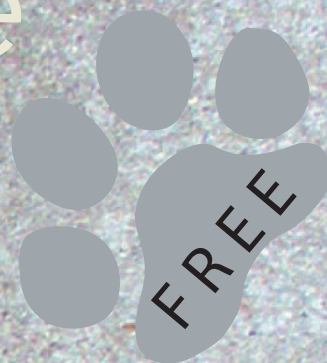




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Celebrity Profile:  
Marilynn Mee





Kramer's new playmate Ella Grace. Born March 9, 2004.

## Publisher's Letter

Did you notice something different when you picked up the May/June issue? Seem a little heavier? Due to the overwhelming response we've received with our first two issues, we have expanded the number of pages to 32. Now you will be able to read more features about living with dogs in southeast Wisconsin and discover more ways to enrich your relationship with your canine companion through a growing list of local advertisers.

This issue also begins our series of local celebrity profiles ...and their dogs. Take a look at Marilyn Mee's love of dogs and her commitment to canine blood donation. From time to time, we will also publish letters from our readers - describing your experiences and suggestions for making the most of the bond between dog and owner. Your letters are encouraged and will be considered for future issues. Please send them in.

As spring slowly turns into warmer, summer days, take note of our "Traveling with Dogs" feature and make sure that if you're hitting the open road with your "buddy," you make the trip safe and comfortable for him. Or if you're planning to stay in town and taking in a day of shopping, stop by the businesses featured in our "Dogs in the Workplace" article and shop for rugs, art prints, lighting design, or men's clothing...all in the company of dogs.

As you probably heard in the past few months, Fetch Magazine has been featured in numerous local newspapers and on the afternoon news. But there are still plenty of people who have not yet heard about this long-awaited new publication. Take an extra copy and show it to your Veterinarian, Groomer, Boarding Facility Manager, Pet Supply Store Owner and let them know that they can offer FREE copies to their customers - all they need to do is call or email me.

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Congratulations on the first issue of Fetch Magazine! I picked up a copy at my dog's day care and thoroughly enjoyed it. The local focus of dog-related articles has long been needed in this area. There are a lot of dog owners in our area that welcome the arrival of your magazine, especially the emphasis on responsible dog ownership.  
|Marie, Waukesha

I took quite a few more Fetch Magazines from the Cudahy Kennel Club and they are disappearing off the lunch room table like hot cakes. Everyone here at the law firm and at my husband's place of employment have been enjoying them very much.  
|Pamela, Milwaukee

I can't tell you how excited I am about your magazine. Every single article is informative and right on the mark. I am familiar with many of your advertisers and they are good people.  
|Wendy, Wind Lake

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|Marie, Waukesha

I just loved the magazine! Especially as you featured the Westie and I am a proud owner of one myself. I look forward to future issues and have shared copies with other K-9 lovers!  
|LoriKay, West Allis

Just wanted to say I love the magazine and it really fits a void in SE Wisconsin.  
|Rebecca, Oconomowoc

picked up the first edition of Fetch Magazine and really enjoyed it. I passed it on to my other dog lover co-workers to read!  
|Misty, Milwaukee

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# Ask the VET

**Q: Please help me understand hip dysplasia and treatment options. What should I look for when acquiring a new puppy?**

**A: What Is Hip Dysplasia?**

Most dog lovers confuse this condition with arthritis of the hips and use the terms interchangeably, which is incorrect. The hip is a true ball-and-socket joint. The ball is the head of the femur, which is the long bone of the thigh. This fits into a socket in the pelvis called the acetabulum. In a normal dog, the ball and socket fit together well and the ball stays in the socket where it belongs. In a dysplastic hip, the ball and socket have an abnormal relationship to each other. This can range from mild incongruity (a "poor fit") to the ball being partially out of the socket (subluxation of the hip). This abnormal relationship between the bones eventually will result in arthritis in the hip joint and pain for the pet.

**How Is Hip Dysplasia Detected?**

The only way to diagnose hip dysplasia is with radiographs (x-rays) of the hips. Unfortunately there is a poor correlation between how the hips look on film and how the dog feels and behaves. Some dogs with radiographically mild hip dysplasia can be severely lame, while other dogs with very bad hips on film act perfectly comfortable. What is inevitable in all dysplastic hips is that arthritis will set in at some point in the dog's life span—we just can't tell when. Some dogs won't develop arthritis until old age, while others will show signs of pain and lameness before they reach their first birthday. How and when a dog develops pain in the hips determines what treatment options are available.

**How Is Hip Dysplasia Treated?**

While only a veterinarian can best determine how a particular dog should be treated, some general rules apply. For some dogs that develop arthritis secondary to hip dysplasia discomfort can be controlled with medications. Oral anti-inflammatory pain relievers and supple-

ments to improve cartilage and joint health can keep many pets comfortable for years. For dogs that are less than ten months of age, a surgical procedure called a triple pelvic osteotomy (TPO) can be performed. This procedure involves making three cuts (osteotomies) in the pelvis and repositioning the pelvis so the acetabulum better fits the head of the femur. Only young dogs with no evidence of arthritis in the hip are candidates for this procedure. In older dogs or those who already have evidence of arthritis on radiographs, two surgical options are available. The Femoral Head Osteotomy (FHO) simply removes the ball part of the joint and fills the socket with muscle, creating a pseudo-joint. This allows the dog to use the leg in a pain free manner. The more complex Total Hip Replacement involves implanting an artificial joint of stainless steel and high-impact plastic. This procedure gives the dog an artificial hip that is mechanically sound and can withstand the rigors of a high activity life style.

**How Do I Pick A Dysplasia Free Puppy?**

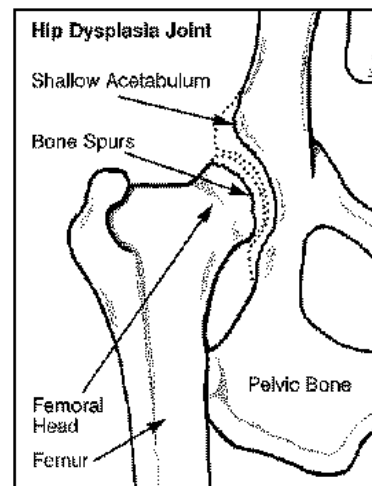
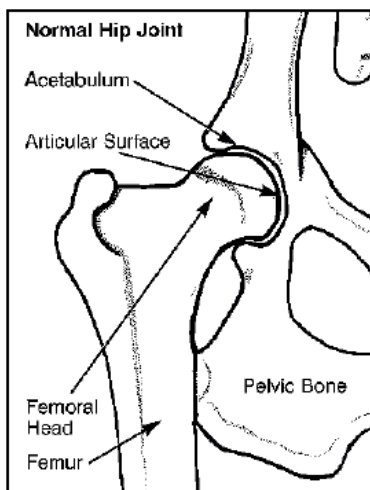
Unfortunately, when acquiring a young pup there is simply no way to guarantee your new friend will grow up to have normal hips. To improve your odds try to limit the risks. While a dog of any breed might become dysplastic, certain breeds are more likely to have problems. The large, rapidly growing breeds are genetically prone to dysplasia. Examples include the various Retriever types, giant dogs such as Saint Bernards and Newfoundlands, and stocky dogs such as Bulldogs. When evaluating a puppy from an at-risk breed, it's best to look to the parents. Breeding dogs that are

certified to have acceptable hips by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or the University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program (Penn-HIP) are more likely to pass on the genes for good hips to their puppies. Good breeders are happy to discuss their dog's hip certification and often will include a hip guarantee in the purchase contract.

Once you have chosen your pup how you feed it can have a huge impact on the way he grows and develops. Improper diet during the rapid growth phase can make a dog that is genetically prone to hip dysplasia develop bad hip conformation. Fortunately, the emergence of diets specifically for large breed puppies has removed much of the risk of feeding your growing pup. To assess you pup's condition, only a radiograph can tell if your pet is dysplastic. Screening radiographs taken under sedation around six months of age can reveal if your pet has already inherited the condition. Treatment is based more on the pup's comfort and function than the radiographs themselves, but these films can give you an idea of your dog's potential for future problems. For dogs that will be used for breeding the films are taken again at two years of age and submitted to one of the certification programs. Any dog that is determined to be dysplastic should never be used for breeding.

**Dr. Brenda Biermeier**, a licensed veterinarian and graduate of the UW-Madison school of veterinary medicine, practices at Harmony Pet Care in Waukesha.

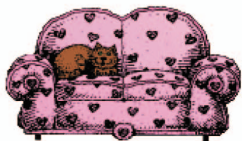
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## Celebrity Profile: **Marilynn Mee**



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 Marilyn Mee relaxing in her home with Tillie and Norman.

For radio personality Marilyn Mee some of her most prized possessions have four legs. As an avid animal lover, the midday disc jockey and music director at Lazer 103, views her two dogs and one cat as more than just friends - they are family.

"When I come home from work they don't know what kind of show I had, I could've had a really great day or a really bad day, they just don't care. All they care about is being walked, fed or cuddled," she laughed.

