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The photos have been collected, the numbers have been tallied, and the votes are in. After receiving dozens of photographs for our Top Dog contest - where you the readers decide which new breeds to focus on in 2006 - the winners are...

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Each issue in 2006 will feature one of the breeds listed above. One lucky photo will find its way on the cover. Will it be yours? Send in your pooch's photos today for a chance to make it on the cover...or in the story at the very least.

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GRRoW Announces 4th Annual Trails on Trails Dog Walk

Join the Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin for its 4th Annual Trails on Trails Dog Walk September 10, 2005. This fun, event-filled day is a great way to spend time with your dog while raising money to help support Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin (GRRoW). Funds raised will go directly toward covering veterinary costs and other expenses associated with fostering and placing surrendered Golden Retrievers. Walkers are encouraged to collect pledges to turn in the day of the event.

All breeds are welcome and will be recognized as Honorary Golden Retrievers for the day.

What: Trails on Trails Dog Walk benefiting GRRoW

A 1/2 mile or 1 mile walk including several activities for dogs and their people,

including dog games, dog-related organizations and vendors, a blessing of the animals and a parade of recently rescued dogs

When: Saturday, September 10
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Ask the VET

Q: Every year Muffin's veterinarian scolds me at her annual check up because she is too fat! I insist I feed her only a tiny amount. I have followed all of his recommendations and even tried the high fiber diets he suggested. I've also used the veterinary prescription diet with no success and was recently told that I should cease feeding her this food due to the absence of quality nutrients. Are there other alternatives? Muffin is six years old and I'm really worried that she may develop diabetes or arthritis because of her obesity. How can I prevent this?

Muffin's Mom in Mukwonago

A: I am going to assume that Muffin has had a thorough check-up complete with blood work to rule out underlying causes of obesity, such as hypothyroidism or hyperadrenocorticism. I am also sure that you provide Muffin with a happy life full of plenty of exercise and stimulating activities.

If that is the case, then I can tell you how to make a low-fat Muffin. Loosely, your little carnivore needs the Atkins' diet. Dogs (and especially cats) do not metabolize excessive processed cereal grains (carbohydrates) well.

In the proceedings from the Iam's International Nutrition Symposium, an author states, "It is useful to remember dry foods are often more energy dense than canned products. Diets that are high in carbohydrates...provide readily available sugars..."

According to an article in the Whole Dog Journal, "Kibble is loaded with carbs because they are (an) inexpensive...source of energy...and if a food mixture contains more than 45% animal product...it will gum up the extruder." Therefore, in general, the canned version of any brand will be more meat-based (higher protein, lower carb) than the dry version of the same brand.

It is my opinion that some veterinarians have done pets a disservice by insisting on dry food for dental health. In reality our

pets are crunching on sugar cubes daily. You may be able to decrease Muffin's weight significantly just by changing to a regimented twice daily feeding of canned food. Nature intended that our little carnivores would consume raw flesh full of moisture and free of processed cereal grains. Ideally we should try to mimic the "carcass-concept" for Muffin and any other obese dog or cat companion. Quality natural canned diets which are grain-free, commercial balanced raw meat diets, or balanced home prepared diets are three wonderful options for Muffin. Soon she will be on her way to leanness and satisfaction!

In my clinical experience, we have repeatedly resolved obesity, stopped the onset and even cured diabetes, and diminished arthritic symptoms by removing high-calorie, inflammatory processed grains (such as corn, wheat, and rice) from the diet.

There is a wealth of information available to guide you and Muffin through a gradual transition from a conventional kibble diet to an appropriate canned diet (free of grains and artificial preservatives) or to a biologically appropriate raw food.

It is imperative you understand that I am not telling you to start feeding "chunks of meat." This could become extremely unbalanced. A balanced meat diet must include adequate flesh, organs, bone, and herbs or vegetation in a pre-digested form as found in the gut of a prey. Sound yucky? No, sweet Muffin will find it delectable, and commercial products are readily available that have made the handling of it extremely easy and convenient for you!

I strongly recommend feeding a quality probiotic during the transition. This replenishes the gut with "good bacteria" which aids in proper digestion and immune function. Plain yogurt contains some healthy probiotics, but larger numbers may be purchased in enteric-coated capsules or microencapsulated gels; strains which have been shown to survive the acidic stomach to prevent or treat diarrhea stemming from small or large intestinal floral imbalances. Probiotics and enzymes should be supplemented intermittently, long-term to any pet being fed a heat processed canned or kibble diet of any brand. If a raw diet is fed to a healthy pet this would not be necessary. These are two of the most common nutrient categories lacking in a heat processed diet. I also recommend supplementing a utilizable

fatty acid (omega 3) source with any diet, even raw. Grandmas have known for years how useful cod liver oil is for good health. This applies to our pets even more than us. Norwegian salmon oil or cod liver oil certified free of mercury and PCBs is best to purchase. Most pets love this addition to their food. Get advice from an experienced holistic veterinarian or reputable pet supply shop owner who has performed their own research and listens to client feedback for product selection, because nutraceutical supplements and herbals are not government regulated. Patience, persistence, and follow-up with your veterinarian are important during any weight loss program. Too rapid weight loss is possible and can be especially dangerous in cats. Therefore leading to a life-threatening illness called hepatic lipidosis or "fatty liver disease." Please monitor carefully.

