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Join Keri Weyenberg on page 20 as she educates us all on this unique, fun-loving breed. Next time you see one out for a walk, you'll be able to impress the owner with, "Wow, what a beautiful PGBV...GVPB...VGPB...PBGV..." They'll know what you mean.

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Ask the VET

Q: What are the symptoms of kidney failure and are there any ways I can help to prevent the onset?

A: Also known as renal failure, kidney failure occurs when the kidneys are unable to function properly.

Healthy kidneys

Some functions that healthy kidneys perform include:

- Remove metabolic waste products from your pet's blood
- Regulate the volume and chemical composition of body fluids
- Produce hormones that stimulate the production of red blood cells
- Control blood pressure

After the kidneys have done their job, the by-products produced by the metabolic process are excreted in your pet's urine.

Two kinds of kidney failure

Chronic kidney failure occurs when the kidneys can no longer excrete waste products, produce hormones and regulate the chemical composition of body fluids, all of which are crucial functions for your pet's health. Chronic kidney failure will cause kidney function to decrease slowly over a long period of time so physical symptoms will appear gradually.

Acute kidney failure is characterized by a sudden decline in kidney function that causes changes in body chemistry such as alterations in fluid and mineral balances. These abrupt changes will negatively affect almost every body system. Because kidney function declines so quickly, the physical symptoms are more dramatic with acute kidney failure.

Causes of kidney failure

The most common cause of kidney failure is kidneys "wearing out" with age.

Kidney failure can also be caused by ingesting toxic substances, including antifreeze, some anti-inflammatory drugs and certain kinds of antibiotics. Additionally, some infections may cause kidney function to decline.

Physical signs of kidney failure

The following signs may be indicative of kidney failure. Notify your veterinarian if you see any of these signs in your pet.

- Excessive drinking
- Increased urination
- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Bad breath
- Not eating for more than one day
- Lack of coordination when walking
- Weight loss or wasting of muscle tissue

Preventing kidney failure

While it is not possible to prevent the most common cause of kidney failure - kidneys "wearing out" due to old age - it is possible to treat it. Outdoor dogs are at greater risk of kidney failure because they are more likely to be exposed to

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Barking and Growling Problems

Does your dog growl or bark when a stranger approaches your house or when something goes bump in the night? If so, you're not alone. Most dogs will vocalize when they are exposed to new or different situations, including strange people or animals entering their territory; being separated from their pack, mother or even your family members; or new or alarming sounds. Dogs may also bark or growl when they see prey, such as squirrels, and they may bark for attention, food or if they are anxious.

Dogs often growl when they are fearful or trying to assert themselves in a situation. If the dog's fear or assertiveness is alleviated by growling or barking, the dog will learn that his behavior is acceptable and the behavior may become more frequent or severe.

Some medical problems may cause growling or barking and older pets experiencing senile changes may have barking problems. Intense and continuous barking may be considered compulsive. Check with your veterinarian to evaluate your pet's barking or growling problem. Drug

therapy and behavior training may be helpful in reducing barking for pets with medical, geriatric and compulsive disorders.

Socialize Your Puppy

Acclimate your puppy to a variety of different people, environments, situations and noises to help lessen anxiety as your puppy grows. Make sure your puppy spends time alone so that he doesn't develop separation anxiety while you are away from him. Proper training is essential to preventing behavior problems, such as growling and barking.

Correcting a Barking or Growling Problem

Correcting a barking or growling problem first requires that you have effective control over your dog. Once you have achieved this, you can begin to train your dog to lessen his barking or growling behavior by using rewards for quiet behavior. Punishment is not an acceptable form of correcting barking problems. It may even exacerbate the behavior.

Begin your training with situations that you can easily control (such as a family

member making a noise that causes the dog to bark) before moving on to difficult situations (such as a strange animal in your yard). When your dog barks at the stimuli (for instance, a doorbell ring), immediately interrupt the barking.

Several products are available that may interrupt barking. Devices activated by owners, such as water sprayers, cans with coins or pebbles, audible alarms and ultrasonic trainers, can be effective in disrupting barking and getting a quiet response from the dog.

Bark-activated products are also effective because they will immediately respond to barking. Off-collar, bark-activated alarms or water sprayers will train your dog to stop barking in specific areas. Bark-activated collars are useful when your dog doesn't bark in single, specific areas (the collar will respond when your dog barks, no matter where he is located at the time). Audible and ultrasonic collars are sometimes effective in stopping barking, but they are rarely a completely reliable deterrent. Citronella-spraying collars can be effective with some dogs.

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During training, barking must be interrupted right after it begins for the training to be effective. Repeat this process until the dog no longer barks or growls at the situation, person or sound.