Mee says that her two dogs; Tillie a seven-year-old Yellow Lab and Norman, an eight-year-old Basset Hound, are like having two kids with distinct personalities. "I really enjoy having two dogs that are extreme opposites because I get such different things from each dog. At night, when we're at home Tillie will want to play fetch in the living room, while Norman wants to be sitting next to me on the couch."

Norman, who Mee adopted through Basset Buddies Rescue, Inc. in Muskego, is a very loyal, easy-going Basset who would love nothing more than to stick by Mee wherever she goes. "He's like glue, he just wants to be with me all the time."

How Mee ended up with two unique four-legged characters happened mostly by accident. When Tillie came into her life she was looking for a bigger, friendly, active dog - all of which she received in Tillie. As a child, however, she had a Basset Hound and always thought it might be nice to have another, which

lead her to Basset Buddies where she was paired up with Norman who became a perfect fit with her family. "He just wanted so much to be a part of our family and I just fell in love with him," she said.

Though all three of her pets are very conducive together, Mee explained that she does like spending one-on-one time with each of them. "Sometimes I might take Norman to a friend's house because I can take him in and he's not so rambunctious, or I might take him to an event with me because he's better in a crowded place. With Tillie, because she gets so excited I have to be a little more careful with her, but she loves to ride in the car as well."

One place that Mee does take both dogs is to Glendale's Animal Emergency Center where they each regularly donate blood. "Aside from all the wonderful things people can get from participating in the program, like at \$25 credit at the hospital and a free check-up, it's just such a great thing to do and thank Heavens for people who do get involved in it because it can really make a difference in the life of someone's pet."

For more information on the blood donation program at the Glendale Animal Emergency Center, contact Marilyn Mee at [mee@lazer103.com](mailto:mee@lazer103.com).

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# An Ounce of Prevention:

## The Facts on Heartworm Disease

Ten inch worms that set up housekeeping in the arteries of the heart and lungs are what cause heartworm disease in dogs and it strikes many beloved family pets in our area each year. The mosquito spreads the disease and no dog is out of its reach in the US. Though the heaviest infection rates are along the Mississippi River and its tributaries, heartworm is found in all 50 states. Southeastern Wisconsin is a high infection area. Infected animals can be treated and successfully overcome the infestation. However, treatment of the disease can be painful and drawn out over a long period of time with persistent symptoms causing additional discomfort.

Once infected, the blood of a dog with heartworm will not test positive for worms until six to seven months after initial exposure. The heartworm is detected by analyzing blood for an antigen from the adult female worm. Though rare, a false negative can result from the presence of only the male worms in a dog's system.

X-rays of the heart and lungs are the best tools available to evaluate the severity of the disease. Typical signs of the disease in various stages seen on radiographs are enlargement of the right side of the heart, main pulmonary artery and pulmonary arteries in the lobes of the lung. Inflammation in the lung tissue that surrounds the pulmonary arteries is also observed.

Dogs with higher numbers of worms are usually discovered to have more severe heart and lung changes. Later in the disease, if left untreated, the heart may enlarge, become overworked and weaken leading to congestive heart failure. Untreated heartworm disease can last years in infected dogs and clinical signs

may not show up for a year or more after contracting the disease. The first symptom of mild heartworm disease is a cough. Moderate cases experience exercise intolerance, abnormal heart and lung sounds and severe cases involve difficulty breathing, enlarged liver and eventually death.

Jodie Gruenstern, DVM of the Animal Doctor clinic in Muskego strongly suggests that heartworm testing and preventative medication are more safe for dogs and economical for caregivers than the conventional treatments currently available for the disease. "Once a dog is diagnosed with heartworms they receive a series of injections of a drug called Immiticide® in the back muscles which causes a lot of pain," said Gruenstern. "Another side effect is the possibility of an abscess at the injection site that requires additional medication to slowly kill off the microfilariae in the blood," she continued.

"We use Interceptor® as our main heartworm preventative medication and we ask all clients to use it year round. Even though mosquitoes are only out part of the year, the medication works backwards to kill off any microfilariae that may be in the blood from a bite in the previous month. People tend to forget to give the pills if they only administer it a few months out of the year. Interceptor kills other parasites such as whipworms, which Heartgard® doesn't do," said Gruenstern.

Dr. Gruenstern says she has many holistically minded clients who try to care for their dogs in the most natural way possible, often avoiding prescription drugs as much as possible. Though she too is a holistically trained vet, she feels that the benefits of using a heartworm preventative medication far outweighs the risks of relying on a healthy dog's immune system to fight off parasites as serious as heartworms. "Some people may think that because the medication is given monthly that it stays in the dog's system for a month, when actually it is only in their body for a day," she concluded. The Animal Doctor clinic does offer an herbal detox formula for use before and after the heartworm pills are administered at home. This can help the liver process the medication more quickly.

Dogs who are outdoors at parks and who live in homes or camp near lakes and rivers are most at risk of being bitten but

even city dogs get heartworm. Just being out in the yard puts a dog at risk. According to the Heartgard product web site, 369 clinics in Wisconsin reported 1,362 heartworm positive dogs from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001. Though the numbers of infected dogs in Milwaukee, Waukesha and Racine counties was well over 100 cases per county, more than any other counties, this is likely due to the high concentration of animals per household compared to other less populated counties in the state.

It seems if you don't currently use heartworm prevention medication on your dog you may be playing dangerous odds. To read more about the heartworm, the disease it causes and how to protect your pet visit the American Heartworm Society at [www.heartwormsociety.org](http://www.heartwormsociety.org).

*This story also appeared in the March issue of Riverwest Currents.*

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# Over ... Through ... Down ... Weave ...

You've seen it on Animal Planet and ESPN. Now you're wondering if you and your dog could do it, too. What is it? The fast-paced, exciting sport of Dog Agility!

For those unfamiliar with the sport, agility is a race against the clock where competitors direct their dogs around an obstacle course. Obstacles that can be used to create a course include jumps, tunnels, an A-frame, a teeter-totter, a dog walk, and weave poles. Scoring is based on faults, similar to equestrian show-jumping events.

There are currently four main governing bodies for dog agility in the United States. The United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) and the North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) are devoted solely to the sport while agility is one of the many activities of the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the United Kennel Club (UKC). Although the rules and obstacles are slightly different in each, their goal is the same - to promote agility as a fun, competitive, athletic sport for dogs and their handlers.

The first agility trial in the United States was held in 1986 under the rules of the fledgling USDAA. Since those early days, agility has grown exponentially throughout the US and internationally as well. Excluding breed shows and obedience competitions, it is probably the most popular dog activity in America today.

"We've been involved in agility since the early 90's," commented Sue Steinbach, assistant director of training for agility for Milwaukee Dog Training Club (MDTC). "We believe we were one of the first groups in the area to begin teaching agility classes. Now there are a lot of

clubs, groups, and individuals holding classes in southeastern Wisconsin. There are even a few people giving private lessons. Agility really took off in the 1990s and is continuing to thrive today." As a matter of fact, almost every weekend from April through October, you can find an agility trial somewhere in the Milwaukee area or within a 1-2 hour drive.

By now, you're probably wondering what breed of dog is best suited to agility. You might get the impression from seeing events on television that you need to have a Border Collie or a Sheltie to participate, but you don't. Although the herding breeds could probably be considered the ideal dogs for agility (and most of the top dogs in the sport are from the herding group), almost any dog can take part. And that includes mixed breeds. USDAA, NADAC, and UKC allow "All-American" dogs to compete in their events while AKC events are restricted to purebred dogs.

To get started in agility, your dog should know some basic obedience commands like sit, down, and stay, and he should come when called. Because of the physical demands of agility, your dog should not be overweight or suffering from any orthopedic problems like hip dysplasia. As for age, the younger the better when it comes to introducing the agility obstacles. However, your dog must be physically mature to perform the obstacles, especially the jumps, safely, which is why all four organizations have a minimum age of 12 or 18 months to compete in agility events.

Agility obstacles are divided into three categories: jumps, tunnels, and contact obstacles.

## Jumps

Jumps are usually single bar, but can also be double or even triple bar which test the dog's ability to clear width as well as height. Some jumps require the dog to jump through a hoop or tire placed at a height above the ground.



Rosie makes this jump look easy.

## Tunnels

Tunnels generally come in two types, open (or pipe) and closed (or collapsible). Open tunnels are just what the name indicates - both ends of the tunnel are open (picture a "Slinky" lying on its side). In contrast, a closed tunnel has a long cloth section attached to a smaller, rigid section. The dog has to enter the open, rigid end and push through the cloth to exit the tunnel.



Beau shoots through the tunnel.

## Contact Obstacles

There are three standard contact obstacles. The dog walk consists of a center section 4 to 4.5 feet off the ground with a ramp at each end. The dog goes up one ramp, across the center section and down the other ramp. The A-frame also consists of two ramps but without the flat, center section. It ranges from 5'6" to 6'3" at its apex, and the two ramps are much wider than on the dog walk (36 inches versus 12). The dog simply has to go up one ramp and down the other.



