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As is common this time of year, we dress up the kids and head out for Trick or Treating. In recent years, our canine companions have joined us on those walks -- and in many cases, in full costume as well. In this issue, we'll cover many topics to help include your four-legged family member in festivities, but in a safe and healthy way. Start with tips for treating on page 6, then flip over to page 11 for healthy, homemade treat recipes, and finally, continue onto page 14 for ideas on dressing up your dog. And don't forget to join in the special canine events for Halloween, such as Boo N' Doogle at Skydance Pet Lodge on Oct 13th, Pawprints Across Your Heart's 2nd Annual Halloween Costume Contest in Greendale on Oct 21st, "Spook"tacular Costume Contest at Petlicious in Pewaukee on Oct 28th, and the Brady Street Pet Parade on the east side of Milwaukee on October 7th.

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Ask the VET

Question: With all the treats kids are getting for Halloween, is there anything I can do for my pooch? After all, he's in costume too.

Answer: It just wouldn't seem right to make your companion get all dressed up and walk through neighborhoods without getting his fair share of treats, but let's make sure he doesn't suffer later with a gut ache.

The good side of treats

There's nothing wrong with feeding your dog a few extra treats. Small amounts of tasty food can be great motivators if you're trying to train your pet, or rewards to positively reinforce good behavior, like walking next to you during treat or treat. These kinds of rewards can increase the bond between pets and owners, and some treats can even help your pet stay healthy. Best of all, it can be a lot of fun watching your pet savor a treat he really loves, especially while in full costume.

Treats can cause a few problems, however, if they aren't given carefully.

Count those calories

One of the most dangerous problems overindulgence in treats can cause is obesity. It's a growing problem for pets - nearly half of all the pets in the United States are overweight. Obesity can contribute to a wide range of health problems, from arthritis to diabetes and heart disease. Although Halloween is only one day, it can easily lead to a routine of giving your pooch extra treats everyday.

Treats can be a hidden cause of weight gain, because you may not realize quite how many you give your pet throughout the day. And some treats, because of the extra fat and sugar that make them so desirable to your furry friend, can be jam-packed with calories. Large biscuits can contain well over 100 calories each, for example. It's hard to estimate how many calories pets use, because calorie use varies a lot based on animals' sizes and activity levels. For the sake of example, however, we can imagine that an average 20-pound dog burns about 700 calories per day. Just a few large treats and a leftover burger from the family barbecue could supply enough calories for that dog for a whole day, before he even gets to his regular food. So be aware that some snacks are packed with calories, and stick with low-cal treats or avoid treats altogether if your pet is overweight.

Tips for treats

So how do you choose the right thing when you want to treat your pet?

- First off, buy treats made specifically for a dog. These treats are designed to taste good to your pet without upsetting his stomach or throwing his diet out of whack.

- If your pet eats at scheduled meal times, don't let him fill up on treats before meals.

- Try giving your pet treats that benefit his health. Pet stores now offer dental treats that clean teeth; treats with added vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants; and more.

- If you're longing to let your dog sample a little human food but don't want to expand his waistline, you can try giving him a few fresh vegetables. Dogs often love veggies like carrots, broccoli, and green beans, which are low in calories and high in vitamins and healthy fiber. You'll have to use some care, however, some produce that people love can be harmful to dogs. Onions can cause anemia, for example, and grapes and raisins can be toxic. Don't feed your dog any new or unusual veggies without consulting with your veterinarian.

- When you give your pet treats, add up the number of calories in the treats, then subtract that from the number of calories he gets from his regular food for that day.

- In general, don't let treats make up more than 10 percent of your pet's diet.

As for the gourmet yummys that are now available, use your best judgment when deciding what to give your pet. Check what ingredients they're made from and how much fat they contain. If your pet is healthy and his overall diet is balanced, the occasional extravagant snack won't do him any harm. And since many of the gourmet treats from local pet bakeries are made from all natural ingredients, they are in most cases healthier than store-bought treats found in a box with an expiration date of 2012.

If you have any questions about how many and what kinds of treats are right for your pet, consult your veterinarian. Your dog and his stomach will thank you.

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Dog training can encompass far more than teaching sit, stay, and roll over. When you introduce a new four-legged family member to his new dwelling, you have a huge responsibility to reinforce positive actions that will make structured training a lot easier down the road.

You Found a New Family Member

You've decided that you have the time, space, and financial resources you need to become a pet parent. The perfect pair of eyes met yours at the animal shelter or rescue group and you've found your furry soul mate. He gets his physical exam, vaccinations, and I.D. tag, and the two of you are headed home. Now what?

