, has been successful on countless searches. One particular case Marhofke recalls occurred in January of 2003 when Beaver Dam resident Bruce Stafford became a missing person. After Stafford's car was located near the Horicon Marsh and other K-9 units came up empty handed, Zip and Marhofke were called in to survey the area. After searching for only two hours, Zip located Stafford who had succumbed to the bitter cold.

"We've done a lot of high profile searches like that and sometimes it's kinda funny because if the media gets wind that Zip is in a search, they know something good is going on otherwise Zip wouldn't be there," he said.

Along with the countless searches they have done in Wisconsin, Marhofke and Zip also caught the attention of the

U.S. Department of Justice in 2001 after terrorists struck the country on September 11.

"They asked us a lot of questions about what a dog like Zip could find as far as human remains, and there were a lot of phone calls made to certain dog teams at that time about what we could and could not do."

Though many breeds of dogs are intelligent and able to work in K-9 search and recovery, Marhofke feels border collies make perfect forensic specialists due to their intensity and overall eagerness to please. "I love the intense drive of a border collie, they'll search till they drop and I love the intelligence that they have."

When Molly Mae and Zip are on the job they not only recognize human remains, but they can also detect if a crime has been committed at all. This, Marhofke explained, is also important because it can assist authorities in eliminating a crime scene.

When the dogs do find something their indications are difficult to ignore. Being food motivated, Molly Mae alerts her handler by barking. Once she's located a target, she'll continue to bark until she receives an award. Zip, on the other hand, has a trademark all his own.

"When Zip locates something he does what I call the 'Ziplock,'" Marhofke explained. "He'll lay down and point at an object and not move until you give him his reward."

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The Legal Beagle

What Dog Owners Should Know About Municipal Regulations

It is a beautiful Saturday morning. You wake up early, round up your dog, grab a thermos of coffee, and the two of you escape to spend the morning frolicking at a local hiking trail. The last thing on your mind is the law. However, as a dog owner, virtually every decision you make from the moment you walk out the door with your faithful companion has the potential for legal consequences.

Do you leash your dog even though he would follow you to the ends of the earth? Does your dog have the proper vaccinations? Does the hiking trail permit dogs? Is your dog licensed? Too often dog owners with the best of intentions do not know the basic rules and regulations of their local governments. Dog owners sometimes mistakenly believe that their conduct is regulated only by the State. Not so.

Historically speaking, states have delegated authority to regulate dogs to local governments as a "police power." The purpose of local dog ordinances is to protect the public from injury or damage and to protect the property rights of dog owners. To accomplish these objectives,

the scope of municipal regulation can be broad and the ramifications to dog owners can be severe.

Municipalities may impose upon dog owners a myriad of responsibilities. Dog owners may be required to register their dogs, license their dogs, leash their dogs, vaccinate their dogs, clean up after their dogs, and keep their dogs from barking or running at large. This list is not exhaustive. For example, a municipality in Wisconsin may, under certain circumstances, even regulate the breed of dogs permitted within its boundaries.

In *Dog Federation of Wisconsin, Inc. v. City of South Milwaukee*, 178 Wis. 2d 353, 504 N.W.2d 375 (Ct. App. 1993), the Wisconsin Court of Appeals decided that the City of South Milwaukee had the authority to restrict the ownership of pit bulls. On behalf of dog owners, the Dog Federation of Wisconsin, Inc. brought a lawsuit against the City after it enacted a local ordinance that banned pit bulls not currently registered and licensed by the City on or before April 1, 1989, from its city limits. The dog owners argued that the law was unconstitutional because it treated all pit bulls as if they were inherently dangerous. The City argued that it had the authority to ban certain breeds of dogs if doing so was necessary to protect its residents. The Court agreed with the City and the Dog Federation of Wisconsin lost the case.

A municipality's authority to regulate dogs also extends to the power to destroy dogs that pose a threat to public safety. Although the state has the power to destroy dangerous dogs, it is more common for local governments to play this role. This is because states typically view local governments as better suited to address the needs and wishes of the community. Every dog owner should know the circumstances under which their local government may deem their dog to be a danger to society.

Fortunately, local governments also have an important role in protecting the legal rights of dog owners. Typically, such rights are considered "property" rights. This is because the law characterizes our faithful canine companions as our "property." If you are uncomfortable with thinking of your best friend as a piece of property, you are not alone. In *Rabideau vs. City of Racine*, 243 Wis. 2d 486, 627 N.W.2d 795 (2001), even the Wisconsin Supreme Court noted that it was "uncomfortable with the law's cold characterization of a dog, such as Dakota, as mere property."

However, the law's classification of dogs as "property" bestows upon dog owners important legal rights. Although local governments are given the power to destroy dogs that pose a danger to society, such power is not unfettered. Federal and State Constitutions prohibit the government from taking away and/or



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destroying an individual's property (i.e.: their dog) without "due process" of law. Moreover, a local government's declaration that your dog poses a threat to public safety does not make it so. Due process entitles dog owners to notice and the right to be heard. Perhaps most importantly, when a dog owner's rights have been violated, the government may be held liable for their conduct.