The teeter-totter or seesaw is similar to what you would see on a children's playground. The dog must step onto the end of the plank, move forward until his weight causes the other end to begin lowering, and exit the seesaw when the other end is on the ground. All three obstacles have a "contact zone" near the bottom of the down ramp which the dog has to touch with at least one paw in order to complete the obstacle successfully.

In addition to jumps, tunnels, and contact obstacles, an agility course usually includes a set of weave poles. There can be anywhere from 6 to 12 poles placed in a straight line which the dog navigates by snaking or "weaving" his body on alternate sides of the poles (right of pole 1, left of pole 2, etc).



Ted makes his way over the A-frame.

All of these obstacles can be combined in many different ways to create an agility course. Depending on the skill level of the dogs, each course will include 14 to 20 obstacles. In one day of competition, a dog and handler team can run as many as four different courses, earning "legs" toward the numerous titles offered by the various agility organizations.

Agility events are held on the local, regional, and national level. Through national competitions, a dog and handler team can even qualify to participate in international competitions as members of the United States team.

Ready to start your dog's agility career? Contact an agility group in your area to sign up for classes. Not quite ready to participate, but interested in seeing more? Watch for listings of upcoming agility competitions in Fetch Magazine's Event Calendar.

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# Ask the Trainer

## Question:

**We just brought a new puppy home. Can you give me some housetraining tips?**

## Answer:

Ok. You've picked up your new puppy. You've purchased his crate, leash and collar, toys, food and water dish. You've taken him to the veterinarian for his checkup and immunizations. What's next?

Housetraining! You need to teach your puppy where is an appropriate place to eliminate and where isn't an appropriate place. You also need to teach your puppy what is appropriate to chew and what is not appropriate to chew. This is all housetraining.

Housetraining your puppy to go to the bathroom outside is not a great mystery. It is literally a matter of scheduling. You need to make sure you are around to let your pup out when the pup is going to need to go. If you are not, your puppy will use some spot you don't want him to use to eliminate.

In the beginning, when you are home, take him out every hour on the hour. More frequently if it's a smaller dog. The idea is to prevent your puppy from having an accident. If he doesn't have the opportunity to make errors, the errors can't become habits. As he matures you will find that he doesn't go every time you take him out. Now you can expand the time to every hour and a quarter, or every hour and a half. Expand the time gradually. If you go from every hour to two hours and your pup is having accidents, you've gone too far, too fast. Back up to an hour and a half.

We want to be proactive. Anticipate when your pup is going to go, and provide your pup the opportunity to be successful. Most puppies will need to go within a half hour or so of eating, upon waking up from a nap, and after hard play. There will be individual variations, but these are good general rules.

Certainly, you must make sure your puppy is empty prior to leaving him in his crate for any period of time. That would mean before going to bed, work, or just running errands.

I suggest that you put your puppy in his crate anytime you can't supervise him. (For crate training suggestions see Fetch Magazine's March/April issue.) It's very easy for a puppy to wander out of a room when we are preoccupied with something else. Following this rule will prevent destructive chewing as well as accidental injury when your pup goes exploring. This also allows you to teach your pup what is proper to chew.

When kids have the responsibility for letting the pup out of his crate after school they must watch him constantly. I don't mean finding the pup on commercials or at the end of a chapter. I mean watch. If the pup can't be watched, the pup should be crated. We give our puppies far too much freedom, far too soon. It's a good idea to keep them confined to one room. Let them earn the right to be in another room by becoming reliable in the first room.

I strongly recommend that you feed specific meals at this stage of your puppies training. Put his meal down for ten or fifteen minutes. Pick it up if he doesn't eat it. If you can control the input, you can control the output. I would also suggest that you withdraw water from your puppy as much as three hours before bedtime. This will give him plenty of opportunity to empty himself before going to bed. If you suspect your pup is thirsty you can give him some ice chips to chew on.

Some smaller breeds are very fussy about going outside when it's winter. If you have one of these dogs you will have to shovel an area where you want to have him eliminate. Most toy breeds are not going to want to climb a three-foot snow bank, to squat in eight inches of snow. (I can't say I would want to either!) This can sometimes lead to your dog going out and not eliminating. You decide it's time to go back inside, and as soon as you get inside your puppy empties. To avoid this problem, if you know that your pup is scheduled to do both, and he only does one or the other, when you get back inside put your pup in the crate for ten or fifteen minutes. Then take him back outside. If they don't go this time, it's back in the crate for him. Don't give your pup

a chance to make a mistake. Don't let him run around through the house if he's not empty.

Wintertime it's snow, in summertime it's butterflies. Imagine what your puppy must think the first time he sees a butterfly floating in front of his face. It's very distracting.

Here is a tip that you can use for those times your pup forgets why you took him outside. Many dogs will circle before they go to the bathroom. If you walk your dog in a small circle you may trigger a reflex that has them start looking for a spot to go. You should move in a very tight circle with your dog walking around you. If your pup starts to sniff as you are walking the circle, speak to him. Use an encouraging tone. Use a phrase that you want your dog to learn as a command to go. "Hurry up, go potty, make", are a few popular ones. When your puppy goes, **YOU MUST PRAISE HIM!!!!** Have a party!!! Take some really yummy food treats out with you. When he's done give him a treat. You need to communicate to your pup that going outside is all that it takes to make you ecstatic. If you don't communicate to him that you want him to eliminate outside, your puppy really has no motivation to hold it until you get him outside.

If you follow these simple rules teaching your dog to eliminate outside will be quick and efficient. You will also have the added bonus of not having your pup destroying your home.

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*If you have questions regarding the information presented in this article, contact Ask the Trainer, your personal Dog Trainer, or a training facility in your area.*





# Dogs in the workplace: The Most Loyal Sales Associates

In the dog-eat-dog world of business what better companion to have by your side than your best four-legged friend? We all wish we could bring our dogs to work each day when we see those sad, droopy eyes watching us rush out the door each morning. But, in the Milwaukee-area, there are a handful of dog-friendly businesses where dogs are either welcomed in or are a regular fixture of everyday business life. Following are some businesses that cater to four-legged friends.

## Aala Reed

1320 East Brady St., Milwaukee



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Shatze and Lulu waiting for their regular customers.

Brady Street businesses are some of the most dog-friendly businesses in the city, according to Laura Lutter, owner of the upper-end men's clothing store, Aala Reed.

Many of the customers who frequent Aala Reed are dog owners, so four-legged friends are definitely welcome in the store. "My philosophy is if you have a dog, bring it in," Lutter said with a laugh.

Lutter's Beagle/Australian Shepard-mix, Shatze, is a regular fixture at the store, as is the store manager's Yorkie/Minuature poodle, LuLu.

"When I first opened the business I started bringing Shatze in partly for protection, I liked the secure feeling of having him there with me. But, later I just enjoyed having him around since I talk to him a lot," explained Lutter.

Having been in business for two years now, customers of Aala Reed are used to Shatze and Lulu's presence in the store,

and to most, the dogs are a welcome sight. "If we do have customers that are afraid of the dogs, or allergic, we put them in back, but most people are just fine with it," she said.

## Picture Perfect Incorporated

213 N. Broadway, Milwaukee



Brian and Klaus talk about the upcoming workday.

At his gallery, Brian Preising's German shorthair, Klaus has become as much a part of the gallery as Preising himself. Klaus, however, isn't the only dog that has ever spent time in the gallery.

"I would say out of the 19 years that I've had this business that I've had a dog here with me at least 14 out of those 19 years," said Preising.

Klaus, and other dogs that Preising has owned, began coming to the store simply because if they didn't, they would spend too much time alone. "Since I spent so much time working, I would leave the dogs at home for just way too long so it just worked out well to have them here."

Having a well-behaved dog like Klaus is extremely important when you have them in the workplace, added Preising. "You just have to have a dog that listens, if they don't listen well it just doesn't work," he said. In addition, Klaus also works well in the gallery because his cropped tail doesn't knock things over, which could be a liability when often surrounded by breakable objects.

Along with having his own dog at the gallery, Preising also doesn't discourage customers from bringing their own dogs in the store. "If people are walking, or especially if it's cold outside, I definitely have no problem with people bringing their dogs in the gallery," he said.

## Manhattan Textiles

10505 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa



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This four-legged Sales Associate knows style.

Though her dogs don't frequent the upholstery and drapery store as much as they used to, Lori Fleming is another business owner who definitely thinks bringing your dog to work can be beneficial.

"When we see dogs outside with their owners we definitely invite them inside," explained Fleming.

In the past when Mopsy, a Border Collie/Brittany-mix and Ruby, an Australian Shepard would come in the store with Fleming they would often sit behind the counter and greet customers. Like other busy business owners, Fleming said she would bring her dogs to work simply because she found herself spending more time at work than at home. "I just didn't have enough time to spend with them at home so it was just nice to have them here with me and customers really seemed to enjoy it."

