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For those of you...and there were a lot of you...who sent in photos for our Breed Feature Contest, we'll be announcing the winners next month. As of the printing of this issue, the Bichon Frise, Chihuahua, Yorkshire Terrier, and American Pit Bull Terrier are definite picks for 2007. We'll still be taking entries for the next couple of weeks so send in your photos to info@fetchmag.com.

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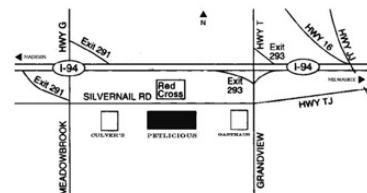
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Ask the VET

Question: What are some of the basic first aid techniques I should know to help save my pet?

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For people in need of first aid, that answer seems to be a lot easier than for our animal companions. With people the answer is easy, DIAL 9-1-1, but for our dogs, cats, reptiles or even birds, the operator at the other end of the 9-1-1 call won't be of much help, so what do you do?

Well the first thing that veterinarians will tell you is to have your veterinarian's phone number next to the phone or in a place where everyone in the house, including the babysitter/dog sitter can find it. Next to that, have the number for an emergency veterinary hospital written down and know how to get there.

Your regular veterinarian may have an answering service that will direct your call. However, if your vet isn't available after hours (know this ahead of time), most emergency clinics will often recommend that the animal be seen by their medical staff rather than giving advice over the phone.

Also, be aware that you will probably just be giving information on that first call and waiting for a call back. So the best advice is to know what you can do. For your pet's sake know where you can go and how to get there BEFORE you have an emergency.

That may seem obvious OR it just might be something you never thought much about and for some, it may be the advice they wish they had had. Dr Elke Rudloff, DVM and board certified in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, practices at the Animal Emergency Center in Glendale and she advises pet owners to:

1. Know their pet's baseline health status and medical history, and
2. Know what the pet's regular veterinarian wants the owner to do in an emergency and THEN practice this BEFORE there is an emergency.

Dr. Rudloff said that pet emergencies are very stressful for all involved and preparation is key to reducing some of that stress.

Generically, pet owners should answer:

- Type of animal.
- Animal's approximate age and weight.
- Is the animal on any type of medication and if yes, what, how much and when was the medication last given?
- When did animal last eat and/or drink? Amount?
- What are the symptoms?
- How long has the situation been occurring.
- What has been done thus far?

Here are a few things that that can help pet owners be prepared. First, know your pet's ABC's - No that's not the letters that spell their name. It's - Airway, Breathing, and Circulation. These three components are essential for life, animal and human.

Be sure your pet is able to get air and that the airway isn't blocked. If there is an open airway, check to insure your pet is breathing. Look for the rise and fall of their chest or respiratory area. Listen for the exchange of air. Placing your hand

gently on the animal's respiratory area, feel for movement.

Listen for the animal's heartbeat or find the animal's pulse. With a cat or dog, feel inside the joint area of the hind limbs (femoral pulse). Be able to describe the sensation - weak, strong, rapid or slow.

When an animal is sick or hurt, even if it's never done anything to hurt someone before, take precautions to avoid being bitten. Secure the animal from biting, but be sure NOT to block its airway.

Pet owners who have had first aid training should know that many of the same procedures for people might work "similarly" for animals. With significant injuries, time is of the essence. Transport your animal to the nearest veterinary clinic as soon as possible!

Rescue breathing can be done on an animal, but make sure the airway is open and then close the animals' mouth and give breaths through the animal's nose. Be aware of the size of the animal and watch for the rise of the chest and then allow the chest to deflate.

For bleeding wounds, apply direct pressure with clean materials. Use a bandage to hold the dressing in place, but don't wrap tightly, this could cut off circulation. Maintain pressure while the animal is on route to the veterinarian.

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Socialize Early

You should begin socializing your pup as soon as you get him because his first few months of life are the most crucial for his development. Start slowly with quiet one-on-one interactions and work your way up to interaction with multiple people in more noisy environments. You shouldn't have trouble finding friends, relatives and their pets who will want to come to your home to meet and play with your new puppy!

When your puppy is sufficiently vaccinated, take him on as many walks and outings as possible. However, avoid areas that may be high risk for disease such as parks or neighborhoods with stray dogs.

To encourage your puppy to interact with other pets and people, reward him with a small treat whenever he meets a new friend. If he seems particularly fearful or cautious when introduced to new people, animals or situations, start with mild exposure and only reward him for non-fearful responses.

Variety is the Spice of Life

To fully socialize your puppy, make sure that he meets a variety of people of all ages and appearances. If your puppy only encounters people of a certain age or appearance (for example, adult men without facial hair) he may show aggression or fear if later introduced to people who appear or act different (for example, female children or men with facial hair).