L-carnitine is an amino-acid nutraceutical which can be used to aid lipid metabolism. I have used this successfully to assist weight loss and to aid treatment of fatty liver disease.

When Muffin loses weight, you will greatly decrease her chances for development of diabetes and arthritis. However, it is also appropriate for you to consider joint support products which contain glucosamine as a preventative. In nature, carnivores consume glucosamine in the form of joint cartilage and tracheas. Yet the pet food industry does not recognize glucosamine as a necessary nutrient. Even conventional veterinarians have witnessed dramatic improvements in pets consuming products to treat arthritis, such as Cosequin or Glycoflex. Why wait for pain to occur? Why not use our common sense and prevent this problem with a raw meaty bone diet or glucosamine supplement at a young age.

If you feed this great new diet, don't undo the good you're doing by feeding "bad" treats - but that information is for another installment of "Ask the Vet."

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Ask the Trainer

Question: I'd like to get more involved in sporting activities with my canine companions. Can you provide a brief run-down of all the sanctioned events and sporting activities available to me?

Answer: The AKC and UKC offer numerous events and sporting activities to enhance your specific breed's inherent lifestyle. Many of these events also require the handler to participate as a guide to direct their canine's movement. Check with your local training clubs for a listing of events and activities provided by their trainers.

Conformation

Conformation Events, or Dog Shows, as they are more commonly referred to, are competitive events that evaluate a dog's structure as it compares to a written description of the perfect breed standard.

The judges must be familiar with not only the standards of the breeds they judge, but with the Conformation rules and regulations as well. Dog shows may be held for one breed, several breeds or all breeds, depending on the experience of the club in managing such events.

Agility

Agility blends training and athletic ability, creating challenge and excitement for every breed. Dogs demonstrate their ability to negotiate a complex course that includes climbing an A-frame, jumping through hoops, running through tunnels, and pausing on command.

Obedience

Obedience trials promote better canine-human companionship by encouraging basic good behavior in dogs. Obedience competitions test a dog's ability to perform a prescribed set of exercises.

Rally

Rally promotes fun and enjoyment for dogs at all levels of competition. A dog and handler complete a course of 10 to 20 designated stations. A sign at each station describes the skill that must be performed in order to move to the next station.

Dog Shows (Junior Showmanship)

Junior Showmanship offers children between the ages of 10 and 18 years of age an opportunity to develop their handling skills, learn about good sportsmanship, and learn about dogs and dog shows. Juniors are judged on their ability to present, or handle, their dogs as they would in the breed ring.

Field Trials

Field trials offer practical demonstrations of a dog's ability to perform in the field the functions for which it was bred. Field events are open to pointing breeds, retrievers, spaniels, Beagles, Basset Hounds, and Dachshunds. Events vary according to breeds' functions, but in each case, dogs compete against each other for placements and points.

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Tracking

Tracking tests, open to all breeds, evaluate a dog's ability to follow a trail by scent. The dog must find and indicate articles left on the track by a track layer. Some of the most difficult tests challenge a dog to follow human scent across various surfaces and through changing conditions.

Coonhound Events

Coonhound events include bench shows, field trials, nite hunts, and water races. At a bench show, dogs are put on benches to be judged for their conformation; then the dogs are taken around the ring at a trot to be judged on their movement. The other events test the dog's ability to follow the scent of a raccoon to the tree where it's hiding and to signal their owners that the quarry is treed.

Herding

Herding tests and trials demonstrate a dog's ability to herd sheep, cattle, goats, or ducks under the direction of a handler.

Lure Coursing

Lure coursing tests and trials are available for the "Sighthound" breeds, such as the Afghan Hound, Greyhound, and Borzoi, evaluate a dog's ability to follow an artificial lure around a course on an open field. Coursing dogs score on speed, enthusiasm, agility, endurance, and their ability to follow the lure.

Weight Pull

Weight Pull Events give dogs an opportunity to perform a function that comes naturally to many dogs, one that they obviously enjoy. Dogs are placed in a harness and pull a weighted vehicle a prescribed distance. The dogs are scored based on how much weight they can pull and by the proportion of their body weight to the amount of weight pulled. From the smallest of breeds to the largest, all dogs can compete.

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Do you shop in the organic section of the grocery store? Try breathing exercises instead of Tylenol to relieve a headache? Do you apply these same principles to your dog? As alternative medicine is becoming less of the alternative and more of the mainstream, pet owners are seeking to share their lifestyle with their pet.

A holistic lifestyle could encompass many things, chiropractic treatments, acupuncture, herbal remedies and nutrition. It can also refer to massage therapy, reiki and many other esoteric fields. The number of practices a family chooses to engage in varies, some prefer to follow strict holistic practices while others prefer to pick and choose what works better for them. In either case, our canine companions could benefit greatly from being included.

