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As we close out our second year in providing southeast Wisconsin dog lovers with thoughtful and insightful information on strengthening the bond between owner and companion, we have new and exciting features to share with you.

As you saw in our September/October issue, a Coupon Section is now featured to provide you with additional savings when purchasing products and services from our advertisers. Whether you are a regular customer or are teetering on the fence to try something new, we hope the extra incentives offered by our advertisers will be enough to wet your appetite.

Another new section, making its debut in this issue, is our Canine Marketplace. When you're looking for a Pet Sitter, Veterinarian, Groomer, or any other service for your canine companions, make the Canine Marketplace, as well as the entire issue, your first source. Set in a directory-style format, you'll find listings for many of your needs that will continue to grow from issue to issue.

On the back cover of this issue you'll find information on a class that every pet owner should attend...Pet First Aid. The material covered in this class will provide you with the knowledge you need to give your pet proper treatment during the initial stages of an accident or other health-related incident. I encourage you sign up quickly as this class will fill up fast.

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Think back to last Christmas, or to your most memorable birthday party, or to the time when you received that out-of-the-blue "just thinking of you" card. How did you feel when someone handed you a greeting card? Now look over to your dog lying there on the floor...doesn't he deserve a card too?

When you give or receive a card, you're sharing a moment that is special and in many cases, congratulatory. Over the past year, what has your canine companion done that was special or worthy of a unique treat? Plenty I'm sure. But when he finally realized what house-breaking was, or when he finally figured out that pulling on the leash was not fun for you, what was his reward?

There are countless times throughout the year when our best buddies deserve something more than the typical treat...something more than even the big rawhide bone. When your favorite dog has made you proud and has shown you just how much he loves you...it's your turn to show just how much you care for him.

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be facing the same weekday fate as theirs...8 to 10 hours alone, bordered off in an area of the house with little to look forward to but an occasional trip to the water bowl and a very long nap!

Whether it was their overwhelming sense of guilt associated with their dog's daily routine or their long time desire to work with and care for dogs, the sisters decided to change the course of their and their "kid's" lives. Together, they have combined their strengths and resources and created, Release the Hounds, a 5,000 square foot dog day care facility located at S81 W18463 Gemini Drive in the Muskego Industrial Park. Cumulatively, Sandy and Diana bring to their facility membership and certifications with the American Boarding Kennel Association (ABKA), canine first aid training, and professional dog grooming experience along with training and volunteer experience with the Wisconsin Humane Society.

As dogs are very social animals, Release the Hounds provides a safe and supervised environment for dogs to exercise and play throughout the day

all while receiving lots of love and attention from their "human" caregivers. Activities throughout the day consist of Canine Cardio and Pooch Play that include lots of recreational activities all conducted within secure and spacious interior and exterior runs. Snack time and calming rest periods that include soft music and low lighting round out the day. This combination of activity and interaction makes for a calmer, more relaxed dog when returning home to you at the end of your busy day. Release the Hounds also provides grooming services and overnight boarding options for its day care "kids."

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For additional information, please feel free to call Sandy or Diana at (262) 679-0160 or stop in for a tour of their facility.

Ask the VET

Q: I've been feeding my dog a quality natural kibble diet and supplementing fish oil. I noticed his allergies improved tremendously! When I went to the bank drive-up, the teller sent out a bone-shaped biscuit and Fido snarfed it down. Before we got home he scratched a spot raw on the side of his face! Why would this happen and can I prevent it?

Fido's Father in Franklin

A: You are fortunate that Fido reacted so rapidly and dramatically with pruritis (itching) that you could connect the particular treat to his allergic response. The inflammatory response to an allergen is usually not this obvious.

Dog and cat treats contain ingredients which when eaten by certain individuals can stimulate an abnormal immune response. This allergic response can be gradual or rapid in onset. People who are allergic to particular foods can develop hives or swell (inflammation) in respiratory tissues (asthma). Our pets' immune response cells (mast cells) are more concentrated in skin tissues rather than respiratory tissues. Therefore, our pets manifest more skin disorders than respiratory signs to allergens. Itchy skin, pustules, hair loss, inflammatory bowel disease, sensitive stomach, colitis, anal gland issues can all be linked to small amounts of food allergens provided to our pets in treats!

We need to become ingredient label readers for ourselves and our pets. Our environment and our foods, including pet treats, are filled unintentionally and sometimes intentionally with carcinogens and allergens. Some bodies can handle these insults better than others. It's difficult to control what we're exposed to in the environment, but we can control what we eat. Everyone knows it is not a good idea to eat pesticides, antibiotics, and hormones in our food. But do you know that unless you're purchasing organic foods or treats for yourself and your pets you are eating low levels of those in many products including meats, cereals, milk, pet foods, and treats?

