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Alison Gilman

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## Publisher's Letter



For the first time in the brief history of this magazine, we put out a request for "a cover dog." The response from our readers was tremendous. Over 75 photos were received! Picking only one to adorn the front cover was a difficult task. In the end, we decided on Chris Rosenau's *Harry Chapin Rosenau*.

Although we picked only one photo for the cover shot, every photo that we received ended up in this issue or will be published in future issues. Check out the Golden Retriever article on page 18 for a collage of photogenic Golden Retrievers.

In this issue, you will notice a high degree of focus on holistic or natural healthcare options available to treat your buddy's ailments. Traditional canine medicine provides exceptional treatment options for many of your pooch's needs, but in times when options are limited or unavailable, all natural alternatives begin to show their worth.

From bone injuries, to allergies, cancer, organ disease, eye conditions, misaligned spines, arthritis, behavioral issues, and on and on...holistic treatments ranging from acupuncture to special herb mixtures can treat your pooch as a whole as opposed to specifically targeting only the ailment.

With October designated by ASPCA as "Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month" consider attending or supporting with donations, the Walks of Elm-Brook, Ozaukee Co., and Washington Co. Humane Societies. Event details for each of these events can be found on page 14.

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# A New Breed of Therapist

Sophie spends her morning getting ready for the hospital. After her teeth are brushed, hair combed and nails done she eagerly heads out the door with a smile in her heart and a wag in her tail. She'll spend the next hour or two meeting and walking with patients, retrieving balls and receiving hugs. Sophie volunteers, with her handler, as a therapy dog.

The term 'therapy dog' is actually a misnomer that refers to several kinds of pet-facilitated therapy. The one most people think of is animal-assisted activities (AAA). Usually a pet and handler enter a facility, such as a nursing home, and spend time visiting with the residents. They might play and interact with the patients, but not for the direct purpose of medical benefit.

In animal-assisted therapy (AAT) the dogs play a part in a patient reaching a recordable goal and is often directed by a medical professional. A dog being groomed by a stroke patient to improve his motor skills might be an example. An occupational therapist would be present recording progress and setting goals for that patient to meet.

AAA and AAT dogs can be found in a variety of settings. "We started out in more traditional settings", said David Tucker the president of Pet's Helping People, "now we've branched out to hospices, special needs centers, rehabilitation centers, women's shelters and hospitals". They're also bringing dogs to children's reading programs at schools and libraries. Studies have shown that

when children read to pets, their reading abilities increase and their attendance improves.

The dogs provide a multitude of other benefits as well. They bring socialization and mental stimulation to patients that might feel isolated. Their total acceptance allows people to come out of their shells and focus on something else besides pain and frustration. Dogs teach children empathy and nurturing, especially for kids who may not have learned those skills at home. Most of all they provide an escape or a change of pace, which is just what some people need.

As dog lovers we all know how good our dogs make us feel, but new research is showing that it has health benefits. A new study from the University of Missouri-Columbia is finding that a few minutes of petting our puppies releases hormones like serotonin and oxytocin, the "feel-good" hormones. Separate research conducted at nursing homes in Missouri, New York and Texas found that medication costs dropped from \$3.80 daily per patient to \$1.18 when pets were allowed to visit. Another study of 100 Medicare patients found that dog owners visited the doctor 21% less often than those without dogs.

It's good for the dogs as well. The same effect they have on us, we give to them. Their blood pressure drops as soon as the petting starts and any owner with a friendly dog knows the joy they receive out of human affection. There's even



Photo courtesy of Mary-Beth Esser.

benefits for the handler. "I can't even describe the feeling you get," says Mary-Beth Esser with the Delta Society, "it's the most special time for me, it puts life in perspective and you get to meet the most wonderful people."

A canine visitor isn't for everyone though. People with allergies, or that are frightened of dogs wouldn't benefit from the interaction. Some patients might become very possessive of the animal or mistake his interest in another patient as rejection. Some dogs aren't suited for the task either. They may not enjoy visiting with strangers or feel comfortable in a new environment.

If this isn't your dog and it sounds like something you'd like to be involved in, take heart because volunteering is a fairly easy process. As long as you pet is at least a year old, up to date on vet visits, has decent obedience skills and you've had him for at least six months he's eligible. Any breed is welcome as long as there's no previous history of bite training. Most organizations offer classes to help prepare dogs and handlers for the obedience exam required before dogs are allowed to enter a facility. "We prepare both the dog and handler for a variety of situations and populations they may encounter", said Esser from wheelchairs that may scare a dog to how handlers can deal with an Alzheimer's patient." They also train handlers to be an advocate for their dog and recognize stress if a visit is becoming too much or prevent their pet from coming into contact with inappropriate items such as a chocolate.

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Once the dog and handler team pass their exam, it's time to find a facility in need, and there's always a need. The dog's personality is always taken into consideration. A quite lap dog would not respond well to a classroom of children nor an active canine is a calm environment. Volunteer organizations also try to find a location close to the owner's home. If the handler already has a place in mind, they will often take the responsibilities of calling the facility and working out the details, such as time of visits, what areas the animals are allowed to enter, where doggy bathroom breaks are. Handlers and facilities decide how often the pets are needed.

Both the organizations in this article welcome new members and encourage dog owners to look into the programs they offer. For more information on Pets Helping People check out their website at [www.petshelpingpeople.org](http://www.petshelpingpeople.org) or call 262-785-8948. Mary-Beth Esser, from the local chapter of the Delta Society, welcomes calls at 262-641-5451, otherwise see [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org).

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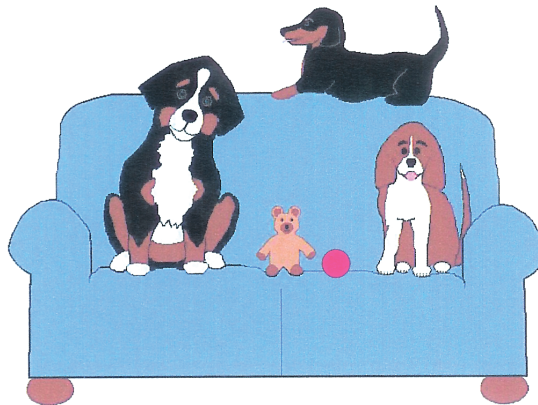
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# Ask the VET

**Q: I know that it is a good idea to have my dog neutered or spayed to help control the pet population, but what are the health benefits to my dog?**

**A:** First the terminology: females are spayed, males are neutered, and the generic term for either condition is altered. An intact pet is one that has not been surgically altered. The spayed/neutered pet population enjoys a wide variety of health benefits. Here is a top ten list of positive reasons to fix your pooch.

1. Avoid primary diseases of the reproductive tract. In females, the potential for infections or cancers of the uterus and ovaries is eliminated. In males, there is no risk of testicular cancer. This is because these organs are surgically removed during the surgical spay (ovari-hysterectomy) or neuter (orchidectomy).

2. Avoid diseases in other organs. Female dogs that are spayed prior to their first heat cycle are protected against mammary (breast) cancer. This protection diminishes with each cycle the female goes through. Male dogs that are neutered have a drastically reduced rate of prostate infections and cancers. This is due to the far lower hormone levels altered pets have compared to intact pets.

3. Have a better companion. Dogs that have been altered are more affectionate, easier to train, and more focused on their owners than on other dogs. Having a pet that thinks you are the center of the universe allows for a closer relationship with your furry friend.

4. Keep your dog close to home. Intact dogs, especially males, are hormonally driven to roam and seek a sexual partner. Dogs that roam are far more likely to be injured. Wounds from fighting, trauma from being hit by cars and other injuries are far more common in the intact pet population. Fixing your pet will reduce the urge to leave the nest to seek out canine companions.

5. Enjoy good dog behavior. Dogs that are altered have fewer habits that owners find annoying. Greatly reduced marking

behavior (urinating often to stake out their territory) is noted in both sexes. Owners do not have to deal with heat cycles in females, and male humping is reduced.

6. Give your dog the gift of longer life. On average, the spayed or neutered dog will live about two to three years longer than their intact counterparts. Since a dog's life is already much shorter than a human's, every year counts. The cost of medical care is reduced since many diseases and disorders are eliminated.

7. Lose the aggression, keep the protection. Statistically, dogs that are altered are far less likely to bite. Many owners cite the need to protect their home as one reason for choosing a dog as a pet. Fortunately, dogs that are altered are still protective of their homes and loved ones. They will guard their territory, but are far less likely to be involved in a bite incident that could get you or your pet in big trouble.

8. Fixing your pet will not make it fat or lazy. It's a popular myth that after spaying or neutering dogs become fat couch potatoes. While dogs do have a decrease in their metabolic rate as a result of their lowered hormonal impulses (not to mention the fact that they are often transitioning from crazy puppyhood to a more mellow adulthood), keeping your pet well exercised and on a proper diet will prevent excessive weight gain. Overfeeding, lack of exercise, and failure to switch your dog off puppy food when appropriate is what really leads to weight gain after surgery.

9. Avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Just like in people, not all pregnancies in dogs go as planned. Complications of pregnancy and delivery can be costly for owners, and are easily avoided by neutering or spaying prior to sexual maturity. Sexually transmitted diseases for dogs also exist and can add to health care costs.

