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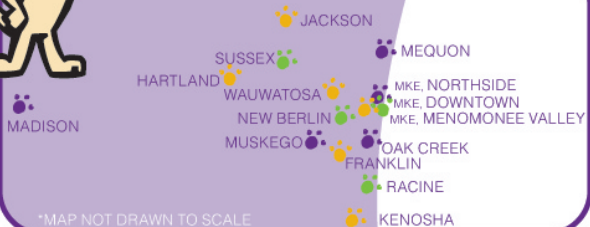
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{Publisher's Letter}

Here at Fetch Magazine, we often worry about covering topics too frequently. Seriously, how many times can you read about housetraining tips?! Well, this time it's different. On the next page we're featuring an article on dogs in hot cars. Yes, we've covered this topic before, at least twice before, but I can't park at a Walmart, Target, or Pick 'n Save without walking past at least one car enclosing a heavily panting pooch seeking refuge outside. A cracked window doesn't cut it. An open window puts pedestrians in danger. The best advice is to LEAVE YOUR DOG AT HOME.

If you're looking for ideas to get Fido out of the house, then you're reading the right issue. Inside we have dozens of upcoming expos, fundraisers, and new dog exercise area listings that encourage canine participation. On page 28 is an announcement of four new pet exercise areas in Milwaukee County. Looking for something with a little bit of glam? A canine fashion show featuring your furry friend may be exactly what you need and you'll find more information on page 10. Or maybe you just need to breathe easy and relax. Try Doga, Yoga for dogs. If you've never heard of Doga, flip to page 10 to get the scoop.

We hope for a fun, safe summer for you and your pooch.

Joseph & Jennifer Kojis

{ Ask The Vet }

Q | My dog is ok in the car with the windows cracked open, right?

A | Absolutely not! Your car is an oven, regardless if the windows are open or closed.

Heatstroke

You've heard of it, you knew it affected people, and you were even vaguely aware that it could affect your pet. But how does it happen? And most important, how can you help your pet avoid it? Heatstroke is a deadly disease that can kill your beloved companion, even with emergency treatment. The best way to avoid this terrible situation is prevention, and it's all up to you.

Sun + humidity = heatstroke (and other factors that kill)

Everyone knows that the inside of a car on a hot summer's day can be lethal. But Fido needs you to know more than that to keep him safe in the deadly sun. Days above 90 degrees, especially with high humidity, are inherently dangerous for your pet. Humidity interferes with animals' ability to rid themselves of excess body heat. When we overheat we sweat, and when the sweat dries it takes excess heat with it. Our four-legged friends only perspire around their paws, which is not enough to

cool the body. To rid themselves of excess heat, animals pant. Air moves through the nasal passages, which picks up excess heat from the body. As it is expelled through the mouth, the extra heat leaves along with it. Although this is a very efficient way to control body heat, it is severely limited in areas of high humidity or when the animal is in close quarters.

Cracking the windows doesn't cut it

So where are the danger zones? The most obvious is your car: It can become a death trap even on a mild sunny day - and can insidiously raise the car's temperature to well above 120 degrees! Never, ever leave your pet inside the car. If Fido can't come with you when you get out of the car, leave him at home.

What are some other dangerous situations for your pets? Leaving animals outdoors without shelter is just as dangerous as leaving them inside a hot car. Be sure they are not left in a cage in the hot sun, on a chain in the backyard, or outdoors in a run without sufficient shade or air circulation.

Their lives are in your hands

Heatstroke is a medical emergency. If you suspect your pet has heatstroke (see "Signs of Heatstroke," below), you must act quickly and calmly. Have someone call a veterinarian immediately. In the meantime, lower the animal's body temperature by

applying towels soaked in cool water to the hairless areas of the body. Often the pet will respond after only a few minutes of cooling, only to falter again with his temperature soaring back up or falling to well below what is normal. With this in mind, remember that it is imperative to get the animal to a veterinarian immediately. Once your pet is in the veterinarian's care, treatment may include further cooling techniques, intravenous fluid therapy to counter shock, or medication to prevent or reverse brain damage.

Even with emergency treatment, heatstroke can be fatal. The best cure is prevention, and Fido is relying on you to keep him out of harm's way. Summer does not have to be fraught with peri - with ample precaution, both you and your furry friends can enjoy those long, hot, dog-days of summer.

Signs of Heatstroke

- Panting
- Staring
- Anxious
- High fever
- Refusal to obey commands
- Warm, dry skin
- Vomiting
- Collapse
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Photographing your Dog according to the local "Dog Whisperer"

What makes a great pet portrait? There are so many variables to contend with, which makes photographing dogs a difficult task. That's why it is important to select a caring, dog-loving photographer if you don't feel comfortable taking the shots yourself. The key to great pet photography is the connection made between the photographer and your dog. Every photographer who specializes in pet portraits has their unique method for grabbing the subjects' attention. At IN-FOCUS Photography, St. Francis, Jerry Braunsdorf is known as the "Dog Whisperer" because of the natural connection he shares with canines during their

portrait sessions. Jerry, along with his wife Mary, works together as a team and know how to respond to each other's non-verbal cues. As Jerry interacts with the dogs, Mary snaps off a few images while the pets feel calm and at ease.

Location, Location, Location

The second key aspect of great pet photography is location. Dogs need to feel safe in their surroundings. Whether your photo shoot takes place at home, on location such as a park or beach, or at the photographer's studio, allowing your pet to first acclimate themselves to the location will make the shoot much more successful. It usually only takes five to 15 minutes for a dog to become comfortable in any sur-

rounding, indoors or out. How will you know when he or she is comfortable and ready for a close up? Kneel down and if you receive a wet lick to your face, it's time.

Once your pooch gives the ok to begin the session, expect approximately one hour

and treats to make Fido turn his head. Jerry even goes as far as mimicking the bark of the breed to grab their attention.

"Using sounds help pose your dog and peek their curiosity," said Jerry.

One would be amazed at the looks we get from dogs while doing a "meow" sound." An experienced pet photographer will have an arsenal of toys in their collection that can be used to grab attention during photo shoots. One other item Jerry encourages dog owners to bring with them is their pet's favorite

toy or treats, but he uses food only as a last resort.

Stages of Life

When is a good time to have your dog photographed? Throughout his life is the best answer. Imagine if you only had one portrait of your kids, or parents, or spouse. Our canine companions transition through life the same way we do - from puppy, to active adult, to senior. Dogs grow and change as quickly as children, so the recommendation is to begin when your dog is a puppy. It is also recommended to photograph your dog when it is full

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in a studio setting and up to two hours in an outdoor location. "Lighting is crucial to a great portrait, especially with dogs," explained Jerry. "You need the right light to help show off the details in a dog's fur." In the studio, several lighting systems are used to capture soft and reflective light. This lighting is easy on a dog's eyes, does not cast shadows, and eliminates the "deer in the headlights" look.