As dog owners, the seemingly mundane decisions we make each day may have significant legal consequences. Dog owners have an important responsibility to know and understand the law, particularly local dog ordinances. Our dogs depend on us to act in their best interests. So, although Fido will follow you to the ends of the earth, you owe it to him to put him on a leash.

To learn more about the local ordinances in your community, contact your local animal control agency or humane society, or, go to the State Law Library's website at

<http://www.wsll.state.wi.us/ordinances.html>. If you believe that your legal rights as a dog owner have been violated, you may wish to contact an attorney.

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"Many customers choose Midwest Airlines when traveling with their pets, knowing that our approach to serving customers also applies to their four-legged family members," said Timothy E. Hoeksema, chairman and chief executive officer. "Our customers travel with their pets to dog and cat shows, to second homes, and on pleasure and business trips just

because they enjoy their company. We decided it was high time we threw a bone to our best customers -- and their best friends -- for their loyalty to Midwest Airlines with a frequent flyer program just for pets." Susan Kerwin-Hagen, coordinator of the Premier Pet Program and a trainer of show dogs, says Midwest makes an extra effort to reassure passengers traveling with pets. "To lessen any anxiety, pets are allowed to check in with their owners at airport ticket counters, and pets are the last to be loaded and the first to be unloaded from the plane," said Kerwin-Hagen. "We also have a special passenger notification tag attached to the kennel. After the pet is loaded, a portion of the tag is detached and given to a flight attendant who personally delivers it to the pet's owner in the cabin."

The American Kennel Club has commended Midwest Airlines for taking an important step in expanding its

service for pet owners and recognizing dog owners' needs. "By rewarding owners who fly with their pets, Midwest Airlines will help alleviate many travel concerns for these individuals," said Stephanie Lane, director of Canine Legislation for the American Kennel Club. "The Premier Pet Program's flexibility will allow countless AKC constituents -- including dog owners, show exhibitors, breeders and sportsmen -- who travel even just a few times a year -- to take advantage of its benefits."

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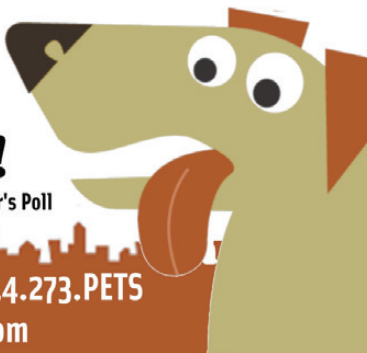
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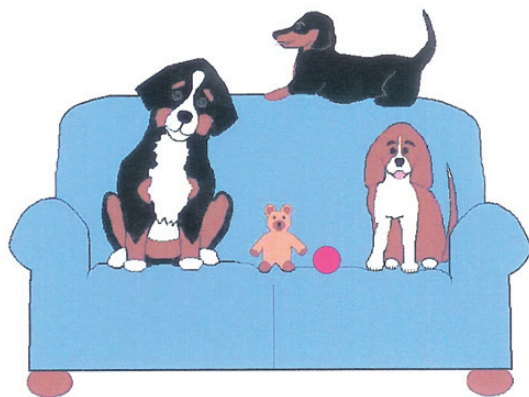
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BREED PROFILE:

The Airedale Terrier

Airedale Terriers - A Clown in Fur

A clown. Very intelligent. High-maintenance. Feisty. All of these words can be used to describe the Airedale Terrier. This breed is spoken of with a loving but cautionary tone by enthusiasts to those who inquire if the Airedale would be a good dog for them. Socialization, training, grooming, attention and exercise are all part of being an Airedale Terrier owner.

Potential Airedale owners need to know that as the fuzzy puppy grows, it will need lots of love and time. Puppy kindergarten for socialization as well as beginning and advanced training classes are strongly recommended. Without the opportunity to be socialized while young, the Airedale has the potential to be aggressive to other dogs. According to Barb Kamp of the Wisconsin Airedale Terrier Club, "If they are not well-trained, they can have difficulty socializing in the world." The Wisconsin Airedale Terrier Club has several get-togethers each year including picnics, walks, pot-luck suppers and fun days. Barb can attest that the club has had 28 Airedales together with little incident.

Training the Airedale has to be "fair, fun and firm" according to Barb. The dogs learn very quickly with positive reinforcement like the clicker. Airedales do not like to be drilled over and over again. Once they have shown that they can do something, they might question why they have to continue to prove that they can do it. Barb states, "To show and train an Airedale, you have to wear the clown suit." The owner needs to train in an upbeat and animated manner. "Everything an Airedale does is fun. If it is not fun, they won't do it. If they don't think it is their idea, they won't do it." In regard to owning and training an Airedale, Barb likes to say "If you don't have patience, you will get it. If you have tons of patience, you will lose some of it."