10. Dogs don't miss what they're missing. Unlike people, dogs do not mourn the loss of their reproductive organs, although owners will sometimes attribute such feelings to their dog. They are unaware that they have these structures, and do not comprehend that they have been surgically removed. Dogs also do not long to be parents. Males do not father their young, and usually do not even recognize them. Females mother their young for only a few weeks, unlike the many years we humans put in. People who feel that they are depriving their pets of an experience are basing their assumptions

on human emotions, not canine ones. Spayed female dogs will not have to endure the stress of pregnancy, lactation (nursing) or weaning when the pups are removed to their new homes. Some pregnancies do not go smoothly, and surgical removal of the pups via C-Section may be necessary. Pregnancy is one of the most stressful events in any pet's life and is easily avoided.

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# Celebrity Profile: **The Anchor Dog**

Alison Gilman's beloved basset hound helps keep her grounded.



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Throughout her busy career as a broadcast journalist, Fox 6 anchor/reporter Alison Gilman has always had one constant - her 11-1/2-year-old basset hound, Maggie.

"One of the best things about having a dog from a puppy to a senior is when you're as busy with a career and have moved around a lot like I have, it's nice to have that one constant, for me that's been Maggie," said Gilman.

While working as an anchor in Indianapolis, Gilman found her beloved Maggie after answering an ad in the newspaper. When she went to see Maggie for the first time, it was love at first sight. "I loved her markings, and I just loved everything about her," she said.

Potty training a puppy in the middle of winter while living in Indianapolis was quite a challenge, Gilman recalled. Living in a condo at the time she would take Maggie down the stairs and wait with her outside during the freezing cold. But in the end, for Gilman it was all worth it. "She was such an adorable puppy that would step on her ears constantly," she laughed.

Years later when Gilman met her husband, Miles, she said she knew right away he was "a keeper" because he fell

in love with Maggie as well. The couple now lives in Waukesha County.

Gilman adds that the couple tries to take Maggie on vacations with them as much as possible. "She loves trails, loves hiking and really loves to ride in the car," Gilman said.

With her love of walking, Maggie and Gilman can also be spotted at walks sponsored by Basset Buddies Rescue.

"Many people have the impression that basset's are very lazy dogs, but Maggie is not like that at all. We keep her very fit and trim at a healthy 50 pounds."

At the Fox 6 station, Gilman admits that everyone on the evening crew now has a dog. "During commercial breaks we talk a lot about the funny things our dogs do."

The station also sponsored a canine beauty contest where everyone brought in their dogs and showcased their special talents. When it came to Maggie's turn, Gilman admits she didn't showcase much talent, but was definitely cute. "Maggie has never had to do a trick for food in her life," she laughed.

Though she won't do tricks for food, Maggie does love to eat just about anything under the sun, except for a few choice vegetables. Her favorite treats of all are Frosty Paws frozen dog treats.

Gilman and her husband have toyed with the idea of adopting another dog, but since Maggie hasn't appeared very open to the idea, they aren't sure if a puppy is in their future quite yet. "I guess the way we look at it right now is, if it's not broken, don't fix it," laughed Gilman.

Jamie Klinger-Krebs is a freelance writer and avid animal lover who lives in Jefferson County with her husband, two dogs and two cats. Having been around animals her entire life, Jamie can't imagine what life would be like without "four-legged" kids to keep life interesting.

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As covered in Fetch Magazine's July/August issue, we teach basic commands in puppy class, as well as off leash play sessions. Puppies that are between 10 and 16 weeks of age qualify for puppy class. Any dog that is starting training at an older age would come into what we call Basic Manners. The primary difference between Puppy Class and Basic Manners is the play sessions. The techniques are the same for the exercises that we teach. They are still reward oriented, non-physically punitive techniques. Our approach doesn't change just because we are dealing with slightly older dogs.

The obedience exercises we teach in beginning level (or puppy) classes are sit, down, stay, (in both positions) come when you call, and walking on a loose leash. In addition we teach a hand target. This is when your dog is taught to touch your hand with his nose when you put your hand down in a specific shape. In beginning classes targeting is taught to help teach your dog to come, or to indicate specifically where you want your dog to walk next to you.

After the first level is completed, the next step is what we call Intermediate Class. The idea is to take your dogs' reliability to the next level. We continue to expand your dogs' compliance with your requests. Everything we do is based on gradually building your dogs' reliability. You will not be able to get a 60 second sit/stay if you can't get a 6 second sit/stay.

As the class becomes more competent, more distractions are introduced. We start working closer to the other dogs in class. We work with tennis balls bouncing around. As we progress, perhaps some dogs are off-leash while others are on leash. We introduce the distractions gradually. If your dog becomes too distracted and breaks a stay, or pulls away when walking with you, we will simply have you move a little further from that distraction.

There will be some point, for all dogs and all distractions, where the dog gets far enough away that the distraction becomes irrelevant. When your dog refocuses on you we can then reinforce him for paying attention. Gradually your dog will understand that it is more beneficial for him to pay attention to you, than to be distracted. The hand target is used to help focus them around distractions.

In the Intermediate Class we also start introducing the Agility equipment. We don't teach competitive agility, rather we use the equipment to build the dogs' and handlers' confidence. Agility gives us another way to use our hand targets. The more that a dog thinks any behavior is fun, the more likely they are to do that behavior when requested. A fringe benefit of using the target for Agility is that it will be easier to redirect your dog when distracted.

Many dogs start out afraid of the teeter-totter, or the high walk. The reasons are obvious. If your dog walks up the teeter-totter, it ends in mid-air. (Remember your dog doesn't know it's going to go down). Once your dog starts to get nervous about the board he's walking on ending in mid-air it will be more difficult to get him to go up the teeter-totter. Using a hand target allows your dog to just worry about touching your target. You then move your target one step at a time. It's not too long before the dog that was afraid to go up the teeter-totter is running up and down the teeter-totter like an agility champion! It is a very satisfying moment when a dog that has been afraid to perform on a piece of equipment conquers that fear. They actually look as though they are saying, "Look what I did!! Aren't I brave!"

Dogs that started in puppy class will continue with off leash play sessions. Those that started in Basic Manners will start having off leash play sessions.

Eventually we will call the dogs out of the play sessions. If you can call your dog out of a play session with 4 or 5 other dogs it should be no problem to call them away from the neighbors cat, kid or dog.

In addition, for those handlers that are interested in learning how to teach their dogs tricks, we start trick training. Tricks like high fives, rolling over, playing dead, and wagging tails on command are all easily taught following some simple instructions.

Over the 6-week period of the Intermediate Class the dogs learn to pay attention around distractions. They continue their socialization with other dogs, which helps to cut down on dogfights later in life. The dogs gain confidence by doing the agility equipment. In addition we are

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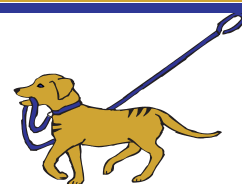
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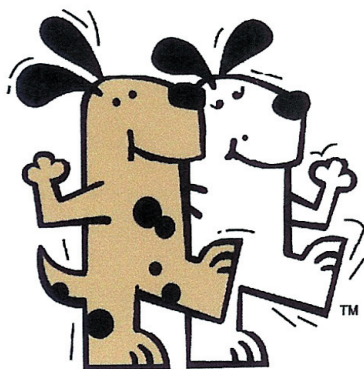
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- Millions of dogs are euthanized every year because of behavior problems. Bark Busters professionals work with owners and their dogs to correct any behavior problems of any dog at any age; as a result, the lives of thousands of dogs are saved.

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Local Behavior Therapist/Trainer serving the North Shore Area:

Jane Covelli - 262-302-0614 or [northshore@barkbusters.com](mailto:northshore@barkbusters.com)

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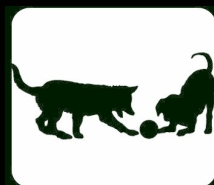
**Help!:** The Bark Busters web site provides free advice on the following topics: puppy toilet training, feeding and behavior training; traveling with your dog; dog owner's rights; dog attack prevention; and advice on overweight dogs, aged dogs and choosing the right breed of dog for a particular lifestyle.

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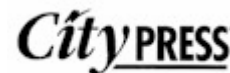
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Central Bark's customers appreciate the effect coming to day care has on their dogs. Jennifer Metcalf, the mother of golden retrievers Bubba and Barkley said, "Thank God for day care! The dogs are much better behaved on a daily basis from their regular day care visits. It is also nice to have a safe and fun place to bring our dogs while we are working long hours."

Another customer, Cari Bloom, is completely amazed by the positive change day care has had on her one year old Basenji mix, Fezzik. "We have been having lots of trouble with separation anxiety and destructive behavior. We enrolled Fez at Central Bark Doggy Day Care

and are completely amazed with the results. He comes home from day care happy and exhausted! Before day care, we couldn't leave him at home for even short periods of time due to destructive behavior. Last week, we left him at home alone for 8 hours without any destructive behavior. That wouldn't have been possible a few weeks ago. Fez is also learning to interact appropriately with other dogs and people. Geno and his staff are great very caring people who obviously love the dogs they care for and the work they do."