Pet-proofing Your Home

The first step is making sure your house is safe for your pet. Just like with baby-proofing, you'll need to make sure your pet can't get to any toxic materials like antifreeze, household cleaners, or rat poison. You'll also need to watch out for heavy objects that are high up or unstable, like a lamp on top of an unstable end table, or an iron perched on an ironing board. Unlike babies, pets have teeth, so they can do a lot of damage to electrical cords, furniture, and woodwork. Reinforcing positive training at this stage will help keep teeth on chew toys, not furniture legs.

Settling In

Whether you're bringing home a puppy or a full-grown adult, your pet is going to need a little time to adjust to new surroundings. Try to ease him into his new situation as gently as possible. Don't have a crowd of noisy, exciting people meet your new pet at the front door. This may make his first experience of his new home a frightening one! Instead, take him to a part of the house that will be his retreat and give him a little time there alone. Show a dog to his crate but don't force him into it or lock the door. The alone time will give your pet a chance to explore his new surroundings and learn that they're safe.

As tempting as it might be, don't pull your pet out of his retreat space for playtime just yet. Look in on your fuzzy friend every once in a while but, if possible, let him come out to meet you - with most canines this won't take long. This will be particularly hard if you have any kids in the house, because they'll find it nearly impossible to resist the cute, furry thing that's just in the other room. It's important, though, because a group of laughing, yelling children can be nerve-wracking for an animal that's already nervous. Talk to your children before you bring your new pet home, and explain that he may be a little scared for a while and that they'll have to be very quiet and gentle with him at first. You'll also want to supervise the kids as they interact with the pet at least in the beginning, to make sure they know how to treat the pet and vice versa.

If your new pet is joining other animals in your household, you'll need to supervise the animals' interaction for a while. Let your pets start off by sniffing each other through a closed door. Once they get used to the strange smells, open the door a crack and let them see each other. Gradually allow them more contact, and eventually let them meet face-to-face. As your animal family continues to adjust, you can ward off aggression by making sure your new pet stays away from the other animals' food bowls and favorite toys.

If your new pet is a youngster, he may never have been alone overnight before, so his first few nights with you may be scary for him. Try leaving on a nightlight and a radio, turned down low - the background noise may reassure him. A hot water bottle filled with warm water and an old-fashioned, ticking clock wrapped in cloth also may soothe him by reminding him of sleeping near his mother. (As tempting as it is, don't bring your new furry friend into bed with you, even if you think it's just for one night. You'll be creating a bad habit that will be a challenge to break in the long run.)

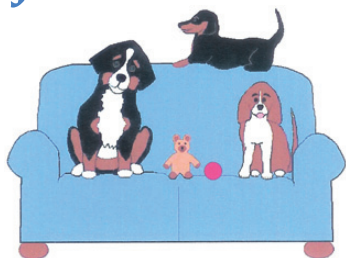
Build a Routine

One way to make your pet feel more secure is to teach him that he can rely on a regular routine. Start feeding him at the same times every day, and let him exercise at the same times daily. As your pet learns to anticipate the activities of his daily life, he'll come to feel confident in his new home.

Build a Bond

Now that your newest family member is feeling calm and secure, you can concentrate on strengthening the bond between you. Take plenty of time for positive play, where your pet's energy is focused on chasing, attacking, and batting around toys (rather than you). Also set aside some time for gentler pursuits like petting and ear scratching, or even pleasant grooming. Let your pet get used to the voices and hands of everyone in your family. When he seems nervous or gets tired of all the attention, let him retreat to the safe haven you gave him on his first day home.

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Introducing positive training techniques at the very beginning will help strengthen your bond and ensure your new family member is on the right track to advance into agility, confirmation, flyball, and other canine sporting activities.

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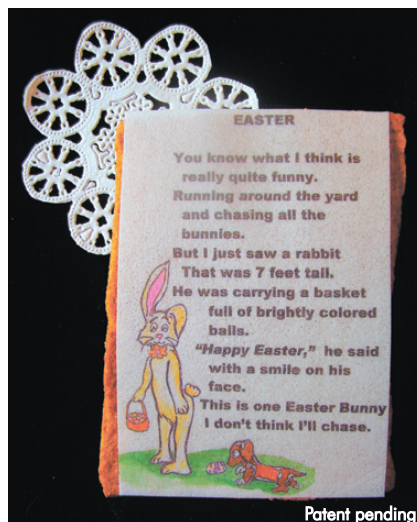
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Cathe Kemp created the following recipe for her two dogs, Samantha and Lucky (who is appropriately named since he gets the treats below). Cathe competes in agility with her dogs and states, "I use these treats when I need to get their best performance. They will do anything for me (when I have these treats)."