Puppy Classes

Taking your puppy to training classes is a great way to socialize him with other dogs. However, make sure to choose a class that doesn't promote punishment, such as swatting, hitting his nose or rubbing his face in a mess. This type of physical discipline can have a negative effect on your puppy's good people skills.

You will find that proper socialization and development of your puppy's disposition will take time and patience, but your efforts will be worthwhile as you become the proud parent of a friendly companion.

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) is an international association of more than 32,000 veterinary care providers who treat companion animals. AAHA is well known among veterinarians and pet owners for its standards for hospitals and pet health care. Over 3,000 veterinary hospitals voluntarily participate in the AAHA hospital evaluation program.

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Marge and Marianne designed Canine Campus with their own dogs in mind. Marge has 15 years experience in dog training and kenneling but saw the conventional kennel as cold and impersonal. Marge states, "My dogs are part of my family. I felt there was a need to develop something where people could bring their dogs and have a homelike setting."

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Marianne notes, "Everyone always says we are so busy. We will never complain about that. We enjoy what we do."

You can reach Canine Campus Pet Resort at 262-544-7549 or www.canine-campus.com. Canine Campus is located in Oconomowoc at 38322 Delafield Road.

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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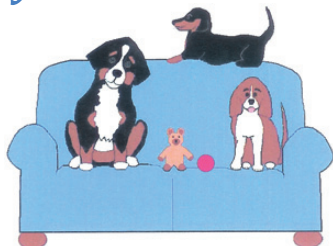


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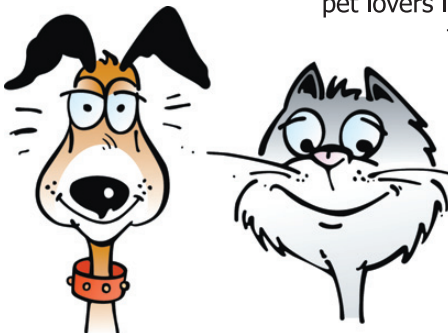
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When comparing the indoor and outdoor domesticated dog, the research says, No. Between the need for companionship and learned positive behaviors, it is clear a dog shouldn't be left outside in a kennel.

Running with a Pack

Yes, dogs do need fresh air and exercise, but not alone in the backyard. When was the last time you saw a dog play by itself? Dogs are social animals; they roamed with their packs years ago and now look to their humans to form those packs. A dog stuck outside is usually waiting, watching the door, and hoping his humans come out to play with him.

Leaving a pooch in the great outdoors is more likely to expose her to harsh weather, disease from insects or wild animals, and -- well --- living a life of isolation. No one would consider sending school children out one at a time at recess to get fresh air and exercise, so why does this make sense for a dog? And honestly, when a dog doesn't live with the family in the house, there are few owners that will make time everyday for a good long visit - rain, snow, sun or sleet.

Train and Play Behavior Away

Dogs are sometimes placed outside to keep them from developing habits such as chewing on furniture but these destruc-

tive behaviors are rooted in something else (i.e., anxiety, boredom) and don't stop by removing the dog from the house. Outside, the dog might start digging holes, sometimes into buried power lines, or under the fence to escape the yard. Garbage that's blown into the yard can be toxic for a dog who decides it would be a good chew toy. And let's not forget the constant barking, which may lead to angry neighbors or impetuous kids taunting him.

Probably the best technique for countering destruction inside is to put your dog in a crate or dog-safe room when you leave. Treats and praise will convince him it's a fun place to be, and then add a hollow toy stuffed with treats or other yummy substance like peanut butter when you leave, all helping to curb boredom. (Don't forget to adjust his daily food amount to avoid overfeeding.)

Another key to success is exercise. Take a walk or run with your canine before you leave for the day. It's healthy and encourages your pet to nap while you're away. When arriving home, try unwinding with a fast-paced game of fetch instead of the news hour.

Unruly dogs with poor human skills are prime outdoors candidates. To counteract the negative behaviors, teach your dog commands. These are good manners that allow your pet to live in the human world comfortably and are not unreasonable. The time spent together training will strengthen the bond between you and your four-legged family member.

If you don't believe your dog is trainable, take a closer look at him at the dinner table. Does he beg? That's a learned behavior. Making those puppy eyes at you got him food once -- he tries it again and if he's rewarded with food, even occasionally, he will continue to do it. That's exactly what you want, maybe not at the dinner table, but learning to sit when he meets new people or not barking when told.

Using the backyard as a bathroom

Just like destruction, housebreaking is mainly an issue with training, unless the dog is very tiny or young. But by leaving a dog outside, the owner isn't reinforcing the housetraining message.

If the dog's bladder is the problem, there are products he can be trained to use inside for relieving himself, such as a pad or fake grass. Be open to the idea of having someone come over to let him out during the day too.