To celebrate their Grand Opening, Geno and Dawn are waiving the normal Behavior Assessment fee (required to enroll in Central bark) of \$15. They do ask for a one day per week minimum commitment, as dogs thrive in this environment when they maintain a routine. Dogs that are enrolled in day care are also welcome to join them for sleepovers. Have your dog play for many hours per day while staying at Central Bark for a weekend or extended stay.

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# Acupuncture, spinal manipulation and herbs

Holistic healing offers an alternative treatment for your dog

Acupuncture for dogs? Yes, that's right, there is acupuncture for dogs, and the thought isn't as crazy as you might think. In fact, acupuncture (the practice of inserting needles at specific points on the body) and spinal manipulation (chiropractic) treatments can help alleviate pain for dogs suffering from a wide array of ailments such as arthritis, organ problems and sometimes, neurological issues. In addition, it can also be used as a preventative method to ward off problems that may occur as your dog ages. Though holistic treatments are widely popular in states like California, more and more clinics

are starting to pick up on the practice, including a handful of clinics right here in the Milwaukee area.

At the Silver Spring Animal Wellness Center, in Glendale, Dr. Kim Utech performs three types of acupuncture - the traditional method, aquapuncture and electrical stimulation. Acupuncture is most commonly used for pain relief stemming from arthritis, according to Dr. Utech, but many pets may return several times a year for a "tune-up."

"Generally when an animal starts to receive acupuncture treatments it will usually continue receiving the treatments for the rest of its life," explained Utech. "Depending on the situation, especially with severe arthritis, we may want to see them on a weekly

basis for about four-to-six weeks in the beginning, and if the response is good then they may only need to return about four times a year later on."

How acupuncture works, Utech explained, is based on a set of pathways or meridians that run through the body. In Chinese

medicine, acupuncture is used as method to rebalance the flow of "qi", or energy, that travels along the meridians (or pathways) within the body. Sickness is believed to come from an imbalance with in the qi. To help correct these imbalances, the needles are inserted on master points along the meridians in order to redirect the flow of energy to help heal the body.

In Western terms, said Utech, needles are placed at certain points of the body where they can increase blood flow and aid in the release of endorphins, which helps overall healing.

Aquapuncture, continued Utech, follows the same idea as traditional acupuncture, with the exception of a liquid, such as Vitamin B-12, being injected into the points along the meridian. Electrical stimulation includes an electrical current running from one needle to the next. The type of acupuncture used depends on the ailment and the animal's disposition.

Dr. Theresa SaLee, of the Care Animal Clinic in Brookfield, points out that acupuncture treatments can be beneficial to pets for various reasons, but each case can be very different.

"With acupuncture treatments there is no surgery involved and there are no drugs involved, which can sometimes have other side effects," she explained.

In terms of cost, acupuncture and overall holistic treatments that include the use of herbal remedies rather than traditional medication and vaccinations, can be more expensive. However, SaLee points out, the treatments can oftentimes be more effective in the long run, thus minimizing the use of prescription drugs while helping to improve a pet's overall health long-term.

Spinal manipulations, better known as chiropractic treatments, are another way to help ensure a pet's health or comfort for the long haul, according to Dr. Ann Margret-Morgan, also of the Silver Spring Animal Wellness Center, who practices both acupuncture and spinal manipulation.

Like acupuncture, spinal manipulation is generally used to treat chronic pain. Back pain, neck pain, arthritis even skin problems and behavioral issues can be treated using spinal manipulation. This practice usually deals with manipulating

the bones in the neck or back and identifying where problems begin. Since the bones in the back or neck house nervous system function, Margret-Morgan explained, finding where the problem lies and correcting it can have a big impact.

Sometimes using acupuncture and spinal manipulation subsequently can also aid in a pet's overall healing, she added, "Although these forms of treatment are used to treat pain, they can also be used in general for overall health," said Margret-Morgan. "Trying to identify problems before they occur can help improve a pet's long-term health."

Though acupuncture or spinal manipulation may seem very extreme in treating your dog's chronic pain, the treatments, nonetheless, are proving effective. In many cases at both the Silver Spring Animal Wellness Center and the Care Animal Clinic, a large portion of clientele is referred from other clinics that suggest trying these forms of healing.

"Acupuncture is one of the most scientifically tested modalities and lots and lots of research has been done in determining its effectiveness," added SaLee. "A component of the treatment does derive from traditional Western medicine so the idea isn't all just 'out there,' but the energetic portion is often hard to understand and explain so the situation is oftentimes double blinded. But, the fact remains, that is has been tested and recommended by doctors and it can help, and is getting more and more acceptance."

As in all cases when seeking medical attention for your dog, all three doctors concede that before you seek acupuncture or spinal manipulation treatments for your pet, be sure you are receiving care from a trained professional, because if done improperly the treatments can cause unneeded harm. Proper certification can be obtained through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society or the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association.

**Jamie Klinger-Krebs** is a freelance writer and avid animal lover who lives in Jefferson County with her husband, two dogs and two cats. Having been around animals her entire life, Jamie can't imagine what life would be like without "four-legged" kids to keep life interesting.



# REWARD! LOST DOG!

## REWARD \$1000 FOR LOST DOG!

Escaped from accident scene in Mukwonago. Collar lost. Australian Shepherd Blue Merle. No tail, spayed female, 50 lbs. Responds to word "treat". Name is Dory. Call with any sightings day or night.

"It never occurred to me that something like this would happen." Jenny Arthur was bonded to her dog, Dory, and there was no way that dog would ever leave her. But a moment of unpredicted circumstances and Dory was lost.

Would you know what to do if you lost your dog?

If you live in the Milwaukee County area, the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) office in West Milwaukee should be the first place to call when you have lost a pet, according to MADACC's Executive Director, Len Selkurt. During business hours, customer service representatives will take information such as your name, address, and description of your lost pet and keep the report on file. Visiting their kennels within 24 hours of losing your pet is recommended. State law requires animals to be held for a minimum 7 day holding period to be claimed by their owner. After that, MADACC animals may be put up for adoption through the Wisconsin Humane Society. Therefore, it is very important to visit the facility on a regular basis.

Information on MADACC's website ([www.madacc.com](http://www.madacc.com)) includes a search engine that is updated at 10:00 a.m. every day. You can filter based on animal type (dog, cat, other), gender, age, size and color to see a list of animals that are in their facility. The website offers an e-mail service, however, reliance on that is not recommended. MADACC also recommends contacting the local police department as the dog may be there.

In Waukesha County, Mark Hess, Operations Manager of Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS), recommends calling their facility even before you begin your

search. Countless times he has heard people coming to claim their dog say that they had been searching for hours before they had called. In the meantime, the dog was "laying in air-conditioned comfort on a blanket" in HAWS' kennels. The facility might even be aware that the dog is in a neighbor's house because the neighbor called HAWS to pick up the animal. All agencies within Waukesha such as the police, fire and sheriff's offices will most likely redirect your call to HAWS.

For Washington County, definitely call the Washington County Humane Society because according to Executive Director, Marnie Brown, they serve "as the stray facility for Washington County, (so) law enforcement contacts us if a stray dog needs to be picked up".

Marge Lambrecht, Secretary of Elm-Brook Humane Society (EBHS) states that in addition to contacting the Waukesha and Washington facilities, call the surrounding counties too because someone might have been traveling through the area, seen your dog and taken it home to a different county.

Dave Wintz, Executive Director of the Ozaukee Humane Society (OHS), echoes the sentiment of calling the surrounding areas because "dogs don't know what county they are in" and could very easily have traveled over county lines. All humane societies are required by state law to receive proof of current rabies and license before releasing an animal.

From the moment Jenny heard that Dory was lost, she not only contacted the humane societies but also called friends to assist in the search. In the weeks that followed, Jenny, her friends and even strangers who volunteered, handed out hundreds of flyers with Dory's picture on them. Jenny talked to anyone she saw on the street including those who were



Photo courtesy of Jenny Arthur.

walking, jogging, or mowing their lawn. She talked to construction workers, postal carriers, UPS, and Federal Express delivery personnel.

About four or five days after Dory went missing, Jenny put ads in the local papers and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The recommendation is often given to not include the amount of the reward on the ad or flyer. However, Jenny felt that it helped get people's attention and generated calls. Other frequent recommendations for flyers or ads are to include a photo of the dog and keep at least one descriptive detail withheld to aid in identification. Brightly colored flyers can be placed at gas stations, grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, and community bulletin boards. While flyers cannot be placed in mailboxes, talk to people in your neighborhood and leave a flyer with them.

Other things to do when you have lost your dog include:

- Call your vet, area vets and after normal business hours, emergency vet clinics.
- Call area breeders and rescue groups.
- Call the company that registered your pet's microchip.
- Get as many people involved in looking for your dog as possible.
- Electronically post the information on your company's electronic bulletin board if one exists.
- Enlist the help of someone with a tracking dog who help owners of lost dogs.

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# Elmbrook Humane Society

Elmbrook Humane Society is an organization celebrating 40 years of service. Our sole mission is to provide humane treatment to all animals, as well as education to the community. As a not-for-profit organization servicing the City of Brookfield, Villages of Butler, Chenequa, Elm Grove, Lannon, Nashotah and the Towns of Brookfield and Delafield, we assist with taking in unwanted pets and strays, and rescuing injured domestic animals and wildlife.