Perhaps the single most important change that could be made is diet. Whole articles have been dedicated to selecting a proper diet for our dogs, but it truly is the basis for good health. Lesser quality foods are stuffed with fillers and by-products, they're like the equivalent to our junk food. Ever seen the movie "Super Size Me"? It's the same for our pets. Nutrition is the key building block to make the entire body function properly and stay healthy. It would make no sense to pursue other options, but continue to sabotage it with an inferior diet.

Kim Hecker, owner of The Natural Pet on Delaware street in Bay View, encourages every owner to experience the benefits a well-balanced diet can bring. "Part of my store is being a resource for pet owners" She said "while I'm not a veterinarian, I can pass on my experiences and opinions and share what I've learned." If you're going to take one step to a more natural life, it should definitely be with the diet. She promotes three aspects to achieve this. The first is providing a raw diet. If owners are wary or unable to, she recommends at least feeding a good quality, natural food. Second is

providing your dog with a digestive enzyme supplement and third is including an essential fatty acid. "If owners do these three things" recommends Kim "then they are on the right road."

She also encourages customers to seek alternatives to the medications they might be using. There could be something that works just as well, but doesn't have the nasty side effects many traditional medications have. Examples include using brewer's yeast to prevent fleas or milk thistle or yucca to treat arthritis.

Acupuncture and massage are also great ways to relieve your pet's aches and pains. Acupuncture originated in China over 4,000 years ago, it involves placing needles in specific body points to promote a certain effect, which might be calming or stimulating, to realign the body's energy. Modern medicine explains it's the release of hormones and increased blood supply that bring about healing effects. Heat and pressure might also be used to stimulate those points, and as anyone who has had a massage can attest too, the power of touch can bring about amazing relief.

Dogs have more than 100 joints in their spine, making chiropractic care a great option for pups feeling any discomfort. The increased flexibility and over all sense of balance humans experience help dogs that participate in physical events, including flyball and agility. It can also be used as a replacement for medications or surgeries in some pets.

In addition to what you put in or on your dog, holistic care is just as important in what's around your dog. What's the point in refraining from harsh flea treatment if you saturate your yard with pesticides weekly? Ever notice the warning labels covering everyday cleaning products? "Keep out of reach from children and pets" while it's bottled under the sink but then slather it all around their environment. Our dogs roll in the backyard, sleep on the hard wood floors and lick

their paws clean. Natural cleaners work as well as their counterparts, and are often a cheaper buy. You can get a lot of cleaning done with some warm water, a bottle of vinegar, and a box of baking soda. Natural care websites and books have recipes to make just about anything you'd need.

The idea behind holistic care to treat your dog's "whole" self, which is why it's sometimes referred to as "wholistic." Modern techniques often treat a part or a symptom, such as asprain. Holistic care looks at why it happened in the first place and if there is a need for a better diet or exercise routine. It looks at the body as one unit not just one area and the need for the whole unit to be healthy. It focuses on treating the cause, not just the symptom. When the whole body functions properly, it's better able to ward off ailments and maladies.

Your dog's spirit is a vital part of his wholeness. Although you can't see it or feel it in the traditional sense, it still requires its own nurturing. Have you ever seen a dog that's pretty much ignored by its family? He doesn't get walks, trips to the Dog Park, or obedience lessons in the backyard. Sure, he might be getting his nutritional needs met, but his soul is starving. Dogs crave the family's attention, they need consistent interaction and they enjoy work. Most of today's breeds were born out of a human need for assistance, such as herding or hunting, and that desire hasn't diminished. Take him to the park, teach him a new trick, join a volunteer group together, and enjoy his company as much as he enjoys yours.

If these things aren't part of your normal lifestyle, don't despair. Change takes time. Kim started her path when she became involved with a Golden Retriever rescue group. "I started networking with other owners, the more we talked, the more we learned", she said "or if you don't know anyone, start with a holistic vet." The most important thing to do is of course, to start.

In addition to being an avid dog lover, **Keri Meyer** has spent several years in the veterinary field, currently as Assistant Hospital Manager at the Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center.

Mail

September/October

Dear Publisher,

Just a quick hello, I am Lynn Olenik - the current Executive Director from HAWS. I love your magazine and feel it is one of the best publications to encourage responsible, enjoyable dog ownership. The concept is outstanding and helps unite the dog world to do great things for their pets and all canines.

I wanted to take a minute to set the record straight. MADACC and HAWS have formed a partnership, but it is NOT limited to just our two agencies. We were fortunate enough to be able to put a person in place to get a satellite adoption facility up and running down there, but we did not do it alone. Elm-Brook Humane Society and Washington County Humane Society, along with AWARE, local rescue groups, even Dane County and Jefferson County have been involved with helping MADACC since the first of the year. It became evident that putting an adoption facility there was the only way our shelters would be able to help them with the cat situation as none of our facilities can take additional cats because we are all too full. We rely on the support of these other shelters and organizations, and feel they too should get recognized for all they are doing and have done. Elm-Brook Humane and Washington County Humane Society have been there with us since the beginning and help Amy, the satellite manager with marketing and staff when she cannot be there on weekends. This satellite is an example of what can be accomplished when multi-agencies join forces to solve a problem.