Reward your dog when, at your request, he has stopped barking. Only reward the dog when he is quiet and gradually increase the amount of time that the dog needs to be quiet for him to receive a reward (such as a treat).

As the barking or growling problem decreases, make sure to direct your dog to more appropriate behavior, such as play, and the problem should lessen over time. If your dog does not respond to any of these at-home suggestions or the growling worsen, consult your dog trainer for more in-depth training techniques.

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BARKING Book Review:

Walter's misfortunes of bodily humor

If you think all dog stories are cuddly and wholesome, I found the exception, *Walter the Farting Dog*. The book was co-written by William Kotzwinkle, author of many children's books and winner of the National Magazine Award for Fiction as well as the World Fantasy Award. The second author's credit goes to Glenn Murray, a supervisor for educational technology in Canada who admittedly spends a lot of time in schools. Interestingly, he also worked with the Lung Association, raising awareness of air quality and the environment.

Perhaps that was the inspiration for a book about a dog who pollutes the air with his gas so much, it makes him out of the ordinary. Which goes for everything about the book from the story to the illustrations. *Walter the Farting Dog* appeals to an edgier, cruder audience of children, and well, adults too.

In Walter's premiere book, Walter is a dog brought into the family by the two children, Betty and Billy. But Walter, as the title implies, has a problem. It causes all kinds of trouble for him. Father wants to send him back to the pound. And Walter is so sad he tries to stop farting forever. But, to everyone's surprise, his "special ability" turns him into a hero (I won't spoil the ending for those of you who want to read it).

The pictures are a mixture of computer graphics, some verging on real life photos while others are more like illustrations. Done by Audrey Colman, a professional artist and designer, they resemble a collage of cut out pictures. And through the story they are sprinkled with little unique details - like a spider on the light fixture, funny art and posters on the walls, other pets in funny positions, not to mention greenish, gray, white clouds being emitted by Walter.

In the second book, *Trouble at the Yard Sale*, we find that Walter is causing there to be a lack of business at his family's yard sale table. When the children go for ice cream, Father decides to sell Walter to a questionable character, who later turns out to be a children's clown.

In a strange and somewhat disturbing turn of events the clown hooks Walter up to a machine that uses Walter's "special ability" to blow up balloons. Although saddened by the loss of Betty and Billy, Walter is glad to be doing something as nice as filling party favors for children. But Walter has been tricked. The clown uses the balloons to start his life of crime.

As you might imagine, Walter saves the day again, but the circumstances and, indeed the extra details in the pictures are really what make the story.

While Kotzwinkle and Murray and Colman receive high marks for inventiveness, the *Walter the Farting Dog* books are a little dark. As a serious book for young children, it's a bit out there,



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filled with not-so-nice humans (Uncle Irv who blames his own farts on Walter, Father who wants to return Walter and then later sells him, and a criminal clown.)

However, if viewed with the humor reserved for slapstick comedy and jokes based on bodily functions, the story takes on a whole new light filled with bizarre circumstances and outcomes. Definitely a book for older children, Walter is still an endearing canine and his children are always happy to see him. Oh, and did I mention he comes out the hero in both books?

The Walter the Farting Dog series is a great collection for those searching for a story about a dog well outside the boundaries of classic, sentimental literature. This story is, as the authors say, "For everyone who's ever felt misjudged or misunderstood."

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

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There were wonderful raffle prizes given away throughout the day and three grand prizes that consisted of; two one-week stays at the Heidel House on Green Lake and one personal oil portrait. All proceeds from the Companion's Rest Pet Cemetery raffles at the Arlington Park event and Sunset Ridge Memorial Park event went to the Milwaukee and Kenosha Sheriff's K9 unit.

Amy Ammen and her dancing dog also performed demonstrations, in-turn Amy taught other pet owners how to enjoy dancing with their pets. Angel Care also entertained everyone with their dogs and agility equipment.

There were interactive games with families and their pets such as pet dress up relay, pet musical chairs and much more. We don't know if the pets or the families had more fun.

The lure course was a huge success that kept the dogs on the run. There was no stopping them until they were exhausted. This was also another event that raised funds for the K9 unit.

Nail clipping and micro chipping was available for all pets and a multitude of vendors sold pet related items such as jewelry, handbags, snacks and toys. There were a variety of pet rescues available for people who wanted to add a new pet to their family.

Under the beautiful sunshine the day ended with every pet receiving a personal



Marianne Anderson, President of Companion's Rest Pet Cemetery presented Sheriff David Clark with a check from the K9 fund raiser on October 10th at the Sheriff's Leadership Meeting.

blessing and each family receiving a St. Francis Medal to take home.

Ridge Memorial Park (Kenosha).