As time went on, however, Fleming said it became easier to leave the dogs with relatives than have them in the store during the day. By nature of their breed, the dogs needed time to run. "Sometimes it was just too hard to watch them so now they have a nice yard to run in during the day and it just works out better for everyone."

**Thiel Visual Design Incorporated**  
325 East Chicago St., Milwaukee



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Pawleen enjoys the work life.

At graphic design firm, Thiel Visual Design Incorporated, pet-owners receive the same consideration as parents, which is a wonderful job perk for some employees.

"Many of the people who work here are dog owners and the owners of the company are very understanding and realize that dogs are family too," explained Production Designer Lydia Driscoll.

Driscoll often brings her Italian greyhound, Pawleen to work if the need arises. "We usually run it by the owners first, but it's usually never a problem if someone needs to bring in their dog, or take time off to run to a vet appointment and things like that," Driscoll added. "We receive the same consideration as the those who have kids which is really nice." Having dogs in the office at Thiel Design is rarely a distraction, since it's really a matter of trust in terms of employees getting their jobs done and how well

behaved the dogs are. "It's never been a problem to have the dogs in the office and when there are two or more dogs here at the same time they usually all get a long well, so it's always worked well for everyone. Though it may not be an every day occurrence to have the dogs here, we usually just bring them in when the need arises," she added.

**Creative Lighting Design & Engineering**  
N140 W13843 Cedar Lane, Germantown



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Magical and Whimsy stratigize over a client's design.

Clients of Creative Lighting Design & Engineering will most likely have the pleasure of meeting Magical and Whimsy, two Keeshonds who frequent the office almost daily with owner Marty Peck.

Marty began bringing his dogs to the office mostly for company. "There's really two reasons why they started coming with me, first it was because they were home alone too much when I first started the business, and then it was just because I enjoyed the companionship. These dogs are bred to be great companions so they're really nice to have around," explained Peck.

In his business of designing lighting for architectural spaces, Peck added that creativity is an important commodity in his office. "I'm a firm believer that a relaxed atmosphere promotes creativity, so I think having the dogs around really helps that, they tend to help lighten the stress load. If you get worried or stressed and the dog comes up and puts his paw on your lap, or if they're playing together

it just helps lighten the situation and changes your mood."

Though other employees at the firm don't generally bring their dogs to work, Peck added that he isn't against the idea. "If the need ever arose where someone would need to bring their dog in, I certainly wouldn't be against it."

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# On The Road Again...

The travel season is upon us again. A time to pull out the guidebooks and make the most of the nice weather while we can. As we head out on our newest adventure, should we include our canine companions? How can we provide them with a safe and enjoyable vacation?

Even if you have a nomadic soul, your dog might see it differently. Strangers, travel conditions and an unknown environment could prove overwhelming for some pups. If he's a happy traveler you'll need to consider what he'd get out of the trip. How long is your trip? Where is the final destination? Are the accommodations and attractions pet friendly? A short trip might not be worth disturbing your pet's routine or if he's going to spend all his time locked in a hotel room, he's better off left at home. If you have any doubts, research pet sitters and kennels in your area, he just might have a better time on his own vacation.

How you'll travel is one of the most important decisions, the two most common options are by car or plane. Most major cruise line and train companies don't allow pets on board. If you have to travel by plane to get to your retreat consider again whether you really want to bring your friend along.

Despite congress requiring airlines to create a separate lost pet reporting system, the safety hasn't changed. Approximately 5,000 pets are lost, injured or killed during airline travel, according to the Air Transport Association.

If you're taking an extended vacation or moving and must take your dog by plane, do so with caution. See if he fits the size requirements for a carry on, that way he can be stowed under your seat. Otherwise, you'll need to purchase a USDA approved shipping kennel large enough for him to stand, sit and lay comfortably. Add bedding and freeze water in a dish so it won't spill. Make sure the crate contains a picture of your dog, contact information and the words "Live Animal" at least one inch tall on the top and at least one side. The kennel door should close securely, but remain unlocked in case airline personnel need to open it in an emergency.



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Book a direct flight so he spends less time confined and being handled and tell every airline employee you speak with that your traveling with a pet so they're aware if they can provide additional considerations. Check with the airline well in advance as to any needed paper work needed for pet transport.

If this all sounds like too much, you might want to consider hiring some help. The Animal Motel, located in Butler, is the only USDA and FAA licensed intermediate handlers in the Milwaukee area. This service includes travel plan arrangement, kennels inspection, and checking over paperwork, they'll even drive your pet to the airport. "It

relieves a lot of stress for the family," says Pet Travel Agent Daryl Gutknecht" and it's a lot safer to go through an expert who knows all the ins and outs of pet travel."

Traveling by car offers more control over the conditions your friend is exposed to, but there are still some precautions. Dogs should be restrained by a suitable sized crate or harness in the back seat, not riding in the front and never in the bed of a pick-up. Hold off on food until you reach your destination or give only a small meal since a full belly could lead to carsickness. Make sure he gets out

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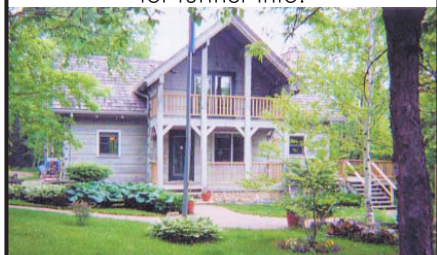
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every few hours to exercise and relieve himself. Never leave him unattended in the car, even on a cool day temperature rise very quickly and an unwatched dog could lead to injury or theft.

Whether traveling by road or sky, visit a vet beforehand. A health certificate, dated no longer than 10 days before travel, is required anytime a pet crosses state line. Dr. Boss, owner of Best Friends Veterinary Clinic in Grafton, recommends picking up any additional medications or vaccines you may need. Depending on the destination, you pet's needs may change. For instance, in warmer states dogs require heartworm and flea medications year round. She also advises against using any type of tranquilizer if possible. "They suppress brain function, heat regulation and can decrease blood pressure" she said "if car sickness is an issue, Dramamine would be a better choice." If your pet has anxiety over car travel, acclimate him slowly, otherwise a car trip is not in his best interest.

Before you head out the door, give one last look to make sure he has everything he'll need for his journey. For example,

a travel tag with a number you can be reached at on the road or even consider getting him a more permanent form of identification such as a microchip. A good supply of his regular food and water will help prevent an upset tummy. Don't forget plastic bags and towels to clean up any messes and a few favorite toys for entertainment. With a little consideration and caution, a trip with your best friend can be an enjoyable experience for all.

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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# Safety Tips for the DOG DAYS of Summer

Summer is a time for both you and your dog to enjoy the great outdoors, but along with the fun in the sun, the season also offers up situations that can endanger your dog. While everyone knows it's important to provide dogs with plenty of water and shade, the summer season can pose many other lesser-known dangers. Keep your furry friends healthy, safe and cool this summer by following these tips.

Common pet allergens that occur in the summer include pollen, grass and weeds. While people react to these allergens by sneezing, dogs react to them by scratching. Visit your vet if you notice your dog chewing at his paws or scratching excessively.

Ensure that all the windows in your home are properly screened to prevent escape or accidental falls.

Don't leave pets in parked cars for any period of time. Every summer, animals left in parked cars suffer brain damage and die from heatstroke. On a warm day, even with the windows cracked, the temperature in a car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. If you see an animal in a parked car during the summer, alert the management of the shopping mall or grocery store. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the police.

Like people, pets get sunburned, too. Dogs with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer, and may require sunscreen on their noses and ear tips.

It is very dangerous to drive with a dog in the back of a pickup truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves, or is hit by another vehicle. Dogs should ride either in the cab, in a crate or wearing a seat belt harness designed for dogs, or in a secured crate in the bed of the truck.

Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with dogs that are older, overweight, or have thick coats or short noses. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours and always exercise before meals. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your dog's paws.

Summer is often a time when people work on their lawns and gardens. Be aware that plant food, fertilizer, and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them, and keep pets away from newly treated yards. In addition, more than 700 plants can be toxic to animals. Read Poisonous Plants on page 18 for more information. Your local humane society can also provide you with a list of common poisonous plants. Watch for spilled coolant or other automotive fluids, as animals are attracted to the sweet taste of these poisonous substances.

Keep your dog's vaccinations up to date. Summer is the time when most pets come in to contact with other animals at parks, campgrounds and other locations. Dog bites rise during the summer months when people and their pets spend more time outside. In fact, veterinarians see twice as many fight injuries and bite wounds in the summer. Spaying or neutering your dog reduces the likelihood that a dog will bite and provides many other health benefits.

Keeping your dog leashed keeps him safe from a variety of dangers, including traffic and other animals. Make sure he is always wearing a collar and an ID tag so that he may be quickly reunited with you should he become lost.

Pets and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise your dog in a pool. Keep in mind that animals in the water for the first time should be eased in, not thrown or chased in. Avoid illness by not allowing your dog to drink from pools or streams.