Elmbrook Humane Society is very proud of its 98% adoption rate. We also have no geographic limits for adoptions or deadlines for the animals in our care. All animals are adoptable as long as they have an adoptable temperament, are in good health and there is room at the shelter. In order to assist with pet over population, Elmbrook does require that all animals adopted are spayed or

neutered before going to their new home. Roughly 2500 wild and domestic animals pass through the doors on an annual basis. Elmbrook, like any other not-for-profit organization, relies on the public for support. There are many ways to show your support through sponsorship/donations, volunteering and supporting our events. We routinely have fundraisers and continue to have our car wash (we also have a food booth where you may purchase a hot dog, hamburger or brat), Brookfield Farmers Market - you can see us there every Saturday. Watch our website for upcoming events. [www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)

Our Wag Walk will be held on September 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Minooka Park in Waukesha. Come walk your dog, purchase some baked goods or have a brat while you are entertained by one of our many demos or games that will be taking place. We hope you visit the vendors we have on site. It is a great event for a great cause. If you would like a registration form, please feel free to contact the shelter.

Mark your calendars as we parade our adoptable animals to the new shelter at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield on September 26th ... upon getting everyone situated at the new building we will have root beer floats and ice cream sundaes for all to enjoy! At that time you are welcome to see our new facility and see just exactly why we are so excited. We are always available to answer questions or concerns ...you can reach us at 262-782-9261 or visit us at our present site at 21210 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield.



## Put on Those Walking Shoes to Help Lost & Orphaned Animals

The Ozaukee Humane Society will hold its 15th Annual fundraising "Walk for Animals" to be held Saturday, September 11th at Rotary Park, Mequon. Dogs, cats, and other small animals will be at the walk to show their support for the only full-service shelter and humane organization in Ozaukee County.



The Walk will be held rain or shine with registration beginning at 8:00 AM. Participants can walk as a group led by FOX 6 Chief Meteorologist Vince Condella at 9:30 AM or walk at their own pace any time until noon. The trail winds through the beautiful woods and meadows. The registration fee is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the event. The collection of pledges is also encouraged, which will provide opportunities to earn prizes. Everyone is welcome to walk (with or without a pet) and is eligible to win prizes.

### Highlights at the event include:

- \* Rescue Waggin sponsored by Petsmart Charities
- \* Craft & Harvest Festival
- \* Blessing of the Animals Before the Walk
- \* Pet Microchip clinic (\$25)
- \* Meet WITI FOX 6 Chief Meteorologist Vince Condella
- \* Ozaukee Pet Idol Talent Search (11 AM)
- \* Food and Bake Sale
- \* Canine Search and Rescue
- \* Family & Pet Portraits

To pre-register or for more information, call the Ozaukee Humane Society at 377-7580 or visit our web site at [www.ozaukeehumane.org](http://www.ozaukeehumane.org).

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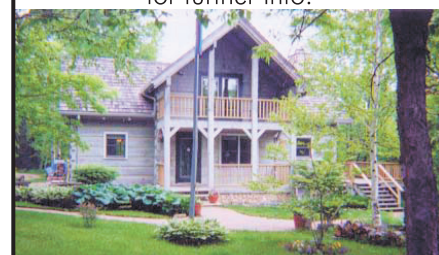
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# WCHS WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

Canines from all over southeastern Wisconsin will be converging on West Bend Saturday, September 11th for The Washington County Humane Society's annual Walk for the Animals. Bob Bonenfant of WBKV and his sheltie, "Mr. Socko," will lead the dogs and their human companions along the 3-mile course on city streets starting and ending at Silverbrook Middle School. There is also a 1-½ mile walk available for less active participants.

The Walk, one of WCHS's top fundraisers, is a popular event for dog lovers but other critters are welcome as well. In past years, goats, mini horses, ferrets and rabbits in baby buggies, and even a tortoise in his own Red Flyer chariot have made the trek! Many walk without an animal companion...just enjoying the camaraderie of other animal lovers and wanting to help a good cause.

Three years ago, shortly after September 11th, WCHS went ahead with their event despite the tragedy, and a portion of the money raised went to assist the Canine Search and Rescue teams in New York. This year, with the theme, "Paws for the Red, White and Blue," the Walk will have a patriotic theme with all dogs wearing red, white and blue bandanas. Shelter alumni will also sport red ribbons signifying saved lives and second chances.

Participants will receive a free Walk t-shirt if they raise \$40 in pledges. They will also be able to visit vendors such as Petlicious Dog Biscuit Bakery, or have their dog's nails trimmed by a Groomer. Several dog rescue groups will be on hand to showcase their breeds, and shelter dogs up for adoption will strut their stuff as well. Food, raffles and door prizes will add to the fun.

Advance registration is \$12 for individuals, \$25 for a family of four, or \$60 for corporate teams. People can also register the day of the Walk starting at 9:00 a.m. (\$15 for individuals, \$30 for a family of four, or \$75 for corporate teams). The

Walk starts promptly at 10:00...rain or shine! For more information, registration forms, or directions to Silverbrook Middle School, call The Washington County Humane Society at 262-677-4388.

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# Exploring Holistic Veterinary Medicine

With a growing trend in the use of alternative and complementary medicine in human healthcare, so is the movement toward more natural and holistic care for pets. It is becoming more and more widely accepted that our domestic companions are like family and deserve the same quality options in healthcare to achieve and maintain a healthy and happy existence.

According to the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association (AVHMA), holistic medicine ultimately involves creating a lifestyle that is tailored for each individual animal to establish and maintain overall well being. Techniques used in holistic medicine are based on love and respect for the animal and are minimally invasive by nature. It is a mix of healing arts and medical skills, which always seek the most natural and gentle approach to the treatment of illness.

Holistic practitioners look at the whole patient, including the environment, symptoms of disease pattern, the relationship of pet with caregiver and create a treatment protocol using a broad range of therapies. They also tend to take a less conventional approach to the use of vaccinations and drug therapies. However, in acute cases, treatment may involve aspects of western medical technology such as surgery and pharmaceuticals used in conjunction with alternative techniques, which are complimentary and help reduce side effects and speed recovery times.

Some common modalities used in holistic veterinary practices are Traditional Chinese Medicine including acupuncture and Chinese herbs, homeopathy, chiropractic adjustments, Western herbal remedies, diet and nutritional therapy, massage and aromatherapy. For a complete list of holistic modalities as well as a list of holistic practitioners by state, visit the AVHMA web site at [www.ahvma.org](http://www.ahvma.org).

People are seeing real results in alternative ways of treating and preventing illness in their pets and the demand for holistic practitioners is on the rise. Here in Southeastern Wisconsin we are for-

tunate to have several holistically trained veterinarians available who have taken it upon themselves to continue their education to include natural approaches to health and healing. In Oconomowoc, Chris Bessent, DVM, runs her holistic veterinary practice called Herbsmith, Inc. She specializes in Chinese Medicine including Chinese Herbs and acupuncture. Dr. Bessent has used the classic Chinese herbal formulas in practice for years and was so pleased with their results she wanted to share them with other dog and horse enthusiasts so Herbsmith was born. She is also certified in veterinary chiropractic medicine for dogs and horses.

In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) the body is seen as a balance of fluids and heat and yin/yang energy. Disease is seen as an imbalance of these factors or a disruption of meridians (cables of electricity) that run through the body and are linked to respective organs. With each disharmony in the body, there are a number of possible causes and combinations of Chinese herbs, used for hundreds of years-often in conjunction with acupuncture, help to restore balance to the body and eliminate "dis-ease." Because in TCM the tongue reflects the status of health or lack-there-of in the body, it is the size, surface and color of the various areas of the tongue that one trained in TCM can observe to determine if/where imbalance exists.

In a typical office visit at Herbsmith, Inc., Dr. Bessent asks her clients for their canine companion's history including appetite and dietary habits, elimination, sleep, any pains, etc., and watches the dog for its own unique physical and psychological characteristics. She then conducts a tongue and pulse diagnosis to determine what is causing a particular disharmony. "If a dog is vomiting and in

Chinese Medicine there are twenty disharmonies that could cause that dog to vomit, the goal is to determine which disharmony the dog has and use herbs and acupuncture to resolve it and eliminate the symptoms. The body has an innate intelligence that helps keep it healthy but it is ideal to feed a proper diet-that puts everything in your favor," said Bessent.

Bessent also offers custom herbal formulation services. On her web site, [www.herbsmithinc.com](http://www.herbsmithinc.com), a questionnaire is available for caregivers of either dogs or horses to fill out and submit in order that she can assess an animal and provide a specific combination of Chinese herbs to help achieve balance and harmony. The cost of the service is a flat fee of \$45 plus the cost of the herbs, which for dogs is based on two sized containers (100gm = \$20.00 /500gm = \$75.00). Herbsmith, Inc. also has a toll free number to call for information at 1-800-624-6429.