Grabbing Attention

Grabbing the attention of your dog can feel somewhat like assembling your relatives together and instructing all of them to look into the camera at the same time. Almost impossible. At IN-FOCUS Photography, they like to use sounds, toys

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Toy Safety | Have you thought about it?

How much thought do you put in to the safety of your dog's toys? Sometimes what we don't know about those objects our dogs so much desire can hurt us ... and them.

Nick and Sandy Basich of Fort Atkinson know all too well the dangers that can exhume from seemingly ordinary play things. The couple gave their German shepherd, Jake, a regular rubber ball to play with when he was a young dog. He loved to fetch, play and chew on the ball like many dogs do. But one day during a bit of over-zealous play, Jake accidentally swallowed the ball, lodging it dangerously in his throat. With their dog choking and unable to breathe, the couple rushed him to the Jefferson Veterinary Clinic. Upon his arrival Dr. Jeffrey Hamman knew the situation was dire. Jake wasn't breathing and was urinating on the table, a sure sign he was close to death. Then with some quick maneuvering Hamman was able to dislodge the ball and resuscitate Jake, who made a full recovery. The Basichs were forever changed by what happened to their dog and became much more conscientious about the toys they allowed him to play with after that day.

Though the situation like the Basichs encountered was an accident, there are other horror stories of dogs being injured by toys. An article posted on snopes.com references a product called the "pimple ball" manufactured by Four Paws that also poses a serious

threat to dogs. The writer describes a serious injury to his dog's tongue. While chewing on the ball the object created a vacuum, sucking the dog's tongue in through the holes and causing it to swell. In this writer's situation, the dog's tongue was so severely damaged that it had to be amputated. After the incident, the writer decided to do some research on this product and soon realized there are virtually no regulations on the safety of dog toys.

According to research conducted by the American Pet Product Association, there are no federal or state laws that apply to the manufacture or sale of pet toys in the United States. Because pet toys are considered "consumer goods" the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) states that the agency does not have the resources to mandate and regulate pet products. Because there are no laws regulating pet toys, the requirements used to manufacture and distribute them fall along the same guidelines as children's toys.

In an article on ConsumerReports.com, Dr. Henry J. Fishman, M.D. states that no one truly knows what toxins are in pet toys or what the long-term effects of those toxins may be. Though the same



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guidelines for pet toy testing fall in line with testing on children's toys, Fishman says this is unacceptable. Toxins may affect cats and dogs differently than humans, he explains, especially over long time periods. And, since animals don't have hands, they spend more time putting things in their mouths than we do.

Until more regulations become available in the pet toy market, Fishman suggests talking to your veterinarian about the safety of your dog's toys, read labels and buy American made products. Buying "organic" toys such as rawhides are also safer than toys made of plastic.

Another tip in recognizing the safety of your dog's toys is being more conscious of where you buy the products from. Stores like Wal-Mart do not regulate or test the pet products it sells. Chains such as PetSmart, however, do test the safety of their products.

"At PetSmart we do conduct safety and quality tests on the products we sell," says Jennifer Simmons, a communications specialist with PetSmart. "We work with our vendors to make sure our products adhere to defined test protocols. Some examples of tests we conduct include labeling, performance, packaging and analytical tests."



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In the case of the pimple ball mentioned earlier, the writer did inform the store from which he purchased the ball who immediately removed the product from its shelves. Simmons says PetSmart also is very conscientious of consumer concerns. "If a customer reports an injury or illness as a result of a product purchased in our store, we encourage customers to call our Customer Service line who then works directly with our Technical Services/Quality Assurance team to make sure all inquiries are investigated and resolved in a timely manner," she says.

Though accidents are bound to happen from time-to-time with our pets and toys, knowing what you're giving your dog may help protect him later. With no formal regulations concerning lead paint or toxic content or the overall safety of pet

toys, it's up to owners to decide what is safe and what's not. Though a toy may look cute, it could be harmful so keep safety in mind the next time you shop for that perfect play thing.

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Dogs on the Cat Walk will take place on Saturday, August 1st from 10:00am - 4:00pm at 3 Goldens And A Gator, 5200 Douglas Avenue, Suite C in Racine. For more information, visit www.3goldensandagator.com.

Do You Doga?

Downward Facing Dog is not just for humans anymore! That's right, Doga is gaining popularity around the country. Doga is doing Yoga with your dog. Crazy you say? Doga is a great way to connect and relax with your dog while doing Yoga. It is done using many of the same poses as human Yoga with the human doing the pose first, then the human helping their dog to get into a similar pose that utilizes the same muscle groups. Treats required!

Doga utilizes massage, relaxation techniques and stretches to work the muscle groups. With the Triangle pose, the human raises their one arm up above their head stretching those muscles while bending over and reaching down with the other arm that is raising the dog's paw up in the air to stretch those same muscles on the dog. With the Cobra pose, both the human and dog are laying down stretching their upper body. It's a good time to get a kiss from your dog since you are both lying down and facing each other.

Best Paw Forward Dog Training, with locations in Hartland and Pewaukee, has added Doga to their many choices of dog training classes they offer. Linda Fodor, owner of Best Paw Forward, says she is always looking for great ways to help people enjoy their dogs and really focus on their dogs. "Many times we take our dogs to different places with us," Fodor says, "but we are really more interested in what is going on around us than our dogs." Doga is a great way to spend some quality time with your dog and do something that is healthy and positive for both of you. The sessions are between 45 minutes and an hour and only cost \$12.00. "We plan to offer it as a community event in the summer," Fodor says. Even if you have never done Yoga before, you can do Doga! At Best Paw Forward we have a Yoga Instructor who is also a dog trainer to walk you through it step by step. So she understands it from both the human perspective as well as the canine perspective. People who have never done Yoga before have a great time and so does their dog.

Best Paw Forward is offering their next Doga session on Saturday, June 27th at 1:00pm at their Hartland location. To sign up or for more information on Doga or any of their other positive dog training classes, contact Best Paw Forward Dog Training at 262-369-3935 or go to their website at www.bestpawforward.net and continue to watch for the Doga Community Event coming this summer. Bring a Yoga mat or exercise mat, some yummy treats for your dog and proof of your dog's vaccination record showing Rabies, Distemper and Bordetella.

A Voice for Animals during the Economic Downturn

Animal Fairy Charities, a non profit organization, recently launched Animal Advocate Television, a show aimed at raising awareness for animal welfare and giving voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Animal Advocate Television, Wisconsin's premier animal welfare television show airs on Time Warner Cable On Demand. The show will raise awareness for local animal shelters and horse rescues,

encourage the public to foster and adopt and will inform and educate on state and federal animal welfare legislation as well as encourage parents to teach children compassion at an early age.