Guarding the house or the yard

Protection is probably the strangest argument for leaving a dog outside. These days, you can be sued if your dog bites someone, whether it's the 10-year-old boy who came into your yard to get his ball or the burglar stealing your big-screen TV. A dog protects its home. If that dog lives in the yard, then the kennel and grass are what she knows.

Outside dogs bark so often, at squirrels, cars and people, the sound is just ignored and not taken as a warning...similar to car alarms heard in store parking lots.

Then there's the chain, which keeps the criminal safe from the dog. If the dog isn't tethered, what's to stop the criminal from hurting her while safely outside the fence, or to just open the gate.

Now imagine an inside dog, who has caught the sound of someone unknown approaching the house. The bang of body and claws against the glass window or door is enough to deter most crooks. There is not much a criminal can do to a dog who is inside without giving her the opportunity to do damage to him first.

Having a housedog increases the quality of life, not just of the dog, but for her people too. Dogs have a huge capacity to love and forgive us our foibles with unconditional devotion - why leave that outside.

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

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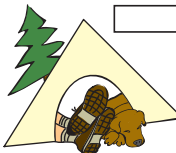
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Bad dog or bad breed?

Aggressive dog myths are often created out of circumstance

We've all heard it before - pit bulls and rottweilers are mean and aggressive. Pit bulls are born to fight and rottweilers will attack without warning. Like all folklore, aggressive dog myths do start with a grain of truth, but these are often enhanced by media attention - the bulk of which often surrounds these two breeds.

It's true the American Pit Bull Terrier was a born fighter when the breed first originated in the mid-1800's, but it was also one of the most popular breeds in

early American history. Famous individuals such as Laura Ingalls Wilder, Theodore Roosevelt and Helen Keller owned pit bulls, which are described as courageous, loyal and full of energy. But, due to their fighting history, pit bulls are also often described as people-haters.

"Everyone thinks pit bulls are inherently mean dogs," says Chad Huyck, a long-time pit bull owner from Milwaukee. "Pit bulls do have a propensity to be mean if put in a position to be mean, but very few actually display that behavior."

Though Huyck admits that people do purchase pit bulls to engage in illegal dog fighting, he believes most owners have the dogs for the right reasons and train them properly. Huyck personally became an advocate for pit bulls while working at the Wisconsin Humane Society. "When I started working there I saw all these evil things that were happening to pit bulls and I did see some really aggressive dogs because of it and I thought the situation was very sad."

Huyck currently owns four pit bulls which he trains for competitive weight pulling. He describes his dogs as very exuberant and loyal. "They drive my friends crazy when they come over because the dogs just want constant attention," he laughs.

Like pit bulls, rottweilers are also often mistaken as aggressive and dangerous.

But, as history tells it, rottweilers are born workers and protectors who've held various important jobs such as herding and aiding police. Due to their powerful appearance and large head, many rottweilers appear very intimidating, but in truth are known to be very loyal and easily trained.

"Rottweilers are a working class dog, they were originally bred to pull carts down streets in Germany that were too narrow for horses," says Anjl Rodee, a former rottweiler owner from Wauwatosa. "Any dog can become aggressive if treated inhumanely or neglected, so I find the myths that surround these dogs frustrating. My dog wasn't allowed to attend family camping trips due to presupposed notions rather than actual behavior."

Though Rodee's dog recently passed away and she admits she's owned many dog breeds over the years, she says the rottweiler will always be one of her favorites due to his intelligent, loyal, loving, dignified and noble nature.

"News programs are in the business of sensationalizing, and I think that feeding the fear factor of dog attacks hurts in two ways - encouraging a fear of dogs sets off a vicious cycle of animosity. And secondly, dogs react naturally to fear, it's a defense mechanism, and there are people that will get a dog with the intent to cause fear and harm, which makes the dog the victim."

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twelers is false, Lynn Olenik, executive director of the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) in Waukesha, believes people should always be cautious when adopting any large breed dog breed.

"Whenever people own the so-called "gladiator breeds" which may include any large dog, there's a potential for damage and people should have more experience when owning them; it's the difference between owning a truck versus a car and you need to take training seriously."

Olenik believes much of the stereotypes that surround breeds such as pit bulls or rottweilers is due to training or lack of training that can lead to problems with dogs becoming aggressive. With the proper training, however, the dogs can make wonderful pets and are very good with children, she says.

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The Boston Terrier breed originated around 1870, as a cross between an English Bulldog and an English White Terrier, being named after its birthplace. In 1893, the American Kennel Club (AKC) admitted the Boston Terrier breed and gave the club membership status, making it the first American breed to be recognized. It is one of a small number of breeds to have originated in America as well as being the first non-sporting dog bred here.

The Boston terrier is bred for companionship and Daisy rises to the challenge. She loves nearly everyone who comes to the door, and barks very seldom, which is typical for this breed. The Boston terrier is generally gentle, bright, and well-mannered. Most Bostons enjoy having another one for companionship and if properly socialized, get along well with children, other canines, and non-canine pets. Melissa says Bostons have the temperament of "perpetual toddlers." They are high energy but also cuddly and loving.