Grooming needs are also a major consideration for potential Airedale owners. The frequency and the type of grooming will depend upon the owner's preferences. There are two types of grooming. One is hand-clipping which produces a softer coat. The other type is hand-stripping which is literally plucking the hair. This will result in a dense, coarse coat. If an Airedale is to be shown, it must be hand-stripped. In addition to being a member of the Wisconsin Airedale Terrier Club, Barb also is a groomer. She currently has nine Airedales that come for grooming. The frequency of each dog's visits can vary from every month to every nine months. Minimally, the furnishings and face need to be brushed a few minutes once or twice a week.

Dog owners also need to consider that the Airedale loves to be with its people. Renee Jacobson of the Wisconsin Airedale Terrier Rescue Club has three Airedale Terriers. If she gets up from the living room to go to the kitchen, all the dogs get up and follow her "like a parade." Terriers are not dogs that can be left alone for 10 hours a day and then minimally interacted with upon returning home. They will find ways to get your attention. Renee's dogs like to throw a dish towel on the floor or toss a kid's toy up in the air like a juggler with a "hey, look at me" attitude if they feel they are not getting the proper amount of attention.

Exercise is also a requirement for an Airedale. Barb takes her two Airedale Terriers and one Welsh Terrier for a two mile walk five times a week. She also actively participates in agility training and competition. Some owners enjoy the Airedale for hunting. It was originally developed as a hunting dog along the Aire River in Yorkshire, England from which it gets its name. Additional outlets to not only exercise the dog's body but also its mind can include showing the dog, performing in obedience trials, or tracking.

After considering the Airedale's needs, potential owners may want to consider the non-profit Wisconsin Airedale Terrier



Rescue. A lot of people who approach the rescue currently have one or two Airedales or have owned them in the past. The Wisconsin Airedale Terrier Rescue organization is overseen by Airedale Terrier Rescue and Adoption (ATRA). Renee is one of the regional co-coordinators for the club, along with Paula Lackner. The region covers multiple states and takes care of roughly 200 Airedales a year that are turned in for a variety of reasons including divorce, owners passing away, or being unable to meet the dog's needs. Any rescue dog has the potential to have issues that applicants will have to work through such as separation anxiety or marking in the house. The goal of the rescue is to find just the right match for the Airedales and potential owners.



The initial step in the adoption process is to fill out ATRA's online application (www.aire-rescue.com). The application is received by the rescue in the applicant's home state. The state personnel will call the provided references and vet clinics to determine the applicant's past record in caring for animals. Then, a visit to the applicant's home is made to see if they might be a good match for an Airedale. After a successful visit, the length of time to find a dog that would match that home situation varies. While people who are surrendering a dog to the rescue typically make some type of donation such as \$250 (which is used towards rehoming efforts such as vet fees), there are no fees for people to submit an application. Fund-raising events are held a few times throughout the year to help offset costs.

Potential owners should look at their own lifestyle and understand that an Airedale Terrier can be a high-energy, goofy, and loyal dog. The Airedale's need for socialization, training, grooming, attention and exercise when met with time and love can result in an awesome, devoted, loving companion. (Just remember to hide the dish towels.)

Additional Airedale Terrier resources:

Books

"The New Airedale Terrier" by June Dutcher and Janet Johnson Framke

"The Airedale Terrier Today" by Janet Huxley

Airedale Terriers, A Complete Pet Owner's Manual" by Dorothy M. Miner

Websites

Airedale Terrier Club of America (Wisconsin Airedale Terrier Club) www.airedale.org

Airedale Terrier Rescue and Adoption (ATRA) (Wisconsin Airedale Terrier Rescue) www.aire-rescue.com

Airedale Terrier Information and Referral Resource www.airedaleterriers.org

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.

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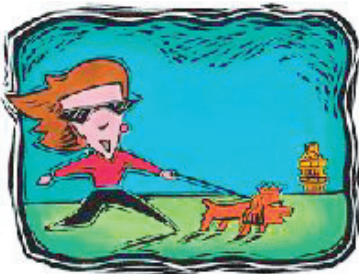
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RAISE THEIR PAWS OVER COUNTY BOARD APPROVAL OF AIRPORT DOG PARK



Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks is pleased to hear the County Board of Supervisors authorized the Airport Director to enter into an agreement with the Milwaukee County Parks Department for the operation of a dog exercise area on land adjacent to General Mitchell International Airport. The group has been working with the Parks Department for the past three years to identify potential sites for future dog parks and is supportive of the proposed airport location.

This resolution was presented by Supervisors McCue, Cesarz and Dimitrijevic, who have been supportive of the group's efforts to establish additional dog parks in their districts and throughout the county. These supervisors have a large number of dog owners in their district that support having an accessible dog park. The group would like to thank Parks Director, Sue Black, and her staff, for their support and making dog parks a priority in their plans to develop new recreational access for Milwaukee residents who have dogs.