With the bad economic downturn, shelters are seeing a decrease in donations and will have to learn to be more creative in their fund raising efforts in order to maintain their operations. "When a shelter closes its doors or is forced to downsize, we all lose", says Debra Lopez, founder of Animal Fairy Charities. "We must do all we can to help these shelters and those who are in the trenches everyday caring for our animals. Many non profits can no longer rely on corporate donations and are depending on the general public," said Lopez.

In addition to the lack of donations, many shelters are overwhelmed with pets being surrendered. Many financially strapped families and some who have suffered foreclosure are forced to give up their pets. Animal Advocate Television will strive to encourage those animal lovers who are able, to foster. Several shelters are already working with foster families until those who have suffered a set back can get back on their feet again. "Many people just don't realize that they are saving two lives when they foster," Lopez added.

Animal Advocate Television will also dedicate a fair amount of time encouraging parents to teach their children compassion at an early age. An abundance of research has documented the link between animal abuse and violence towards people. According to The Humane Society of The United States, here in Wisconsin, 68 percent of battered women with pets reported that their animals had also been abused. Of these incidents, 75 percent occurred in the presence of children.

Animal Advocate Television premieres this month on Time Warner Cable on demand channel 1403 under the "Humanitarian" category. You can log onto www.animaladvocatetv.com or animalfairycharities.org for more information and to learn how you can get involved.

Groom'n Time is Relocating!

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Groom'n Time has been in business since 1993 by owner and groomer, Tammie Riepe, graduate of the Wisconsin School of Professional Pet Grooming. Tammie is a member of the National Dog Groomers Association of America (NDGAA) as well as a lifetime member of the International Society of Canine Cosmetologists (ISCC), and continues to go to grooming seminars to keep current with the latest styles and equipment.

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Call 414-422-9222 to set up an appointment for your pooch today.

Caesar's Pet Announces its Grand Opening in Greendale

Caesar's Pet (formerly of Mayfair Mall) announces its grand opening of a 2600 square foot store in historic downtown Greendale, WI. The store is located at 5686 Broad Street (formerly "Pawprints Across Your Heart").

Caesar's Pet offers a unique combination of specialty merchandise for "Pets and their People," from gourmet dog and cat treats to memorial services, birthday parties, and even pet weddings (complete with formalwear rental). Caesar's Pet grants pet lovers of all ages a fun and rewarding experience.

Walking in the door you will be promptly greeted by "Tia" a white Chihuahua hostess. A few moments later, Cleopatra (a Bengal Cat) will encircle you, anxious to be admired. Other Caesar's Pet family members include Tito, Mabel, Ethel, Frape', Daisy, and Baxter (dogs of CP associates) and Julius, a baby Bearded Dragon Lizard. Along with a beta fish named Prince, Caesar's Pet entertains and delights.

Store hours are Monday-Friday 10:00am - 7:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm. Exit 60th street south to downtown Greendale and turn left on Broad Street (a few stores down from Taste of Home). Caesar's Pet can be contacted at 414-423-5800.

Milwaukee Welcomes New Pet Sitter

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Rick, The Pet Sitter, is offering a free consultation to new prospective clients. "I will visit you and your pets the first time free of charge.

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I Don't Think We're in Kansas Anymore...

The Cairn Terrier

One of the most famous lines in movie history was uttered to one of Hollywood's most recognizable dogs, Cairn terrier, Terry-get it, Terry the Terrier? Anywho, most of us know Terry by his stage name Toto, the beloved movie icon that joins his best friend Dorothy on a magical journey out of Kansas.

The Cairn did not originate from the plains of the Midwest, or from Oz for that matter, but from the rough and rocky Isle of Skye in the Scottish Highlands. The breed has been in existence since the 1500s and has the same historic relative as the Scottish, West Highland and the Skye terrier. They were actually once called the Short-haired Skye terrier but when they began making their way to British show rings in the early 1900s, Skye terrier owners opposed use of the Short-haired name and so Cairn terrier was born.

The name proved to be a good fit since "cairn" refers to the rocky piles found throughout the Scottish countryside and it was the job of these tenacious terriers to root out rats and other vermin from the stones. They have also been used to hunt fox, weasel, otter and other small animals. The Cairn remains the closest physically to the original hunting dog than the other Scottish terriers' descendants.

The shaggy overcoat conceals soft downy fur, the combination meant to



stave off the fierce wet and often chilly Scottish weather. They come in a variety of colors including black, gray, brindle, red and wheaten and while they're not heavy shedders, their thick coats do require regular brushing to prevent matting. A trim around the eyes and ears help keep these peppy little pups looking their very best. A regular flea treatment, or some form of flea prevention, should also be used as Cairns are known for having flea allergies. Fleas are never fun, but for dogs that are allergic, a single flea bite or two can cause severe itching leading to hair loss, open sores and hot spots.

Cairns have a small, sturdy body structure. At 13-14 pounds and nine-10 inches tall they're perfectly-sized to fit through rocky crevices. Don't be fooled by their small stature; these are some tough little pups. Like most Terriers they're convinced they are Great Danes in a dainty body. While they enjoy a good snuggle, don't expect them to stay pampered on a pillow while there's adventure to be had.

Like most hunting dogs, a Cairn's spirit is deeply rooted in what its ancestors were trained to do. Bred with the stamina to sustain a long

hunting trip through a rough and hostile environment means a Cairn will not be happy as a couch potato. Their compact body can comfortably fit in an apartment, but they still require a daily walk and some playtime. Walks should always be on a leash as these little guys will always seek out fun, and if that happens to be chasing a running squirrel so be it.

For homeowners that also means investing in a fenced yard, and if you enjoy your nicely manicured yard, don't plan on leaving your Cairn unattended. Those large, strong paws are equipped with durable nails that love the feel of dirt between them. Remember, they're designed for digging in stones and rocks after weasels, rats and other critters; your rose garden doesn't stand a chance. Despite their warm coat, they are still strictly indoor pets. Like most dogs, they are loving animals that require attention and the comforts of shelter and should never be left outside for extended periods of time.



Their need for attention and adventure, along with their sturdy build and loyal disposition, makes them wonderful family pets, especially with children. As for the other furry members of your family, it depends on the Cairn whether you'll have a peaceable kingdom or not. Since every dog has their own unique disposition, some may be thrilled to curl up on the couch with a kitty while others might have a stronger prey drive and Mr. Meows might look like a really good squeaky toy.



Speaking of disposition, despite their size, Cairns are notoriously independent and strong willed. "Cairns will take over the house if you let them," warns breed rescuer and Cairn owner Diane Pease, adding "you have to establish who is in charge." Often owners of littler pooches suffer from the notorious Small Dog Syndrome, believing that because their dogs don't knock you over when they jump up they don't require training. Try that with these pups and you'll have a Cairn Terror.

Bad puns aside, without training and attention you can expect digging, barking, chewing, separation anxiety, biting and being overly protective of their families. Suddenly a six-week class doesn't seem so bad. Although independent and feisty, Cairns are also sensitive, so make sure to choose a trainer who uses positive reinforcement. "They are very food oriented, that helps a lot when working with them," said Pease.