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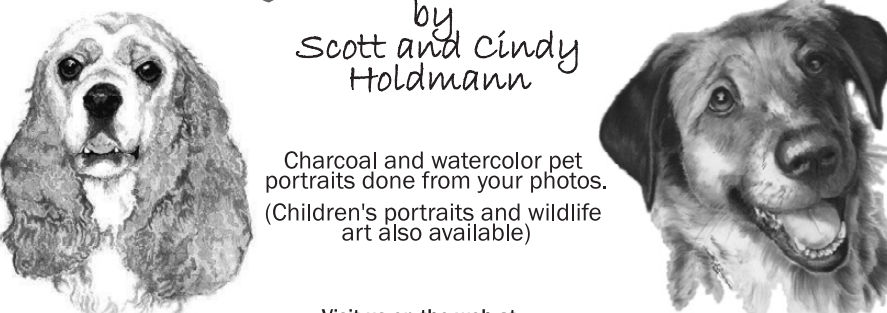
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Publisher Response

We thank you for setting the record straight and educating our readers on an incredible new Satellite Adoption Center located within MADACC's facility. It is refreshing to witness the combined efforts of multiple animal organizations out of concern for the growing number of stray cats (and now dogs) within Milwaukee County. We wish you the best of luck in this endeavor and we know our readers will take the next step to learn more about your center and how their love of companion animals can help solve your needs.

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There's Not Much of a Life on the End of a Rope or Chain

The voice message arrived on a Saturday afternoon about a month ago. She left the relevant details in her plea for help. He had been left behind. His family moved. They tethered him to the garage when they left. Six months ago.

My friend, a compassionate dog lover, stumbled upon the poor dog when she visited the property as a prospective purchaser and found him tethered to the garage. The real estate agent told my friend that nothing could be done to help him. The humane society had already investigated complaints. However, the dog's family was stopping by the garage to provide him the basics. Food. Water. Shelter.

No law was broken. His spirit was another story entirely.

Is Tethering or Chaining a Dog Illegal?

According to Unchain Your Dog, a non-profit animal welfare organization, only approximately fifty-four communities have laws that regulate or prohibit the practice of tethering or chaining dogs. In Wisconsin, tethering or chaining a dog is not a violation of state law. However, if a dog is tied or confined unattended outdoors under weather conditions which adversely affect the health of the dog, a shelter of suitable size to accommodate the dog must be provided.

At least two Wisconsin municipalities, the City of Racine and the Town of Linn, regulate the tethering or chaining of dogs.

What Exactly Is Tethering or Chaining a Dog?

Although the legal definition of "tethering" or "chaining" may vary, the Humane Society for the United States describes these terms as referring "to the practice of fastening a dog to a stationary object or stake, usually in the owner's backyard,

as a means of keeping the animal under control."

Why Should Dog Owners Care About Tethering or Chaining of Dogs?

The United States Department of Agriculture, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the Humane Society of the United States believe that the continuous confinement of a dog by a tether or chain is inhumane.

Dogs are highly social animals. The physiological deprivation that accompanies days, months, years, or even a lifetime of constraint is too much for most dogs to bear. Dogs may resort to compulsive behaviors such as repetitive pacing, jumping, or barking to pass the boredom and loneliness of life on a tether or chain. Such dogs may become highly protective of their turf.


Tethering and chaining also has the potential for serious physical harm to a confined dog. Chains and tethers can be tangled around the dog's body, causing



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injury or even death. A tethered or chained dog without adequate shelter may suffer from the elements, such as frostbite in the winter or heat exhaustion in the summer.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the tethering or chaining of dogs can have dangerous consequences to society. Tethered and chained dogs are rarely exposed to human contact on a regular basis. As a result, they often become anti-social, aggressive, and fearful of all humans, not just the humans who have imposed their life sentence. In a study by the American Journal of Veterinary Medicine published in 2000, 17% of dogs involved in fatal attacks between 1979-1998 were restrained on their owner's property at the time of the attack.

Can Anything Be Done to Help a Tethered or Chained Dog?

A situation, like the one my friend described to me that Saturday afternoon, can seem hopeless. However, in reality there are many steps dog lovers can take to help a tethered or chained dog:

- First things first. Find out whether any laws prohibit or restrict the tethering or chaining of dogs in your community. If no such laws exist, create them!

- Contact the authorities. If you are worried about the safety or well-being of a tethered or chained dog, contact local authorities immediately. Although the tethering or chaining itself may not be a violation of existing law, a simple complaint, and

visit from local authorities, may be enough to remedy the situation.

- Education. Humans do better when they know better. Many dog owners who tether or chain their dog have never considered their actions. Take steps to educate dog owners generally, and offending dog owners specifically, about the consequences of tethering and chaining of dogs.

- Offer Assistance. If offered tactfully and graciously, a dog owner with a tethered or chained dog may accept assistance finding the dog a more appropriate home. Many rescue organizations rehabilitate and adopt confined dogs into loving families.