Boston terriers are typically small, compactly built dogs with erect ears, short tails, and weighing from ten to twenty five pounds. The Boston is a short-snouted breed, and when excited, is prone to a



"reverse sneeze" where the dog rapidly gasps and snorts. This is caused by air or debris getting caught under the elongated palate and irritating the throat or limiting breathing. These sneezing episodes won't hurt a Boston in the least, but it might scare the dog and its owners. Melissa says that Daisy eventually calms herself down and finds her way out of the breathing issues. Many Bostons cannot tolerate excessive heat and humidity due to the shortened muzzle, so hot weather combined with demanding exercise brings the possibility of heat exhaustion. Additionally, because of their short snouts, Bostons do tend to snort and snore, but that's just a part of their charm.

Dr. Mary Corak from Harmony Pet Care Clinic in Waukesha clarifies that, "Bostons are at risk for cataracts, glaucoma, and deafness. They do get luxating patellas (dislocating kneecaps), but this is com-

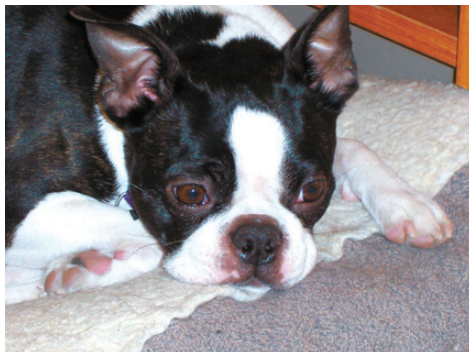
mon in any small dog, and is the only joint problem that seems to run in the Boston breed." Daisy has her share of days when the kneecaps go out-of-place but this doesn't seem to bother her and Melissa knows that the joint corrects itself or she can gently massage things back into proper alignment.

Across town in Waukesha, another terrier success story revolves around "Emmyt," the Boston adopted from the Elmbrook Humane Society by Laura Tuttle. "He stole my heart," says Laura, "what a little clown. He lives with two large black labs and can definitely hold his own with them. He comes to work with me and loves it!!"

In order to keep health issues to a minimum, Tuttle advises that your Boston come from a reputable breeder. "Be sure parents are checked out and watch for the bad tail crop that gets in the way of them pooping. And be sure to understand how spirited they can be. Happy and always on the go; very sweet, active dogs."



Ah yes, the bad tail crop. Daisy suffered from this indignity too, but everything seems to have worked out anyway. Luckily, Boston terriers like Daisy are better known for their alert and intelligent expressions. Enthusiasts of the breed say Boston terriers are downright dynamic. Celebrities can't resist these adorable little companions either. Charlie Sheen has a Boston terrier called Lucy while Yasmin Bleeth's Boston is named Elvis. Joan Rivers named her Boston Spike. Misty Giles (Reality TV, Survivor: Panama) has Boston terriers named Harley and Arthur. Bella and Teke are the names of



Penny Ramsey Otwell's (Survivor: Thailand) Boston terriers. The breed has additional notoriety in the state of Massachusetts. Rhett the Boston terrier is the well-known mascot of Boston University. The state legislature declared the Boston terrier the official dog of Massachusetts in 1979. As well, the Boston terrier is the mascot of Wofford College (South Carolina).

In Hollywood, Toby is the famous Boston terrier that played "Badger" in the Mastercard commercial series, beating out more than seventy other dogs to land the role. Toby apparently won the role with distinctive Boston charm, just being himself: warm, lovable and a little bit quirky. Our own beloved Daisy is perhaps a celebrity in her own neighborhood, where she and Perry host play dates with other dogs. Because she has a fenced-in back yard, Daisy enjoys visits from other four-legged pals and is ever the accommodating hostess, sharing her toys and treats with all.

Ms. Perry believes the Boston terrier is a resilient breed and Miss Daisy is no exception. She overcame her fears, abusive past, and in a few short months was the highlight of the family and new best friend to Pauly, the pug who already lived with the Perrys. It was the support at MADACC, as well, that made the transition easier for the Perrys and Daisy. MADACC spayed Daisy, surgically repaired her hernia, and micro-chipped her all before releasing her for adoption.

Daisy's story could be yours. Consider contacting Jodi LeMoine at the Boston Terrier Rescue of Wisconsin at 920-277-8799 (jlemoine@new.rr.com). Or check out www.midwestbtreue.org/ for additional information on available Bostons in the Midwest. Lovable, charismatic terriers are waiting to meet you. Tell 'em "Miss Daisy" sent you.

Deb Voss Quail lives in Oconomowoc with Duke, who is a (Cairn) terrier. Duke loves to take strolls past Daisy's house, where it sounds like there is a party goin' on. Deb also recommends www.littlebeasts.com for guaranteed laughs relative to Boston terriers -- the video clips are a riot.