Their love of food is the primary health concern for Cairns. While generally healthy and long-lived, with an average life span of 12-15 years, these guys never met a treat or table scrap they didn't like. Along with obesity, afflictions like epilepsy, seizures, hypothyroidism, heart defects, eye ailments and allergies are among the issues Cairns can face. Breeders and the Cairn Terrier Club of America have been working hard to eliminate these health concerns from genetic lines.

As with all purebred dogs, if you're purchasing a pet from a breeder, do your homework first. Also, like most purebred dogs, if you prefer rescuing as opposed to purchasing from a breeder or pet store, there are plenty of these pups available through shelters and breed rescues. "We're seeing a lot of dogs due to home foreclosure," said Pease "along with divorces, owners passing away, and just a lot due to changing circumstances. We try to emphasize commitment to all our potential adopters."

Want to show a special Toto there's no place like home? Groups like the Cairn Terrier Club of America (Cairnterrier.org), Cairn Terrier Rescue USA (Cairnrescueusa.com) and Col.Potter Cairn Rescue Network, (cainrescue.com) can help you find the perfect pup.

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

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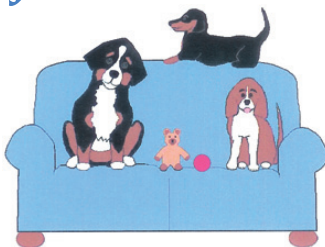
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Community Bark, Milwaukee's only dog wash and coffee bar, will be opening this summer at 326 W. Brown Deer Road in Bayside -- right off I-43 and east of Sendik's.

"Community Bark's mission is to provide a place where dog lovers can take great care of their dogs and themselves, and build a strong, local community," says Andrew Appel, its founder. He asks,

"Where in Milwaukee, other than the dog park, can dog people hang out and talk about their common interest....their dog pals? I see Community Bark as that new place, where people and their dogs can congregate in a comfortable atmosphere."

Community Bark's customers will be able to wash their own dogs in a clean, social environment, or have the staff wash or groom the dogs for them. Additionally, they will be able to relax with Milwaukee's Alterra coffee and bakery in the Barker Lounge with their dogs. Finally, they'll have their choice of top-quality pet supplies, such as Mequon's own Fromm's Family Foods, and West Paw dog toys.

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The expo focuses on education through entertainment and demonstrations from regional professionals, and shopping with the highest quality vendors. All registered exhibitors are part of the year round directory at www.valleypetexpo.com where people can order and obtain products and services as needed for their pets.

The Valley Pet Expo will be hosting a surprise talent from Los Angeles this year. Watch the website for updates.

Key features of the expo will be the Kitty City Adoption event, two days of workshops, interactive kids events and to kick it off, a public pet blessing at the Fox Valley Humane Association on Thursday Aug 13th.

There is something for everyone and the event is affordable for all. Free parking and free admission to kids under 12 with reasonably priced concessions that benefit a local non-profit agency.

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KINDNESS SHARED BETWEEN A BOY AND A DOG

A child and a dog are as complimentary as peanut butter and jelly. Find a dog romping in the back yard and you'll likely find a child, a mud-caked child, in hot pursuit. But what do we, as parents, worry most about our child playing with a dog? Visions of pulling fur, bear hugs, and poking fingers are enough to make us keep these two and four-legged animals apart. But what we learn from Nico and his time spent with Lola is that a young boy can look beyond his own needs to those of his best friend, a much shorter, furry friend.

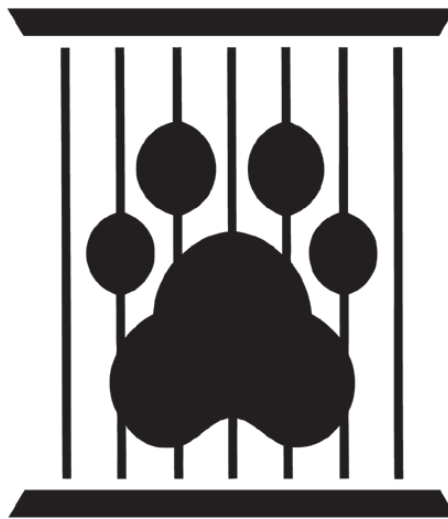
Nico & Lola begins with a phone call, the moment of sheer joy for a boy who learns his Aunt's dog Lola needs a sitter. As the hours tick by, Nico can't help to wonder how he will be so kind to Lola. The next morning they quickly breeze past introductions into a game of tag. With each new game they play, Nico discovers new ways of being so kind. This is more than just a boy and his dog. This is a friendship built on mutual respect of each other.

The first time I read this book to my five year old daughter; she kept it in bed and looked at the photos for 20 minutes. The next night, it was her first choice and again, she looked at the photos for another 20 minutes. This pattern repeated itself for a number of nights until Nico and Lola graduated to a spot along side her favorites such as Cinderella and Snow White.

When you're looking for another subtle way of teaching kids important lessons in life, without boring them beyond belief, Nico and Lola is a good choice. Pick up a copy at www.nicoandlola.com, amazon.com, or by calling 888-853-0001.



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Is all **dog food** the same?

How does a dog lover make sense of it all? There are so many choices from fish to beef, from large to small kibble, from raw food to prescription. There are even breed-specific varieties. How do you know you are giving your pooch the best possible food?

You have to do what you feel comfortable with. Everyone has different time and financial constraints they need to consider. But remember that if you are committed from the start to making positive changes in your dog's feeding programs, you will be more willing to stick with them over the long term.

Let's take a look at some of the options available to health conscious dog owners:

Raw Food

It contains raw muscle meat, organ meat, tripe and finely ground bone along with vitamin and mineral fortification. There are many brands to choose from. Making raw food at home is another option. You can find recipes in books and online, but whatever you choose make sure your dog is getting everything it needs in their diet. It does take a considerable amount of work, so you'll need to decide if you are willing to do it on a

daily basis. Although there is a perception that raw is an expensive option, Nature's Advantage, for example, is available for only \$2.13 per pound. For a 25-pound dog, a month's worth of food would be \$31.95. If you have a 50-pound dog it would be \$64 per month. For comparison, Taste of the Wild, a grain-free kibble costs \$23 and \$36 a month, respectively for a 25- and 50-pound dog.

Raw with Kibble

If serving entirely raw food is not something you are able to do, the next best alternative is a combination of raw and kibble. The more raw food you can provide, the better. Serving raw food on alternate days or just doing raw on the weekends is one solution.

Quality Grain-Free Kibble

Grain-free food should be non-negotiable! Giving your dog food that is free of wheat, soy, barley, corn, oats, rice or millet is essential. All of these are high allergens, and grains grow candida or yeast. (All living beings have yeast in their bodies, but if we feed it, it can get out of control and cause ear and skin issues.)