Don't take your dogs to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for pets. Assure your dog's well being by

leaving him at home, and be especially aware of these threats during holidays, such as the Fourth of July.

Transmitted by mosquitoes, heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition of worms residing in the heart and major blood vessels of dogs, cats and other species of mammals. Heartworm infection typically occurs during the summer months. Fleas, ticks and ear mites are also a serious summertime health problem because they thrive in warm, humid environments. Check for fleas and ticks daily, especially around the ears and neck and between the toes and back legs. Your vet can recommend the best treatment or preventative for heartworm, fleas and ticks. Read Heartworm disease article on page 9 for additional information.

Brushing your dog regularly keeps his coat in good shape. It also provides early warning of fleas, ticks and infections by lifting the coat and allowing a view of the skin below. Keep your dog's coat healthy by rinsing him off after swimming.

By **Laurie Christopherson**, Community Relations Manager, Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWs) of Waukesha County

*If you are interested in learning more about summer safety, please contact your local Humane Society.*

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## How does your *Garden* grow? Is it safe for Fido?

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Most plants aren't fatal, though there are a few. Common symptoms include hyper salivation, diarrhea and vomiting however some plants can cause more serious symptoms like respiratory distress and cardiac failure. "Often milder symptoms are harder to pin point as plant poisoning" according to Dr. Sara Bloomer, an emergency Veterinarian with the Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center, "we always inquire if the pet might have got into any plants but the owners aren't sure if the dog was exposed to any."

She recommends taking a stroll around your house and backyard to see exactly what plants your pet could get in to. If you can't recognize some greenery, take a few samples to your local nursery for help with identification. Sometimes different parts of the plants are poisonous, like the ripe berries or leaves. Other might be safe or non-lethal for some species and deadly for others. You'll need to do a little research to be sure your companions are safe.

If you suspect that your dog might have snacked on something he shouldn't, either you witnessed it or he's exhibiting common signs like salivation and vomiting, call your regular Veterinarian or emergency center right away. Even if the signs appear mild, don't hesitate, as loss of body fluid may cause dehydration or mild symptoms can be an indicator of harsher problems to come. Since it may take time for the full effect of a toxin to appear, it's best to catch it early on.

If you're sure of the plant your dog was exposed to, you can contact the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 462-4435, be prepared to provide your name address and phone number, the type of plant and how much your dog ingested, your dog's breed, size, sex and weight and if your dog is experiencing any symptoms. Also be aware that a consultation fee might apply.



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Having a few items stocked regularly helps if a poisoning situation arises. Hydrogen peroxide can be used to induce vomiting or canned food for toxin absorption. A turkey baster aids in "coaxing" an unwilling pet to accept these treatments. Remember; never administer any of these remedies without consulting either a Veterinarian or the poison control center. Factors like toxin type and the time since ingestion can change the treatment needed. You could end up making the situation worse.

As the old saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, learn ahead of time what troublesome ornamentals your property might contain. Here's a short list of common toxic plants, for a complete list of culprits, check with you veterinarian or at the ASPCA website, [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org).

Aloe	Amaryllis
Brachin fern	Buttercups
Chokecherry	Cocklebur
Daffodil	Foxglove
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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.

# Milwaukee County Parks Planning Dog-Park System

Citizen's group, Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks, Inc. (ROMP), met with new Milwaukee County Parks Director, Sue Black, in late March concerning future county dog-park services. "We believe dog parks will prove to be a worthwhile project for dog enthusiasts as well as tax payers of Milwaukee County," said Stacy Conroy, the Chair Person of the organization. "In our meeting Sue Black's commented that she is committed to creating dog parks and challenged us to help her create 'blue ribbon standard' dog parks within the county parks system, which we are very enthusiastic about. We think her vision is exactly on target with what our organization has been working toward for the past year and a half," continued Conroy.

At a county budget meeting between the County Parks and the Department of Administration on April 13th the parks department reviewed its Five Year Capital Plan. Initiatives such as dog parks being brought to the table lead to monies being shifted and a tentative allocation was made for \$100,000 for dog park development per year for the coming 4 years starting in 2005 through 2008. "Although this is a tentative plan, we are extremely hopeful that this budget allocation along with possible grant money and our own fund-raising efforts will ensure a multi-phase dog park plan be implemented within the coming two to three years," Conroy said.

Currently the board of directors for ROMP are working to develop a Memorandum of Understanding covering their recommended locations/amenities and funding methods for, as well as their role in development and ongoing involvement with, the proposed dog park system. They hope to assist the parks department model Dane County's permit based dog park system and development policies. The group is also doing research for possible grant funds and corporate sponsors for dog parks. The parks department is currently working on cost analysis for park development and amenities for two of the first three designated locations, Warnimont Park in Cudahy and Anderson Lake near Whitnall Park on the Southwest corner of the county.

An environmental impact study of the Anderson Lake land and decisions around bike trail placement are all projected to take several months to determine the size and development possibilities available there for a dog park. During this time, ROMP will work with the MCPD to develop plans for the new dog parks and identify future sites. The group will continue to raise money through several upcoming fundraising events as well as educate the public about the benefits of off-leash dog parks. "We plan on making a donation towards signage and other special features at the dog parks," concluded Conroy. You can support ROMP by becoming paid members of our organization, making a donation or volunteering to help the group with an event.

To find out how to get involved and support the efforts of Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks, visit [www.milwaukeekeedogparks.org](http://www.milwaukeekeedogparks.org) or e-mail [info@milwaukeekeedogparks.org](mailto:info@milwaukeekeedogparks.org).

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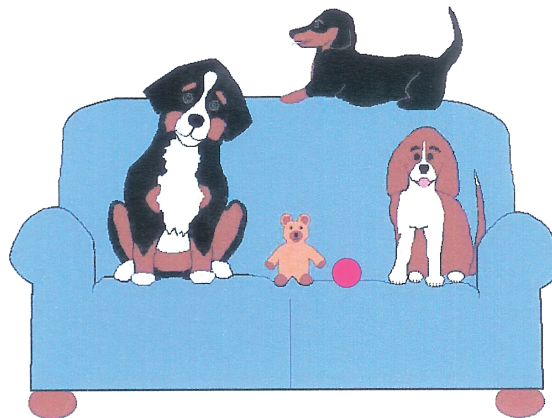
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# BREED PROFILE:

## *The Giant Schnauzer*

If you're not careful, these **gentle giants** may steal your heart.

That's exactly what happened to Denise Frank when she first spotted a young boy handling the noble, imposing dog several years ago at a training class.

"It was the most amazing dog. And how this boy was able to handle this huge dog. It was the whole picture," Frank said. "He was so impressive. My jaw just dropped. It just grabbed my attention."

And kept it.

Years later, Frank and her husband, John, two empty-nesters living in Waukesha, find themselves sharing their lives with four Giant Schnauzers in their sometimes cramped, but always high-energy home. They've competed in shows with their Giant Schnauzers, and tried their hand at breeding the dogs last year.

"There are days that I say I'm going to sell them all," Frank said. "But of course we don't. I just can't image my life without them."

Tarja Ahlgren, too, had her heart stolen and now lives with six - count 'em, six - Giant Schnauzers at her farmhouse in Franksville - along with her husband Jyrki and their teenage daughter. They've bred Giant Schnauzers for seven years now - drawing from Giant Schnauzer lines from their native land of Finland.

"Once you get a Giant, you can never live without one," said Ahlgren, who breeds and shows the Giants regularly.

It's the power, the loyalty, and the energy that keeps attracting more and more to this unique breed.

"It's the total package," Ahlgren said. "They are extremely loyal. They are family members."

Giant Schnauzers, predictably, are the larger and more powerful version of the standard Schnauzer. The black or pepper and salt wiry coat distinguishes the Giant Schnauzer's look, as well as its



Photos courtesy of Pamela Klos.

elongated, rectangular head ("schnauzer" in German means "snout"). Agile and deep-chested to carry their huge, affectionate hearts, Giant Schnauzers can grow up to 27-29 inches high and weigh anywhere from 60 to 100 pounds. Naturally, males can tip the scales a bit more, sometimes closer to 110 pounds.

The "Giants," as they are referred to in short hand, are believed to have originated in Germany, probably a cross between German drover dogs, Great Danes, and shepherd dogs. Early on, these working dog sometimes drove and guarded sheep and cattle. Later they became known as reliable guard dogs, as well as partners for officers in the police force. Giant Schnauzers - with their keen sense of smell - are often trained for rescue work, as well as "airport duty" to detect items forbidden.

Giants are considered to be well tempered and good companions. "They need to be part of a family," Ahlgren said, explaining how all six of her Giants live inside their house in Racine County. "They're really bonded to their family. They are protective dogs."

Undoubtedly, there's a strong sense of security whenever a Giant is around.

"Our daughter always feels safe at home. It's easy to say nobody comes into our yard without me knowing it," Ahlgren said.



Photos courtesy of John & Denise Frank.

The importance of training the Giant Schnauzers early in life - just like any other dog - cannot be stressed enough. If not trained or socialized properly, just like any other breed, the Giants can become quite a handful. But the size and power of the Giant can complicate matters.