Jodie Gruenstern, DVM of Animal Doctor, Inc. in Muskego, WI, is also a holistically trained veterinarian who often conducts speaking engagements at pet shows and pet related events in our area. She specifically addresses the over vaccination problem facing our domestic animal population by promoting and conducting titer tests-creating a vaccination protocol for the individual pet vs. the common blanket annual inoculation of

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**Herbsmith, [www.herbsmithinc.com](http://www.herbsmithinc.com)**  
**Landmark Feed Seed & Co., Cedarburg**  
**LDC Pet Supplies, Waukesha**  
**McPets, Wauwatosa**  
**Metropawlis, Milwaukee**  
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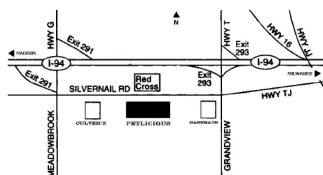
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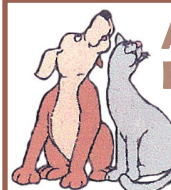
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# BREED PROFILE:

## *The Golden Retriever*



**Devoted companion.**  
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Sure, there may be some slobbering, some neediness, and four muddy paws and wet fur from time to time. But it's all the result of one thing: making the owner happy.

"When I was growing up, we always had large breed dogs. The last Golden (Retriever) my parents had, I just fell in love with," said Kim Hecker, a Golden Retriever enthusiast and active member in a local rescue group.

"I don't even mind the dog hair," she said with a laugh.

From all indications - multiple sightings at dog parks and walks around neighborhoods, attendance at obedience / training classes and dog shows, as well as activities with rescue groups and humane societies - the popularity of the Golden Retriever breed has never been higher. For some, maybe too high?

For many, the Golden Retriever's handsome appearance makes that first strike at its new potential mate. The Golden wears a feathered cream- to golden-color coat, covering its sturdy, well-proportioned body. The Golden can be majestic, even noble, with its broad head and tapering, wide, powerful muzzle. Its outer coat, yes, tends to shed (it's actually an average shedder), but when it stays on it repels water quiet well. The undercoat is dense.

Others notice the size of the Golden, which tends to be on the larger side. Females grow up to 22 inches high and can weigh up to 70 pounds. Males grow up to 24 inches tall and can top 80 pounds. Sturdy and powerful, yes, but the Golden doesn't abuse this size to intimidate or dominate normally.

The Golden is active and can be very high in energy, a quality that some people easily overlook. Naturally, retrieving balls and sticks and Frisbees and anything else it can carry in its mouth is one favorite activity. Swimming, too, comes natural for the Golden.

An apartment-dwelling Golden can have enough room, but needs sufficient exercise. Medium- to large-sized yards are recommended to give the Golden its space.

"There are some people who overlook the time it takes to own a Golden Retriever," Hecker said. Walks or runs around the block. Spending hours at obedience training. Inside and outside time.

Others don't take into account just how much focus the Golden puts on being with its pack - the family it lives with. Not only does the Golden need the time, quite frankly, some Golden Retriever think they're simply entitled to this constant attention.

"They (the Golden Retriever) are people dogs," Hecker said. "The constant petting...they must be as close (to you) as possible."

Like every other canine, proper training is a must. More people need to strongly consider this expense - of time and money - when making the decision and assuming the responsibility of pet ownership.

"(Some people) overlook the fact that a Golden must, must have obedience training," Hecker said. Hecker's group is the Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc., a statewide, all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, that helps place surrendered Golden Retrievers into loving homes.

The payoff, for many, is that the Golden knows how to truly have fun. For some, this is a huge plus - the sloppy, wet friend who drags in half the backyard when coming in from playtime - and doesn't mind wearing a little mud.

"A lot of time they overlook the wet Golden, the water factor, the muddy paws," she said.

The Golden is known to be easily trained, well mannered, and overall, a fairly intelligent dog. That can translate into a positive, fun experience for owners at obedience classes and competitions.

The Golden's temperament and personality have always been one of its strongest qualities, as well. Always friendly - with practically everyone - the Golden never hesitates to show its loyalty, sweetness, charm - and overall - eagerness to please everyone.







"They want to be part of the family. They are always eager and willing to please. That's what drew me to them," said Patricia Smith, another Golden Retriever enthusiast involved in the Badger Golden Retrievers Club.

Others are drawn to the breed's successes as a hunting companion - namely, because of its tracking and retrieving instincts and abilities. The Goldens' sometimes rough-and-tumble nature, its agility, and drive toward pleasing its owner falls perfectly into place for its work in the field during hunting trips and other "Up North" escapes.



As with the other factors that some Golden owners overlook before making the decision to bring the breed home, health problems must be considered strongly when evaluating the Golden as a possible pet for you.

As with other large breeds, hip dysplasia is common ailment with the Golden. So is congenital eye defects. Skin allergies, too, has proven to be a common problem with the Golden.

These ailments should highlight the importance of working with the right breeder with the right credentials and experience, Smith said. One of the primary goals of her group is to encourage safe breeding and educate pet owners to seek out responsible breeders - and not just rush off and respond to a newspaper ad because the price seems right.

Both Smith and Hecker stressed the importance of proper research and taking the time to explore the Golden Retriever breed before making a decision to bring a new family member into your house. Learn about the breeder, ask for references, and ask yourself some honest questions.

"A lot of people just don't understand when they get an animal, that animal is their responsibility for its whole life," Hecker said.

An avid dog lover, Milwaukee native and accomplished freelance writer, **Mark Edmund** has spent the better part of his life with canine companions.

*If you are interested in learning more about Golden Retrievers, contact your local Breed Rescue Group, Humane Society, or Training Club.*





# Being your dog's first responder.

Unfortunately, as of yet, there is no 911 for dogs. In an emergency, you are your dog's emergency medical technician. Hopefully, most dog owners will never have to wear that hat, but it never hurts to be prepared when a crisis strikes.

The first step to helping your dog is being able to recognize what constitutes an emergency. Luckily, you're already the best person for this job. "Clients are good at assessing the situation," assures veterinarian Scott Fellenz with the Family Pet Clinic, "they're with their dogs the most and know when something doesn't seem right." Even if there are no outward signs of illness, vet clinics will record this condition as ADR or 'ain't doing right', so never assume that your gut feeling is wrong. Know what your dog looks like on a normal day and what his usual patterns are. Does he usually eat all his food right away, like to romp and play all morning long or socialize with the neighbors? Knowing what he does while he's healthy will give you clues when he's not.

Indicators of a problem can include severe diarrhea and vomiting, pale gums, weakness and lethargy. If your dog has difficulty walking, collapses, or is drooling excessively. Difficulty breathing and persistent coughing should also send up red flags. Straining to urinate, wetting the house and a protruding rectum all could constitute a call to the vet. Even if none of these symptoms are apparent in your pet and your still concerned, it's a good idea to contact a professional; after all, you do know your pet best.

Be prepared for these situations. The phone numbers to your vet and an emergency veterinary provider should be easily accessible. Your family, friends and any other of Fido's caretakers need to know how to get to both locations. While there are steps you can take to help your dog, it's always best to consult a veterinarian first and bring your pet in for immediate care if possible. Unless your dog has difficulty breathing or a mouth injury, use a muzzle before

handling him. Even an otherwise sweet family pet might bite if he's in pain. If a muzzle isn't available, use a tie, gauze, rag or rope to loop around the muzzle and fasten behind the ears. Secure it but allow for comfortable breathing. If he's sustained injuries, try using a board or blanket for transport.

There are some things you can do to help your pet in a crisis. Have a basic pet first aid kit available. They're found in most pet store or you can make it yourself. Include tweezers, a thermometer, Q-tips, a tourniquet, hydrogen peroxide, roll gaze and pads, antibiotic ointment, instant cold packs and a first aid book. Also consider keeping a copy of your pet's medical record with the emergency supplies in case your regular vet is closed and you need to go to a 24-hour facility. It will advise new caregivers that may be unfamiliar with your pet of his medical history

Keep observations of your pet's condition including any treatment you've performed; it'll allow you to give the doctor a more detailed report when you arrive. If you can get your pet's temperature and pulse before arriving, it might help show any future improvement or decline. To take your dog's temperature, lubricate a thermometer with petroleum jelly and insert it about an inch into the rectum. The digital models are easiest to use because of their fast response time, otherwise wait about 30 seconds for results. The average temperature for a dog is about 100.4-102.2. To check his pulse, use the femoral artery on the inside of the hind leg near his groin. Place your hand so that the side of your index finger is resting on the abdomen and the rest of your hand is in contact with the leg and apply slight pressure. If you can't feel a pulse, move your fingers around a bit. At rest the normal rates range from 90-120 beats per minute for a small dog, 70-110 for medium breeds and 60-90 for large dogs. With both temperature and pulse it's wise to know your dog's normal rate, so practice taking them while he's healthy.

If you dog's bleeding from a wound, apply pressure with a gauze square. Should it become saturated, continue adding more gauze without removing the original. Apply ice if possible to slow bleeding. If it's severely bleeding, use the tourniquet in a spot between the injury and the heart. Loosen it every 15-20 minutes for

about 20-25 seconds to allow the limb some blood supply. Only use this technique in life -threatening injuries, a tourniquet can be very dangerous and have serious consequences such as amputation. If the bleeding is internal, keep your dog as still and quite as possible on the ride to the vet.