I checked with three local pet boutique shop owners to see which treats they considered healthy and why.



Petlicious

Petlicious proprietor and baker Karen Krause spoke to me as she poured fresh organic cake batter into a mold for a special doggy treat. Krause exclaimed "All of our homemade treats are healthy! We use all certified organic ingredients." She explained that she bakes with combinations of eight different flours and no meat sources. Krause believes if a pet has an allergy to a meat protein source her pastries are tasty hypo-allergenic options.

"Peanut Crunchers and Apple 'n Oats are my favorites," she said as she crunched on a few and shared some with me. We both agreed they were a little dry, but very flavorful! "Many customers purchase these for their horses and goats," she added.



The Dog Spot

The Dog Spot owner Karen Jaeckels couldn't choose one favorite. She promotes the Dr. Becker's Bites, Sweet Potato Chews, and Buddy Biscuits. A lot of her customers shop at the Outpost down the

street. They are concerned about their pets' health as well as their own. She noted "The Becker's Bites are pricey, but the dogs love them and people come back for more." She recommends the no corn, no wheat version of Buddy Biscuits. Sweet Potato Chews are a healthy rawhide chip replacement. Jaeckels explained, "They are all dehydrated vegetable, no filler, no by-product. All are a nice complement to a healthy diet."

The Natural Pet owner Kim Hecker stocks the most treat choices. She prefers the freeze-dried meats. Hecker explained, "They are wheat, corn, and soy-free. Ninety-nine percent of all pets love them." They are appropriate for dogs and



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As a holistic veterinarian and guardian of three dogs with allergies I have learned the importance of reading ingredient labels and choosing products which contain the most natural, least-processed and most organic meat-based whole food sources as possible.

For a dog prone to chronic ear infections or hot spots stimulated by ingestion of corn or wheat, a tiny amount of those ingredients in a cookie, cracker, or dog biscuit (from a bank teller) can incite an unwanted immune response.

At the Animal Doctor, one of our favorite treats is the organic Once Upon a Dog quinoa dog biscuit. Quinoa is a nutrient packed herb that is gluten-free and a tasty alternative to corn or wheat.

Perhaps the best low-calorie, unprocessed treats are in your own refrigerator. Many dogs and some cats love fruits and vegetables. Baby carrots are a better choice for a chunky pet than a wheat dog biscuit, but even carrots are a high-glycemic (sugar) vegetable. Green beans are an even better choice. Bananas provide potassium for a hypokalemic chronic renal (kidney) failure pet. I'm surprised how many guardians tell me their dogs and cats love melon. Remember, grapes and raisins have been found to be potentially fatally

toxic to a dog's kidneys! Some commercial dog treats still contain raisins.

Never choose semi-moist treats for cats. Some contain propylene glycol. This common conditioner can be toxic. These treats notoriously cause facial/brow itching, lip ulcers, and acne in cats.

Quality ingredients do not include high fructose corn syrup or added salt. Don't buy products which contain artificial preservatives such as BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin, synthetic dyes, or the words "animal" or "meat" which refers to any mammal or rendered product.

Don't forget, many edible dog chew products (Greenies, Nylabones) contain wheat or potato starch, which can be allergenic or add calories. Raw bones are the best dental chew-but that is a subject for another article! Consult a knowledgeable pet shop manager or nutritionally-minded veterinarian for other tips on quality treats-and don't take Fido to the bank!

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Perhaps some would accept that as an apology. That's too bad. It's really an excuse. Whether injury is inflicted or not, aggressive behavior is threatening and the owner will be held responsible.

The legal system and insurance companies are eager to take action against dogs, regardless of breed, that they consider dangerous. The ultimate consequence is costly defense, potential loss of your homeowner's insurance, and emotional turmoil.

Knowing this, I wish I could advise the chow's owner to fix the problem by first discarding "progress pirates."

-- Don't fall in love with excuses, or the problem. My first dog, a husky, loved everyone. So with my next dog, I encouraged her nasty side, although I wasn't aware of it at the time. Subconsciously, I foolishly believed that "protectiveness" was a display of loyalty.

-- Don't blame aggressive tendencies on the breed, or on fear, abuse, or having been attacked. That assumption may be right. It may be wrong. But contemplating something you can't or won't change won't bring you any closer to eliminating antisocial behavior.

-- Admit and take responsibility for your supporting role in letting the aggression continue. You may be ignoring or avoiding bad behavior. In response to outbursts, perhaps you're offering treats, soothing words, and affectionate strokes. Maybe you've tried to stop it by scolding, shaming or restraining the offender. In all but the mildest cases, these techniques do nothing to stop behavior that, in many cases, is addictive.