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The Puppy Mill Problem



People define puppy mills differently; the Humane Society of the United States defines it as "breeding facilities that produce purebred puppies in large numbers. The puppies are sold either directly to the public via the Internet, newspaper ads, at the mill itself, or are sold to brokers and pet shops across the county." In this definition small scale productions are called 'backyard breeders.' Some definitions are more inclusive, using it to refer to anyone who sells pets purely for monetary gain.

As with products from any other industry, these animals sole purpose is profit for the owner, which means as little is spent on their care as possible. Overcrowding, minimal food and water, no veterinary care and other forms of abuse and neglect run rampant. Often a "breeding" dog is forced to produce as many litters as possible before being killed when they are no longer profitable.

In addition to the cruelty the dogs face at the facilities, the offspring don't fare much better. Without regard to proper breeding and socialization practices, the puppies often face genetic disorders, sometimes years after purchase, and behavioral issues from lack of socialization and being removed from the mothers well before the recommended 8 weeks.

Don't be misled into thinking puppy mills aren't a problem in Wisconsin. It's estimated we're home to around 1,300 mills. November 1999 TMJ-4 interviewed a puppy mill owner in Plymouth and uncovered his operation. If you missed that

segment, www.nowisconsinpupmills.com has it on their website. It's a powerful realization into the psyche of a mill owner. When I checked today's paper, that same 1999 mill owner has puppies of various breeds for sale.

So why are these places allowed to continue? Because they're difficult to regulate. The Wisconsin Statutes about Crimes Against Animals, Chapter 951, only requires that 'no person may treat

any animal ...in a cruel manner," that they must be supplied with adequate food, water, and shelter. It does not go on to define what constitutes as cruel or adequate.

The Animal Welfare Act only oversees animals for wholesale and commerce, leaving out any dealt directly to the consumer. Also, there are only 100 inspectors to see to over 10,000 facilities. In Wisconsin, we have about 138 humane officers for the entire state.

Currently there is a new statute introduced called the Pet Animal Welfare Statue (PAWS) to strengthen the USDA's ability to oversee any breeder producing seven or more litters or selling 25 or more cats or dogs a year directly to the public, requiring them to be licensed by the USDA. It would also increase the suspension period for violations from 21 to 60 days and allow the USDA access to records for animals acquired for resale.

So, what can we do? Well, we can contact our legislature to support PAWS. We can also support out local humane organizations and anti-puppy mill groups such as The Wisconsin Puppy Mill project, found at nowisconsinpupmills.com. We can educate our family and friends on the plight on the mill puppy. We can never buy a pet from a store and refuse to buy other pet products from them as well. If you're looking for a purebred puppy, look for a reputable breeder, and yes there are plenty of those too. But how do you know?

A few tips:

Does the breeder advertise in the classifieds, on the Internet, with flyers or has a roadside sign with puppies always available?

Do they advertise more than one breed?

Do they offer to sell a puppy in a parking lot, yard sale or flea market? Do they refuse to let you meet the parents or see where the puppy was raised?

Do they refuse to offer any veterinary care history or orally give you vaccines with no documentations?

Will they sell a puppy that's less than eight weeks old?

A "Yes" to any of these questions could spell trouble. A responsible breeder breeds for the love of the breed. They put an extraordinary amount of care into their animals and will be the first ones to tell you that if you are making money breeding puppies your doing something wrong. It's not uncommon for prospective owners to fill out applications, contracts, provide references; in fact it's a sign of a quality breeder. They care about their dogs and want to make sure puppies go with the right family. That's why a quality breeder would never sell their pups to a pet store where they have no idea where they'll end up.

If you suspect a puppy mill, get the facts, document them well and report them to as many agencies, humane societies and health departments as you can.

While I hope my article has been both informative and enlightening, it has been difficult to compress all the information and truly highlight the puppy mill problem. I encourage everyone to seek out further information on the subject including more signs of a puppy miller and how to find a reputable breeder. Humane Societies and other animal welfare organizations, including nowisconsinpupmills.com offer a cornucopia of information and are happy to educate the public in an effort to eradicate the abuse.

Keri Weyenberg has spent her life surrounded by the joy of companion animals. She's worked, volunteered and educated others to provide a better life for pets and their people. She now spends her days writing and spending time in the company of her friends and family, both with and without fur.