Currently, the county only has one dog park which is located on the county's northwest side on the border of Menomonee Falls and Milwaukee. Partners in Parks lease the land from the Parks Department and operate a dog park on the site. Many residents from across the county frequent this park as well as use dog parks in adjacent communities like Mequon, Grafton, Brookfield, Racine, and even as far away as Johnson Creek to exercise their dogs. The addition of a dog park near the airport now means many residents have a more convenient location as well as a more safe, fenced in location to take their dogs. The airport site is over 20 acres which allows ample space to accommodate a growing population of city dogs and plans include a separate small dog area along with a double-gated entrance which is a feature the group benchmarked as being essential for a dog park.

Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks initially proposed a system of off-leash, fenced in dog parks throughout Milwaukee County. The group hopes the county won't just stop at one new dog park and will continue to identify additional sites so that no matter where residents live, they will have a dog park nearby. Areas most in need are the east side and a more centralized location within the city.

The group's initial proposal recommended Milwaukee follow a system similar to Dane County's which includes residents who use the dog parks purchasing a permit to off-set the maintenance costs. With the approval of a budget within the Parks Department to create the airport dog park, it appears that the county will move forward with some type of permit system which for many communities actually generates revenue. The group sees the permit system as a revenue source for the county and suggests turning golf courses that are not frequently used and losing money into new dog parks that will serve an untapped population of residents with dogs that have expressed willingness to purchase permits to help pay for the dog parks.

Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks is a 501c3 non-profit organization that promotes the benefits of fenced in; off-leash dog exercise areas where dogs can run free and play safe. The group encourages responsible pet ownership and plans to offer training and educational programs at the new dog parks to dog owners with socialization and behavioral issues. The group feels that dog parks can become valuable assets within a community in the terms of creating a unique social environment not only for dogs but people as well.

For more information about the Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks visit the group's web site at <http://www.milwaukeekeedogparks.org>, email info@milwaukeekeedogparks.org, or call 414-769-8806.

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Quilters raise money for Airedale Terrier rescue

Dogs are such a wonderful addition to life that people will share their hearts and yards as foster homes, their time at shelters and even empty their wallets at charity functions all for those wet-nosed companions. But there are many other - less traditional - ways to help a dog in need. Rebecca Eash of Oconomowoc found such a way. She is a member of the Airedale Terrier Quilting Bee.

Quilting for a cause

Started in 1999 as a way to raise money for Airedale rescue, bee members have made a quilt to raffle off each year. It begins on the internet; all the members are online in a special e-community where they can brainstorm ideas. Once a plan for the quilt is in place each member quilts his or her block, usually depicting an Airedale's endearing attitude and qualities. The internet is used to solve problems, share tips and post pictures. The blocks are turned in and a member puts the blocks together, then another member quilts it. For the most recent quilt "Airelifted" the blocks depict Airedales "lifting" different objects. Eash quilted her 2 year old Airedale Chuckles on her block with his favorite toy. "He really likes fetching a tennis ball."

Inspiration

Chuckles is actually Eash's first dog. She admits to loving the Airedale breed all her life because it reminded her of a stuffed animal, but she knew that wasn't



a good reason to get one, so she read a lot about the breed. When she was ready, she went to a breeder and brought Chuckles into her family. "Chuckles is always happy," she says. "He always wants to be part of whatever you're doing."

Eash searched the internet for information about Airedales and as a way to communicate with other Airedale owners. "The group is actually an off-shoot of that," Eash says. "And they gave me so much help I said, well, I can quilt, that's what I can give back."

2004's Quilt

In addition to "Airelifted" won by Sharon Arnold of California, there were two bonus quilts raffled to those who bought a certain number of tickets. Anna Bunker of Texas won "Waiting for Auntie Lydia's Kookies" and Nancy Anderson of Florida won "The Ones that Got Away."

The three quilts raised over \$15,000, the highest total yet according to Eash. And since the members are volunteers, 100 percent of the profits will go to veterinary care, fees, food and anything else rescued Airedales need.


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"I love it," says Eash, who enjoys participating in the quilting bee on several levels. First she enjoys quilting since she's sewed all her life and the knowledge that people are counting on her helps her find the time to finish her projects. The people she meets over the internet, from different states and even Canada share her love for Airedales and have similar interests. Finally the knowledge that she's helping dogs in need makes the experience rewarding. "With my house and work situation I can't foster a dog, but I found out about the quilt bee and thought quilting was the way I could help."

If you'd like to see the 2004 and other quilts go online to <http://www.airedaleterriers.org/airelifted/index.htm>

Volunteering comes in many forms. Using your skills or hobbies to help organizations may be easier than you think. Eash quilts, but the quilting bee also relies on web page design and updating, ticket sales and publicity. Volunteering is a great way to aid those with paws who haven't found their home yet.