Conclusion

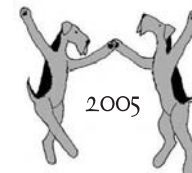
Often times, dog lovers encounter situations in which, while a dog is being mistreated, no precise law has been violated by the dog owner's actions. As communities become more aware of the consequences of tethering and chaining dogs, more and more are passing laws that either regulate the activity or ban it altogether. As of this month, the owners of the home have returned to their property and allow their family pet inside the home at night but begin the tethering ritual again each morning. As responsible dog owners, our responsibility is not only to our canine companions, but to every animal we see in need. Together we can educate others and persuade local governments to enact laws that ensure companion animals are safe in all circumstances.

For more information about the tethering and chaining of dogs, and what you can do to make a difference, visit Dogs Deserve Better, a nonprofit organization devoted to breaking the chains, at www.dogsdeservebetter.org.

For more information about communities who has passed tethering or chaining laws, visit Unchain Your Dog at www.unchainyourdog.org.

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The Walk for Animals event will be held Saturday, September 10th from 8 a.m. until noon at the Mequon Rotary Park, 4000 W. Highland Ave. in Mequon, Wis. All proceeds from the event will benefit the companion animals at the Ozaukee Humane Society.

The day's activities include:

8:00-9:30 a.m.: Walk registration and refreshments; pre-registration prior to the day of the event is preferred; call (262) 377-7580 for more information

9:15 a.m.: Blessing of animals

9:30 a.m.: Walk begins

10:15 a.m.-noon: Post-walk events such as a pet talent show and family/pet portraits, contests and drawings

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Those who are unable to participate in the walk but would like to make a pledge for dogs Ralphie or Hershey can visit www.ozaukeehumane.org after Aug. 1.

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Last year, the shelter raised \$20,000 for the animals in their care and hopes to reach \$24,000 this year. Marnie Brown, Executive Director of WCHS said, "The Walk is one of our biggest fundraisers and a lot of fun. In the past, we've had goats, miniature horses, ferrets in a baby buggy...even a large turtle being pulled in a wagon."

Participants will receive a free Walk t-shirt if they raise at least \$40 in pledges, and all dogs will receive a Walk packet and bandana to wear on their trek. 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 be attending 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 a.m....rain or shine! For more information or registration forms, call the shelter at 262-677-4388.

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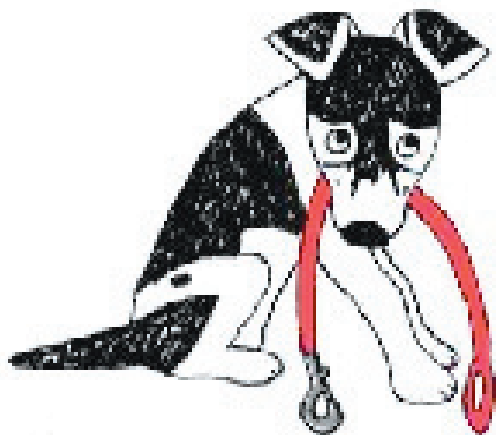


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Food Don'ts

Most people know that chocolate is bad for their dog. According to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, chocolate contains the chemical theobromine, which causes much of the adverse reaction dogs have, but it also contains caffeine, which can cause increased heart rate, shaking, seizures and hyperactivity. Anything with caffeine is therefore a "no-no," when deciding to share your leftovers.

Many pet friends abide by the chocolate rule and even avoid feeding fatty foods, which are just as unhealthy for dogs as they are for humans, but they indulge in sneaking fruits and vegetables to Fido under the table. And if you don't like broccoli (and Fido does) it sure beats eating it.

Those foods are mostly safe for your dog, but there are some you have to watch out for. Fruits such as grapes, raisins, and avocados (whether considered a fruit or vegetable) are associated with some very unpleasant side effects. Onions too are poisonous, dried or raw. And onions are common to almost every kitchen as an additive to soups, meatloaf or even the end of that sandwich you might be tempted to offer. Another surprising food that causes hind leg weakness is the macadamia nut. But I'm sure not using those as a dog treat isn't bad news, since they are expensive.

What about all those wonderful foods lurking in the garbage you forgot to put away? Did you find Spot guiltily chewing on a foil box that contained last week's dinner? Besides the fact foil is not an ideal chew toy, the mold on spoiled food can contain toxins and do serious injury to your pet. If this situation occurs, watch your dog carefully to see if he or she shows signs of becoming sick.

What To Do

In all cases where your normally bouncy and happy canine is lethargic, vomiting, shaking uncontrollably, has diarrhea, etc. look for evidence he ate something he shouldn't have. It sounds gross, but don't forget to examine what's coming out as well. If you see something, take it in a baggy with you to the veterinarian for identification. If you know Fido ate something call your vet. He or she may tell you to induce vomiting (which isn't good in all situations so it's better to check). In case vomiting is what's called for, make sure you have hydrogen peroxide in your medicine cabinet, which is the preferred method for canine regurgitation.