Remember that all kibble contains filler. (That is why raw is best.) If a food does not contain these grains, it will likely contain potatoes. Potatoes feed parasites, so it is not the best choice either, but it's better

than just grains. If you can find a food with sweet potatoes, that is the better option. Most have both sweet potatoes and potatoes. Similar to food labeled for human consumption, the order of ingredients matters. When sweet potatoes are listed ahead of potatoes, it means there is a greater share of them in the food.

Another thing to watch with kibble is the amount of protein it contains. Dogs need protein, not filler. Grain-free kibble can contain as little as 20% protein with some containing as much as 45%. The more protein the better. If cost is a consideration, Taste of the Wild, as an example, is entirely grain-free, weighs in at 32% protein and is one of the least expensive and highest quality grain-free options.

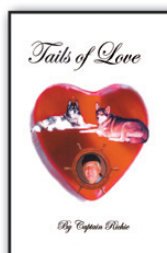
Reading Labels

If you care about what your dog eats, read the back of your bags of food, not the front. The marketing is on the front and often includes vague words such as "natural," "holistic," "wheat-free" and "organic." Despite what is printed on the fronts of bags, when you read the actual ingredients, the contents are often not organic, the company has substituted barley or millet for wheat, which is just another grain, and "natural" and "holistic" can mean just about anything (and therefore nothing). Read the label and think about what it means. Google the ingredients.

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This is just the tip of the dog dish as far as canine nutrition goes, but it gives you a few tips to get your dog on the right path to living a longer and healthier life.

Lori Marchek is an animal nutrition & wellness consultant at Fluffy Dog Wellness in Hartland, WI. She can be reached at www.fluffydog.net or 262-538-2535.

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Greyhound Racing Runs Its Course in Massachusetts

They called it the Sport of Queens. Cleopatra and Queen Elizabeth were among the famous royalty known to fancy the breed. By the 1990's, it was the sixth largest spectator sport in the United States, attracting 29 million spectators and generating \$3.4 billion in wagers. Less than two decades later, Massachusetts voters passed The Greyhound Protection, outlawing greyhound racing by October 1, 2010. This month's Legal Beagle tackles the debate over greyhound racing.

The Greyhound

According to the American Kennel Club, the greyhound is the fastest breed of dog. In early times, only royalty bred greyhounds and they were originally used for "coursing" (ie, chasing rabbits for sport). However, due to their speed, greyhound racing became a sport in the United States in the early 20th century. Once wagering was added into the mix, greyhound racing took off, and by the 1990s there were sixty-two tracks in 19 states. As greyhound racing increased in popularity, opponents began to focus their attentions upon raising public awareness of the cruelty they deemed inherent in the sport.

The Opposition

Opponents of greyhound racing contend that the sport is cruel. They contend

that the dogs spend their lives in small, cramped crates up to 20 hours a day, except when racing. According to the Massachusetts State Racing Commission, the crates that house the dogs are 32 inches wide by 42 inches deep by 34 inches high.

Opponents also contend that greyhounds suffer frequent and devastating injuries. There are no official national statistics on injuries to racing greyhounds. However, statistics regarding racing in New Hampshire may provide insight because New Hampshire requires dog tracks to report injuries suffered by racing greyhounds. In 2005, these reports disclosed 400 injuries to greyhounds racing at two tracks in New Hampshire. The most common injuries to the dogs were ruptures (48.2%), fractures (30.73%), and lacerations (10.51%). Other injuries included dislocations, paralysis, as well as puncture wounds, bleeding toes, broken tails, bruising, eye damages, and collapsed trachea. Visit www.grey2kusa.org for a copy of a report entitled "Injuries in Racing Greyhounds: A Report to the New Hampshire General Court" submitted by Grey2KUSA, a nonprofit organization opposing greyhound racing.

According to opponents, a racing greyhound's fate does not improve upon retirement. They contend that many of the dogs trade their life of confinement and racing, for a life of confinement and experiments, as they are often sold to scientific research facilities. Other greyhounds, they contend, are simply killed, their owners regarding them as without any value after their life of racing.

The Advocates

Advocates of greyhound racing contend that "animal rights" advocates are overstating injuries to the dogs to give a false impression of the sport. Given the number of races run each year, advocates of racing contend that the number of injuries is small by comparison to injuries in human sports. They contend that the number of injuries suffered amount to only .15 percent of the starts. By comparison, 12% of high school football players and 5.2 percent of girls' soccer players incur injuries.

Advocates also contend that greyhound racing helps people, by bringing much needed jobs to local communities. According to the American Greyhound Council, greyhound tracks employ 14,000 people across the country with an annual payroll of over \$194 million.

The Fight in Massachusetts

The fate of greyhound racing has been vigorously debated in Massachusetts since at least 2000, when Massachusetts' voters first considered whether to outlaw greyhound racing by ballot initiative. The 2000 ballot initiative failed by a narrow margin, it was defeated 49% to 47%, with 4% of voters abstaining. Under Massachusetts law, the ballot could not be presented to voters again for six years.

On November 4, 2008, Massachusetts voters sided with opponents of greyhound racing, 56% to 44%. The ban will take effect on October 1, 2010. Racetrack owners may resort to litigation before the ban goes into effect. Therefore, it is hard to predict the ultimate fate of the ballot initiative. However, Massachusetts voters have stated their views on greyhound racing, and they do not support it.

The State of Greyhound Racing Nationally and in Wisconsin

Currently, less than 15 states operate dog tracks. In recent years, numerous states, including Pennsylvania, Idaho, Maine, North Carolina, Nevada, Vermont, Washington, Virginia, and now, Massachusetts, have outlawed greyhound racing.

Greyhound racing is legal in Wisconsin. However, only one track is currently in operation. The Wisconsin Department of Administration reports that there are usually between 800-900 dogs at Dairyland Greyhound Racing in Kenosha. The Wisconsin Division of Gaming "requires an Adopt-A-Greyhound Program at Wisconsin's track as a way to ensure that animals which participate in pari-mutuel racing are humanely treated throughout their lives." Dairyland runs such an adoption program.

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In an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel published on November 23, 2008, Dairyland's general manager reported at that time there were more than 100 dogs in need of adoptive homes. Midwest Greyhound Adoption, a nonprofit rescue group which specializes in taking badly injured dogs from Dairyland, stated to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that "Right now, it's a really bad time for broken legs, and it usually stays that way this time of year and goes through the winter."

According to the Wisconsin Division of Gaming, since 1990, Wisconsin adoption programs have successfully placed 25,000 greyhounds in homes. Even given the positive adoption numbers, however, there are always more greyhounds in need of homes and rarely enough homes for all of them.

Conclusion

While greyhounds are valued on the track for their speed, the American Kennel Club reports that the most valued trait of the greyhound is actually not speed, it is companionship. Please consider opening your home to a greyhound as either an adoptive or foster family. By opening your heart, you can give a retired racer a chance to share his most valued trait with you.