If you dog is experiencing vomiting or diarrhea as isolated symptoms you can treat at home by withholding food for the first 12-24 hours, 6-12 for puppies, then offering a small amount of water or ice cubes. If that stays down try a small bland meal of 3/4 boiled rice to 1/4 boiled, rinsed, ground beef. If the vomiting grows severe or persistent, contact your veterinarian. Watch for signs of dehydration by gently pinching up a small portion of you pets skin, if it stays in a tent like shape he's dehydrated. If you can attribute these symptoms to something your pet has gotten into, call a your vet immediately. If you think it might be a toxic substance, don't induce vomiting without speaking with a professional as some substances do more damage coming back up.

Dr. Fellenz also recommends consulting your veterinarian before offering any medications. Even medications that are considered pet-safe might have different dosages for animals then they do for people or they might have adverse reaction to a medication your dog might already be on. He suggests speaking with your veterinarian ahead of time about possible over-the-counter human medications before you need them.

If you're interested in taking your knowledge even farther, check with your vet, Red Cross, humane society or emergency center to see if they offer any courses in pet first aid and CPR.

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# RESCUED TO RESCUER

How 9/11 led an orphaned Golden to become an NDSDF Dog.

Survivors trapped in the wreckage of a disaster like the World Trade Center may be surprised at their rescuer having four legs and a tail. But thanks to their heightened sense of smell and agility, canine search and rescue teams are the fastest and safest way to find trapped victims. It takes a courageous and highly trained dog to be able to traverse the shifting, uneven surfaces, debris, hot spots and smoldering ash of an urban disaster. One such canine hero, Cody, comes from a humble beginning.

Dedicated to finding loving, forever homes for all surrendered Golden Retrievers, the Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin (GRRoW) quickly realized Cody would be a challenge.

"Cody was a whirling dervish," says Jody Wallace, Cody's former foster mom. He had been in six previous homes before he came to live with her. At 14 months, Cody's energy level was so high Wallace's two Golden Retrievers, ages 6 months (Grizzly Bear) and 2 1/2 years (Moose) couldn't keep up with him. "They eventually figured out a tag team method, where one would play with Cody while the other rested," says Anne Koelbl a member of GRRoW familiar with Cody's story.

"Cody was the smartest dog I've ever met," remembers Wallace. He got into trouble opening doors and escaping fences. Finding him a permanent family wasn't going to be easy.

But an early November email from a fellow rescuer, Rue Chagoll, changed the direction of Cody's life. A resident of upstate New York, Chagoll was determined to help in the aftermath of 9/11 and contacted the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (NDSDF).

"He put out a request for all rescue operations to keep a lookout for super-hyper, extremely intelligent dogs under the age of 18 months," says Koelbl. Cody was a prime candidate and less than 10 days later he was on his way to six months

of NDSDF training near San Jose, California, to become a search and rescue dog.

The NDSDF leads in the training of canine search and rescue teams, which includes FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) certification. FEMA developed a standard which sets the urban disaster canine teams apart from water, avalanche, wilderness search, and others due to the special skills required. The certification tests both the dog and handler, requiring recertification every two years. The NDSDF handlers are primarily firefighters, who are the first responders to a disaster and can incorporate a dog into their career.

Paired with handler/firefighter Linda D'Orsi, Cody is now based in Chula Vista, California, to be dispatched anywhere in the nation should there be a disaster. They are FEMA certified and working on their advanced certification.

For Koelbl, it is the success of Cody, once without a home, eventually finding his place in the world that is most important. Now his boundless energy no longer gets him into trouble, but is a real asset.

This year Cody, accompanied by D'Orsi, will return to Wisconsin to take part in GRRoW's 3rd annual Trails Dog Walk happening on September 11th and honoring the five Golden Retrievers sent to NDSDF. "Cody and the other dogs that GRRoW has sent on to NDSDF bring a real Wisconsin connection to the memories of that date," says Koelbl. To join Cody

and raise funds for the veterinary care of rescued dogs, go to GRRoW online at [www.grrow.org](http://www.grrow.org) and come walk your dog at Lapham Peak State Park, Delafield, September 11, 2004, from 10am to 3pm. "The dog walk is a blast," adds Wallace.

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# Tracking -

## -Another Way For Your Dog To Follow His Nose

It's an early spring morning and amidst the dew-covered grass there is a dog sniffing. The scent is rising and the hunt is on. It's not a fox hunt, it's essentially a search for a missing article. Kind of like hide-and-seek for the nose that knows. The dog is on a leash, but the owner can't sense the faint aroma and can only follow the dog - farther and farther away from the starting point. It's more than a morning adventure, however, it's a canine sport known as tracking.

"Essentially, tracking is the ability of the dog to follow a track placed by a person and find an article at the end," according to Dorothy Schmidt of the Milwaukee Dog Training Club. The track is placed by using a scent at regular intervals along a path. The dog follows that trail to the jackpot - the object of the hunt, perhaps a glove or a hat. The dog must lead the way, with no hints or help from the owners. "You really have to trust your dog," Schmidt says.

Tracking is different than other dog competitions. For starters, there is no direct competition among dogs. In order to win, it's not necessary for someone else to lose, encouraging the camaraderie which already exists among dog lovers. Like agility or obedience competitions, tracking competitions take a skill which



Photo courtesy of Milwaukee Dog Training Club.

a dog already has and refines it. Some search-and-rescue dogs, or even cadaver-sniffing dogs have started out as tracking dogs.

"All dogs can track, but not all are good at the sport," warns Schmidt. Dogs who are not interested in food, which is the primary means of training, are not good candidates. So are dogs who are shy, nervous and afraid. They can't concentrate on the competition at hand, according to Schmidt. "We can't teach dogs to track - they do that automatically. What we are teaching them is to track what we want them to follow."

And the teaching is extensive. Schmidt is the teacher at the Milwaukee Dog Training Club, and she estimates that it takes over 50 hours of nose-to-the-ground training before a dog is prepared to take the entry-level test. And that is only the training of the dog. Schmidt won't reveal how long it takes to train the owner, but she laughs that the dogs are smarter in all areas.

As with all formal dog competitions, there are various levels depending on the skill and experience of the dog. Level 1, known as TD, involves the dog following a track 440-500 yards long, usually along a flat grassy field. The track is between 30 minutes to two hours old, with a dark glove at the end of the trail. According to Schmidt, approximately 52% of dogs pass this test to be certified.

Level 2, also known as TDX, involves the scent and three articles of clothing; for instance a handkerchief, a hat and something leather. This time the dogs must follow an 800 to 1,000 yard-long trail between three and five hours old,

with the trail ranging across flat ground, sandy soil and woods. With the increased difficulty, the pass rate drops to 17%.

Finally, there is Level 3, VST. Variable Surface Tracking is just what the name implies, between a third to a half of the trail is over non-vegetative areas, such as blacktop or mulch. The 600-800 yard trail is three to five hours old, and to further test the dog, two of the items are from non-organic materials, such as plastic or metal. Only five percent of the dogs who attempt this test will pass, but the ones who do earn the title of Champion.

Don't let the statistics influence you. Tracking is a fun experience for both dogs and owners. It's a great excuse to get outside, enjoy an activity with your dog, and may even lead to a new career.

While tracking competitions are certified by the American Kennel Club, some organizations, including the Milwaukee Dog Training Club, welcome dogs of all breeds, including the prolific Humane Society Special.

There are many resources available if you are interested in getting your dog involved in tracking. There are many good books on the subject, including *Tracking From The Ground Up* by Sandy Ganz and Susan Boyd, or *Enthusiastic Tracking* by William Sanders. You can also check out the AKC website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), or the Milwaukee Dog Training Club at [www.milwaukeeclub.com](http://www.milwaukeeclub.com).

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## AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY

The American Kennel Club has declared Friday, September 17, "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day," and announced hundreds of events to be held nationwide throughout the month of September. The goal of the initiative - being held for the second year - is to educate first-time dog owners about the responsibilities of dog ownership and help current owners enhance their relationships with their pets.

"AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day helps bring attention to the fact that dog ownership, while immensely rewarding, should not be entered into lightly. It's crucial to understand the commitment involved and learn as much as you can about dogs and your specific breed before bringing home a new four-footed family member," says AKC spokeswoman Gail Miller.

All AKC-affiliated dog clubs as well as many other dog and pet-related organizations have been invited to participate by holding public events in their communities. Activities will include AKC Canine Good Citizen tests, obedience/agility demonstrations, microchipping clinics, breed rescue information, therapy dog/service dog demonstrations, safety around dogs for kids, fundraisers and many, many, more entertaining and educational events.

"If you are considering bringing a dog into your life, these events are an ideal way to meet canine experts and learn about the resources in your area. AKC dogs clubs can assist dog owners with everything from training to locating a reputable breeder, and we encourage everyone to attend - whether a dedicated dog lover or new pet owner," adds Miller.

The American Kennel Club (AKC), founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of purebred dogs. The AKC maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States, and along with its 4,500 licensed and member clubs, educates the general public about responsible dog ownership. More than 15,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules

each year including conformation, agility, obedience, tracking, herding, lure coursing, hunt tests, and field and earthdog trials. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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# The Legal Beagle

The Wisconsin Supreme Court Addresses Dog Owner Liability In a Trio of Recent Cases

In three cases decided this summer, Wisconsin's highest court made important decisions impacting dog owner liability. To protect yourself, and your pooch, dog owners should take time to understand their legal rights and responsibilities in light of these decisions.