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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Over 10% of the population is allergic to dogs or cats, but that doesn't stop the avid pet lover. According to a study cited by the Humane Society of The United States, a group of 341 allergic adults were told by their doctors to remove the offending animal, only one out of five followed the doctor's orders. Even more surprising, 122 of the adults studied obtained another pet after their beloved companions died.

Clearly many people have chosen the creature comforts over their own and with over 70% of US households owning either a cat or dog that's a substantial number! Except in the case of children, who sometime outgrow their allergies, few adults ever become desensitized to the pets they live with. But while allergies can't be cured, there are ways to keep them in check.

First of all, it's important to clarify the allergic reaction is the pet. There are skin tests and special blood tests your allergist can run that can determine if you're allergic to animals. Often, individuals are sensitive to more than just their pets and reduce contact to other offenders, such as smoke and pollen can help relieve symptoms.

What really cause reactions in people are the secretions from the sebaceous glands in animals' skin. They release allergens, an allergy causing protein, which can remain in the pet's hair or become airborne. The same allergens are in the pet's saliva and urine, which explain why self-grooming cats cause two-thirds of all pet related allergies.

A weekly bath can reduce the allergen levels on your pet by up to 84%. Even a simple water rinse without soap can help. A pet's coat can also pick up enough dirt and pollen to cause an owner's allergic reaction. There are topical products available at pet stores that claim to reduce allergens; none have proved as effective as a weekly bath. Ideally, have a non-allergic family member or friend take on the grooming responsibilities.

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Have a HEPA filter running in other rooms as well and clean frequently. As with the bedroom, consider decorating choices that don't retain allergens, such as blinds over drapes. Wash fabrics and vacuum with a microfilter bag. If it all possible, cleaning is another task to delegate to a non-allergic family member. By reducing the overall level of allergy inducers, you'll better be able to handle your pets.

Allergy shots, also called immunotherapy, can be effective for reducing symptoms. They work by introducing the allergen protein into the system encouraging an immune system to respond with antibodies that prevent the allergy from causing a reaction. It's helpful for reducing symptoms, but is not a cure. It starts with a weekly injection that after several weeks or months can be reduced. The overall treatment normally is given for three years.

Find an allergist that's willing to work with you and your pets. While it's frustrating to hear the recommendation to remove your pet from his home, it's also dangerous to not seek professional help. Keep looking until you find one that understands your dedication to your friend. Keep in mind that these suggestions are for individu-

als who suffer from non-life threatening allergies.

Always remember to choose future pets wisely. There is no such thing as a hypoallergenic pet. While some breeds, such as poodles and other low-shedding dogs, seem to cause fewer or less severe reactions, even with in every breed you may find yourself more allergic to one particular dog over another. Also consider the steps taken with your current pet and how you'll have to apply them to future pets, such as the size of the dog you'd need to bathe weekly.

Depending on the severity of the allergies and the causes, owners can adjust how strictly they need to follow their protocols. When exposure to another allergen is high, like pollen in spring, you may need to step up the dog bathing or house cleaning. Allergy sufferers no longer need to choose between the pet they adore and suffering in misery. With a little extra effort and some allergen free space, owner and pets can co-exists in a wheeze- free environment.

In addition to being an avid dog lover, **Keri Meyer** has spent several years in the veterinary field, currently as Assistant Hospital Manager at the Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center.



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Diary of A DOG SLED OWNER



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It was so awkward and heavy, UPS couldn't haul it into the house. I leapt five stairs to meet the driver at the truck. It had finally come. A flying dream, an ice transportation vehicle, my very own dog sled.

I could hardly wait. To sled was to fly, the crisp wind in my face, miles of ice and snow to cover.

I had never done it personally, but I had seen it on TV.

I wrestled the box into the house and towards the kitchen. Clipper, our 110 pound Chesapeake Bay Retriever, could hardly wait to see what all the excitement was about. I dug out the harness and gently caressed the padded "X" that would cross his broad chest. He snorted and danced in circles as I tried to figure out how it went on. Finally, with both of us panting, I stepped back to see how he looked. He looked confused. I knelt down and called him to me. But thinking he was "tied up", he refused to move. No matter how I coaxed, cajoled and cursed, he kept his furry bottom anchored to the floor.

Finally, I had to take the harness off, put him outside and re-rehearse the harness dance. I let him walk around to get used to the harness while I dragged the sled to the ice. The lake was a pure dark mirror in every direction. I tipped my face to the grey sky and closed my eyes in pure anticipation. Conditions were right - this sled ought to fly.

I called Clipper over to me and hooked him up. We were pointed in the right direction and ready to go.

I didn't want to say "mush" - it seemed so so sled doggish... so I yelled "PULL!"

He looked at me as though I were an idiot. It's not like his breed pulls naturally. He had never been trained to pull.

I decided to pull along with him so he would get the idea. I ran - and he ran, dogging my footsteps. Once in awhile, when he pulled ahead, I would slowly drop back and try to get behind the sled. The minute he noticed I wasn't running with him, he would quickly swing around and run back towards me, flinging the sled over on its side, dragging and bumping it across the ice like a toy.