For more information about greyhound adoptions, visit:

-- www.midwestgreyhound.org

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-- Wisconsin Division of Gaming at (for State-approved greyhound adoption programs): www.doa.state.wi.us/category.asp?linkcatid=699&linkid=118&locid=7

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Although no one likes to discuss the last weeks and months of a pet's life, capturing their final moments with you can become great comfort as you mourn the loss and remember all the good times. "I can relate to owners who have had to experience the loss of their dogs," said Jerry. "We recently had to put our Goldie down and I am thankful to have professional portraits of Goldie that instantly jog my memory of him, especially with the rest of the family."

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WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, July 27, 2007.

The excerpt above was posted on the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture website during the Summer of 2007. The "rescuer" in this article as well as other articles that appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Minneapolis Star and Tribune and on local television news stories was me. Little did I realize the impact my response to an e-mail plea for assistance from a corgi rescue group would have on me, my husband, our dogs, and our lives that summer.

The Corgis needing assistance were three 6 to 8 year-old intact retired breeding Corgis that originated from a North Dakota

commercial breeder. Within a period of about three weeks, these dogs traveled to commercial breeding facilities in South Dakota and Minnesota. While at the Minnesota facility, one of the Corgis got sick and had symptoms the commercial breeder called stroke-like. This dog exhibited a dropped jaw with its tongue hanging out and not working, would stagger to get up and then require leaning against the kennel wall to move around. She could not eat. The dog was separated from her kennelmate and the following morning she was dead. She was incinerated on site at the breeding facility without being seen by a veterinarian. No tests were run nor was an autopsy conducted.

My participation in this scenario began one day after the death of the above mentioned Corgi. When I picked up the dogs, I noticed that one of them, the one housed with the dog that died, seemed very lethargic. Along with the dogs, I was handed three generic shot record forms and nothing else.

That evening, the one corgi remained very depressed and lethargic. She did not eat all her food nor did she appear to be drinking any water. The corgis were tentatively scheduled to leave my home for a more permanent foster home within one week.

The next day, I took the two rescue corgis to the vet. My vet examined both, took blood samples, and completed comprehensive exams. They both had extremely rotted teeth and horrible pus, black gunk- filled ears. A more thorough exam on the lethargic rescue didn't reveal anything else unusual. Again, the lethargic rescue did not eat or drink for me.

I told my vet about the Corgi that had died and she asked if they had their rabies vaccinations. Having been assured by one of the commercial breeders, multiple times in fact, that they had been vaccinated for

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New dog exercise areas to open in Milwaukee County this summer

This summer, four new dog exercise areas (DEAs) will open in Milwaukee County at Estabrook Park, Currie Park, Lake Park, and Bay View Park. These will be the first DEAs established within existing Milwaukee County Parks.

The county's two current dog parks, the Runway and Granville DEAs, are located on 10+ acres of land but lack amenities like restrooms and running water for dogs and their human companions. The new DEAs will take advantages of the existing infrastructure within the already established county parks but be smaller in size, ranging from 1.5 to 4 acres.

The Runway and Granville are two of the county's most highly visited parks and are located well out of the city. With the new DEAs, the county will provide residents better access to places they can legally exercise their dogs off leash.

Work has already begun at Estabrook

and will soon start at the other sites. The county hopes to open at least one site around Memorial Day with the remaining parks opening by the end of June. All four of the new dog parks will be fenced in like the Runway DEA so dogs can run free and play safe.

At the Runway DEA, the county requires dog owners to purchase a daily pass for \$5 or an annual permit for \$20 to use the dog park. The same permit will be required to visit the new dog parks once they open. To obtain a permit, your dog must be licensed within your municipality and have proof of a current rabies vaccination (either a rabies tag or certificate from a vet). To purchase a license and a permit online, visit the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission's website at www.madacc.org.

Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks (ROMP), a non-profit group that advocates for dedicated off-leash dog exercise areas and promotes responsible pet ownership, assisted the county with site evaluation and planning. Joanne McMillan, ROMP's co-

president, says "Your local dog park can be a fun place for you and your dog but it's important to do some training with your dog first so they know basic commands and they enjoy playing with other dogs before you take them to visit a dog park."

If you've never been to a dog park, here's a few things ROMP says you should consider and what to expect:

- Make your first trip during a "slow" time at the park which is typically weekday mornings and late afternoons.
- Keep your initial visit short and gradually increase your length of stay and frequency of visits as your dog gets used to trips to the park and playing with other dogs.
- It is NOT a good idea to leave your dog on a leash. A leashed dog may feel at a disadvantage and want to protect you or himself.
- Stay close to your dog, follow him through the park, but let your dog interact.

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rabies, I made a mental note to inquire again. I contacted the breeder and again was assured they had rabies vaccinations. However, there was no record of rabies vaccinations for any of the dogs on the shot records given to me.

On the fourth day under my care, the lethargic Corgi was squinting a lot now, was not eating or drinking, and her jaw had started to hang which lead to some drooling. I was giving both rescues pre-dental antibiotics because their teeth were so bad. However, since the one dog was not eating, I had to take the pill, put it into peanut butter, and scrape my finger on the roof of her mouth. Most dogs would smack their lips and tongue feverishly to get the peanut butter, but I noticed her tongue didn't seem to work correctly. It was as though it was too big for her mouth although it looked normal in size. She also slept ALL day and would barely get up even when I came to pay attention to her.

Day five, a Sunday, I followed the same process with pilling the dogs, but the one rescue was still not eating or drinking. I called the vet and we discussed options. We decided the symptoms (jaw drop, drooling, eye squinting, and lolling tongue) were progressing and similar enough to the dog that died that euthanization had to become a consideration. Even though I had been assured three times that these dogs had rabies vaccinations (albeit they were said to have been given by the owner of the dogs instead of by a veterinarian) the symptoms were just too coincidental and I opted to euthanize the dog and submit the body for rabies testing.

We waited four LONG days for the results. My vet clinic finally called and the diagnosis was: RABIES! Our nightmare began to unfold. Within hours of this call, the St. Croix County-Wisconsin Department of Public Health called to tell my husband and me to get rabies treatment and vaccinations as soon as possible. Current rabies treatment protocol consists of rabies immunoglobulin given intramuscularly to provide immediate rabies immunity and then a series of five rabies vaccinations given in the arm muscle on the first day and then days three, seven, 14 and 28.

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- Bring water for you and your dog. Typically a milk gallon filled with water is good to bring. The rule is bring a full bottle, leave it, and take an empty one back home with you to bring back filled at your next visit.

- And, most importantly, pick up after your dog and properly dispose of their waste.

It's also good to familiarize yourself with the petiquette and the rules established for Milwaukee County's DEAs. Visit www.countyparks.com for more information. To stay up-to-date on all the latest Milwaukee County dog park news and events, including when the new parks will open, visit ROMP's website at www.milwaukeekeepdogparks.org. ROMP also has a Yahoo!Group you can join to receive email updates. Click on the Yahoo!Groups graphic on their website or search Yahoo!Groups for "Milwaukee dog parks."