We hope to see you next year for this free family event. Believe us, this is a fun filled afternoon that puts a smile on everyone's face, even the pets.

For further information on this event call Marianne at Companion's Rest Pet Cemetery at Arlington Park Cemetery (414) 282-0840.

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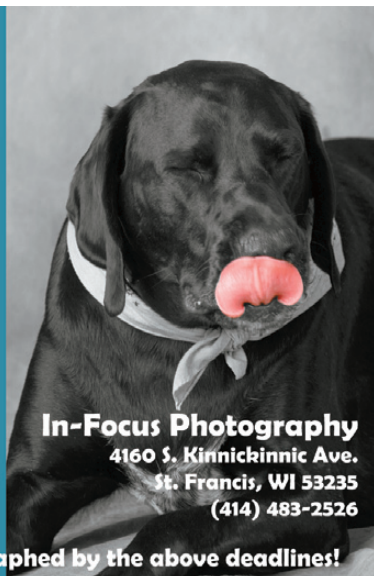
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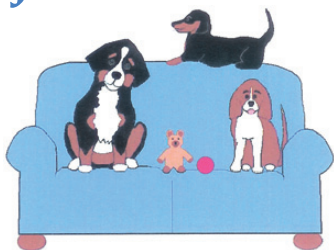
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Knowledge Is Power:

What Dog Owners Should Know To Combat Animal Cruelty and Neglect

It is every dog owner's worst nightmare. It can come in many forms. While on a walk with your lovable canine companion, you see something that you wish that you had never witnessed -- someone beating their dog. Or, you notice that your neighbor's dog is so skinny that the dog's ribs and hip bones are protruding. Or, the dog you see each day on your drive home from work is always tied to the garage in blistering heat.

Is there anything that a dog owner can do to help other dogs in these situations? Fortunately, the answer is "yes." All dog owners can participate in their own way in stopping animal cruelty and neglect. The key is knowledge of the law!

Wisconsin's Animal Cruelty Law

In Wisconsin, animal cruelty and neglect laws are found in Chapter 951 ("Crimes Against Animals"). Many municipalities also have animal cruelty and neglect laws. Therefore, if a dog owner wants to know the animal cruelty and neglect laws that apply in their particular community, he or she should read the county ordinances as well as Chapter 951.

What Is Animal Cruelty and Neglect?

Chapter 951 provides a comprehensive overview of the actions (or inactions) that constitute animal cruelty and neglect under state law. Chapter 951 contains a broad provision that prohibits "mistreating animals" by stating:

No person may treat any animal, whether belonging to the person or another, in a cruel manner. This section does not prohibit bona fide experiments carried on for scientific research or normal and accepted veterinary practices.

Wis. Stat. § 951.02. Chapter 951 also prohibits, among other things:

- Instigating fights between animals (Wis. Stat. § 951.08)
- Stealing another person's dog or cat (Wis. Stat. § 951.03)
- Shooting at a cage or staked animal (Wis. Stat. § 951.09)
- Harassing a police or fire animal (Wis. Stat. § 951.095); and
- Abandoning an animal (Wis. Stat. § 951.15)

Chapter 951 also places responsibilities of care of an animal on a person "owning or responsible for confining or impounding any animal." Under Chapter 951, it is a crime to fail to provide proper shelter (Wis. Stat. § 951.14) or sufficient food and/or water (Wis. Stat. § 951.13). For example, when a dog is tied or confined unattended outdoors under weather conditions which adversely affect the health of the dog, a shelter of suitable size to accommodate the dog must be provided. Wis. Stat. § 951.14(2)(b)2.



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What Can Dog Owners Do to Stop Animal Cruelty and Neglect?

Dog owners have a very powerful and often underutilized tool to stop animal cruelty and neglect: their voice.

First, a dog owner who observes animal cruelty and/or neglect can, just as any other citizen can, make a report to the proper authorities. Many communities have a designated humane officer to whom reports can be made. Reports can also be made to a local law enforcement officer.

Second, dog owners can become familiar with laws governing animal cruelty and neglect, including supporting and encouraging strengthening of laws to protect animals from abuse.

Third, dog owners can encourage the prosecution of animal cruelty and neglect cases. District attorneys often have limited resources to perform their very difficult job. Trying to allocate such responses often depends upon the issues that are important to the community.

Finally, dog owners should not underestimate the power of leading by example. By modeling humane and responsible treatment of your own dog, you may be doing wonders for the betterment of other dogs. You never know who is watching your kindness toward animals.

Conclusion

There will always be enough cruelty toward men, women and children to justify not caring about animal abuse and neglect. George T. Angell, a lawyer who passed the first ever animal cruelty law in Massachusetts in 1868, was once asked why one should care about kindness to animals when there is so much other cruelty in the world. He responded, "I am working at the roots."