Filet Mignon Treats

Total time (start to finish): 40 minutes

Ingredients:
Filet mignon
Garlic powder

Directions: Preheat oven at 350 degrees. Place the filets in baking pan and sprinkle with garlic powder. Bake for 30 minutes. (Cathe's dogs like their steaks medium rare to medium.) Let the filets cool. Cut them into small pieces and put them in baggies. Freeze what will not be immediately used for use at a later time.

Erin Boyle, a manager at Central Bark Doggy Day Care, makes her special treats for her pair of two year olds, Anakin and Clancy. The following recipe came from a friend and Erin found that "my little guy, Clancy, isn't very food motivated, but he loves the homemade treats!"

Cheesy Nuggets

Total time (start to finish): 1 hours 15 minutes (plus cooling time)

Ingredients:
1 cup uncooked oatmeal (not instant)
1 cup hot water or meat juices (Erin uses chicken stock.)
1 cup grated cheese

1 egg, beaten
1 cup wheat germ
¼ cup margarine
½ cup powdered milk
¼ tablespoon salt
1 cup cornmeal
3 cups whole wheat flour
Bone shaped cookie cutter (optional)

Directions: In a large bowl, pour hot water (or meat juices) over oatmeal and margarine. Let stand for 5 minutes. Stir in powdered milk, grated cheese, salt and egg. Add cornmeal and wheat germ. Mix well. Add flour, 1/3 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Knead 3 to 4 minutes, adding more flour if necessary to make very stiff dough. Pat or roll dough to an inch thickness. Cut into bone shaped biscuits with cookie cutter or into treat sized shapes based on the dog's size. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour at 300 degrees. Turn off heat and leave in the oven to sit for at least 1 hour.

As for the following recipe, Susan Platt's 10 year old dog, Otis, "is all eyes front when I have one of these in my hands." Susan notes that Otis also "enjoys licking the bowl and drinking the liver water (ewwww)."

Liver Snaps

Total time (start to finish): 30 to 40 minutes (plus cooling time)

Ingredients:
1 pound raw beef liver, sliced
3 cups water
1 cup rice flour
1/4 cup quick-cooking oatmeal
1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon brown sugar
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 egg beaten

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Boil liver in 3 cups water until no longer pink. Remove liver and set aside the boiling water. Place 1/4 cup reserved boiling water and the liver in food processor or blender and puree (or use hand blender). In a large bowl, combine the rice flour, oatmeal, wheat and all-purpose flours, garlic powder, and brown sugar. Add oil, egg, liver puree and another 1/4 C reserved boiling water. Mix well.

Use a teaspoon to dab spoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet. Roll out the dough and cut into desired shapes. Or, grease the bottom of a drinking glass to prevent sticking and use it to flatten the spoonfuls like you would for peanut butter cookies. (Using the glass is much simpler and quicker per Susan.) Bake for 10 minutes, flip and bake for 10 more minutes.

Turn off the oven and let the treats remain in the cooling oven for at least 2 and 1/2 hours in order to make them extra crunchy. Refrigerate for up to two weeks or freeze for longer storage. Special note from Susan: "These will mold if left on the counter. They certainly did for me." The recipe makes about three to five dozen, depending on the size of each treat.

So, whether it is to provide that extra spark for competition, special motivation to a non-food driven dog or "just because," try making one of these recipes for your furry ones this weekend. Don't forget to let them lick the bowl!

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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Walk & Pet Costume Contest

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"The Humane Society always welcomes assistance," said Becky Lutynski, who with her husband Dennis own Skydance, which has been in the family for 50 years. The dog park, located near State Hwy 67 and County Hwy C, does not have adequate areas fenced in for canine romping. "That always makes it difficult for owners to feel comfortable having their dog off-leash," she explained. Future plans are to fence in the remaining area to make it even more dog and user friendly, but that of course is dependent upon finding funding. "We thought this was a great project to support."

Participants are encouraged to dress up their pets for the event, or just bring them along for a 20 minute walk on the scenic Glacial Drumlin Trail, which is a mere foot step away from Skydance.

Prior to the walk, participants will parade past a panel of judges. First, second, third and honorable mention prizes will be awarded in the costume competition.

"We do ask that people of course be considerate and have their pets in humane and animal-friendly costumes," she added. Whether in costume or not, all pets attending will receive a treat bag, courtesy of Skydance that will include all natural, wholesome treats from The Doggy Bag, a dog bakery in Oconomowoc that bakes treats fresh daily without the use of salt, sugar and any artificial coloring or additives.