"These big, powerful dogs need training. Training is extremely important, that they don't become troubled dogs," Ahlgren said.

The challenge with training Giant Schnauzers comes after they've accomplished a task or exercise. Ideally, the trainer wants them to try the task or exercise again, but the Giants figure, "Been there, done that" and aren't especially interested in a repeat performance.

"They're fairly easy to train. The key is to keep them interested. They are capable to be trained to do pretty much anything you can imagine," she said. "The training needs to be done in a positive way. They don't handle heavy corrections well."

"They are just way too smart, and a little bit on the stubborn side," Ahlgren said.

Frank echoed Ahlgren's assessment on Giant Schnauzer's outlook on training.

"They're a challenge in training, but they're very affectionate," she said. "They learn very quickly."



Frank described how there's "no free lunch" at their household. She and her husband are always on guard to regularly teach and test their Giants whenever the situation presents itself.

"You give them a treat - you make them work for it," Frank said.

Training also gives these working dogs a constant goal in life.

"We want to maintain the working ability because these dogs don't do well if they don't have a job," Ahlgren said.

Keeping the Giants on schedule and in a routine definitely helps their demeanor, too.

"It's not a huge challenge, but we have a system that keeps order" in the house, Frank said. "They know who's boss."

"You just have to have a routine. That's for sure. They know what the routine is," Frank said.

Socially, sometimes Giants can be challenging. "They are not the most social dog as other dogs go," Ahlgren said. The males, some of them tend to be more dog aggressive toward other males."

The Giant's sheer size and extreme power can also complicate simple play-time, too, if you're not careful.

"They're way of having fun can be rough sometimes, because they are so strong and sometimes forget just how strong they are," Ahlgren said.

Another unique aspect of the Giant Schnauzer comes with its coat. Regular grooming "is a big part of this breed" and attention toward the coat is a necessity to keep up appearances, Ahlgren said.

For more information about the breed and links to other Giant Schnauzer web sites, visit Ahlgren's Web site at [www.forgiant.com](http://www.forgiant.com)

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Realizing how easy conversations like this can happen, a local event organizer coupled this concept with her involvement with 8minuteDating, a speed-dating event that looks to make connections among single people.

The result? A packed house of more than 30 people - and a handful of dogs - at the Wisconsin Humane Society, 4500 W. Wisconsin Ave., on a cold March night in the middle of the week - with a waiting list of more than dozen ready to participate in this unique dating event.



A pooch surveys the field as its owner tries to make a connection.

"We've had tons and tons of calls," said Kristyn Greenfield, a local organizer who planned the event. Because of the overwhelming response, Greenfield has coordinated another similar event on May 19 for single people from the ages of 35 to 47.

Throughout the evening, the room buzzed with conversations and music as the singles rotated from date-to-date (eight random meetings that lasted exactly eight minutes) and exchanged stories about their dogs or cats. Singles wore nametags that included small dog and/or cat stickers, designating the animal that the single owned.

Dogs were not required to attend. Organizers asked that the singles with dogs having any aggression issues toward other dogs, for example, keep the pet at home for the evening.

After each random meeting, singles were asked to make notes on each other. They were asked to visit the dating web site later and enter information on whether they were interested in meeting the person again for a second date. From there, if the request matched from both sides, a date could be arranged.

Most all the singles agreed about the ease they had to start conversations using the topic of dogs or cats.

"Otherwise you could be standing there, just reaching to try and start a conversation," said Liz, a single from Milwaukee who has owned dogs in the past and dog-sits for a friend's yellow lab.

From her meetings throughout the evening, Laura, another cat-owner from Milwaukee, made what could be a telling observation about cat-owners and dog-owners.

"The guys with dogs just seemed more outgoing," she said.

Wade, a single cat-owner from Milwaukee, said the unique event piqued his interest enough to give it a try. He was keeping an open mind and interested in meeting both dog- and cat-lovers.

"This was just really convenient for me and I thought I'd definitely need to check it out," he said.

For those interested in the May 19 event, you can find out more information and register online at 8minuteDating.com. The cost of the event is \$35.

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# Wagging Tails *Playtime* - Finding a Kennel For Your Dog

If dog people ruled the world, there would be no need for kennels. Hotels, airlines and relatives would all gladly accommodate four-legged companions. However, the reality is that sometimes taking a trip means leaving your dog behind. The decision where to kennel your dog can be a tough one. After all, your dog lies on the couch with you, accompanies you on walks and may even sleep in your bed. There are ways, however, that you can travel and have a happy dog at the same time. It takes some work, some investigation and some research to find people who have made their life's work creating a safe, happy environment for your dog to visit. Here at Fetch Magazine, we know you want to take the best possible care of your pet, so we've interviewed people who own kennels of all shapes and sizes to help you make an informed decision about kenneling your dog. Our experts include Mia West, owner of Just Like Home Doggie Motel, Sandy Peterson, owner of Paws Inn and Nancy Keirse, owner of Ker Mor Kennels.

## What To Look For

When you evaluate a kennel, take the time to drive there and see it for yourself. Here are some things to take note of:

**Cleanliness.** "Make sure the water is fresh and there is no old, nasty food sitting in the pens," according to Peterson.

**Comfort.** The indoor air should be heated or air conditioned according to the season, and dogs should have some sort of platform and bedding to sleep on.

**Security.** A single fence around the perimeter is essential; most kennels have double fences as a failsafe measure. There's also the after-hours aspect. Is there a way to monitor the dogs during nights and off-hours? Is there a vet nearby?

**Staff.** Every kennel owner agreed this is key. "We try to provide the same kind of care that we would want for our dogs," says West.

**Certification.** Ker Mor, for example, is a member of not only the Better Business Bureau and the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce, but also the American Boarding Kennel

Association (check out [www.abka.com](http://www.abka.com) for some great information). "We joined ABKA the year it was formed," says Keirse. "It offers a degree of professionalism as well as progressive, continuous education."

## Pampering and Extras

Most quality kennels offer basically two meals and a chain link run for base price. That's fine for other people's dogs-but what about yours? Investigate your options and you are sure to find a place that's got the one thing your dog will love.

Paws Inn offers three "luxury suites," with futons, outdoor patios and even a color television for your pet. "We have a Packer suite, the wilderness room and, of course, the floral room," says Peterson. With a tile floor and no chain link fence inside, these rooms feel (and sound) more like a house and less like a kennel.

Just Like Home offers crate-free kenneling, where the dogs are only confined during rest times and at night. "The dogs can relax on the couch, look out the windows, or play with all the toys in the world," West says. Because she will board no more than ten dogs at a time, West lets the dogs mingle with each other during the day (supervised, of course!).

Most kennels offer additional attention for an additional price. The rates at Paws Inn include two visits in the exercise yard; more visits are available for an extra fee. Ker Mor also has playtime available, so owners can be assured their dogs get one-on-one attention with a staff member. While you may think your dog may not be happy inside a chain link fence, you'd be surprised. "Dogs look at going to the kennel as a new and exciting experience," says Keirse. "It's kind of like going to camp. They get to bark, jump and play in a new location and most adapt very well to being in the runs."

## The Other Stuff

Before you kennel, make sure your dog's shots are up to date. In addition to distemper and rabies, you should make sure

that bordatella (kennel cough) is up to date. Any medicines should be carefully packaged with written instructions. Leave a cell phone number if you will have it with you, otherwise remember that you are paying for peace of mind. Most kennels allow you to bring your dog's bedding and some toys, so pick the ones that your dog likes, but make sure they are machine-washable. Or donate some clothing that smells like you for your dog to snuggle up with. (Make sure it's not emotionally valuable. It might get chewed up.)

One other word of advice: If you are planning on leaving your dog at a kennel during a holiday, book early. Paws Inn books six weeks ahead for every weekend all summer long, and some kennels have standing reservations for their best customers. When you find a kennel your dog likes, you'll be surprised how happy he or she is when trotting in the door. Don't expect long goodbyes in the office-you'll be left with only the image of a wagging tail and the wistful knowledge that your dog is having fun without you!

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## A Reader's Story: **The Good Life**



Claude just can't take his mind off the red fox.

Claude and I haven't seen the red fox this morning on our walk along the Milwaukee River. Pairs of geese and mallard ducks squawk as we pass, breaking up their family planning conference at the river's edge. Claude pays no mind, he doesn't hear the call of the wild so well anymore, and if dogs could wear glasses, he'd have a pair. But there's not a thing wrong with his sense of smell. If the fox were in the vicinity, Claude would be right on his tail, not close mind you, but absolutely on top of those fragrant footprints.

After awhile we turn off the trail, and I sit on a low willow branch, while Claude noses around finding just the right spot in the dried leaves and river grass. I watch him relax in the springtime sun—first rolling over on his back, then stretching all four legs in the air, twisting his body from head to tail giving himself a back scratch on the dry earth and leaves. His legs flop down as he rolls to his side, and I hear what sounds like a deep, long sigh of contentment. I relax just watching him.