If it's after hours, most vet clinics have an on-call doctor to answer questions. You can also call the ASPCA at 888-426-4435, but be aware a \$50 consultation fee may apply for the service.

If you find yourself staring into hungry eyes with an alert set of ears, stay tough. You know what's best for your dog, and keep those table scraps on the table to keep your furry friend from feeling under the weather.

Emily Reformat has written 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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"German Shepherds are great family dogs. They can get very attached to the owner and its family. They can be very protective - without being overly aggressive," said Labinski, the president of German Shepherd Dog Club of Wisconsin. "They know their turf."

Case in point. Whenever a deer meanders on the Labinski property to snack on some rosebushes, their German Shepherd has this sense to know that "something's gotta get off of my yard," Labinski said.

When Labinski's children were growing up, the family's German Shepherd created its own spot in the family's huge sandbox - an ideal vantage point to pay great attention to the scores of neighborhood children playing and racing around the lawns and houses throughout the subdivision - keeping tabs on everything and everyone.

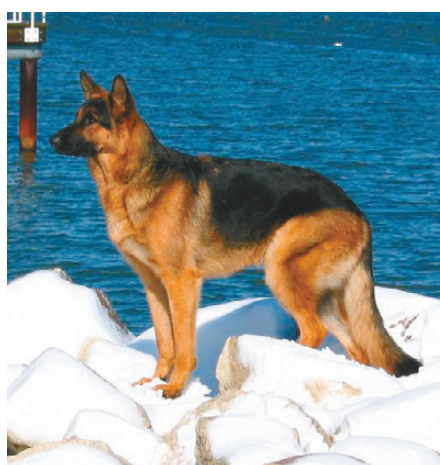
"Is there any other kid of dog?" an incredulous Jo Aschauer asked jokingly. Aschauer



has owned, bred, shown and trained German Shepherds since the early 1970s and has been involved in the German Shepherd Rescue Alliance of Wisconsin for the last eight years, helping to coordinate rescue efforts in Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin.

"I've never had any other kid of dog. They respond well, they're very intelligent. Everyone has their own preferences. My preference is German Shepherds," said Aschauer, who knows what she likes. Period.

The German Shepherd Rescue Alliance of Wisconsin (www.gsraw.com), based in



Madison, was incorporated in 2001. The alliance is operated strictly by volunteers - some 35 people - and "provides rescue, support, and placement of unwanted or displaced German Shepherd Dogs regardless of age, size, sex and health" surrendered to humane societies or directly to the group. Volunteers try to match up German Shepherds to individuals and families looking for a companion.

Not only is the German Shepherd breed known for its loyalty and intelligence, but also its hard-working nature with a strong drive to please its handler or companion. "They're constantly looking for something to do," Labinski said. Many German Shepherds could be considered the equivalent "Type A" personalities in people, he figured.



"German Shepherds are extremely alert - and constantly thinking," said Labinski, comparing the "Type A" German Shepherds with "Type B" Golden Retrievers or Labradors.

Extremely intelligent. No wonder the breed has easily lent itself for working in many professions: guardians, blind leaders, rescuers, police companions, herders. Working breed - no doubt. But sometimes considered difficult to train because they sometimes think ahead and think too much, he said.

"They (German Shepherds) are very versatile, a good working breed, easy to live with, and low maintenance," Aschauer said.

German Shepherds are classified as "medium" dogs - but don't tell that to those that top out close to 100 pounds. They're usually longer than they are tall - growing to be 26 inches high. They are sturdy, muscular animals, with strong features such as a finely chiseled head and arched forehead. German Shepherds wear medium -length, dense coats. Colors vary, but many are dark, rich colors.

The loyalty a German Shepherd exhibits to its human companions appears to be a two -way street. Labinski explained how members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Wisconsin (www.gsdcw.com) are particularly loyal to their canines - some members have been with the club for 30, 40, even 50 years."

The club in which Labinski serves as president has been in existence since 1947, "to further interest in the breed as well as to develop a systematic training program." Today, its arguably one of the premier dog clubs - inside and outside of Wisconsin. The club even has its own grounds - 5 and 1/2 acres of land and clubhouse and facilities at W224 S6950 Guthrie Road in the town of Vernon.

"The people who preceded us had much foresight," Labinski said.

Today, the group is 200 members strong and hosts a number of training events and competitions attended by German Shepherds and owners throughout the Midwest and the United States.

This bond that forms between the breed and the humans pays off for both sides - in so many ways. Labinski spoke of a club member who was going through a difficult period in her life, with a traumatic loss that left the woman in an extreme state of grief.

"German Shepherds can be very perceptive and read human emotions very well," he said. "She (the club member) was weeping for more than a week and the dog wouldn't leave her feet or her side - at all. She would lie down - and the dog couldn't get close enough to her. If she was on the couch, the dog would stay close to her side - always."