"With Halloween near, instead of kids getting the treat, another family member gets the treats this time and helps raise funds for these two very worthy projects," said Becky. "There are so many benefits to owning a pet, and fun and healthy things to do with animals instead of the tragic things that have been in the news such as dog fighting. So we are always trying to think of ideas to get people more involved with their pets and what we as owners can do for and with our pets."

The idea of a Halloween costume contest and party got started when the pair was having breakfast at a local coffee shop, said Becky. "We were sitting there and along walked in a pug wearing a cute, clown collar around its head," explained Becky. "We all smiled looking at that dog, and it just sort of hit us that we should have a costume contest," she added. "We're optimistic that this will become an annual event and continue to help raise funds for pet-related projects to benefit the community, pets and their owners."

Registration for the event, which will be held rain or shine, is \$7 and can be made prior to the event by calling Skydance Pet Lodge at 262-965-2242. More information can be obtained at their website www.skydancepetlodge.com or the Humane Society's website www.ebhs.org.

Daryl L. Skaradzinski and his wife Anne share their home with three dogs. He's General Manager of the Milwaukee Post newspaper, enjoys traveling, camping with their pets, hot, spicy foods and cold beers and is an avid Packers fan.

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According to Jeannette Jacobs, owner of Greendale's Pawprints Across Your Heart, "Dressing up dogs in general has become more popular. The companies are coming out with such cute costumes." Jacobs notices that dogs' growing status as full family members presents more opportunities to dress them up.

For example, dog wardrobes that once held t-shirts, neckties or scarves, and reindeer antlers have now moved to bigger closets holding anything from \$59.95 designer label bridal gowns to \$6.99 Target specials. "Halloween in general is the biggest holiday aside from Christmas," says Jacobs, so it only makes sense to her that we're seeing more dogs in full costume designed specifically for them.

This year's Halloween selection at Pawprints Across Your Heart includes a dinosaur (Dogzilla), a cat for a dog to wear (Canine Kitty), and a Princess, a Pirate, and a Cheerleader. The Hot Dog complete with ketchup, "is classic on a Dachshund, but great on any kind of dog," says Jacobs. "The buns are thick and work on a variety of dog sizes." All of Pawprints Across Your Heart costumes are only \$16.99.

Costuming a large dog can be a challenge; Xlarge often means only 20-24 inches from neck to base of tail. Jacobs carries a selection of t-shirts for bigger dogs, and she says, "The front-fitting costumes can work for larger dogs as well." Those styles basically cover the front legs, chest and head.

Nancy Baker owner of Just Pucci in West Bend says that big dog costumes work best when they're loose, like the "Mexican Bandito with hat and a poncho that's open and big so that it can still look good. The picture of a Rotweiler or big Lab in a bumblebee costume doesn't quite work!" says Baker. "It's just not going to look good, and it's not going to fit well."

Just Pucci's selection ranges in price from \$12.95 to \$19.95, and in addition to the Mexican Bandito, includes a Rabbi, Caterpillar, Bumble Bee, and "a cute little Witch with a wire flying the cape out behind her." Baker also carries Tinkerbelle and Minnie Mouse, which beg for pairing up with a child or adult dressed as a Princess or Mickey Mouse.

Okay, so you've pinned down your dog long enough to get the costume on. Now what do you do, where do you go? For some folks, their big event is the family picture, all in costume. Dressed dogs that love kids and aren't easily spooked can help the family pass out treats to kids and dogs at the door. For dogs who really get into the holiday, joining the kids on trick or treat rounds in the neighborhood can make Halloween their best walk of the year.

Look for the Halloween events specifically for dogs, most of them free. Last year Baker's Just Pucci ran an ad in West Bend's paper asking folks to enter their Halloween dogs' pictures in a photo contest. The first prize gift basket of Just Pucci merchandise went to a "Blues Brothers" Shih Tzu in coat, hat, and sunglasses.

Pawprints Across Your Heart featured a live contest in Greendale last year. Costumed dogs promenaded for the Village President and one of its Directors who both agreed that Beagle Bee was top dog. Petlicious Dog Bakery in Pewaukee provided Halloween dog cakes and every contestant went home with a goody bag. This year Jacobs hopes to include bobbing for hotdogs, and musical "chairs"- dogs must sit on command when the music stops; last one to obey gets eliminated.

In addition to events held at Pawprints Across Your Heart and Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, this year's festivities and registration for Brady Street's sixth



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"People can go all out for this event," says coordinator Sara Walker. "Brady Street is a colorful street, and there's a lot of support for creative, colorful costumes."