I can't help but wonder how long this old dog will be with us. We celebrated his 12th birthday last month. It's kind of hard to ramp up the special treatment for a chocolate Lab whose life is one birthday after another, 365 days a year. But we actually managed. I took him for a professional massage, my husband Tim bought him a \$10 steak, and we gave him a toy red fox, figuring at his age, as

hard as he's tried all his life and still trying, he probably isn't going to catch the one down here at the river.

Behind Claude's distinguished, grey muzzle and frosty eyebrows are remnants of his puppy face, and I can remember mornings carrying him here in my arms to meet other dogs and run off some puppy energy. Tim would bring him back in the evenings to play fetch, and when Claude got bigger, he'd run along on Tim's bike rides over these same river trails. I slip off my branch and sit in the grass next to Claude. He nuzzles my elbow, and I take off my gloves to stroke his head and his brown velvet ears. We've started our days like this, in one version or another, for the last twelve years, and at every day's end, he and Tim enjoy another long walk. Other times we've taken Claude on road trips, stopping throughout each day at interesting spots to hike for an hour or so. He's

climbed mountains with us in the snow, and canoed and camped winter, spring, summer and fall from the Wisconsin River to the Pacific Ocean, in the Boundary Waters and the desert Southwest. His company sweetens our every adventure.

Presently, Claude gets up. It's time to move on. We head home to his raw meat breakfast, dog biscuit treats, and his long morning nap on the couch. What a life. What a dog.

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# Just the Right TTouch!

Sonoma tried his best to negotiate the dog walk, a 12-foot length of 10-inch wide board elevated one foot off the ground, with a ramp on both ends. Despite his best efforts, the retired racing Greyhound couldn't get all four paws on the board to walk in a straight line down the middle of it. He walked in two tracks, front paws on the board, back paws tracking on the ground to the right side of the board. Viewed from above, his back showed a curvature to the right in the lumbar spine. I was teaching a Tellington TTouch clinic, helping participants work their dogs through the "leading exercises" and "Confidence Course" unique to this system of training. I watched Sonoma, thinking to myself, "What if I do something with this dog's tail . . ." As I approached the dog walk, Arlene, Sonoma's handler, looked up at me, exasperation in her eyes.

"Start him up the ramp again," I suggested. As she did so, I gently grasped the base of Sonoma's tail with my right hand, moving the tail gently in circles, first clockwise then counterclockwise. Arlene and I watched in wonder and amazement as Sonoma's back started to straighten, hind paws began to track directly behind front, and he proceeded in a straight line down the middle of the



Photo courtesy of Wendy Fast and Frances Smith. Used with kind permission. Claudeen conducts a TTouch session.

dog walk and down the ramp on the opposite end. We took him over it several more times just to be sure it wasn't a fluke. Sure enough, same result!

What magic so dramatically reorganized this dog's posture and perhaps cognition that such improved performance became possible? It's called "The Tellington TTouch," and in Sonoma's case, just the right TTouch, namely "Tail TTouch," made all the difference!

We know that animals who are stressed mentally, physically, emotionally or spiritually often develop coping mechanisms that may actually change the body's physical appearance and functioning. For example, an injury to a leg, which makes movement of that leg painful, may cause the animal to compensate by using other parts of its body (spine, other three legs) in ways that relieve pressure on the injured part. This changes the curvature of the spine or the angles of joints. The body learns how to move in this new way, becomes reasonably good at it, and it becomes the preferred way of moving, even though the injured part may long since have healed. While the body has apparently adapted to the new, protective way of moving, it's not what the body was designed to do. So the level of performance is never optimal, and in time begins to stress the non-injured parts of the body, eventually injuring them as well. Applying the various methods and techniques of Tellington TTouch assists the body in releasing trauma which affects function. By activating cells and awakening cellular intelligence, we believe it allows the trauma in cellular memory to be released so cells again become healthy parts of a functioning whole. Dr. Candace Pert, Research Professor, Department of

Physiology and Biophysics, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, D.C., states in her book, *Molecules of Emotion* (1999. New York: Touchstone), that healing the mind starts with the body. Animals of all species suffer mental, emotional and spiritual side effects from physical injury. In my practice I see many animals dealing with confidence issues, possibly resulting from an instinctive "knowing" that their body is not able to optimally fight or flee a threat situation. The holistic nature of Tellington TTouch makes it an appropriate method for helping animals with such body-mind issues.

Tail TTouch, Ear TTouch, Abalone, Clouded Leopard, Mouth TTouch -- just a few of the "right TTouches" making a difference in an animal's performance, behavior, health and wellness by helping it deal with the stresses of life. And the effects of TTouch are lasting and cumulative over time, so we're able to teach our animals new, more effective ways of coping with the demands of the environment. Improved coping skills are known to increase health and longevity. Finally, social animals rely upon bonding with each other to satisfy their needs not only for survival, but also for the actualization of self. TTouch can provide the glue which makes the bonds strong and resilient. So situations become less dangerous and less provocative of stress responses. Confidence replaces anxiety and apprehension.

Sonoma's response to TTouch is not at all unusual, the results having been replicated globally with hundreds of thousands of animals of many different species. If you'd like to discover "just the right TTouch" for your dog, visit Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants at the 1st Annual Wisconsin Pet Expo, Booth 402, May 15-16, Alliant Energy Center, Madison WI. If you'd like a coupon for discounted admission to the event, call 262-569-1050.

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www.wi-doberescue.org



## BREED: German Shepherd



Jo Aschauer  
Southern Wisconsin  
414-461-9720  
yur\_rltr@execpc.com or  
gsdrsq@hotmail.com  
www.gsraw.com

## BREED: Golden Retriever

Golden Retriever Rescue of WI (GRROW)  
Appleton, WI  
www.GRROW.org  
Covering WI & Northern IL

## BREED: Greyhound

Greyhounds Only Inc., Adoption & Rescue  
Wisconsin & Illinois  
414-421-0674 or 773-297-GREY (4739)  
goinc@aol.com  
www.greyhoundsonly.com

## BREED: Irish Setter

Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee  
Margie Hohman  
Hortonville, WI  
920-734-6734  
muttsgo@aol.com

## BREED: Italian Greyhounds

Carol Sumbry  
Waukesha, WI  
star279@juno.com  
www.midwestigrescue.com

## BREED: Rottweiler

Wisconsin Rottweiler Rescue  
Joan Sweeney  
Madison, WI  
608-224-0272  
www.wirottrescue.org

## BREED: Shih Tzu



**Fuzzy Pawz  
Shih Tzu Rescue**



Fuzzy Pawz Shih Tzu Rescue of WI Inc.  
Northern Illinois and Wisconsin  
shihtzuwi@yahoo.com  
www.geocities.com/shihtzuwi/ or  
www.geocities.com/slhopk/  
501c3 non-profit

## BREED: Westie

Wisconsin Westie Rescue, Inc.  
Appleton, WI  
920-882-0382  
westies@edsboats.com  
www.petfinder.com/wiwestierescue

## BREED: Yorkshire Terrier

Yorkshire Terrier Rescue of Wisconsin  
Patricia A. Moon  
414-747-0879  
shyyorkiemom@yahoo.com  
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414-383-2779  
judii2000@yahoo.com

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## Don't Miss This!!

21st Annual Dog Walk in Support of the  
Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS)

Saturday, May 22, 2004  
Minooka Park, Waukesha  
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Visit [www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org) or call 262-542-8851 for details.



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# Event Calendar

## May | June 2004

### May

#### 1 Saturday

**Who:** Sliderphoto Spring Fling Pet Photos  
**What:** Pet Photos w/ or w/o Family  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** W359 N5828 Brown Street, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** www.sliderphoto.com, Appt: 262-567-2699

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Tellington TTouch I For Dogs  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Outpost Natural Foods, Capital Drive, Milw.  
**Info:** Marie Greenfield 414-961-2597

**What:** Paw Painting - Dogs Paint w/ Paws  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Where:** The Dog Spot, 7707 West State St., Tosa  
**Info:** 414-258-3444 \$5.00

**Who:** Amiable Dog Training  
**What:** Dog Sports  
**When:** 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** 4343 South 27th Street, Greenfield  
**Info:** www.dogclass.com, 414-289-7785

#### 2 Sunday

**Who:** Amiable Dog Training  
**What:** Family Dog Day  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** 4343 South 27th Street, Greenfield  
**Info:** www.dogclass.com, 414-289-7785

#### 6 Thursday

**What:** Pet Loss Support Program  
**When:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Wisconsin Humane Society  
**Info:** 414-431-6156, No Fee, Donations Appreciated

#### 7 Friday

**Who:** Dr. Jodie from Animal Doctors  
**What:** Understanding the Raw Food Diet  
**When:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** Pre-Register Early at 262-679-6776, Free

**Who:** Elm-Brook Humane Society  
**What:** Humane Hullabaloo, Casino Night  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
**Where:** The Country Inn, Pewaukee  
**Info:** www.ebhs.org, \$50 per person