For more information about preventing animal cruelty and neglect, visit Petabuse.Com at: www.petabuse.com. To read Chapter 951, visit <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html>.

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Brutus and Ozzie have the run of the yard and spend a great deal of the day alert and active. Brutus, however, has not been getting his daily three-mile runs with his owner. And Brutus, a beautiful German Shorthaired Pointer, is getting fat.

The fallacy of confusing activity with exercise is common among dog owners. "Two dogs in the same household might provide relief from boredom, but they are not necessarily exercising," says Mary Corak, veterinarian at Harmony Pet Care Clinic in Waukesha.

Lack of exercise leads to numerous health as well as behavior problems. It's a vital element of being a good dog owner, yet, in reality most people don't bother to exercise their dogs at all. "Less than 10% of my clients exercise their pets," admits Dr. Ron Beatty of My Pet's Vet in Mequon, "most pets are overweight, obese or inactive." In a recent study of the Labrador breed, exercise was shown to slow the aging process, delay cognitive dysfunction, and increase life span by months and years.

As for a general guide to how much and how often a dog can be exercised, there

are several considerations. Age, body weight, medical conditions like heart murmurs, current cardiovascular health, type of exercise (low vs. high impact), exercise environment (asphalt vs. grass vs. water) and outdoor weather (hot summer vs. subzero winter) are all factors. The pet's veterinarian will be beneficial in giving advice for specific health issues.

Apart from health and environmental concerns, breed and size should be considered in implementing exercise routines. Observing your pet's capabilities will help determine the progression and length of workouts. Terriers, for example, are natural athletes and their small size is deceiving. "While the average Lhasa Apso or Bichon needs some exercise, most terriers need far more," explains Dr. Beatty, "so, a human athlete should choose a logical companion that needs

and enjoys more exercise. Breeds like Pugs, Bostons or Bulldogs have to work harder to breathe as a result of their compact nasal cavities. For them, we must consider their intolerance of heat, humidity, and extended aerobic exercise. Even if they are well conditioned, we must monitor them closely for signs of overexertion."

Dogs want to please so they typically won't stop or whine when they are tired or in pain; close observation is important. Dogs handle the combination of heat and humidity very poorly. Dogs don't sweat except from their paw pads. Some dogs will pant excessively, hang their head low as they run, or stop and lie down when overexerted. Stop immediately to rest the dog if these signs are noted.

Most people know that dogs need to pant in order to dissipate body heat. Taking longer than 10 minutes to stop panting in a cool place after the exercise is finished would probably indicate the dog was pushed too hard. It is very easy for them to dehydrate by panting for long periods. Bring a bowl and cool water for away-from-home workouts, as that is the



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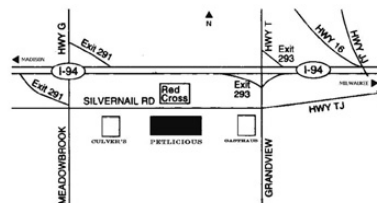
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biggest mistake people make: forgetting to take water for their dog while exercising or visiting the dog park. "Heat injuries can kill," notes Dr. Beatty.

Swimming is probably the best low impact exercise when considering canine cartilage and bone. Many breeds of dogs love the water. But Dr. Beatty warns that owners must remember to bath their dogs after swimming in lakes, ponds and rivers to avoid skin infections. For additional ideas on sports and activities to do with your canine pal, Dr. Corak recommends trying summer "dog camp." A variety of human/canine exercise options will be presented. Exercising plus socializing typically equals one very happy canine.

An exercised dog makes for a better-behaved dog, Dr. Corak and Dr. Beatty agree. Canines often have behavior issues due to boredom and an excess of energy. "Exercise that combines physical and mental challenge for dogs is the best," advises Dr. Beatty. Since the average dog is both sleeping at night and during the day (when the family is away) too, a canine typically slumbers 16 hours a day.

With any canine pal, it is perhaps most important of all to build the exercise program gradually. Dogs that are just beginning to exercise should start out with mild exertion for 15-20 minutes, gradually increasing over time, just like humans would. Even Brutus, who is anxious to take off for a beloved field romp at any moment, needs a little time to be reconditioned first. But remember that, according to Dr Beatty, lack of exercise in our canine companions and obesity is the real problem -- not overexertion!

Grab the leash and the frisbee, too. Fall is here, the weather is perfect and your four-legged best friend is waiting for you to open the door. Happy tails and trails to all.

Deb Voss Quail is a writer in Oconomowoc who loves exercising with her terrier, Duke. Deb and Duke like to take Brutus along whenever possible, too.