The popular annual event averages 200 dogs attending in costume, and Walker says there's never been a scuffle. "The dogs seem

to know there's no need to be territorial."

In Dousman, you'll find the first annual Boo N' Doogle with Skydance Pet Lodge. As is the case with many of these Halloween events, proceeds will benefit area Humane Societies.

The wide selection of Halloween costumes and events this year make it easy for you and your dogs to enjoy some out of the ordinary fun. You could probably celebrate the holiday all month long! After all, no one said your Pooch

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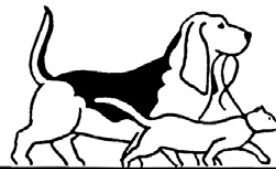
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A Toddler in the Dog House

Having a toddler in a dog's house is quite interesting, to say the least. For the most part, my daughter, who turned one in September, is completely enamored by our dog. She finds him absolutely amusing in just about every way. For our dog, though he also finds our daughter fascinating, at times he would prefer to spend some time without her climbing on his back, stealing his toys or sticking a finger in his mouth, and occasionally his eye.

I've found that close observation of the interaction between your child and dog is an important rule to having a toddler in a dog's house. Before babies are mobile, most dogs find them to be submissive since all babies seem to do is lie on their backs and not act threatening. However, when a toddler begins crawling and walking, dogs begin to see them in a whole new light. Suddenly the little squawking attention-getter has now become a mobile terror from which there is few places to hide. Keeping a close eye on your dog and toddler's interactions will tell you a lot about how your dog is feeling about the child. If your dog seems to get up and run away and attempts to hide from the child, then it's time to introduce your child to the etiquette of interacting with an animal. If you observe your child doing something such as hitting or scaring your dog, abatement of the behavior is necessary before an accident occurs.

Though my dog is older and infinitely patient, there are times I can tell he's had enough of my daughter. One of her



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favorite pastimes is to climb across his back when he's lying down. When he's had enough of this he simply stands up and walks away, sometimes knocking her down in the process. After drying a few tears and handing out a few kisses, once put down, my daughter is right back after her best buddy. Most times she gets a friendly lick on the cheek, but other times I get a look from the dog that says "please tell her to leave me alone." When I get that look, I know it's time to put the dog in a quiet room or distract my daughter with a toy. My dog doesn't growl at my daughter, but if he did I'd know instantly that he's quite tired of her antics. If you observe negative behavior like this when your child is playing with your dog, you should separate them immediately. Your dog may just need some quiet time for a little while.

Another interesting feat in having a toddler and a dog is teaching a child to "pet nice." Having that little mobile terror racing toward you with wildly flailing hands can

be quite frightening in a dog's world. I find the best way to get my daughter to understand that she needs to be gentler is to simply guide her hand while she pets. Though this may seem like a no-brainer, it's really effective in getting children to understand that petting is enjoyable for the dog. He usually gives his approval by rolling over on his back so she can pet his tummy.

A few other key areas to be aware of when having a toddler in a dog's house is to keep the toddler away from things the dog finds important, like the food dish or that favorite bone. Though my dog isn't possessive over his food dish, he can be possessive over his bone. If he becomes possessive we take the bone away. We've also taught our daughter not to take or touch his bone when he's holding it.

For the most part, since my daughter and my dog have had time to get to know each other, the transition from baby to toddler has been an easy one. But, this is not always the case. If you notice your dog has behavioral issues around your child consult your veterinarian or a dog trainer for advice.

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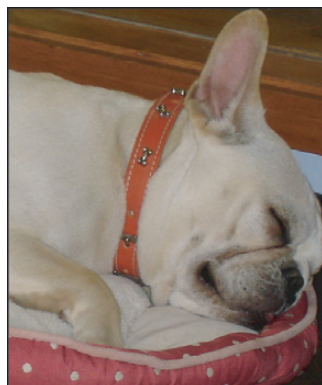
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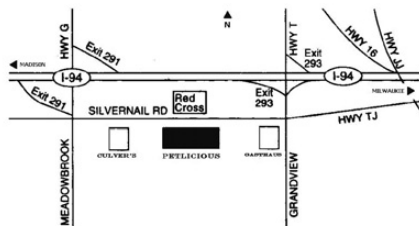
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BARKING Book Review:

Whippets Take the Spotlight

The small, fast whippet takes center stage in Peter Dickinson's book *Chuck and Danielle*. Described as a miniature-looking greyhound, the whippet isn't one of the more common breeds in the U.S. Considered a sporting hound, they are 18 to 22 inches high (depending on the gender) and weigh in around 25 to 40 pounds. It's said they are good apartment dogs due to their calm natures, but should be given exercise including a chance to sprint, which is something they are extremely good at. And closer to home, they are the mascot for Whitewater high school in southeastern Wisconsin.