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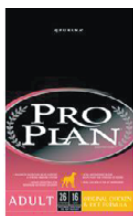
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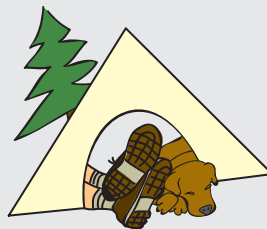


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Therapy dogs help brighten the days of elderly nursing home residents

Linda Fodor is almost always greeted with a smile when she walks through the doors of a nursing home with her Golden retrievers, Bella and Bailey. Before she even reaches the hallway, she knows what an impression the dogs have made and what a spark of happiness they bring to those who sometimes find little to smile about.

"There's rarely a visit that goes by that people don't get excited to see the dogs," explains Fodor, a veteran dog trainer and owner of Best Paw Forward Dog Training in Hartland. Fodor knows the powerful effect dogs have on people since she and her certified therapy dogs regularly visit area nursing homes and hospitals. As a certified evaluator for the American Kennel Club, Therapy Dog International and Delta Society, Fodor knows the importance of proper training and the infinite value of therapy dogs to those they visit.

"For those in a nursing home the dogs can often act as a motivator or a focal point since the lives of the residents are usually very routine," she explains. "It

gives them something different, something to look forward too."

The dogs also give elderly residents something to talk about, which is important for those who often don't speak much at all.

"Sometimes they just start talking and asking questions about the dog and it sparks a memory of pets they once had and miss terribly; it just gets them going," says Fodor.

Tina Szada, activities director at Care-Age in Brookfield, one of the facilities Fodor routinely visits, concurs. "When the dogs are here it really perks people up and makes their day," she says. Along with regular visits from Fodor's dogs, staff members of Care-Age also routinely bring in their own dogs to visit with residents.

"Having pets around really helps them (the residents) remember things from their lives and helps spark memories," explains Szada. Recently the facility also designed a bulletin board dedicated to pets of staff members as well as past pets of residents. "It really gets them talking about their lives and that's so important, because it makes them feel good."

In one particular meaningful visit with one of her training classes, Fodor recalls a simple gesture from an elderly woman that drove home the powerful effect dogs can have on elderly individuals. The woman had been at the facility for about two weeks, Fodor explains, and had not smiled or spoken since her arrival at the facility, but that soon changed.

"When we came through the door she was sitting in the hallway in a wheelchair and we had this little Yorkie in the class who went right up to her and the woman just smiled and put her hand on the dog. It was so simple, but that moment was really amazing for everyone."

Receiving visits from dogs not only helps morale and social stimulation, but it can also provide physical therapy, especially for individuals who may have suffered a stroke, says Fodor. Oftentimes during visits with such individuals, she asks residents to brush the dog or help walk the dog, if they are able.

"A lot of times we might be told ahead of time if someone has weakness in a certain area and isn't motivated to move on his or her left side, or whichever side may have been affected by the stroke. In this case, they may tell me 'right side or left

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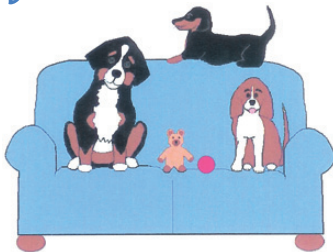
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With all the happiness that therapy dogs can bring to elderly or handicapped individuals, Fodor also stresses that it takes the right dog and the proper training to take on the job. It's important for both dogs and handlers to be prepared for certain situations. Therapy dogs need to have the proper temperament and not be afraid to be crowded by people who often want to immediately reach out to them.

"People really need to know 100 percent that their dog can handle these kinds of situations," she adds.

Some of the most important characteristics that go into making a good therapy dog revolve around overall good breeding and nurturing from the handler. Temperament is also extremely important, but specific breed matters less than the overall personality of the dog.

"Some dogs just have what it takes and some don't," says Fodor, who has also trained a pit bull and rottweilers to become therapy dogs.

To start from square one in order to become a therapy dog, Fodor suggests starting a young dog in basic obedience training and going from there. In all it may take one year and cost about \$500 for a dog to receive all the proper training. To become a certified therapy dog, the dog and handler must be tested and evaluated. Though one may never receive monetary rewards for bringing a smile to the face of someone who desperately needs it, Fodor says she wouldn't trade it for the world.

"When people ask me why I don't get paid for visits with the dogs I always say, 'I do get paid; I make millions in knowing I just made someone feel good.'"

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Dog Day Bash in Greenfield

On September 29th, the Wisconsin Athletic Club's Greenfield Branch will be holding their 9th annual Dog Day Bash. Join other local dog lovers and their canine companions for a short walk, demonstrations, contests, and raffle prizes.