Why is aggression addictive? Because it's fun. Most dogs love the adrenaline rush of an aggressive encounter. But that doesn't make them bad. These encounters, no matter how brief, can give even the nicest canine a pump as powerful as when he chases a squirrel up a tree. Episodes such as these are the canine equivalent of a "happy pill." And, given the choice, your dog would swallow the whole bottle.

Even though aggressive dogs relish the chance to swarm unsuspecting or irritating victims, you can do four things to intervene and convince him to get his jollies elsewhere.

1. Let your actions do the talking. Let's assume you want your dog to stop terrorizing your cat. The obvious reaction may be to yell. But yelling, commanding, and shaming are ineffective and often counterproductive in controlling the dog's urge to chase. Instead of voicing your disapproval by saying "NO!", leash your dog and give a "whiplash" (snap and release) instantaneous jerk of the leash. Your silence will relax the cat and your jerk will curtail your dog's prey drive.

2. Think about how you will address an outburst if it happens again and prepare your tools accordingly. Long ago I was bitten by my briard during a training session. Although I was a very experienced trainer, he was intent on causing damage and had stature to accomplishing his goal. My defense was to keep him leashed at all times, remain cool and launch into "heel" mode during temperament "flare-ups." This way, I was able to redirect his energy and focus him on working with me instead of against me. His reactions became predictable and, thankfully, I prevented subsequent injury.

3. Accept that you'll need to address the problem, or you're to blame if you let it continue. Every day, trainers and behaviorists receive calls from desperate dog owners. No matter how concerned

and conscientious, in virtually every case, the owner had abundant evidence but failed to act on the aggression that preceded the fateful incident.

4. You do have the power to solve the problem. Nothing is more satisfying than discovering, like I did with my aggressive Staffordshire terrier, that she is really oozing with sweetness and eager to socialize with everything on four legs. But the only way to discover that is to first teach reliable basic obedience.

Usually, aggression such as the chow's begins in a benign way and, therefore, is tolerated and allowed to grow year after year. Still, the dog isn't rotten at all and, if given the opportunity, appears ripe for change.

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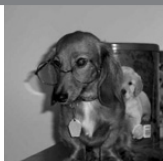
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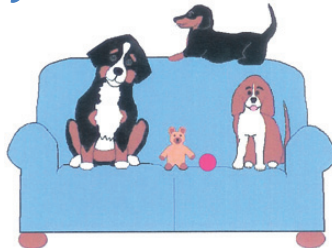
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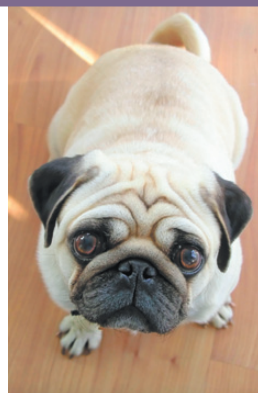
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Pets & Planes: What You Should Know Before Flying the "Friendly" Skies

With the holiday season fast approaching, many pet owners are contemplating air travel that includes family pets. Although air travel for humans is one the safest methods of transportation available, air travel for pets is another story.

This month's Legal Beagle provides pet owners with information regarding the safety of air travel with pets and provides an overview of the Safe Air Travel for Animals Act.

How Many Pets Are Flying the Friendly Skies?

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, more than two million pets and live animals are transported by air every year in the United States. Sponsors of the Safe Air Travel for Animals Act, legislation aimed at protecting pets during air travel, estimate that as many as 5,000 animals are lost, injured or die annually in air travel. Such tragedies are preventable and due primarily to mishandling by baggage personnel, severe temperature fluctuations, insufficient oxygen in cargo holds, or damage to kennels.

"Floyd" Raises Awareness Regarding the Safety of Air Travel for Pets

Until recently, pet owners, mistakenly presuming that their animal companions traveled in conditions similar to humans, rarely considered the safety of air travel for their pets.

A case called *Gluckman v. American Airlines, Inc.*, 844 F. Supp. 151 (S.D.N.Y. 1994) gave many pet owners a rude awakening regarding the safety of air travel for pets. The lawsuit arose out of the needless death of a golden retriever named "Floyd" due to admitted negligence when American Airlines left Floyd for over an hour in a crate in an unventilated baggage compartment that reached 140 degrees. Floyd, who suffered from heat stroke and brain damage, had to be put to sleep by his owner, Andrew Gluckman.

Gluckman sued American for its failure to safely transport Floyd, including seeking damages for Floyd's pain and suffering. In court, American argued, among other things, that because Floyd was legally considered "property," the case for his death could not proceed. The Court agreed with American, and the lawsuit brought to right the wrong of Floyd's needless death was dismissed.

Floyd's story did not, however, go unnoticed. It served to raise public awareness about the poor standard of care that pets were receiving from U.S. airlines. Soon, a campaign to ensure the safety of animals

in air travel blossomed and legislation was eventually enacted to hold airlines accountable for any mistreatment of animals.