Robin Barry is co-president of Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks (ROMP), a 501c3 non-profit organization that advocates for dedicated off-leash dog exercise areas in Milwaukee County and educates the community about responsible dog ownership. ROMP works closely with the Milwaukee County Parks System to ensure dogs have fenced-in places to run free and play safe.

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Dog Park Etiquette: Are there unwritten rules visitors should follow?

On an early spring afternoon a writer packed up her two-and-a-half year old daughter and her 10-year-old Border collie and headed out to the dog park. Being a weekday, the writer thought the dog park would be quiet and both dog and child could expend some energy while mom took in a nice casual walk. The writer should have known that with a toddler and a Border collie chaos always ensues.

Upon walking through the park, the dog liked to go one way and the toddler liked to go another. The writer soon found herself running in circles chasing a laughing toddler in one direction and an over-stimulated dog in another. Since the dog was older, the writer decided it was a much better idea to keep an eye on the toddler. Suddenly, however, she heard a scuffle and a familiar bark from over the hill. As she reached the crest she found two less-than-happy dog owners looking nervously in her direction. They looked from the writer, to the Border collie with a tiny spot of blood dripping from his eye, to the toddler that was now being carried on the writer's shoulders. As the dog owners sarcastically apologized for their dogs scuffling with the writer's dog, they walked away seeming annoyed and whispering to each other. This left the writer wondering, are there unwritten rules one should follow when visiting the dog park?

When you enter a dog park, like the Bicentennial Dog Exercise Area in Jefferson County, you may see a sign with rules like these:

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- Please clean up after your dog.
- Dog must have current license & rabies permit.

Though these rules seem clearly laid out, the writer wondered if others knew of rules such as "Don't bring your toddler to the dog park," or "Please keep up with your dog even if he's faster than you are," or "Please don't let your dog sniff other skittish dogs that might bite him in return."

On a different sun-shiny Saturday, the writer returned to the dog park without her daughter and decided to ask some of these very questions. Here's what she found...

Steve and Margie Mohr of Fort Atkinson, who visit the park often with their new Rat terrier puppy feel kids are certainly welcome at the dog park. "That's what parks like this are for, for the kids and the dogs to play," says Margie. "We would just hope that people keep an eye on their kids and know better than to bring a vicious dog to a place like this," adds Steve.

Chasing her fast-paced Beagle, Linda Fischer of Jefferson says she has no issues with people or children visiting the dog park as long as everyone is sure to clean up after themselves and the dogs. "We love visiting out here and meeting new dogs and new people," she adds, "we just appreciate it when people clean up after their dogs."

Carrying her eight-week-old daughter as she enjoyed a walk with her dog and other friends, Tressa Smail of Watertown says she definitely believes it's OK for kids to visit the dog park as long as both parents and dog owners stay alert and aware of what's going on and keep both kids and dogs under control.

Susy Besougloff of Oconomowoc agrees that dog owners shouldn't bring dogs to the park if you know they have behavioral issues and the same rule should apply for children. "Dogs will be dogs, but you defi-



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nately shouldn't bring a dog here if you can't control it. Kids should definitely be able to interact with the dogs here, but you shouldn't bring a child to a dog park that's afraid of dogs because this (the park) is for the dogs. This sort of place shouldn't be a learning experience for kids on how to interact with dogs."

So, in the end the writer learned there are some rules of etiquette to follow when visiting the dog park. Some of these rules are posted on the sign and some are assumed. The assumed rules are to simply be kind and courteous to other visitors and keep troublemakers at home... whether they're dogs or children.

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July 12th Noon - 4:00pm Reservations req.
August 9th Noon - 4:00pm Reser. req.
Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Consultations w/ Rebecca Moravec
July 8th, August 12th
Animal Doctor, Muskego
414-422-1300
www.animaldoctormuskego.com

CANINE MASSAGE

Canine Massage w/ Doug Arthur
June 27th Noon - 4:00pm
August 1st Noon - 4:00pm
August 22nd Noon - 4:00pm
Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
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CAMPS/CLASSES/SEMINARS

Solving Common K9 Behavior Problems
June 1st 6:30pm Free
Humane Animal Welfare Society
(HAWS), Waukesha
www.hawspets.org

Doga - Yoga for Dogs
June 2nd
Ruffin' It Resort, Madison
608-310-4299, www.ruffinitresort.com

Dog Behavior Seminar
June 4th 6:30 - 8:30pm
Cost: \$10.00
Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee
www.wihumane.org

Dog Park, Dog Pack Etiquette and Chew on This Seminar
June 4th 6:30 - 8:30pm
Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
Cost: \$20.00 (by Trainer Cindy Skarda)
262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Pet First Aid Class
June 6th 1:00 - 4:00pm
July 18th 1:00 - 4:00pm
August 8th 1:00 - 4:00pm
Humane Animal Welfare Society
(HAWS), Waukesha
262-879-0165, www.hawspets.org

How to Raise a Puppy and Keep Your Sanity
June 7th 1:00pm (FREE)
Humane Animal Welfare Society
(HAWS), Waukesha
262-542-8851, www.hawspets.org

Let's Talk About Boarding Your Pet
June 13th 1:00pm
July 11th 1:00pm
August 8th 1:00pm
Animal Motel, Butler
262-781-5200, www.animalmotel.net

Basic Animal Communication Class w/ Rebecca Moravec

June 20th 10:00am - 4:00pm
July 19th 10:00am - 4:00pm
Cost: \$150.00, Reservations required
Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Pets Need Dental Care Too Seminar
June 23rd 6:00 - 7:00pm Cost: \$10
Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee
www.wihumane.org

Dogal Yoga for Dogs
June 27th 1:00pm
Best Paw Forward Dog Training
1005 Richards Road, Su H, Hartland
262-369-3935, www.bestpawforward.net

Agility Games Workshop
June 27th & 28th
4 My Dogz Professional Dog Training, Sussex
www.4mydogz.com

Camp Pawprint
July 20th - 24th (ages 9-11)
July 27th - 31st (ages 11-14)
Dane County Humane Society, Madison
www.giveshelter.org

Camp Critter
July 28th - 30th 9:00am - Noon
Cost: \$90 per child (ages 8-11)
Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee
www.wihumane.org

Working with Crystals for You & Your Pet w/ Rebecca Moravec
August 2nd 11:00am - 2:00pm
Cost: \$75.00, Reservations required
Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Camp Critter
August 18th - 20th 9:00am - Noon
Cost: \$90 per child (ages 8-11)
Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee
www.wihumane.org

CPR Course & First Aid for Dogs & Cats
August 25th 6:30 - 8:30pm Cost: \$60
Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee
www.wihumane.org

DOG SHOWS/COMPETITIONS

USDAA Agility Trial
June 12th - 14th
Kenosha Co Fairgrounds, Wilmet, WI
www.creamcitycanines.com