Dickinson named his fictional whippet Chuck, and she (Yes, Chuck is a girl - I can't explain it) is Danielle's best friend. The young heroine (roughly 11 years of age) loves Chuck despite a rather frustrating behavior - she's afraid of everything, a personality characteristic described rarely in whippet sources. The book floats back and forth between reading Danielle's thoughts and reading Chuck's, or perhaps more accurately, personifying Chuck's actions. It is also written by an English author, infused with foreign words like "mum" and "flat (apartment)." An easy read with simple sentences,

occasionally the expressions aren't clear - due to American English and European English differences in slang, but for the most part the story and love an only child has for her best friend Chuck are universal. And it is obvious the author loves this breed. Indeed his biography on the back jacket cover refers to his family, including his three whippets. Perhaps the lovable Chuck is one of them.

Chuck and Danielle get into a number of adventures, some of their own making (such as when Chuck is chased by cows and Danielle's friend's Dad yells at the farmer) and some that just happen to them (a loud neighbor moves upstairs and Chuck ends up being the reason the noise stops). Each adventure is its own story in the complete book introducing characters, building a plot and having a resolution (of sorts). The great thing about this collection is that the characters and events from the earlier adventures are referred to again, giving the reader a satisfying "ah-ha" feeling when they remember them.

Another unusual thing about Chuck and Danielle is the adults. They are not ignorant nor absent, as they sometimes are in children's stories. The adults are intelligent with real adult problems, although Dickinson shows us the problems through Danielle's young eyes. The juxtaposition is interesting for an older reader who will understand what's going on at a different level than Danielle or indeed another young reader does.

It's a good hearted tale about friendship, the eccentricities of a whippet and how someone's faults don't matter when you really love them. A highly recommended read for the young dog lover, Chuck and Danielle is a good transition between children's books and large "chapter" books. It's happy and endearing, encouraging a cozy reading night cuddled by the family pooch.

Emily Reformat is a dog lover and long-time writer who just isn't content without a pen in hand and the prod of a cold nose.



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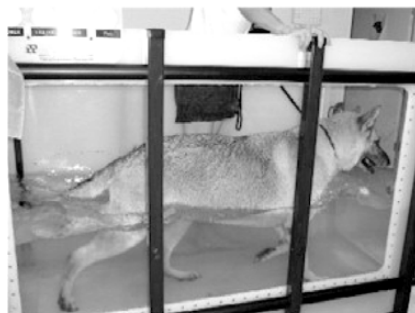
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BREED PROFILE:

English Springer Spaniel

When my husband saw a picture of the breed for this article, his initial reaction was that 'it looks like a big Maggie,' our sister-in-law's cocker spaniel. He's only partially wrong, while the English Springer Spaniel is an AKC recognized breed since 1902, its history is linked to the Cocker about as close as any two dogs can be.

Spaniels are an old breed; their likeness can be witnessed again and again in classic paintings from as early as 1600s. They are believed to have originated in Spain and were introduced to Britain in pre-Christian times. In the 1800's, the pups were divided into two groups, the smaller were used to hunt woodcocks, hence 'cocker' spaniels and the larger were used to flush, or spring out birds, which became the 'Springer' spaniel.

The English Springer Spaniel faced division again 100 years later, but this time it was 'field' or 'bench.' Bench dogs are those used for the show ring, they are prized for their graceful bone structure, perfect blanket coloring, flowing coat and love of human companionship. The field sides, as you can probably guess, are those still used for their original hunting purpose. They tend to have more white in their fur, with freckles or ticking and have a genuine love of all things outdoors. The AKC doesn't recognize the difference and many spaniel lovers are quick to remind potential owners that the two types of the breed aren't set in stone; field dogs can still adore their owners and a bench dog might enjoy a good romp in the woods.

Perhaps the most famous example of the bench type is America's Dog, the 2007 winner of the Westminster Felicite's Diamond Jim, also known simply as James. This seven year old champion has been making the rounds proudly representing his breed, even being featured on the Oprah Winfrey show. James isn't the first famous Springer; you might also remember a certain presidential pup named Millie that received her own fame with the first Bush administration. At for those of us that love our Celtic history, you'll



be interested to know that William Wallace, the great Scottish defender had his own canine companion, Merlin MacDonald.