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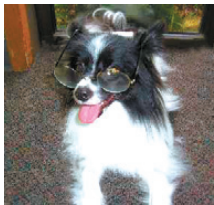
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1 Friday

What: RallyO Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 p.m. (only \$6/2 runs)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

5 Tuesday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Classes
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 7:30 p.m. (Taught by For Pet's Sake)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

6 Wednesday

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

7 Thursday

What: Lure Coursing Run Thrus
Where: Elmbrook Humane Society, Brookfield
When: 7:00 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

8 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

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

9 Saturday

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

What: "Let's Talk About Boarding Your Pet"
Where: Animal Motel, Butler
When: 1:00 p.m.
Info: 262-781-5200, www.animalmotel.net

What: Washington Co. H.S.'s Walk for the Animals
Where: Jackson Park, Jackson
When: 9:00 a.m.
Info: 262-677-4388

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

What: Fun Match Day (agility, flyball, & more)
Where: Camp Dogwood, Ingleside, IL
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 312-458-9549, www.campdogwood.com

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

10 Sunday

What: AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day
Where: Autumglo Pet Lodge, Fredonia, WI
When: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-692-9797

11 Monday

What: Adult & Puppy Classes Begin
Where: Burlington & Genesee Depot
Info: 1-888-581-9070

12 Tuesday

What: Canine Good Citizen Classes Begin
Where: Wauwatosa
When: 8:00 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

15 Friday

What: AKC Agility Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 p.m.
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

16 Saturday

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

What: 16th Annual Guide Dog Awareness Day
Where: Animal Motel, Butler
When: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Info: 414-615-0133 or 262-781-5200

What: Elmbrook Humane Society Wag Walk
Where: Fox Brook Park, Brookfield
When: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-782-9261, www.ebhs.org

What: Wag Walk Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Fox Brook Park, Brookfield
When: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-754-6597, www.ebhs.org/wagwalk.htm

What: 3rd Annual Enderis Park Dog Fair
Where: Enderis Park, 72nd & Chambers, Milwaukee
When: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

17 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

18 Monday

What: Beginners Agility Classes Begin
Where: Wauwatosa
Info: 1-888-581-9070

22 Friday

What: Fun & Games Night
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Puftail Party / Fashion Show
Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc
When: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Info: 262-560-1717

23 Saturday

What: Golden Retriever Rescue (GGROW)
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Dog Gone Movie Night to Benefit CARAC
Where: Central Bark DDC, Menomonee Valley
When: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (playtime), 7:00 p.m. (movie)
Info: 414-933-4787 (\$10 donation per adult)

28 Thursday

What: Lure Coursing Run Thrus
Where: Army Lake Salvation Army Camp, East Troy
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

29 Friday

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

30 Saturday

What: Beginners Flyball Classes Begin
Where: Wauwatosa
When: 1:00 p.m.
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Fall Aire Frolic (Benefit for Homeless Airedales)
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Every Tuesday

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class
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When: 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (7 week course)
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Every Wednesday

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

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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: 12:45 p.m. (except holiday weekends & Sept. 3rd)
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Wisconsin Honors Service Dogs With Special Animal Cruelty Legislation

It all started with a Boxer named Casey. Casey was no ordinary dog. Ordinary dogs play fetch, gleefully greet their masters at the door, come when they're called, and generally speaking dupe their masters into believing they are the most important human being in the history of the universe. Casey shared these qualities with her fellow canines, but she also had a very important job. Casey was the "eyes" of her vision impaired owner, Charlotte Gotz.

While trying to perform her job during a walk with Charlotte on Labor Day, 1998, Casey was attacked three separate times by three different dogs. Despite Charlotte's best efforts, she was repeatedly told that no legal tools existed that would protect Casey and her ability to perform her important work. That would all change eventually.

This month's Legal Beagle introduces important new legislation that makes it a crime in Wisconsin to harass, injure or kill a service dog.

What is A Service Dog?

Service dogs, also commonly called assistance dogs, serve their disabled owners or users in a myriad of ways by helping to provide independence and freedom of movement.

There are numerous types of service dogs. For example, a guide dog helps a blind or sight-impaired owner or user to move about safely. A hearing dog helps a hearing impaired owner or user by recognizing and alerting their human companion to sounds. Service dogs also assist physically impaired owners or users by doing things such as turning on and off light switches, retrieving items, and opening and closing doors.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, service dogs have legal access to places that ordinary dogs do not. As a result, service dogs are exposed to many situations, many dogs, and many people, though not all are respectful of the service dog's work.

"Casey's Law"

2005 Wisconsin Act 353, also known as "Casey's Law," was introduced by Senator Fred Risser and co-sponsored by Representative Terese Berceau. It was signed into law by Governor Jim Doyle on May 2, 2006, and took effect on May 3, 2006. Casey's Law protects the rights of the disabled and their service dogs by making harassment of a service dog a crime punishable by imprisonment, fine, or both.

A "service dog" is defined under the new law as "A dog that is trained for the purpose of assisting a person with a sensory, mental, or physical disability or accommodating such disability." Wis. Stat. § 951.01(5). Service dogs are now protected in numerous ways.