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Since the PBGV isn't well known, a common question for the owner is "Is that a Basset mix?" True, these little guys share the basset's solid, low rider frames, but they are most certainly their own dog. While relatively new to the U.S., PBGV's have been bred in France for quite some time. Used as scent hounds for rabbits, they share the beginning of their lineage with the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen, a larger version used to hunt larger prey.

In the early 1900's the two breeds were separated only by their size, the Grand being 15 to 17 inches and the Petit 13 to 15. It wasn't until the 1950s that these little guys got a standard of their own and were considered a separate breed. In the U.S., Petit's came into their own when during the 1992 Westminster Kennel Club show was held in New York, a 12-week old Puppy from Canada named Alexander won Best in Match for the Rare Breed Class.

When I say come into their own, I'm talking about breeders and fanciers, the general public still isn't knowledgeable about these little guys. Pat Koprovic has been an area breeder for 10 years now and while she's seen them become more recognized, it still is not by the average dog owner.



But when you do see them, and after you are assured they are not a basset mix, the next reaction is usually, "Aww isn't he cute!" Their floppy ears, shaggy coats and expressive eyes make them nearly irresistible, and if it's still a puppy, hold on to your heartstrings.

While speaking to Pat on the phone, I can hear the puppies playing in the background, and while she is the first to speak of the adorability of her pups, she's also quick to remind that they aren't for everyone.

"They have a mind of their own," she said "they go where their nose goes." They're scent hounds and it doesn't matter if they're on a hare hunt in France or a walk through the park, they can't turn it off. So if you have dreams of prancing through the field with your precious pup off leash, this is not the dog for you. One good whiff and he's gone. Screaming, crying and yelling threats or commands will not bring him back.

A fenced in yard is a must. When he's on the trail, property boundaries mean nothing. Having a fence that's partially sunk in the ground is also beneficial, as this clever little dog has been known to dig under fences while in pursuit.

Their attraction to the hunt isn't always limited to rabbits. Sometimes any small, quick, fuzzy creature will do; translate that into the family cat. If your pup has been raised around small animals, chances as he recognizes them as family, but be aware if you're looking at any older dogs that they've been socialized to cats.

Barking. If noise control is an issue for you then these dogs aren't. Scent hounds are bred to bark and howl when tracking prey, or in this case when seeing squirrels, other dogs, mailmen or smelling whatever ran through

your yard the night before. Even if barking is music to your ears, consider your neighbors. Will they understand?

PBGV's are also notoriously independent. "They have a mind of their own," says Pat "they are tough little dogs and the owner needs to be tougher. Owners must be willing to commit to a dog like that." If training's not your thing or you're such a push over that a good breeze knocks you down, you may need a different breed. It's also important to note that every dog is different. Some dig, others won't. And some might be noisier than others. Like people they all have different personalities.



Now that we've gone over the warning list, let's look at what great dogs they actually are. PBGVs make great family pets. They're very friendly and lively. Did I mention energetic? They're intelligent, love to be busy and a bored PBGV will find his own entertainment, whether you like it or not. Sometimes their exuberance can be a little much for young children, who risk the challenge of being knocked over by rough play.

Despite his shaggy, wiry, double coat, the PBGVs requires minimal grooming. Normal bathing and a weekly brushing are all he needs to look in tiptop shape. Like any other dog with heavy, pendulous ears, keep those canals clean and watch for any signs of an ear infection.

Overall, PBGVs are a healthy breed. There have been instances of epilepsy, neck pain syndrome, glaucoma, cardiac issues and hip dysplasia. But for the most part these are all pretty infrequent. They have an average life expectancy of 14 years or more.

The number one piece of advice Pat gives prospective owners is "do your homework, they're not the breed for everybody." There's not as much literature out there as for other, more well-known breeds, so she recommends contacting the PBGV Club of America, pbgv.org, for further information and to find a list of local breeders. Pat even welcomes calls and is willing to show interested owners her own kennels in Salem. She can be contacted at 262-878-2717. If you've learned that these aren't the pups for your family, that's fine too. But if you ever see a small, shaggy dog that's low to the ground, don't ask the owner, "is that a basset mix?"

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"I always loved sewing. I couldn't wait for my mother to get off of the sewing machine so I could sew," states Nancy. In the mid-1980's, Nancy started sewing blankets for her own horse because it was an odd size. A friend asked Nancy to make horse blankets for her and another lady's horses. That same friend then asked Nancy to make a dog coat. The dog coat patterns started by measuring the dogs the same way as the horses. Throughout the years, she listened to her customers and made changes to the patterns such as covering the behind and chest more, and using fabric that does not cause static electricity.