The Safe Air Travel for Animals Act

The Safe Air Travel for Animals Act (the "Act"), was signed into law by then President Bill Clinton on April 5, 2000, with the goal of improving the safety of air travel for animals. However, the final rules of this act did not go into effect until this past June.

Prior to the Act, there was no way for a consumer to obtain an airline's safety record for transporting animals. The Act requires U.S. airlines that perform scheduled passenger transportation to file reports with the U.S. Department of Transportation Aviation Consumer Protection Division concerning incidents involving the loss, injury or death of animals during air transportation.

The Department of Transportation publishes the reports monthly, and forwards the reports to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which enforces the Animal Welfare Act. Such reports are made available to the public and include detailed information about the injury, loss or death of any pet. The Act also holds airlines accountable for the safety of pets during the entire time the pet is in the airline's custody.

Despite its inclusive sounding name, the Act does not, however, protect all animals. The Act defines "animal" as "any warm

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Steps You Can Take to Make Air Travel Safe for Pets

As the Gluckman case made evident, air travel for animals is not always safe. Pet owners have an important role in improving the safety of air travel for animals.

Pet owners should fly their pets only on airlines with a proven record of pet safety. An airline's pet safety record is available from the Aviation Consumer Protection Division online at <http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/reports/>.

Pet owners can also hold airlines accountable for any mistreatment of pets by reporting incidents of pet mistreatment to the U.S. Department of Agriculture APHIS, Animal Care Staff, 4700 River Road, Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737 (301) 734-7833.

Conclusion

Our pets count on us to ensure their safety in all instances. Air travel is no exception. The Safe Air Travel for Animals Act gives pet owners an important tool to protect pets during air travel, and to hold airlines that do not protect pets accountable for their actions.

For more information about the safety of air travel for pets, visit the Humane Society of the United States at: http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/caring_for_pets_when_you_travel/traveling_by_air_with_pets/.

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When your four-legged friend cowers at life

A typical dog is a floppy-eared, licking machine who can't get enough play time. At least that's what I envisioned three years ago when I went to the local humane society with my husband to get a dog. His pick was an adult Siberian Husky-Collie mix that didn't bark at all while we were there. She simply watched and waited. At first we thought this was a blessing, but then we discovered it was because she was timid and that led to some odd behaviors.

We brought Maya home and she shrank away from petting, cried if you came near her with a brush, and jumped at raised voices (even when not directed at her). She did not wag her tail or eat dog treats. She needed to be retrained to go the bathroom outside, but every time we tried to praise her, it would startle her into stopping. Needless to say, we felt challenged and we didn't know why this was happening.

Why Some Dogs Are Shy

Claudeen McAuliffe, an applied animal behaviorist and owner of Kindness Canine

Behavior Consultants in Oconomowoc, WI, explains, "genetic heritage is a strong contributor to shyness; it is highly heritable, [and] life experiences are the second, but not necessarily the lesser, contributor."

According to McAuliffe, a dog that cowers at a person's touch may not have been handled enough when she was a puppy, in the sensitive periods of development. Or the reverse might be true. If the puppy was handled too much and had negative experiences, she might become sensitized to touch. The timid disposition often leads to avoidance behaviors, explains McAuliffe, instead of approach behaviors.

"If fear and shyness are the result of life experiences, the first step is to change the dog's emotional state by developing trust and confidence," says McAuliffe. The dog needs to learn about her new environment, learn that it's predictable and controllable to some extent. If she needs to be let outside, for example, a few seconds of eye contact gets the door opened. When the dog trusts her environment, real change can begin.

"I also use Tellington TTouch, dietary changes, exercise and flower remedies," adds McAuliffe about her own practice. (Tellington TTouch is a rehabilitation method based on circular movements of the fingers and hands over the whole body to awaken cellular intelligence, speed healing, and change emotional response.) "Changing the dog's emotional state is critical because emotions drive behavior and behavior can't change till the emotional state shifts," explains McAuliffe.

From there some basic behaviors can be taught, for instance, eye contact and engagement with the handler. "Then events that trigger fearful responses need to be identified and systematically desensitized and counter-conditioned," continues McAuliffe. This is where a professional trainer or behaviorist can really help, especially if your dog is aggressive.

"A qualified professional can shorten the length of the process, make sure the issue is resolved as much as possible without creating new issues, and be a coach and cheerleader for both dog and owner," says McAuliffe.