#### 8 Saturday

**Who:** Sliderphoto Mommy and Me Pet Photos  
**What:** Photos w/ or w/o Your Pet  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** The Dog Spot, 7707 West State St., Tosa  
**Info:** www.sliderphoto.com, Appt: 414-258-3444

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Throw Your Dog a Turnip (Nutrition and Behavior)  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** 105 West Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 9 Sunday

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** The Big Bang (Storm/Noise Fears/Phobias in Dogs)  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** 105 West Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 11 Tuesday

**Who:** Brad Bushong, Wellness Dog/Cat Food  
**What:** Benefits of Feeding Holistic Food  
**When:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** Pre-Register Early at 262-679-6776, Free

#### 13 Thursday

**What:** Surviving Puppyhood/Raising a Great Canine Citizen  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Wisconsin Humane Society  
**Info:** 414-431-6156, \$40 w/o puppy, \$50 w/ puppy

#### 14 Friday

**What:** Yappy Hour  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery  
**Info:** www.petlicious.com, 262-548-0923, Reservations Required

**Who:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**What:** Obedience Run Thrus  
**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070

#### 15 Saturday

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

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Tellington TTouch and Throw Your Dog a Turnip  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday  
**Where:** Wisconsin Pet Expo, Madison  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

**Who:** Geri Gordon, Licensed and Certified Massage Therapist  
**What:** Pet Massage  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776, Appts/Walk-Ins Welcome, \$15/20 min.

**What:** Wisconsin Pet Expo  
**When:** Saturday 9-7 & Sunday 9-6  
**Where:** Alliant Energy Center, Madison  
**Info:** www.wisconsinpetexpo.com

#### 16 Sunday

**What:** Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec  
**When:** 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery  
**Info:** www.petlicious.com, 262-548-0923, Reservations Required

#### 18 Tuesday

**Who:** Mike McGuire, Wyson, Back to Basic's, plus more.  
**What:** Benefits of Feeding Holistic Food  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** Pre-Register Early at 262-679-6776, Limited Space, Free

#### 21 Friday

**Who:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**What:** Agility Run Thru  
**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070

#### 22 Saturday

**Who:** Claudene E. McAuliffe  
**What:** Tellington TTouch I For Dogs Half-Day Workshop

**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Wisconsin Humane Society  
**Info:** 414-431-6156, Registration Fee \$45 (includes lunch)

**Who:** Fuzzy Pawz Shih Tzu Rescue of WI Inc  
**What:** Breed Rescue Event  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Festival Foods 1001 W. Main Ave, DePere, WI

**Who:** Elm-Brook Humane Society  
**What:** Adoptathon  
**When:** Saturday 10-8 & Sunday 10-3  
**Where:** Elm-Brook Humane Society  
**Info:** www.ebhs.org, 262-782-9261

**Who:** HAWS  
**What:** Bark in the Park  
**When:** 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Minooka Park, Waukesha  
**Info:** www.hawspets.org

#### 26 Wednesday

**Who:** Patti Muraczewski, For Pet's Sake Dog Training  
**What:** Dog Behavior Seminar  
**When:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Wisconsin Humane Society  
**Info:** 414-431-6156, No Fee, Donations Appreciated

#### 28 Friday

**What:** Yappy Hour  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery  
**Info:** www.petlicious.com, 262-548-0923, Reservations Required

### June

#### 3 Thursday

**What:** Pet Loss Support Program  
**When:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Wisconsin Humane Society  
**Info:** 414-431-6156, No Fee, Donations Appreciated

#### 5 Saturday

**Who:** Jim Perry  
**What:** Luring Coursing Seminar and Mock Trial  
**When:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Minwauken Park, Mukwonago  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070, \$20

#### 8 Tuesday

**Who:** Beth Taylor  
**What:** Fresh Food for Dogs and Cats - Why and How  
**When:** 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776 Space is Limited, Register by June 1st

#### 11 Friday

**What:** Yappy Hour  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery  
**Info:** www.petlicious.com, 262-548-0923, Reservations Required

**Who:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**What:** Obedience Run Thrus  
**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070

**Who:** Washington County Humane Society  
**What:** 3rd Annual Golf Outing  
**When:** Registration Begins at 10:45 a.m.  
**Where:** The Golf Club at Camelot, W192 Hwy 67, Lomira  
**Info:** 262-677-0731, www.washingtoncountyhumane.org

#### 12 Saturday

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

**What:** Shadow's 5th Birthday Party and Sale (Cake Served) - People & Dogs  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** The Dog Spot, 7707 West State Street, Tosa  
**Info:** 414-258-3444

**Who:** Geri Gordon, Licensed and Certified Massage Therapist  
**What:** Pet Massage  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776, Appts/Walk-Ins Welcome, \$15/20 min.

#### 13 Sunday

**Who:** Fuzzy Pawz Shih Tzu Rescue of WI Inc  
**What:** Mounds Dogfest  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Tellington TTouch I For Dogs  
**When:** 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** 105 West Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

**Who:** Amiable Dog Training  
**What:** 3rd Annual K-9 Carnival - Support Pets Helping People  
**When:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** 3445 North 124th Street, Brookfield  
**Info:** www.dogclass.com, 414-289-7785

#### 18 Friday

**Who:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**What:** Agility Run Thrus  
**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** 828 Perkins Drive, Mukwonago  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070

#### 19 Saturday

**Who:** Sliderphoto  
**What:** Fun in the Sun Pet Photos  
**When:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** www.sliderphoto.com, Appt: 899-8697 or 262-679-6776

#### 22 Tuesday

**Who:** Jen Digate, WHS Manners Class Instructor  
**What:** Dog Behavior Seminar  
**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Wisconsin Humane Society  
**Info:** 414-431-6156, No Fee, Donations Appreciated

#### 25 Friday

**What:** Yappy Hour  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery  
**Info:** www.petlicious.com, 262-548-0923, Reservations Required

#### 27 Sunday

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Tellington TTouch II For Dogs  
**When:** 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** 105 West Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

**What:** Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec  
**When:** 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery  
**Info:** www.petlicious.com, 262-548-0923, Reservations Required

## REOCCURING EVENTS

#### Every Thursday

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Tellington TTouch For Puppies  
**When:** 1:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.  
**Where:** 105 West Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

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

#### 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) Community TV

#### Every 2nd Saturday of the Month

**Who:** Geri Gordon  
**What:** Pet Massage  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776 Space is Limited, Register by June 1st

#### Every 4th Thursday of the Month

**Who:** Paula Gorman, Red Cross Pet First Aid/CPR Instructor  
**What:** Red Cross - Pet First Aid and CPR Class  
**When:** 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More Janesville Rd, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776 Cost \$30 - \$10 Non-Returnable Reg. Fee Class Size is Limited. Discounted Books/Tapes Available

The information for the events calendar is supplied to Fetch Magazine by many sources and is accurate at the time of submission. However, we encourage you to call ahead to verify event details.

Do you have a dog-friendly event that needs to be listed? We'll be happy to add it to our Events Calendar. Send us an email at [editorial@fetchmag.com](mailto:editorial@fetchmag.com) with the following details: Who, What, When, Where, and Info.

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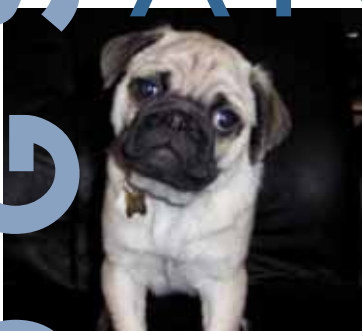
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**Greta E. Grittinger D.V.M.**



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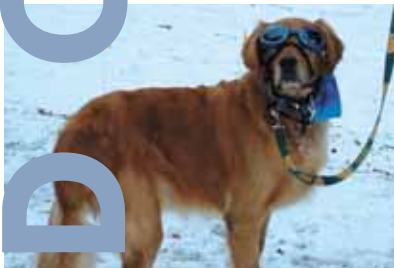
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**Cody** Bonnie, Milwaukee



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Wendy, Wind Lake



**Wicket** Ian & Heather, Kenosha



**Freedom & Liberty** Clarice



**Hillary Jean** Virginia, Colgate



**Harley** David & Michelle, Wauwatosa



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**Ilsa** Stacy, Greenfield



**Shotzie** Carol, Muskego



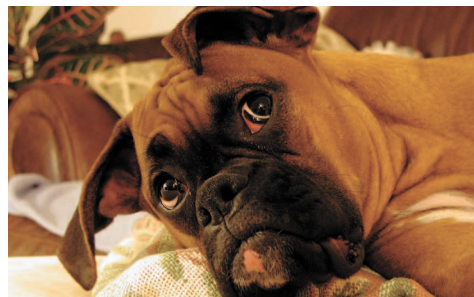
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**Ruby** Jen & Adam, Bay View



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**Chuckles** Rebecca, Oconomowoc



**Sadie & Theo** Peg, Milwaukee



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**Sydney** GSRW, Milwaukee





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