First, Casey's Law permits any person to provide notice "in any manner" to another person that his or her behavior is interfering with the use of a service dog and to request that the other person stop engaging in that behavior. Wis. Stat. § 951.097(1)(a). If the other person then recklessly or intentionally interferes with the use of the service dog by obstructing, intimidating, or otherwise jeopardizing the safety of the dog or the dog's user, that person may be found guilty of a misdemeanor crime. Wis. Stat. § 951.097(1)(b)

Second, Casey's Law imposes special obligations on dog owners to control their dogs around service dogs, or face the threat of criminal prosecution. A person who recklessly or intentionally allows his or her dog to interfere with the use of a service dog by obstructing or intimidating the dog or otherwise jeopardizing the safety of the dog or the dog's user may be charged with a criminal misdemeanor. Wis. Stat. § 951.097(2). A person who injures a service dog or allows his or her dog to injure a service dog can be found guilty of a misdemeanor (if the conduct was reckless) or a felony (if the conduct was intentional). Wis. Stat. § 951.097(3).

Finally, it is a felony under Casey's Law for any person to recklessly or intentionally cause the death of a service dog. Wis. Stat. § 951.097(4). It is also a felony to take possession of or exert control over a service dog without the consent of the dog's owner or user and with the intent to deprive another of the use of the service dog. Wis. Stat. § 951.097(5).

In addition to imposing criminal penalties, violators of Casey's Law may be ordered to pay restitution for any pecuniary loss the victim suffered as a result of the crime.

Conclusion

Sadly, Casey did not survive to celebrate the legislation named in her honor. About a year after the attacks, Casey became gravely ill with a bacterial infection possibly caused by the bites she endured that fateful day. After Casey's death, Charlotte worked diligently to make sure that what happened to Casey did not happen to another service dog. Charlotte's efforts, and Casey's death, were not in vain.

To read more about Casey's story, visit the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired at:

http://www.wcblind.org/the_story_of_casey.htm.

For more information about service dogs, visit Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs ("WAGS") at: www.wags.net.

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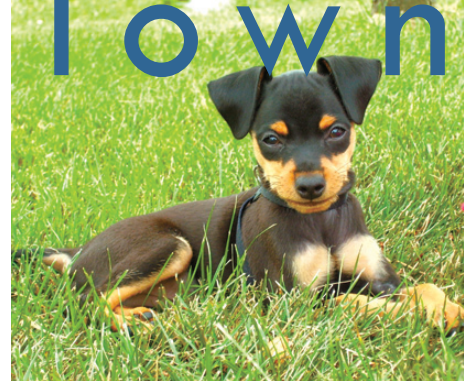
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Chemicals & Pets Don't Mix

Would you ever think that the shampoo you use on your pets could harm them? Everyday household cleaning solutions (i.e., soaps, detergents, personal care products, aerosols, etc.) are one of the five most common causes of pet poisoning in the home (Animal Poison Hotline). When you wash your floors and spray your bathrooms you could be doing more than just "cleaning".

If it's on the shelf-it's safe. Right?

Not according to Lynn Lawson, author of *Staying Well in a Toxic World*. "More than 85,000 new chemicals have been added to our economy since World War II, and 7,000 of those have chlorine in them..." Chlorine is a poisonous toxin that in high concentrations can cause physical damage and death. In lower strengths chlorine is corrosive and an irritant to the lungs and mucus membranes. It can cause headaches and is known to have effects on the skin including burns. Even a common window cleaner is listed as having neurotoxins, says Lawson.

Numerous products we use everyday in our homes can be detrimental to the health of our pets (not to mention our children and ourselves). Some of these are apparent such as paints and pesticides but others may not be quite as obvious. Toxic substances found in the home can also include drain cleaners and oven cleaners but also basic necessities such as laundry detergents, air fresheners, disinfectants, floor/carpet cleaners, furniture polish and even personal care products like toothpaste and cosmetics.

Are you aware that most chemical cleaners and disinfectants are considered dangerous inhalants? Did you know that the following common products are considered pesticides?

- Cleaners used to disinfect the kitchen floor.
- Cleaners that kill bacteria and fungi.
- Cleaning products used to remove the mildew on bathroom tiles.

While many of these commodities are helpful for use in homes, chemicals can irritate our pet's skin, eyes, and nose. Worse yet they can lead to accidental poisoning, even death.

Our pets are especially vulnerable because they are at floor level where air-borne toxic chemicals linger. When they lick their paws and bodies (in the case of our dogs and cats) they transfer the toxic chemicals right into their systems. Alliance of Veterinarians for the Environment indicated, "Indoor air quality has been shown to be a factor in asthma in cats and lung cancer in dogs."

What can you do to protect your pets? Come and learn more information about toxicity in everyday products and what you can do to avoid them. Educate yourself on the use of safe and natural products that are even more effective than what you use today. Make a difference in the life of your pet. See the coupon for a free educational seminar brought to you by Buddies for Life in the Coupon Section.