We kept at it - over and over. Running fast together, I would gradually fall behind and try to hop on the sled. Once, I actually




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got near to the back of the sled. Suddenly Clipper turned to see where I was - and stopped dead in his tracks. The sled hit him in the rear end. Believing I had pushed it into him, he never let me get behind him again.

Winded, after running on the ice for an hour, I was getting frustrated and Clipper was getting stubborn. Any slack on the harness, he would stop and sit down.

That afternoon and for days I tried everything I could think of to move him. I threw things ahead of us - sticks (too light), tennis balls (couldn't throw far enough), and his beloved doggie snacks (he always stopped to eat).

Hope died a slow death. I went out a few more times, hoping Clip would "learn" to pull.

Hoping Clip would pull if another dog ran ahead of him. (He did follow the other dog - along the shore, and into the bushes...)

Hoping Clip would see something on the ice that he wanted to investigate and pull me even a few feet, accidentally.

Hoping Clip would suddenly get the idea and just run.

Finally, my husband offered to hook the sled up to a snowmobile and give me a "tow." To show how pathetic I had become, I agreed. He went too fast and I went into an uncontrollable skid. Apparently, it's hard to hear someone screaming that far behind a snowmobile.

Now days, I just take the sled out and push it along with my feet. Sometimes I get going really good and ride those runners for about 10 seconds. Clipper shows no interest, in fact, he keeps his distance.

I see myself sledding sometimes, with sled dogs - a whole team, joyously doing what they love to do - but it is only in my dreams.

Barbara Elliott Eaves lives on Lake Nagawicka with Clipper and her family. When she is not behind the dog sled she can be found running SUM People Speakers Bureau.

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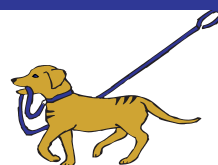
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- ☐ Training Class
- ☐ Boarding Facility
- ☐ Pet Photography
- ☐ Pet Sitting
- ☐ Dog Massage
- ☐ Pet Waste Removal Service
- ☐ Vacation Spot the Accept Dogs
- ☐ Dog Attire
- ☐ Natural Dog Treats
- ☐ Grooming
- ☐ Other _____

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- ☐ Yes
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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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- ☐ Yes
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March

1 Tuesday

What: Carol Schultz, Animal Communicator
Where: The Dog Spot, Wauwatosa
When: 2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Info: 414-258-3444 Reservations required.

3 Thursday

What: Start of: Life Skills for Puppies 8-20 weeks
When: 7-8pm (ends Apr 28)
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

5 Saturday

What: Animal Communication w/ Asia Voight
When: 10-3 - reservations required
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Easter/spring photos for pets, or people or both.

When: 10:00 - 4:00

Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776 Call for Appointments.

6 Sunday

What: Greyhound Rescue
When: 12-2
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

8 Tuesday

What: Beyond Basic Obedience
When: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
Info: 262-502-3647

What: Delta Society Therapy Dog Info Meeting
When: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
Info: 262-502-3647

10 Thursday

What: Deworming/stable management seminar
When: 6:30 p.m. Jennifer Parson - Associate Degree in Animal Science.
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776 Free. Please Register

11 Friday

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

What: Dog Nutrition Network Meeting
When: 7:00 - ? Beverages will be served.
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776 Free

What: Obedience

When: 7:00 p.m. (\$5 first run, \$2 second run)

Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

12 Saturday

What: Pet massage w/Geri. Help relieve the tension of long walks or agility training with a massage for your dog.
When: 1:00 - 4:00 \$15.00 a session.
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776 Walk-ins welcome but appointment suggested.

What: Tellington TTouch 2-day workshop for dogs

When: 9am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday

Where: Dane County Humane Society, Madison
Info: 608-838-0413, X129, jodi@giveshelter.org

What: Golden Retriever Rescue

When: 12-2

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

13 Sunday

What: Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec
When: 12-5 - reservations required
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Reike II- w/ Rebecca Moravec

When: 5-9 - reservations required

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Puppy tips - chewing, playful biting, barking, digging, etc.

When: 10:00 a.m. - ? Chris Kaiser (Bark Busters Training)

Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776 Free

What: Spring Fling Bazaar

When: 10:00 - 4:00 (raffles, booths, etc.)

Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

14 Monday

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
What: Reike II- w/ Rebecca Moravec
When: 5-9 reservations required
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Basic Obedience

When: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
Info: 262-502-3647

15 Tuesday

What: Basic Obedience

When: 7:45pm - 8:45pm

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
Info: 262-502-3647

16 Wednesday

What: Beginner Agility

When: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
Info: 262-502-3647

What: Intermediate Agility

When: 7:45pm - 8:45pm

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
Info: 262-502-3647

18 Friday

What: Chicagoland Family Pet Expo
When: 9am-5pm, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Where: Arlington Park IL
Info: www.towershow.com

What: Agility

When: 7:00 p.m. (\$5 first run, \$2 second run)

Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

19 Saturday

What: Canine Massage by Doug Arthur

When: 10-4

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Easter Pictures by SliderPhoto

Where: The Feed Bag, Grafton

When: 10:00-4:00

Appts: www.sliderphoto.com, 262-377-7601

20 Sunday

What: Photos with the Easter Bunny

When: 10-4 (reservations required)

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Pictures

Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc

When: 3:30 p.m.