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There are certain actions you can take as your shy/timid dog adjusts to her new environment. McAuliffe suggests using only positive reinforcement (treats, praise, positive rewards to encourage a behavior) and negative punishment (removing something good, for example, withholding a treat when the dog doesn't perform the desired action). These techniques work without undermining the dog's self-confidence. McAuliffe warns about compulsion-based techniques, such as leash pops (collar jerks), that are inappropriate when dealing with shy dogs. It will only confirm their belief that the world is a terrifying and unpredictable place.

Also, if the fear is mild, McAuliffe says it is possible to introduce your dog to a fearful situation and pair it with pleasant stimuli, such as treats or attention from you, in order to change the way the dog perceives the once fearful situation. The goal is for the dog to associate the event with the pleasure the food, toy, attention, etc. creates.

It Takes Time

McAuliffe shares a story about a friend of hers, who is also a Tellington TTouch practitioner. McAuliffe's friend rescued a 5-year-old hound puppy with a terrible past. The puppy cowered at life. After four years of a loving, safe environment with regular training, the puppy is a happy, well-adjusted dog who plays well with others and no longer needs the support that brought her to this point. "I think this is an illustration that even an experienced trainer can undergo a long, slow, arduous process of rehabilitation to make a dog whole again, and that rehabilitation is indeed possible."

Happy Endings

It's only been two years for us and our shy Maya, but we've noticed an improvement. Luckily, she was not an extreme case or a dog that became aggressive, and now she acts like more of the playful, happy dog I had imagined. Her tail, once sadly hanging between her legs, curls up over her back in a confident plume as she prances down the street. Although, she still cringes into a submissive posture when faced with something she is unsure about, with time, patience and positive encouragement, she's readjusting to living with people who love her. And every time

she bounds down the stairs wagging her back end and smiling that funny dog smile, I know it's our own happy ending.

If you have any questions for Claudeen McAuliffe, she can be reached at 262-569-1050 or online at www.kindnessk9.com.

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The Basset Hound

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"We like to say, 'When the nose hits the ground, the ears shut down,'" said Lynn Holdridge, a local Basset Hound enthusiast.

Maybe you can coax these charming, cuddly creatures with a special treat, a belly rub, or a nice soft couch.

"Most of them are lovers and would rather lay at your feet," said Dennis Klein, interim president of Basset Buddies Rescue, which serves Wisconsin and parts of Illinois and Minnesota.

"I grew up with German Shepherds and a cat. But (Basset Hounds) are so soft. They're just really goods," Holdridge said, summing up the consensus of many dog lovers.

Basset Hounds are probably one of the most recognizable breeds. With its short-legged, extended body, complemented by "long velvety" ears and an overall wrinkled appearance, this sometimes-clownish breed is certainly an unforgettable image for many. Just look at the classic Hush Puppies shoe advertising campaign that today still uses the Basset Hound image to illustrate comfort, relaxation, familiarity, and fun.

"Everyone looks at them like they're all couch potatoes, and most of them are," Klein said. "Some are very active. Some are just non-stop."

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Basset Hounds are cousins to the Bloodhounds - and both are thought to be descendants of St. Hubert Hounds. St. Hubert was known as the patron saint of the hunt. Originated in sixth century France, Basset Hounds apparently deviated to become a dwarf type hound to assist hunters in the pursuit of small game animals, like rabbits. Basset



Hounds, with no problems keeping low to the ground, can drive the small creatures from the brush and undercover (this is where the long ears can come into play to stir up scents) to the open for hunters to move in.

With the Basset Hounds special characteristics - short legs, extended bodies and long, drooping ears - there comes special needs and responsibilities an owner must address.

Back problems - Some Basset Hounds are content to be lazy and lounge around for hours. So you may need to force some of them outside to walk around and play - to ward off becoming overweight in the midsection that can place unnecessary strain on the back. "You have to keep them in shape. They're like a big long flatbed truck. Their backs will go out. Just don't let them get too big," Klein said.



Heavy bone structure - Even fit and trim Basset Hounds can be a handful - most range from 50 to 65 pounds. Don't strain or throw out your back trying to lift an adult Basset Hound.

Long ears and droopy eyes - Air doesn't get a chance to circulate much in and around the ears, so owners need to clean the dog's ears once a week at the very least. "People have to understand that a long-eared dog like a Basset Hound - regular cleaning is a mandatory type activity," Klein said. The Basset Hounds' eyes, too, need to be kept clean.

Added boosts and lifts - The Basset Hound's short legs aren't always conducive to staircases or easy jumps into backseats or onto recliners. Owners and others in the Basset Hounds' packs may need to take a few extra seconds every so often to give the dog a boost into position.



Containment - Sure, open fields and rolling hills seem to be ideal for dog with bursts of energy to run, explore, and run some more. Be aware of the powerful nose of the Basset Hound, which may take them unknowingly (maybe uncontrollably) into traffic or toward other dangers. Remember, this part of the Basset Hound is instinct driven. A fenced yard or a leash may be necessary sometimes.