The dog coat business started taking over the horse blanket business when she started selling dog coats to the horse owners. According to Nancy, "people that have horses always have dogs." Then Nancy started going to dog shows and greyhound reunions which opened new avenues. And, Nancy continues to make donations for greyhounds throughout the United States today.

Her husband, Dick Schaff, then created a website (www.dogcoats.com) which produced enough business that she no longer needed to go to as many dog shows. Customers will call or e-mail with their order information. Nancy enthuses



"It is so much fun to meet all these people. I know the dogs and I know how the coats will fit." Her experience allows her to tell if the measurements provided by the owners seem accurate or not. She guarantees that her coats will fit. Even if the coat doesn't fit because the owner measured incorrectly, Nancy "guarantees that I will fix it or replace it so that you are a happy customer."

Nancy makes apparel in a price range for everybody. Her product line includes OverCoats, PolarCoats that include nylon and Polartec which is wind-resistant, RainCoats, NeckWarmers, dog scarves, Little Woolies which are woolen coats for small dogs. Many of her products can be

embellished with reflective elements or with a dog's name.

The busy season starts in September and lasts until the temperature begins to ascend early in the year. Towards the end of July she starts replenishing her stock. Last year she made over 550 coats which was not even her biggest year. Two ladies and a teenager assist her but Nancy does all the sewing.

Nancy says that the best part of the business "is seeing how happy my customers are when the dogs are warm. And when the customers call and say their dog loves the coat."

You can reach Dogs & Their People at www.dogcoats.com or 262-548-3979 Monday - Saturday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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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antifreeze, which is fatal when ingested (even in small amounts).

There are no specific ways to prevent kidney failure, but general recommendations include allowing your pet frequent attempts to urinate; providing access to fresh, clean water at all times and avoiding exposure to antifreeze by minimizing the amount of unsupervised time your pet spends outdoors.

What types of pets may experience kidney failure?

The prevalence of kidney failure increases as pets age. Small dogs may show early

signs of kidney failure at 10 to 14 years of age and large dogs can experience kidney failure much earlier.

All breeds of dogs can be affected by kidney problems though, so your veterinarian may recommend blood work at an early age in order to establish baseline values. These baseline values can be used for comparison later in your pet's life to determine if your pet is experiencing kidney problems or other disease.

Treating kidney failure

Laboratory tests are crucial to diagnose both chronic and acute kidney failure and to rule out other diseases. Your veterinarian will take blood and urine samples from your pet to test for values related to different kidney functions and ensure that an infection is not causing the physical signs of kidney disease.

While acute kidney failure is potentially reversible, chronic kidney failure is not and an acute kidney problem may develop into a chronic problem. Pets experiencing chronic kidney failure may not respond to treatment at all or they may live for another few months or years. Your veterinarian will take into account your pet's history, physical examination and laboratory test results to determine if your pet is suffering from acute or chronic failure. Your veterinarian may also wish to conduct a kidney biopsy to give you an accurate prognosis of your pet's condition and life expectancy.

Chronic and acute kidney failure can be very serious, even life-threatening conditions that require hospitalization. Treatment options include:

- Intravenous fluids
- Special diet to decrease protein and salt
- High blood pressure medication
- Control of vomiting and gastrointestinal problems with diet and drug therapy
- Potassium supplements
- Hospitalization and supportive care

When your pet is well enough to leave the hospital, your veterinarian will want to keep a close eye on his condition with frequent blood and urine tests. Make sure to give your pet any and all prescribed medications and diets according to your veterinarian's instructions. If necessary, some pet owners can administer subcutaneous (under the skin) fluids at home and your veterinarian will instruct you on how to do this.

Following instructions and working closely with your veterinarian during your pet's treatment will give your pet a better quality of life and possibly help prolong his life.

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November 2006

1 Wednesday

What: Basic Obedience Class Begins
Where: Animal Motel, Butler
When: 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Info: 262-781-5200, www.animalmotel.net

3 Friday

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

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

4 Saturday

What: Ask Dog Food Questions w/ Innova
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: All Day
Info: 414-444-4110, milwaukeekeepetfood.com

What: Fall & Holiday Portraits w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Pawprints Across Your Heart, Greendale
When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Info: 414-423-5800, www.sliderphoto.com

What: Animal Communication/Massage/Reiki
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (Only \$20-\$25/session)
Info: 414-444-4110 or 414-332-8836, vleigh@wi.rr.com

What: Basic Obedience Class Begins
Where: Animal Motel, Butler
When: 9:00 am - 10:45 am
Info: 262-781-5200, www.animalmotel.net

5 Sunday

What: Crystals Class for you & your Animal Companion
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (Inst: Rebecca Moravec)
Info: 262-548-0923