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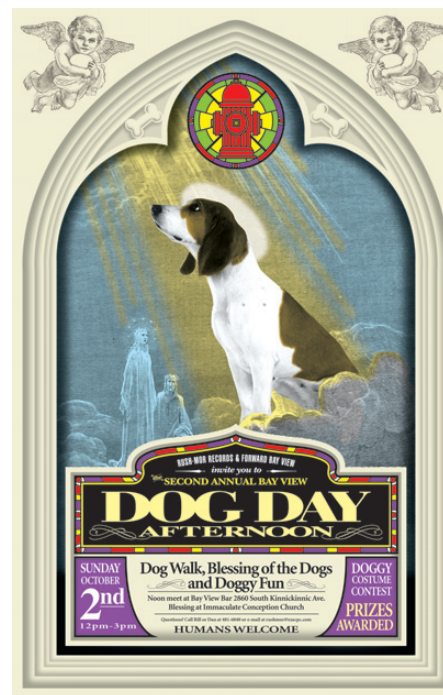
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Event Calendar

September/October 2005

September

2 Friday

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

3 Saturday

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

9 Friday

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

10 Saturday

What: Ozaukee Co. H.S. Walk for Animals
Where: Mequon Rotary Park, Mequon
When: 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Info: 262-377-7580

What: 4th Annual Tails on Trails Dog Walk
Where: Root River Parkway Picnic Area #3
When: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Info: www.grow.org, 414-475-5668

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

11 Sunday

What: 45th Anniversary Celebration Open House
Decorate-A-Dogbone Contest, Photo Sessions
Where: Animal Motel, Silver Spring Rd., Butler
When: Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Info: 262-781-5200, www.animalmotel.net

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

12 Monday

What: Freestyle Dance Class
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:30 p.m. (Eight week course)
Info: For Pet's Sake 1-888-581-9070

13 Tuesday

What: Lead Dog Advanced Training
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:00 p.m. (Four week course)
Info: For Pet's Sake 1-888-581-9070

16 Friday

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

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

17 Saturday

What: AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day Event
Agility Run Thrus, CGC Exams, Search & Rescue
Demo, K9 Vet Clinic, Vendors, Raffles, Food, and more
Where: 4 My Dogz, Sussex
When: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Info: 262-820-0763, www.4mydogz.org

What: Elmbrook Humane Society Wag Walk
Where: Minooka Park, Waukesha
When: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Info: 262-782-9261, www.ebhs.org

18 Sunday

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

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

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

20 Tuesday

What: Clicker Training for Basic Obedience
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants,
105 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc
When: 7:00 p.m. (four week course)
Info: 262-569-1050, teachingdogs@hotmail.com

22 Thursday

What: Life Skills for Puppies (ends Nov. 17)
When: Thursdays, 4-4:50 p.m. & 7-7:50 p.m.
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants,
105 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

23 Friday

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

24 Saturday

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

What: Clicker Training for Basic Obedience
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants,
105 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc
When: 11:00 a.m. (four week course)
Info: 262-569-1050, teachingdogs@hotmail.com

What: Fall Harvest Pet Fair
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: www.cudahykennelclub.org

25 Sunday

What: AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day Event
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
Info: www.cudahykennelclub.org

29 Thursday

What: 9th Annual Dog Day Bash
Where: Wisconsin Athletic Club, Greenfield
When: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Info: 414-427-6500

30 Friday

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

October

1 Saturday

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

What: Central Bark DDC Grand Opening
Where: Central Bark Doggy Day Care, Wauwatosa
When: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Info: 414-771-7200

What: Fall/Holiday Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Dynamic Pet Palace, Hartford
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-673-6911, www.sliderphoto.com

2 Sunday

What: Brady Street Dog Parade
Where: Brady Street in Milwaukee

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

What: 2nd Annual Dog Day Afternoon
Where: Meet at The Bay View Bar on Kinnickinnic Ave.
When: Noon
Info: 414-481-6040

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

6 Thursday

What: Attention Class
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:30 p.m. (Eight week course)
Info: For Pet's Sake 1-888-581-9070

7 Friday

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

S Around Town



Toby

Carolyn, New Berlin



Reni

Marliese, Milwaukee



Harley

Tom & Natalie



Emma Jeanne Sheepster

Krista, Wauwatosa

8 Saturday

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

What: Pet Photos (Fall/Halloween Theme)
Where: Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
Info: 262-679-6776

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

What: Fall/Holiday Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Friends of Nature, Genesee Depot
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-968-3333, www.sliderphoto.com

9 Sunday

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

What: Celebration of Pets Day for "Companion's Rest" Pet Cemetery
Where: Arlington Park Cemetery, Greenfield & Forest Hill Memorial Park, Oak Creek
When: 1:00 p.m. with Blessing of Pets at 2:00 p.m.

14 Friday

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

15 Saturday

What: 11th Annual Greyhound Gala (GPA-WI)
Where: Waukesha County Expo Center Arena
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: www.gpawisconsin.org

16 Sunday

What: Washington County Pet Expo
Where: Washington County Fair Park
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-893-5080

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

19 Wednesday

What: Life Skills for Puppies (ends Nov 17)
When: Thursdays, 4-4.50 p.m. & 7-7.50 p.m.
Where: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants, 105 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc
Info: 262-569-1050, info@kindnessk9.com

21 Friday

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

22 Saturday

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

28 Friday

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

29 Saturday

What: Fall/Holiday Photos w/ SliderPhoto
Where: The Feed Bag, Grafton
When: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 262-673-6911, www.sliderphoto.com

30 Sunday

What: Halloween Costume Contest for HAWS
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Every Thursday

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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

Every Sunday

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

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

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 with the following details: What, When, Where, and Contact Info.

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