Also remember: Basset Hounds may be short when on all fours. If they can get up on their hind legs the vertical reach

can be most effective in reaching snacks and surprises on kitchen counters, for instance.

Klein stressed the importance of being aware of the Basset Hounds background and special needs when considering bringing one home to become part of your family. Like bringing home any other dog, the owner must take into account the home's environment and surroundings, the family situation, and the lifestyles of the people who will be interacting with the dog.

Do your homework thoroughly - surf the Internet - and talk to breeders and Basset Hound owners to gauge whether the breed is for you. Klein can't stress that enough. Ask plenty of questions - don't get blinded by how cute and cuddly the animal appears today. Remember, this is supposed to be a long-term relationship that lasts for years. Basset Hounds can live to be 11 years old to 13 years old.

The organization in which he volunteers, Basset Buddies Rescue (www.bbrescue.org), placed about 750 Basset Hounds in the last five years. The group has 45 foster homes - and more than 100 volunteers - that take in Basset Hounds looking for a new family. The group is extremely active and organizes a special fundraising event - Basset Fest in Muskego on the last weekend every August - that's been gaining popularity every year with Basset Hound owners. The fest includes activities such as silent auctions, wiener races, fashion and talent shows, and the opportunity to get your pets micro-chipped.

Klein would like to see one day where his group - and any one of the 55 rescue groups in Wisconsin - close shop because of lack of business. Of course he's a realist and knows a need will always exist for one reason or another. Lifestyles change, moves are made, family situations become in flux. In the meantime, he and his group try to educate so "people can make an informed decision" on whether a Basset Hound - or any animal - is the right pet at the right time.

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The coonhound group consists of six different breeds including the Black and Tan, Bluetick, English, Redbone, Treeing Walker, and the Plott hound. Coonhounds weigh from approximately 45 to 75 pounds because in different areas, the dogs are used for different things. "In some parts of the country, they are used to hunt raccoons. In other areas, they are used not only for raccoons, but for bears or mountain lions or bigger game, so you need a bigger dog," said Christi Skamfer who adopted her hound mix, Oliver, in 1998 and has fostered dogs from the Dunn County Humane Society for the past six years.

Coonhounds love being with people and other dogs. Skamfer said Blueticks are her favorite coonhounds because they "are really people-focused. They are emotionally needy. They want to be with

you. [During fostering], it may take them some time to adjust to being in the home situation rather than out in the yard. But once you get them in, they are your shadows."

Coonhounds mature when they are two to three years old. Oliver's energy level was pretty high for the first couple of years. After that, if Oliver had his way, Skamfer

said "he would be overweight and sleeping on his couch." It can be a challenge to keep the dog's weight at a healthy level," Skamfer said, "Keep them active and make sure they don't overeat."

A coonhound's strong nose can be one of the challenges of having a coonhound as a pet. A dog that finds a good scent may forget about everything else. Unless pet coonhounds are extremely well trained, it is recommended that they never be off-leash outside unless they are in a securely fenced area. Skamfer said Oliver has seven years of formal obedience training, has a novice obedience title and is still never allowed out of the house off-leash.

There are a variety of ways that a dog who must be kept on-leash can be safe but still enjoy freedom. These include using a 30-foot leash for weekend walks through the woods, or taking the hound to doggy day care or off-leash, fenced-in dog parks where the freedom of roaming can be enjoyed without the hound's nose leading him into trouble.

Another reason to keep a pet coonhound on leash is that coonhounds like to track even small felines. Some owners report that their dogs know to leave the family cat alone, but that outdoor cats are a temptation that can be too great to resist.

While the coonhounds' strong nose can lead to counter-surfing, their love of food

can also be used for training. Skamfer said that Oliver's theory on training is "What is in it for me?" Skamfer continued, "As long as I have a treat bag on my hip, he can do anything those border collies in class can do. But the second I put that treat bag down, he looks at me, like 'Yeah, right.'" Because of his food motivation, Oliver is great in practice but acts as "comic relief" during competition.

Skamfer dispelled the common misconception that coonhounds have a "houndy" odor. During fostering, she eliminates that concern with regular grooming, baths and ear cleaning about once a week. As with any breed with floppy ears, coonhounds can be prone to ear infections if not kept clean. But on the positive side, coonhounds shed very little.

People can also be concerned that coonhounds bark a lot. Skamfer said, "In a home setting, they don't bark anymore than any other breed but they have a much bigger bark."

While children should always be supervised with dogs, the coonhound is a tolerant dog that can be great with kids. Pete Ellsworth, a former columnist for the American Plott Association, stated his five-year-old grandson, Colton, "would wrestle [with Ellsworth's dogs] and wasn't always gentle with them, not being mean, just what I call rough-housing with them. None of the dogs ever even growled."