A wide variety of fat soluble pesticides are even impregnated into animal feed (fat soluble means it stores in fat). One of the reasons this is done is to cut down on flies in the barnyard. The fecal matter becomes so toxic that it ends up killing the flies! Most of the public is completely unaware of how pervasive toxic chemicals are in our homes and offices. The relentless cumulative and synergistic effects of these chemicals are causing great harm to human, animal and environmental health.

As stated by the EPA, "many household products contain pesticidal and toxic ingredients that can be harmful to humans, animals, or the environment" (2006). Learning to read the label and looking for alternative safe products can help protect your whole family.

According to the American Lung Association: There are five basic rules to

follow when using harmful household products; 1) Whenever possible, avoid using hazardous household products. Use

nontoxic alternatives instead. 2) If purchasing regular grocery store brands, buy only as much as you need; do not buy bulk quantities. 3) Dispose of hazardous products cautiously. 4) Always read the product

label and follow manufacturer instructions. 5) Minimize exposure when using unsafe products.

Here are just a few short term and long term benefits of using safer products:

1. Protect pets (and children) from accidental poisoning.
2. Protect your whole family from contact with toxic ingredients that can cause major health issues when exposed to them over time.
3. Protect your home's indoor air quality.

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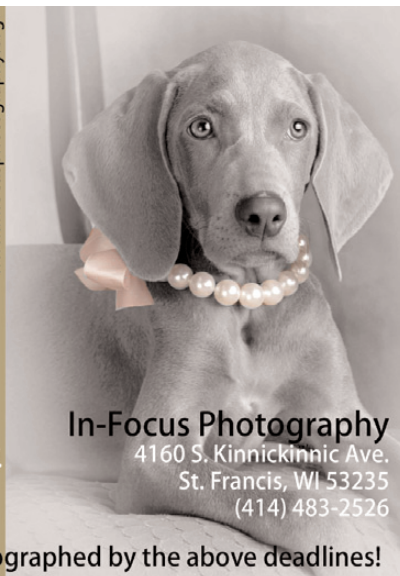
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If there is something stuck in the animal's soft tissue, **DO NOT REMOVE** the object. Pack dressings around the item to prevent it from moving (it may actually be controlling the bleeding). And for an injured limb (fractures can only be diagnosed with a x-ray from a licensed veterinarian) apply ice and limit the animal's activity.

According to Dr. Phil Schoenborn, DVM, owner of the Bay View Veterinary Clinic in Mukwonago, "Any time an animal has a muscle or limb injury, determine if the animal can bear weight on the limb. If not, this is an emergency and the animal should be seen as soon as possible."

"Also, when an animal has a cut deeper or larger than one-inch, the animal may need stitches and time can impact the treatment and the animal's prognosis," Dr. Schoenborn said. Bites are another area of concern because this wound needs to be cleaned and the risk of infection is high. With most bites, the animal needs antibiotics.

For an animal, like the cat, it's important to be watchful of how the animal is behaving. Although it may be gross, look at the vomit to see if it holds any clues as to the source of the animal's illness. Then, if something can be identified, prevention is the key, but continue monitoring the animal to determine if medical help is necessary.

If there are no obvious clues, you may need to keep a sample of the vomit to help the medical staff identify the source of the problem. Sometimes, diagnosis also means taking the freshest sample of feces along with the animal to the vet. Vomit or stools with blood are an immediate problem.

Finally, try to encourage the animal to drink water to keep the animal hydrated. This is especially important in the summer months when the weather is hot and humid. "It's an owners' responsibility to monitor their animal's activity and fluid intake," Dr. Schoenborn emphasized. "Animals will go until they collapse."

He also advised hunters to check over their dogs each day to find any cuts or

scratches. "Running through the brush the dogs will have abrasions that need to be cleaned and covered," added Dr. Schoenborn.

If prevention is the best medicine, take a class such as the First Aid for Pets class offered by a variety of animal welfare societies and pet facilities. Brookfield resident, Howard Schwartz provided instruction to a class of 13 on things they could do to aid their pets. Schwartz, had been a first aid instructor with the Red Cross for about 25 years. In 1991, the Red Cross had trained a number of instructors to teach a Pet First Aid class, but discontinued the course because the organization felt aid to pets didn't fit their mission statement.

Schwartz's class is informative and stresses the need for pet owners to be better prepared to handle an emergency. "This program is designed to help owners know what they can do and have the confidence to do something," said Schwartz.

Schwartz holds Pet First Aid classes monthly through the rest of 2006. Refer to the back cover of this magazine for details.

Dr. Phil Schoenborn, DVM has been a licensed vet for more than 27 years and has practiced in Mukwonago for 20 years. Bay View Veterinary Clinic is located at 890 Main St., in Mukwonago. The recently remodeled facility is equipped to treat small animals dogs and cats and may include some other

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