Info: 262-560-1717, www.thedoggybagllc.com

What: Animal Communication with Rebecca Morevec

When: 12:00 - 5:00

Where: The Natural Pet, Bay View
Info: 414-482-7387

22 Tuesday

What: AKC Canine Good Citizen

When: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
Info: 262-502-3647

25 Friday

What: Yappy Hour

When: 6:30 - 7:30 (reservations required)

Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

26 Saturday

What: Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt
When: 11:00 a.m. Reservations required.
Where: The Dog Spot, Wauwatosa
Info: 414-258-3444

What: Delta Society Therapy Dog Testing
When: 9am - 1pm
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
Info: 262-502-3647

24 March - 15 April

Who: LDC Professional Pet Products
What: Easter Egg Hunt Online
Where: www.alpetsyupply.com

April

2 Saturday

What: Tellington TTouch workshop for dogs
When: 9am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday
Where: Twin Cities MN
Info: 651-603-1210, info@kindnessk9.com

What: Microchipping with Mark Hess from HAWS.
When: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776 Only \$20

3 Sunday

What: Start of: Teaching Dogs with Disabilities
When: 5-6pm
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

What: Start of: Companion Assistance Dog Training. Give your dog a job!
When: 7-8pm
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

7 Thursday

What: Start of: Life Skills for Puppies 8-20 weeks
When: 7-8pm (ends May 26)
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

8 Friday

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

What: Obedience
When: 7:00 p.m. (\$5 first run, \$2 second run)
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

What: So You Want to Get a Dog: Guidance for prospective dog owners.
When: 7-9pm
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

9 Saturday

What: Canine Massage - Pamper your Pooch with a K-9 Massage
When: 10-4
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

10 Sunday

What: Pizza Party for the Dogs (People too!)
When: 11:00 - 3:00
Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc
Info: 262-560-1717, www.thedoggybagllc.com

What: Animal Communication with Rebecca Morevec
When: 12:00 - 5:00
Where: The Natural Pet, Bay View
Info: 414-482-7387

15 Friday

What: Agility
When: 7:00 p.m. (\$5 first run, \$2 second run)
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

16 Saturday

What: Golden Retriever Rescue
When: 12-2
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

17 Sunday

What: Behavior Question? Ask Chris Kaiser (Bark Busters Training)
When: 10:00 a.m. - ?
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776 Free

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

What: Reike III- w/ Rebecca Moravec
When: 5-9 - reservations required
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

18 Monday

What: Reike III- w/ Rebecca Moravec
When: 5-9 reservations required
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

22 Friday

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

What: Raw food seminar with author Beth Taylor (See Spot Live Longer)
When: 5:00 pm - 7:00ish
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776, \$10.00 Class size limited. Please register.

23 Saturday

What: Tellington TTouch workshop for dogs
When: 9am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, Oconomowoc WI
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

What: Mom and Me Pictures by SliderPhoto
Where: Friends of Nature, Oconomowoc
When: 10:00-4:00
Appts: (262) 567-2699, www.sliderphoto.com

24 Sunday

What: Greyhound Rescue
When: 12-2
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

29 Friday

What: Yappy Hour for ROMP 29 Friday
When: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Where: Bucketworks Gallery, Milwaukee
Info: www.milwaukeekeepdogparks.org

30 Saturday

What: Mom and Me Pictures by SliderPhoto
Where: The Feed Bag, Grafton
When: 10:00-4:00
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Every Thursday

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

Every Saturday

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

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

Every Sunday

Who: "The Everything Pet Show" with Amy Ammen
What: 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 414-799-1234
Where: WEMP AM 1250 Live call-in show
Info: Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

The information for the Event Calendar is provided to Fetch Magazine by many sources and is accurate at the time of printing. We encourage you to call ahead to confirm event details.

Do you have a dog-friendly event that needs to be listed? We'll be happy to add it to our Event Calendar. Send us an email at info@fetchmag.com with the following details: What, When, Where, and Contact Info.

Why I Foster



Photos courtesy of Karyn Sehmer.

The phone rings.....

"There's a girl just dropped off at a shelter"
"We're picking up a 2 year old from Kenosha"

The conversations begin with only the most basic information, where the dog is, sex, or age if we know it. Some already have names, others we get to choose a name for them. We are a foster family.

People ask me many questions about the dog fostering process. Where do these dogs come from? How long do they stay with us? Do we get paid to foster a dog? But no one has ever asked me WHY I foster?