What: Lure Coursing Run Thrus
Where: Lake Salvation Army Camp, East Troy
When: 10:00 am
Info: 1-888-581-9070

6 Monday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Classes w/ For Pet's Sake
Where: Friends of Nature, Genesee Depot
When: 6:30 pm (seven week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

10 Friday

What: Obedience & Rally Correction Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: Entries 6:30 p.m., Start 7:00 p.m. (\$5 per dog)
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

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

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

11 Saturday

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

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

What: Nail Trimming (Dogs not People)
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776 (only \$10/trim)

What: Holiday Portraits w/ SliderPhoto
Benefiting Elmbrook Humane Society
When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Call for Appt.)
Info: 262-754-5579, www.sliderphoto.com

12 Sunday

What: Specialty Breed Manners Class
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: Noon (10% of proceeds go to Breed Rescue)
Info: 414-289-7785

What: Photos with Santa by SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Reservations Suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Golden Retrieve Rescue (GRROW)
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

13 Monday

What: Adult Beginner Course Begins
Where: Friends of Nature, Genesee Depot
When: Call for Details (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

14 Tuesday

What: Canine Good Citizen Course Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: Call for Details (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

15 Wednesday

What: Puppy Foundation Agility Course Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: Call for Details (8 week course)
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16 Thursday

What: Shy & Reactive Dog Course Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: Call for Details (8 week course)
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17 Friday

What: Mugs for Pugs to Benefit Pug Rescue
Where: Buckhead Saloon, Milwaukee
When: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm (Humans Only)
Info: www.milwaukeekeepugfest.com,
www.buckheadmilwaukee.com

What: Agility Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: Entries 6 p.m., Start 7 p.m. (only \$5 per dog)
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

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

18 Saturday

What: Holiday Pet/Family Portraits w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Friends of Nature, Oconomowoc
When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Info: 262-567-2699, www.sliderphoto.com

What: Basset Buddies Rescue
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

19 Sunday

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

What: Specialty Breed Manners Class
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: Noon (10% of proceeds go to Breed Rescue)
Info: 414-289-7785

What: Photos with Santa by SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Reservations Suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Shy & Reactive Dog Course Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: Call for Details (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

20 Monday

What: Beginner Agility Course Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: Call for Details (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

24 Friday

What: Photos with Santa by SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Reservations Suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

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

What: Free Yappy Hour
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Bringing Siena Home

| part two

We arranged to see Siena away from the pack of puppies before we made our final decision. Most importantly, we (and the foster mom) had to see if Jale and Siena were a good fit. Would Jale be protective of us with a puppy around? Would Siena cower and hide from an adult dog she's never met? What are the chances they'll be utterly incompatible right from the get go? Or would one bounce into a play bow and the other follow gleefully?

Let's get to the park and find out!

Daryl, Jale and I arrived first and we took a walk to the meeting place. Jale loves walks. You can't even get all the words out, "Go for..." and she's howling with happiness. We were there only 15 minutes when the minivan driven by the foster mom pulled up to the curb; Daryl and I turned to each other and grinned like little kids meeting Santa for the first time.

The foster mom got out of the van and walked to the back of the vehicle to open the overhead door. As it swung up slowly, we scrunched down to peek inside and saw a big, bulky cage. Sitting right in the center of it, nestled into a patch of blanket, was a petite bundle of brown, black, rust and white fur staring back at us. Siena was dwarfed by the metal around her and I wanted to reach in, unhook the cage door and cuddle her. Jale got a whiff of Siena's scent from inside the van and started to look anxious. "Hey, what's that?" we interpreted Jale's doggie thought bubble to say. "I thought we were just coming here to go for a walk!"

She hooked the puppy's thin collar to a leash and gently placed her down on the grass. "Awwwww, look at you!" I squeaked, dropping down to re-introduce myself to her.

The five of us walked to a quieter spot away from the road and sat down on the grass huddled together. OK, so not all of us huddled. Jale was at the very end of her leash with her back to us. She'd glance over every so often and when I called her to come and be with Siena, she obeyed dutifully and darted away just as fast, determined to use every last inch of slack in her leash to be the farthest away



that she could. "Jale girl, don't be so silly, it's only a little puppy," we laughed.

Jale wasn't aggressive, pushy or panicky. She wanted absolutely nothing to do with Siena. Siena was unfazed and sat quietly watching park goers and other dogs walking past us. She was rather enjoying the hour she was spending on her first park outing.

And then it was time to say good-bye. We got up to walk back to the van. Inside I was yelling YES, YES, YES - we'll take her! Outwardly I remained calm, but bummed because I told Daryl we'd not make a decision on the spot.