## Uninvited Guest

In *Fandrey v. American Family Mutual Insurance Company*, the Court addressed the issue of whether public policy factors could be used to limit a dog owner's liability under Wis. Stat. § 174.02, Wisconsin's dog bite statute. In *Fandrey*, a woman and her three-year old daughter made an unannounced visit to drop off Christmas cookies for a friend who was not at home. The friend's dog bit the child, who brought a lawsuit in a case

that ultimately made its way to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The Court held that public policy factors should be considered on a case-by-case basis to determine whether a dog owner should be liable under Wis. Stat. § 174.02. The Court concluded that holding an owner responsible for a dog that bites an uninvited guest in the dog owner's home would be out of proportion with a dog owner's culpability, would place an unreasonable burden on responsible dog owners, and would produce liability with no sensible or just stopping point.

## Dog Injuries to Police

In *Cole v. Hubanks*, the Court addressed the issue of whether an on-duty police officer could sue a dog owner for injuries she received as the result of a dog bite. In that case, a police officer on patrol in the City of Milwaukee was bit in the face and neck by an Akita running at large when she tried to capture the stray dog. Here too, the case ended up before the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The Court held that an on-duty police officer could sue for injuries caused by a dog. The decision sent a clear message to dog owners. The Court permitted the police officer's claim to go forward in order to "encourage dog owners to shoulder their responsibilities to the public at large, by exercising care to adequately restrain their dogs."

## Landlord's Liability for Tenant's Dog

Finally, in *Smaxwell v. Bayard*, the Court addressed the issue of whether a landlord could be held liable for injuries caused by a dog owned by a tenant. The case arose when a tenant's three dogs seriously injured a three-year-old child who was attacked while an invited guest on the landlord's property. The child's mother brought a lawsuit against several parties, including the landlord. This case too found its way to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The Court held that a landlord's liability for injuries caused by dogs is limited to situations where the landlord is also the owner or keeper of the dog causing the injury. The Court held that to permit liability against landlords, who have no control over or custody of the dog, would produce liability with no just stopping point. Likewise, the Court stated that an owner of property would not be liable for any injuries caused by a dog that was on his or her property but not under his or her control, e.g. by a dog owned by a social guest.

As these decisions make clear, dog owners in Wisconsin have the responsibility to know the law. In appropriate cases, courts will impose personal liability on dog owners. Therefore, an important component of responsible dog ownership includes taking the time to know about local ordinances and state statutes governing dog owner responsibilities. Your dog, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court, will thank you for your efforts.

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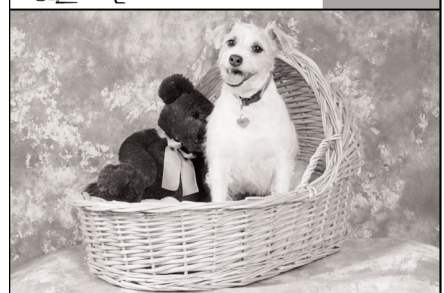
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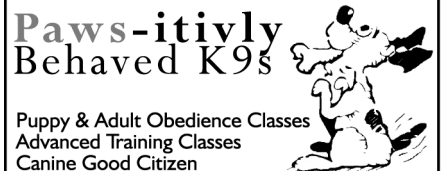
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# Event Calendar

## September | October 2004

### September

#### 5 Sunday

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Introduction to the Tellington TTouch  
**When:** 11am-3pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 9 Thursday

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Life Skills for Puppies 8-20 weeks  
**When:** Sep 9-Oct 14, 6-7pm & 7:30-8:30pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 10 Friday

**What:** Obedience Run Thrus  
**When:** 6:30 - Utility and Novice, 7:30 - Open  
**Where:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070, \$5.00

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** "So You Want to Get A Dog"  
**When:** 7-9pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

**What:** Sidewalk Sale  
**When:** Friday - Sunday 10:00 - 4:00  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776

#### 11 Saturday

**What:** Obedience Consult./Tellington TTouch  
**When:** 2 - 6, Sessions with Clauddeen McAuliffe  
**Where:** The Natural Pet, 3074 S. Delaware, Bay View  
**Info:** 482-7387 Appts Required. \$20/20 minutes

**What:** Ozaukee Co. H.S. Walk for Animals  
**Where:** Rotary Park, Mequon  
**Info:** 377-7580 or www.ozaukeehumane.org.

**What:** Washington Co. H.S. Walk for Animals  
**Where:** Silverbrook Middle School, West Bend  
**Info:** 262-677-4388

**What:** NADAC Agility Trial  
**Where:** Greater Racine Kennel Club  
**Info:** 414-961-6163

#### 12 Sunday

**What:** Golden Retriever Rescue  
**When:** 11:00 - 1:00  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee  
**Info:** 262-548-0923 or www.petlicious.com

#### 14 Tuesday

**What:** Clicker1 - Basic Obedience for All Dogs  
**When:** Tuesdays, Sept 14 - Oct 12, 7:00 - 8:00  
**Where:** Kindness Canine, 105 W. Wis. Ave., Ocon.  
**Info:** morapaz@aol.com or 414-817-1909

#### 17 Friday

**What:** Agility Run Thrus  
**When:** 6:30 - Practice the course or obstacle  
**Where:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070, \$5.00/5 minutes

#### 18 Saturday

**What:** 2nd Animal Guide Dog-Handlers Gathering  
**When:** 1:00 - 3:00  
**Where:** Animal Motel 13175 W. Silver Spring, Butler  
**Info:** www.animalmotel.net

**What:** Pugtopia Fall Pug Walk  
**When:** 2:00  
**Where:** The Natural Pet, 3074 S. Delaware, Bay View  
**Info:** 414-482-7387

**What:** Pet Photos w/ or w/o Family by SliderPhoto  
**When:** 10:00 - 3:30  
**Where:** Friends of Nature - Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-567-2699 (appts), 414-899-8697

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

**What:** Dog Guide Awareness Day  
**When:** 1:30 - 3:30  
**Where:** Animal Motel, 13175 W. Silver Spring, Butler  
**Info:** www.animalmotel.net

**What:** Elmbrook Humane Society Wag Walk  
**When:** 8:30 - 3:00  
**Where:** Minooka Park in Waukesha  
**Info:** 262-782-9261

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** How Food Affects Behavior  
**When:** 1-4pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 19 Sunday

**What:** Guided Tour w/ Your Dog Around Fowler Lake  
**When:** 11:00 - 2:00, Meet at The Doggy Bag  
**Where:** 150 E. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-560-1717

**What:** Greyhound Great 'n Meet  
**When:** 12:00 - 2:00  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee  
**Info:** 262-548-0923 or www.petlicious.com

**What:** Animal Communication w/ Rebecca Moravec  
**When:** Session (Sun 12-5), Class (6-8 & Mon 6-8)  
**Where:** The Natural Pet, 3074 S. Delaware, Bay View  
**Info:** 414-482-7387, \$40/session, \$125/class Appt Req.

**What:** Professional Pet Sitters Assoc or WI (PPAW)  
**When:** 2:00 - 4:00  
**Info:** 414-871-1851

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Tellington TTouch Part 2 (cont' of Intro/Sep 5)  
**When:** 11am-3pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Companion Assistance Dog Training.  
**When:** 4:00-4.45pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Teaching Dogs with Disabilities: Hearing  
**When:** 5:30-6:30pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 22 Wednesday

**What:** Nail Clipping w/ Prof Groomer Cathy Thomas  
**When:** 6:00 - 8:00  
**Where:** The Natural Pet, 3074 S. Delaware, Bay View  
**Info:** 414-482-7387

#### 24 Friday

**What:** Fun and Games Night  
**When:** 7:00 A fun night of group games.  
**Where:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070, \$8.00

**What:** Free Yappy Hour  
**When:** 6:00 - 8:00  
**Where:** Amiable Dog Training, 4343 S. 27th St.  
**Info:** Public welcome, all dogs must be vaccinated.

#### 25 Saturday

**Who:** Creature Comforts Pet Fair Extravaganza  
**What:** Tellington TTouch Demo and More  
**When:** 9am-5pm  
**Where:** Burlington High School, Burlington WI  
**Info:** 262-767-9392, Melanie@genevaonline.com

**What:** Enderis Park Dog Fair  
**When:** 11-3 (All dogs must be leashed.)  
**Where:** N. 72nd St. and Chambers  
**Info:** Games, raffles, food, parade, & dog supplies.  
Benefiting Enderis Park Renewal Project & WHS.

#### 26 Sunday

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

**What:** Elmbrook Humane Soc. Walk to New Shelter  
**Where:** 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield  
**Info:** 262-782-9261

**What:** Pet Massage w/ Doug Arthur  
**When:** 12:00 - 5:00  
**Where:** The Natural Pet, 3074 S. Delaware, Bay View  
**Info:** 414-482-7387, \$20/20 minutes, Appt Req.