Coonhounds can make wonderful family pets for those owners with the ability to provide proper training and exercise opportunities. They are affectionate dogs for those owners who understand a coonhound's needs but yet appreciate how special they are. Skamfer said, "I watch coonhounds run in my yard with their lips flapping and their ears flopping and I don't understand why they ever bred anything with upright ears. It is so comical. It puts a smile on my face every time."

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

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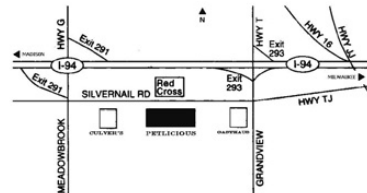
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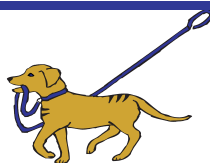
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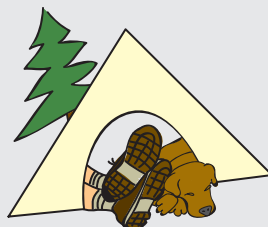
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Blood is a vital source of life in medical facilities of all kinds, and veterinary clinics are no exception. In order to keep a plentiful blood supply, donors are extremely important, even ones with four legs. Too few of us think about the possibility of our pets donating blood, but they can, and it's as easy as taking a trip to the Animal Emergency Center in Glendale.

The blood donor program at the Animal Emergency Center has been in operation for several decades and is highly successful in meeting blood needs for the countless trauma cases the clinic sees on a regular basis. The center also routinely makes blood available to local veterinary clinics.

"The [blood donation] program is a wonderful opportunity for pet owners to save the lives of other pets without a question," says Dr. Rebecca Kirby, who helps oversee the program. "We see so many great people who bring their pets in and we often develop a good personal relationship with them over time. It's really wonderful."

Currently the clinic has some 125 dogs and 28 cats on their regular blood donor list, which helps the clinic adequately meet its constant needs. But, there's always a need for more donors considering the clinic has seen canine blood transfusions increase by four times since 1992 and feline transfusions rise by eight times.

Requirements for potential blood donors:

Dogs

Age - one to six years
Weight - 45 pounds or greater
Must be current on rabies and distemper/parvovirus vaccinations
Heartworm status must be negative and must be on preventative medication
Must not have any ongoing health problems or be on medications
No previous history of transfusion therapy
Should have a pleasant disposition

Cats

Age - one to seven years
Weight - 8 to 15 pounds
Must be current on rabies and upper respiratory vaccinations
Must be FeLV/FIV/FIP negative
Must not have any ongoing health problems or be on medications
No previous history of transfusion therapy
Should have a pleasant disposition
Should be an indoor cat

Source: Animal Emergency Center

"This one of the biggest years so far," says Cheryl Page, a certified veterinary technician and coordinator of the blood donation program for the past seven years. In order to meet the clinic's blood needs, the program needs to draw about five units of blood per week for dogs and three units for cats, she explains.

Blood donation for animals is as painless and routine as it is for humans, says Page, and the process begins with simply filling out an application and making an appointment. Like humans, pets are required to be in good health, be current on their vaccinations, and be within the acceptable weight limit - eight-to-15 pounds for cats and at least 45 pounds for dogs. Any breed of dog or cat is acceptable as long as they fit within the weight and health requirements.

"Dogs generally are a bit easier to have donate," laughs Page as she oversees the donation process of a cat belonging to a fellow technician. "Dogs are generally more obedient and respond better to humans."

Since cats can be more difficult during the donation process, which requires extracting the blood directly from the jugular vein in the neck, they are given a mild sedative. Dogs, however, generally require no sedatives to undergo the process, which takes only a few minutes.

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"Dogs can lose more blood per body weight and are more tolerant of that loss than humans," says Page.

Dogs and cats are able to donate every six weeks, but most regular donors bring their pets in once every two to three months, depending on their availability and need, says Page.

Matt Flaig and Trini Torres routinely have their dogs, Rusty a 70-pound setter mix and Smokey, a 97-pound Weimaraner donate at the clinic. "We think it's a great program," says Torres. "The staff is terrific and they always make Rusty and Smokey feel at home. We think it's a good thing to do and we're glad to give back to the community. The dogs are no worse for wear and they've done something good and they especially like the treats when they're done."

For Page, being involved in the blood donation program, and having several pets as routine donors, has been an extremely rewarding experience. Since Purina sponsors the program, donors receive compensation for donations in the form of a 20lb bag of food or a \$25 credit at the clinic, but it's the giving factor that Page sees as most important to those who regularly bring in their pets.