I told the foster mom I would call her in the morning with our decision and we gave the puppy one last quick snuggle before she was put back into the cage. As the foster mom secured the cage door and stood back to reach up and close the van hatch, Jale turned abruptly toward the van, jumped up on the edge of the bumper with her front paws, stuck out her neck and nose toward Siena, stood motionless for a second or two, then jumped back down and walked in the opposite direction. That was our sign.

Siena came home the evening of August 13, 2005. I walked into the house with Siena in my arms. Jale saw her and got her scent instantly - there is another dog in my house! I knelt down to introduce them again. Jale looked right at Siena, looked at me, and quickly headed in the opposite direction again. Oh boy, this is going to be interesting.

It took four days for Jale to seriously look in Siena's direction for any length of time. If Siena walked towards her, Jale went the other way. If Jale was lying down and Siena tried to lie down next to her or anywhere near her, Jale got up and found another spot on the lawn or the floor. If we cooed and puppy talked to Siena, Jale found somewhere else to be.

Jale was the most comfortable when there was the most distance between them. It was interesting to watch how Siena intuitively started to give Jale her space after she was being ignored. Siena walked way around Jale as if in restricted air space. We felt bad for Siena knowing all she wanted to do was bond, but Jale wasn't having it. Nope, not one bit. Jale wasn't mean spirited or cantankerous; she simply had to adjust in her own time and at her own pace. We were prepared to wait it out. And as hard as it was, Siena had to wait too.

In the meantime, Siena started to come out of her shell and bounced and licked her way deeper into our hearts. We had lots of people volunteering to come over and help socialize her and I spent a lot of hours bonding with her, especially between 2 am and 4 am when she needed to go outside.

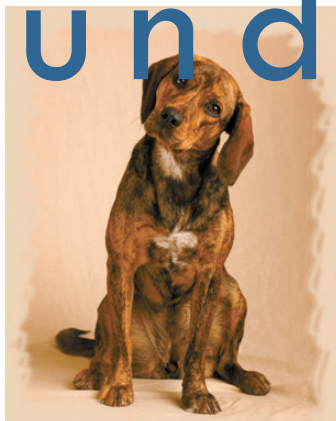
Then the inevitable happened. We were in the backyard one afternoon; Siena by herself nipping on the tag of a low-rise lawn chair that she was crawling on top of earlier, when Jale moved into Siena's space. Daryl and I stopped talking and watched. Siena continued to play with the tag and Jale stuck her nose deep into the fur on the top of Siena's head. One big long "welcome to the family" sniff - exactly as Jasper did it to Jale years earlier. Before we had a chance to soak up the moment or grab a camera they were both low to the grass in a play bow.

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Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
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30 Thursday

What: Puppy Seminar on Housetraining, Nutrition, & more.
Where: Sirius Companion Dog Training
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Every Monday

What: Conformation Walk-in Classes
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:40 pm
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Every Tuesday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (7 week course)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Every Wednesday

What: Conformation Drop-In Training
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 7:30 p.m.
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Every Thursday

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

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Every Saturday

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Where: Channel 14 (MATA/MCM)
What: T.V. Show 10:30 a.m.

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Siena was about eight weeks old when we brought her home and Jale was nine years old. Siena turned Jale's quiet and demure life upside down.

Once they started to bond there were no brakes. They chased each other behind bushes, around the trees and along the fence. They played hide & seek and they mouthed and slobbered each other like a lioness and her cub. Siena would dash under our bed and pop out the other side just enough to reach Jale's paws or mouth each other tirelessly. Their play button was stuck on "on."

About a year later, the activity level between them has calmed down significantly but they are by far the happiest when they are together. If one stops eating the other will stop. They share bones, beds, toys, sleep side-by-side and even though we have two water bowls, prefer to us the same one - we couldn't be happier that Siena is in the house.

When not at her job as a Project Manager, **Anne Skaradzinski** makes time to be with her dogs or with other dogs at training classes, volunteering with dogs or writing about dogs. She co-authored a self-published book with her husband, loves writing, photography and the outdoors.



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In late October, a group from this area founded by Caryn Majeskie, **Operation Bring Animals Home**, made another trip to the devastated region. Immediately following the hurricane, until today, this group has made countless trips to become heroes to hundreds of helpless animals. With your assistance, more homeless animals can find forever homes here in Wisconsin.

How can you be a hero? On the return trip from the Gulf Region, Caryn and her team have returned with six dogs and five cats. Would your home be able to welcome a new member, even if only for a short time? Foster homes are needed. Would you be able to ensure these animals have a bed, food, toys, and financial means for vet bills? Donations are accepted at any St. Francis Bank location in the name of Operation Bring Animals Home. You can also send an email to: bringanimalshome@wi.rr.com.



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