### October

#### 2 Saturday

**What:** Pet Photos w/ or w/o Family by SliderPhoto  
**When:** 10:00 - 4:00 (Benefiting HAWS)  
**Where:** 701 Northview Rd. Waukesha  
**Info:** 262-542-8851 (appts), 414-899-8697

#### 3 Sunday

**What:** Greyhound Great 'n Meet  
**When:** 12:00 - 2:00  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee  
**Info:** 262-548-0923 or www.petlicious.com

**What:** Rescue Romp (Donate to Local Rescues)  
**When:** 10:00 - 11:30  
**Where:** Paws-itivly Behaved K9s, 9823 S. 13th St.  
**Info:** 262-488-1982 or www.pawsitivlyk9s.com

#### 8 Friday

**What:** Obedience Run Thrus  
**When:** 6:30 - Utility and Novice, 7:30 - Open  
**Where:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070, \$5.00

#### 9 Saturday

**What:** Christmas Photos w/ Santa by SliderPhoto  
**When:** 10:00 - 4:00  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776 (appts), 414-899-8697

#### 15 Friday

**What:** TGIF Dog Bone Social  
**When:** 6:30 - 8:00 Dog Friendly Dogs Only  
**Where:** Paws-itivly Behaved K9s, 9823 S. 13th St.  
**Info:** 262-488-1982, www.pawsitivlyk9s.com, \$2/dog

**What:** Agility Run Thrus  
**When:** 6:30 - Practice the course or obstacle  
**Where:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070, \$5.00/5 minutes

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** "So You Want to Get A Dog"  
**When:** 7-9pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com



#### 16 Saturday

**What:** Pet Photos w/ or w/o Family by SliderPhoto  
**When:** 9:30 - 4:00  
**Where:** Friends of Nature - Slinger  
**Info:** 262-644-4088 (appts), 414-899-8697

**What:** 10th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering, GPA-WI  
**When:** 10:00 - 4:00  
**Where:** Waukesha County Expo Center  
**Info:** www.gpawisconsin.org or pauprint@execpc.com

#### 17 Sunday

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

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Tellington TTouch Part 3 (cont' of Intro/Sep 5)  
**When:** 9am-5pm  
**Where:** Pooch Playhouse, Delafield WI  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 21 Thursday

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Life Skills for Puppies 8-20 weeks  
**When:** 10/21-12/9, 6-7pm and 7:30-8:30pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 22 Friday

**What:** Fun and Games Night  
**When:** 7:00 A fun night of group games.  
**Where:** For Pet Sake Dog Training School  
**Info:** 1-888-581-9070, \$8.00

#### 23 Saturday

**What:** Obedience Consultations/Tellington TTouch  
**When:** 2 - 6, Sessions with Clauddeen McAuliffe  
**Where:** The Natural Pet, 3074 S. Delaware, Bay View  
**Info:** 482-7387 Appts Required. \$20/20 minutes

**What:** Pet Photos w/ or w/o Family by SliderPhoto  
**When:** 9:30 - 4:00  
**Where:** Friends of Nature - Menomonee Falls  
**Info:** 262-253-9889 (appts), 414-899-8697

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

#### 24 Sunday

**What:** Pet Massage w/ Doug Arthur  
**When:** 12:00 - 5:00  
**Where:** The Natural Pet, 3074 S. Delaware, Bay View  
**Info:** 414-482-7387, \$20/20 minutes, Appt Req.

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Introduction to the Tellington TTouch  
**When:** 11am-3pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

#### 30 Saturday

**What:** Pet Photos w/ or w/o Family by SliderPhoto  
**When:** 10:30 - 3:30  
**Where:** The Feed Bag, 220 Oak St., Grafton  
**Info:** 262-377-7601 (appts), 414-899-8697

**What:** Walk w/ Your Dog in the Halloween Parade  
**When:** 4:00, Meet at The Doggy Bag  
**Where:** 150 E. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-560-1717

**What:** Clicker1 - Basic Obedience for All Dogs  
**When:** Saturdays, Oct 30 - Dec 4, 1:00 - 2:00  
**Where:** Pooch Playhouse, 24 Enterprise Rd., Delafield  
**Info:** morapaz@aol.com or 414-817-1909

**What:** Halloween Costume Contest & Pawrade  
**When:** 11:00am  
**Where:** The Dog Spot, Wauwatosa  
**Info:** 414-258-3444

#### 31 Sunday

**What:** 5th Annual Halloween Costume Contest  
**When:** 12:00 - 2:00 (Benefiting Humane Societies)  
**Where:** Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee  
**Info:** 262-548-0923 or www.petlicious.com

**Who:** Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants  
**What:** Tellington TTouch Part 2 (cont' of Intro/Sep 5)  
**When:** 11am-3pm  
**Where:** 105 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc  
**Info:** 262-569-1050, clauddeen@kindnessk9.com

### Reoccurring Events

Every 2nd Tuesday & 4th Thursday

**What:** Red Cross - Pet First Aid and CPR Class  
**When:** 5:00 - 8:00  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776 Cost \$30 Reg. Fee

**What:** Pet Massage by Geri  
**When:** 10:00 - 2:00  
**Where:** Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego  
**Info:** 262-679-6776

### Pet T.V. & Radio

Every Thursday

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

Every Saturday

**Who:** "Your Family Pet" with Amy Ammen  
**What:** Radio Show 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
**Where:** WRRD 540am The Word  
**Info:** Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

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

Every Sunday

**Who:** "The Everything Pet Show" with Amy Ammen  
**What:** Live call-in show 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 414-799-1234  
**Where:** WEMP The Voice, AM 1250  
**Info:** Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

The information for the Event Calendar is provided to Fetch Magazine by many sources and is accurate at the time of printing. We encourage you to call ahead to confirm event details.

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



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all pets, regardless of immunity and health status, which studies show can be damaging to a pet's immune function. The titer test is a blood test, which acts as a snapshot by which to view the current level of immunity possessed by a pet against some preventable, communicable diseases.

Dr. Gruenstern also consults with her clients about the importance of diet and nutrition. A large part of her practice involves the use of fresh whole foods, nutraceuticals (natural food based vitamin supplements formulated to enhance the body's immune function and overall health), and western herbal remedies. She is also using classic formulations of Chinese herbs and has a part time acupuncturist seeing patients at her clinic two days every other week. "We really want people to know about titer testing and the importance of diet as the foundation to health. We don't just jump right to antibiotics and steroids but we are an integrated practice-we will prescribe drug therapy when a response to natural remedies isn't seen quickly enough," said Gruenstern. You can contact Animal Doctor, Inc., for information on holistic animal care at (414) 422-1300.

Both Drs. Bessent and Gruenstern refer patients to each other for specific needs that they feel the other can better address.

This seems common among holistic practitioners because the need for their services is so great. It isn't a matter of competition but rather a joining of the minds and modalities of qualified doctors to achieve the best possible outcome for each individual patient. It stands to reason that the business of holistic medicine resembles its overall mission of gentle respect for all life and fortitude for overall well-being, a philosophy that can be carried into all aspects of life

Stacy Conroy is Co-Owner of Companion Natural Pet Food and in starting her company, has conducted several years of research into the relationship between pet nutrition and health. She also gives talks on the raw diet for dogs and cats.



continued from page 13 **Reward! Lost Dog!**

- After five or six days, expand the area of your search.

As a preventative measure, microchipping was stressed. Additionally, again and again, it was recommended to include, at bare minimum, your phone number on your dog's tags. The rabies tag and the county license are not as easily tracked to you by someone in your neighborhood who finds your dog. OHS's Dave Wintz states that the lack of identification is "frustrating for those that are in the shelter world". All the humane societies emphasize the importance of visiting the shelters frequently and being persistent in your search.

On a Thursday evening a couple of weeks after her buddy had become lost, Jenny continuing her search and posted colored flyers in an expanded search area. She received a call from a woman who thought she had seen Dory on her farm. Friday morning, before work, Jenny went to the farm. She called Dory's name and within five minutes, a wet, dirty, tick-covered dog was in Jenny's car. 16 days

after she had become lost, Jenny could utter those happy words "Dory is home".

#### List of Humane Societies:

- Beaver Dam HS (Dodge County) (920) 887-0310 [www.bdhumanesociety.org](http://www.bdhumanesociety.org)
- Countryside HS (Racine County) (262) 554-6699 [www.countrysidehumanesociety.org](http://www.countrysidehumanesociety.org)
- Elm-Brook HS (Waukesha County) (262) 782-9261 [www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)
- Fond du Lac HS (920) 922-8873 [www.petfinder.org/shelters/WI23.html](http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/WI23.html)
- Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWs) (Waukesha County) (262) 542-8851 [www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)
- Kenosha County HS (262) 694-4047
- Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) (414) 649-8640 [www.madacc.com](http://www.madacc.com)
- Ozaukee County HS (262) 377-7580 [www.ozaukeehumane.org](http://www.ozaukeehumane.org)
- Sheboygan County HS (920) 458-2012 [www.sheboyganchs.org](http://www.sheboyganchs.org)
- Washington County HS (262) 677-4388 [www.washingtoncountyhumane.org](http://www.washingtoncountyhumane.org)
- Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee County) 414-ANIMALS [www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org)

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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There are people who give their dogs commands and those who give them back rubs. There are dogs who are told to stay off the couch and those with a chair at the table. And there are some who believe a dog is a companion and others who call him friend.

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