"This is such a great program and it's been a long-time highlight of my job here," she explains. "The donors are very different from the rest of our typical patients because many pets that come in here are very sick and donors are always happy and healthy and it's just a very different perspective for me. The people who bring in their pets are very generous, altruistic people and they really do it for the simple goodness of it."

For more information contact the Animal Emergency Center at 414-540-6710 or visit them online at www.animalemergencycenter.com.

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Info: 262-502-DOGS (3647)

What: Beginner Agility
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Info: 262-502-DOGS (3647)

4 Friday

What: The Big Bang! Storm and Noise Phobias in Dogs
When: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 7:00 p.m.
Info: 262-502-DOGS (3647)

5 Saturday

What: St. Bernard Rescue
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Holiday Photos w/ Mindworks
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776

What: Animal Communication w/ Carol Schultz
Where: The Dog Spot, Wauwatosa
When: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (reservations required)
Info: 414-258-3444 (10 minutes for only \$20)

What: Dog Nail Clipping
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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What: Fall/Holiday Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: The Feed Bag, Grafton
When: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Info: 262-377-7601, www.sliderphoto.com

6 Sunday

What: Holiday Photos w/ Mindworks
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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What: Holiday& Santa Paws Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (reservations suggested)
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7 Monday

What: Freestyle Dance Class
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:30 p.m. (Eight week course)
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11 Friday

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 p.m. (Utility & Novice), 7:30 p.m. (Open)
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What: Circle of Life Dinner & Auction for Wildlife
Where: St. Aloysius, 92nd & Greenfield, West Allis
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Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Fall/Holiday Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: The Dog Spot, Wauwatosa
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 414-258-3444, www.sliderphoto.com

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

13 Sunday

What: Holiday& Santa Paws Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (reservations suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

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

18 Friday

What: Puppy Agility
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
Cost: \$12 for dogs under one year old
Info: 414-289-7785

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

What: Teacup Run Thrus
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
Info: 414-289-7785

19 Saturday

What: Tellington TTouch 2-Day Workshop for Dogs
When: Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

What: Dog Nail Clipping
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776, \$10

What: Fall/Holiday Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Friends of Nature, Oconomowoc
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-567-2699, www.sliderphoto.com

What: Practical Obedience w/ Positive Control
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776, \$20

20 Sunday

What: Holiday& Santa Paws Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (reservations suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Greyhound Rescue
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

25 Friday

What: Yappy Hour
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (FREE)
Info: 414-289-7785

What: Understanding Pet Food Labels
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776, FREE (registration req.)

27 Sunday

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

What: Holiday& Santa Paws Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (reservations suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

December

2 Friday

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: Happy Hounds, Germantown
When: 7:00 p.m.
Info: 262-502-DOGS (3647)

What: Holiday Photos w/ Mindworks
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776

What: Dog Nail Clipping
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776, \$10

3 Saturday

What: Midnight Magic Open House
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Vendors, food, & fun!)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

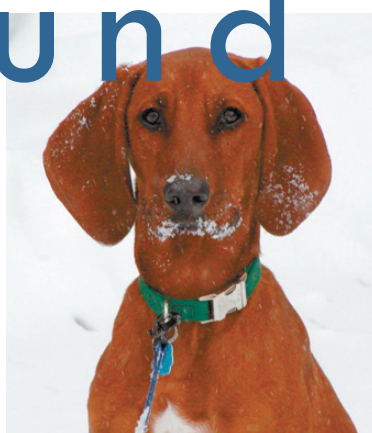
What: Photos w/ Santa
Where: LDC Pet Products, Waukesha
When: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Info: 262-549-7773

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What: Holiday Bazaar
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
Cost: Free
Info: www.cudahykennelclub.org

What: Photos w/ Santa
Where: The Dog Spot, Wauwatosa
Info: 414-258-3444

4 Sunday

What: Holiday Photos w/ Mindworks
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776

8 Thursday

What: Train a Trick Class
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:30 p.m. (Beginning of 4 week course.)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

9 Friday

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

10 Saturday

What: Pictures with Santa & Your Pet
Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc
When: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Info: 262-560-1717, www.thedoggybagllc.com

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

What: Holiday Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: HAWS (Humane Society), Waukesha
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-542-8851, www.sliderphoto.com

11 Sunday

What: Photos with Santa Paws by SliderPhoto
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (reservations suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

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

16 Friday

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

17 Saturday

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

What: Practical Obedience w/ Positive Control
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776, \$20

Every Thursday

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

Every Saturday

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

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

Every Sunday

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

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

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

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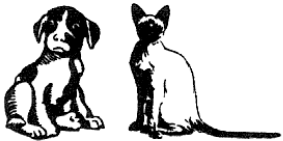
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The fee for this class is \$40.

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Presented by Howard Schwartz

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

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(Clip out this reminder and place on your fridge or calendar.)

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