So clearly, Springers are great in the show ring, and roaming the halls of the white house, but what about for your house? These well-built, medium-sized dogs make excellent family pets. They are super sociable, playful and intelligent. Like most working breeds, they are energetic, but are known for being even-tempered and gentle with children. Have other pets? Although there have been some issues about same sex aggression, they usually get along well with other animals, with the exception bird. For hundreds of years they've been used as bird dogs and... well they're really good at what they do. Although, if they're exposed as youngsters, they're more likely to get along with our feathered friends as well.

Their friendly nature means that they are not going to be happy hanging out on the couch alone. They require human companionship, so if you're an out-and-about kind of person to non-dog friendly places, this may not be your best

match. If left too often to their own devices, they have been known to bark or exhibit the usual destructive behaviors such as chewing your favorite shoes. While they are not prone to hyperactive outbursts, they are energetic pups built to endure the hunt, and do require regular exercise.

The Springer's over all structure is a tribute to his hunting excellence. His medium body size, docked tails and sturdy built is perfect for managing terrain. His fur covers all conditions. It's double-layered, with an outer and under coat. It's virtually weatherproof and protects him from hazards such as thorns. Like all double layer dogs, the one thing it can't protect him from is brushing. Particularly the bench style dogs, with their longer flowing hair, require regular care to prevent snarls, mats and your floors from those tiny doggy tumbleweeds that collect in the corners. They can be dominantly black or liver with white which are usually the bench dogs or reversed, mainly white with black or liver marking and ticking which is more common in the fieldies. They can also be tri-colored or a blue or liver roan.

Luckily, Springer's are relatively healthy, not usually as affected by genetic disorders as some other purebreds. They do have some history of eye issues, such as progressive retinal atrophy which through degradation of the retina will eventually lead to blindness or retinal dysplasia which is a malformation of the retina. If





you're looking for a breeder, make sure they have their dogs C.E.R.F tested, that stands for Certified Eye Registry Foundation. It ensures that the eyes are free from any problems. A good breeder will not want to take the risk of passing on any defects to any future pups. Entropions can be another eyes issue for the Springer. In this case, part of the eyelid rolls inward causing the lashes and fur to rub on the eye; it's usually fixed with a simple surgery. They can also suffer from some autosomal recessive diseases such as PFK, or canine phosphofructokinase deficiency, which causes the inability to metabolize glucose.

Probably the biggest plague facing Springers is one common to all heavy, pendulous-eared dogs; ear infections. The fact that these dogs are notorious for their love of water doesn't help as the yeast that causes the infections thrives in a warm, wet environment, making a heavy, wet ear the ultimate place to set up shop. Thankfully this is one problem that's easily solved with regular ear cleaning, especially if your pooch has just gone for a swim.

So are you thinking of taking the plunge with an English Springer Spaniel? Check out English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association at www.essfta.org for more information on the breed and breeders. Like every breed there are plenty of lonely Springers, so if you're interested in offering a homeless hound a cozy spot on the couch, visit www.petfinder.com or www.springer-rescue.org.

Keri Weyenberg has had the good fortune to have spent the majority of her life in the company of canines. She currently shares her home with Sophie, a Golden Retriever, and Rufus the rebel beagle.



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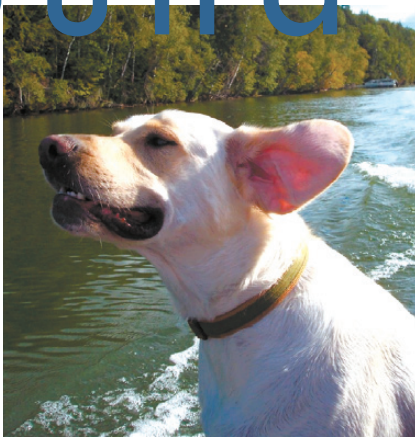
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When: 11:00am - 3:00pm
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What: 4th Annual Dog Day Afternoon
Where: Bay View Post, Bay View
When: Noon (Parade, Costumes, & Blessing)
Info: 414-481-6040

11 Thursday

What: Adult Beginner Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: 7:00pm (8 week course)
Info: www.centralbarkusa.com

12 Friday

What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 pm (Novice), (Open) Follows Novice
Info: 1-888-581-9070

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

13 Saturday

What: Boo N' Doogle
Where: Skydance Pet Lodge, Dousman
When: 1:00pm Registration Begins
Info: www.skydancepetlodge.com, www.ebhs.org

What: Pet Massage with Geri
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
When: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-679-6776 (only \$15/session)

14 Sunday

What: Nail Clipping (\$8/animal)
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: 2:00 - 3:00pm
Info: 414-444-4110, www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

What: Reiki I Class w/ Rebecca Moravec
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00am (Pre-register. \$125)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