The most important reason "Why" we foster is for the unwanted dogs themselves. Every one of them comes to our home scared, apprehensive or anxious to some degree.

Sometimes we know what type of home or environment the dog came from, but other times we have no idea if they were abused, neglected or hurt by someone in their past. I remember Beau, a dog abandoned at a kennel for 2 months before he came into rescue. He had become depressed, stopped eating and was losing his hair from stress. It is not unusual for a new foster to not eat for 24 hours or so after arriving into rescue. But Beau was so underweight already and I was praying he would soon develop an appetite. One morning my husband went to feed the dogs their breakfast and he announced Beau had finally eaten all the food in his bowl!! I was elated. Beau continued to

gain weight and developed into a happy, active dog. The one's who come the farthest, like Beau during their

2-12 week stay with us are the most memorable, and the most challenging.

The number one reason Italian Greyhounds are surrendered into rescue is for housetraining issues. The first few weeks we work VERY HARD monitoring their behavior and housetraining in and out of the house. I'm sure my neighbors think I'm crazy every morning at 6:00 a.m. as I am heard yelling "Good Boy!!" over and over. Scamp was a puppy who had lived most of his life in a cage before he came into rescue. Scamp had an awful habit of going #2 in his crate, then pushing it all over the kennel with his paws. Each time, I would have to wash Scamp first, then disassemble his crate to wash it and the bedding. After going through this scenario for the third time in a week I was asking myself "Why do I foster?" A short time later, the "light bulb" went off in Scamp's little IG head and he would wait to go #2 until he was outside. When he was adopted, his housetraining was near perfect. The way I see it, I am given these blank slates and it is my job to teach them how to be good pets with better doggie manners.

I also foster because of the family bond it creates within our home. We adopted our first Italian Greyhound because my youngest daughter whined so incessantly for a dog, she finally wore us down. I was the last one to give in because I knew as "mom", the majority of the jobs would fall on me. When we first started to foster, we had to agree to be a "foster family" which meant we all had to help do the work. My oldest daughter quickly learned how to leash train a dog if they had never walked on a leash before. She also shares her bedroom with each foster because she is the soundest sleeper in the house and can handle a water bottle with finesse in her sleep. We all walk the dogs together, take turns feeding, washing, training and picking up the yard. Having foster dogs always gives me something to talk about with my girls, it keeps the lines of communication open during these turbulent teenage years. Fritz was a particularly sneaky, Houdini like foster who would escape from our fenced in yard without being seen.

Frustrated and angry, I would accuse my kids or their friends of leaving the gate open for Fritz to run out.

One day my daughter delightfully yelled for me to come outside, when I did I saw Fritz, calmly climbing up our chain link fence, commando style, hurling his body over it!! Mystery solved, sorry girls.

We also foster and participate in rescue events because of all the great friends we've made. Dog Rescue people are the most generous people I know with both their time and money. These people volunteer and work long and hard trying to save every dog. Those who can't foster will drive hours to transport a dog, or perform a home visit or send money when special vet bills can't be covered, or sit at a Rescue booth at a pet show in the area. There is a unique bond between rescue dog owners, we are all dedicated to maintaining the success of this organization that can do so much for so many needy dogs - without getting paid a cent.

Finally, I foster because of the adopters themselves. I still remember the anticipation and excitement that we felt when adopting our first dog. I get to relive that nervous energy each time I meet adopters for the first time. I get to share everything I know about their dog's schedule, activity and behavior and can calm their fears and answer their questions. Esther was an older dog who came from a puppy mill. Esther was adopted by a middle-aged woman who lived alone. These two great ladies found each other and became a family. Esthers' mom has since adopted another rescue dog. Bob's family was ready to euthanize him because they were no longer physically able to care for him. Bob now lives in a dog friendly area of Chicago with a young professional woman who takes him sailing with her on Lake Michigan. What more can one dog ask for?

Adopters come from all walks of life but I stress to each one that now they are part of the big circle of rescue. It is now their turn to spread the word about all types of dog rescue groups and pass on the rescue philosophy to others. Rescue groups exist for just about every breed of dog there is which means there are hundreds of dogs available for adoption, some living with foster families like my own, and all wait-

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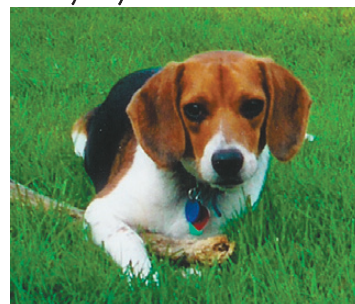
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Zip's tennis ball is his most prized possession, which is also Marhofke's main training device. In May of 2002, Zip and Marhofke were able to demonstrate some of their many talents on the popular Animal Planet show, K-9 to 5.

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"What you do with these dogs is like what you do in a marriage or any other relationship, you take a little time, sit back and look at the good things and the bad things and you use a lot of positive reinforcement."

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