15 Monday

What: Shy & Reactive Dog Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:15pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

16 Tuesday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class w/ For Pet's Sake
Where: Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 7:30pm - 8:30pm (7-week course)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Adult Beginner Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Franklin
When: 6:45pm (8 week course)
Info: www.centralbarkusa.com

17 Wednesday

What: Canine Cancer Support Group
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: 6:00 - 7:00pm
Info: 414-444-4110, www.milwaukeekeepetfood.com

19 Friday

What: Free Style Dance & Clicker Training
Who: WI Airedale Terrier Club
Where: Racine Kennel Club, Racine
Info: 262-783-4588, www.freewebs.com/watc1/

What: UKC Agility Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

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

20 Saturday

What: Tails on Trails Dog Walk for GRRoW
Where: Lapham Peak Unit, Delafield
When: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Info: www.grrow.org

21 Sunday

What: 2nd Annual Halloween Costume Contest
Where: Pawprints Across Your Heart, Greendale
When: 1:00pm - 4:00pm (Judging at 2:00pm)
Info: 414-423-5800, GiftsForPaws.com

What: Washington County Pet Expo
Where: Washington Co. Fair Park Pavilion
When: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Info: 262-893-5080, www.wcpetexpo.com

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

22 Monday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Mequon
When: 8:00pm (7 week course)
Info: www.centralbarkusa.com

24 Wednesday

What: Adult Beginner Class Begins
Where: Harmony Pet Care, Waukesha
When: 6:30pm (8 week course)
Info: www.centralbarkusa.com

26 Friday

What: Yappy Hour Costume Party
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: 6:00 - 8:00 pm (FREE)
Info: 414-289-7785, www.dogclass.com

What: Halloween Fun: Costume Party & Games
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

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

28 Sunday

What: Halloween Costume Contest
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 2:00pm (Benefits Humane Society)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

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

30 Tuesday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Franklin
When: 8:00pm (7 week course)
Info: www.centralbarkusa.com

What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Downtown
When: 7:00pm (8 week course)
Info: www.centralbarkusa.com

What: Canine Good Citizen Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: 8:00pm (8 week course)
Info: www.centralbarkusa.com

Every Sunday

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

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

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

Every Monday

What: Conformation Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:40 pm, 1-888-581-9070

Every Tuesday

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

What: Agility/Confidence Drop-in Classes
Where: Teaching Dogs, Oak Creek
When: 7:45pm, 414-416-1406

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Saturday

What: Happy Hounds Hour (playtime)
Where: Release the Hounds DDC, Muskego
Info: 414-412-8264

What: Playtime at the Playground
Where: Puppy Playground, Oak Creek
When: 9:00am - Noon
Info: 414-764-PUPS

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



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If you invade that space by reaching your arm through a car window or a fence, the dog may think you are a threat. The dog may growl, show its teeth, or worse, try to bite you.

When a dog is inside a car, behind a fence or tied out in a yard, leave the dog alone. Even if the dog looks friendly and is wagging its tail, don't approach it.

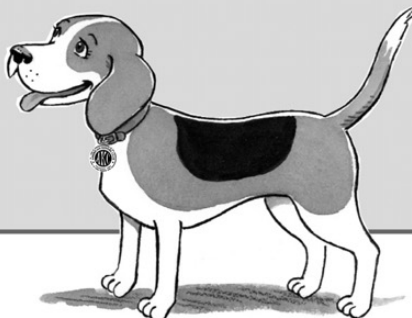
Choose the word that best fits the sentence. Next, place the circled letters in the correct order to read what Bailey is trying to tell you.

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1. Don't reach through a ____ _ ____ _ to pet a dog.
2. You should always ____ _ ____ _ ____ _ a dog's territory.
3. A dog may ____ _ ____ _ at you if you reach your arm through a car window.
4. If you see a ____ _ ____ _ tied out in its yard, leave it alone.
5. Dogs naturally ____ _ ____ _ ____ _ their yards.
6. If a dog is wagging its tail at you, but is still behind a fence, you should leave it ____ _ ____ _.
7. A dog's ____ _ ____ _ ____ _ is its territory.
8. A dog may think you are a ____ _ ____ _ ____ _ if you reach through a fence to pet it.

Solve this puzzle by placing the circled letters in the correct order.

Bailey the Beagle says: **"B ____ S ____ F ____**
____ R ____ U ____ D ____ O ____ S"



ANSWERS

Bailey the Beagle says: "Be Safe Around Dogs."
1. fence, 2. respect, 3. growl, 4. dog, 5. protect, 6. alone, 7. space, 8. threat

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