Field Spaniel Society of America National Dog Show
June 21st - 24th
Olympia Resort & Spa, Oconomowoc
www.olympiaresort.com

WHL Cat Club & Prairie State Cat Club Show
August 15th - 16th
Olympia Resort & Spa, Oconomowoc
www.olympiaresort.com

Dog Camp

August 21st - 24th & 28th - 31st
Dog Days of Wisconsin, Almond, WI
www.dogcamp.com

EXPOS/FUNDRAISERS/GATHERINGS

Tail Waggers 911 Fundraiser
June 6th 11:00am - 4:00pm
East Towne Veterinary Clinic, Mequon
www.tailwaggers911.com

Milwaukee Pet Store Protest
June 7th 11:00am - 3:00pm Petland, Racine
June 27th 11:00am - 3:00pm Petland, Racine
July 12th 10:00am - 2:00pm Corners Pet
August 1st 10:00am - 2:00pm Corners Pet
August 16th 10:00 - 2:00pm Corners Pet
HappyCappy90@hotmail.com

WAAGR's Really Big Rummage Sale
June 12th 9:00am - 4:00pm
June 13th 9:00am - 3:00pm
N61 W12851 Hemlock Ct., Menomonee Falls
www.waagr.org

Hal's Harley Pet Day
Fundraiser for Elmbrook Humane Society
June 13th
Hal's Harley Davidson, New Berlin
www.ebhs.org

Puttin' Four Paws Golf Outing
June 19th - Shot gun start @ 10:00am
Benefiting Washington Co. Humane Society
www.washingtoncountyhumane.org

Great Gatsby Gala
Fundraiser for Elmbrook Humane Society
June 20th 6:00 - 10:00pm
262-754-6597, www.ebhs.org

'09 Reunion Picnic for Humane Milwaukee
June 13th 10:00am - 2:00pm
The Runway Dog Exercise Area
414-421-8881, www.humanemilwaukee.org

1st Annual Bowl-a-Thon
June 27th Noon - 3:00pm
Benefiting Humane Milwaukee
www.humanemilwaukee.org

Tails of Love Book Signing
June 28th Noon - 2:00pm
Cedarburg Strawberry Fest - Creekside Book Shop
<http://captainrichie.net>

WAAGR Golf Outing
July 11th Shotgun starts at 8:30am
West Bend Lakes Golf Club
www.waagr.org

Pizzeria Piccola for Society Sunday
July 12th 4:00pm - 9:00pm
Benefiting Humane Milwaukee
7606 W. State St. Wauwatosa
www.humanemilwaukee.org

Feasting for Fido
July 16th 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Tickets \$45
Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee
www.wihumane.org

Annual Racine Doggiefest
July 18th
Proceeds to benefit H.O.P.E. Safehouse
<http://racinedoggiefest.blogspot.com/>

WAAGR at Society Sundays

July 26th 4:00 - 9:00pm
Pizzeria Piccola, Wauwatosa
www.waagr.org

Dogs on the Cat Walk

August 1st 10:00am - 4:00pm
3 Goldens And A Gator, Racine
www.3goldensandagator.com.

Gilda's Club Woof 'n' Hoof Dog Walk

August 1st 8:00am - 1:00pm
Shorewood, WI
www.gildasclubsewi.org

The Valley Pet Expo

August 15th 9:00am - 5:00pm
August 16th 10:00am - 4:00pm
Appleton, WI
www.valleypetexpo.com

"BEACH PARTY" Dog Days 9th Annual

Beach Party & Best Beach Attire Contest
August 16th Noon - 2:00pm
Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
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PET PARTIES/PLAYGROUPS**Pooch Playtime**

Sundays, 1:30 - 2:15pm
Wisconsin Humane Society
414-ANIMALS, www.wihumane.org

Yappy Hour - (reservations req.)

1st & 3rd Fridays 6:30 - 7:30pm
Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

Playtime at the Playground

Saturdays, 9:00am - Noon
Puppy Playground, Oak Creek
414-764-PUPS

Playgroups

Saturdays, 9:00 - 11:00am
Ruffin' It Resort, Madison
608-310-4299, www.ruffinitresort.com

Pup Party

Sundays, 12:45 - 1:45pm
For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
1-800-581-9070, www.forpetssake.cc

Pup Social

Sundays, 5:45 - 6:15pm
Best Paw Forward, Hartland
262-369-3935, www.bestpawforward.net

SPORTING ACTIVITIES**Obedience & Rally Run Thrus**

2nd Friday of the Month 6:30pm
Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
www.cudahykennelclub.org

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3rd Friday of the Month 6:30pm
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Rally Obedience Run Thrus

4th Sunday of the Month 6:00 - 7:00pm
Proper Paws University, Racine
www.properpawsuniversity.com

Teacup Agility Run Thrus

1st Friday of the Month 6:30pm
Proper Paws University, Kenosha
www.properpawsuniversity.com

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My next call was from a Wisconsin Department of Agriculture veterinarian who told me that the symptoms noted for the rabid dog were not typical. The dog had the "dumb" form of rabies and the symptoms noted -- lethargy, not eating, tongue not working correctly but normal sized, drooling, jaw drop, photophobia (squinting as though the light is too bright) and hydrophobia (fear of drinking water) -- were all consistent for this type of rabies.

The state veterinarian asked that my three dogs receive rabies booster shots ASAP. She also strongly recommended that the one remaining rescue dog be euthanized that day and her body submitted for rabies testing. Unfortunately, there was no alternative to euthanizing the remaining dog since there is no way to determine whether a live dog without symptoms has active rabies. She tested negative.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture stated that my dogs would be on home quarantine for 60, yes 60, days without leaving the premises. My husband and I have a cabin in northern Minnesota and since we couldn't take the dogs off the property and no one else could care for them (remember they were quarantined from other people too) there were no cabin trips for us that summer. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture visited twice during the two month quarantine--once at the beginning and once at the end to release the dogs on the last day. They also mentioned that I may be fined for bringing the rescue dogs into Wisconsin without a valid health certificate. That is the law -- and this DOES NOT mean a valid shot record -- it means a VALID HEALTH CERTIFICATE. The law is black and white and I broke that law.

Four months later I received a call from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture

Office of Trade and Consumer Protection saying that they had my legal paperwork all drawn up with the agreement for a plea deal with the Wisconsin St. Croix County District Attorney. This would be considered a "no contest" plea agreement for a civil forfeiture. My fine was \$301 with a \$200 court paperwork fee for a total fine of \$501. I received my final legal paperwork, marked paid, in December, 2007, five months after this ordeal started.

The monetary impact from this experience was great. My husband and I are grateful that we work for a company that has good medical insurance coverage and that Corgi rescue funds were generously offered and paid for the approximate \$1,400 out of pockets expenses not covered by insurance. The total cost of this experience was nearly \$6000!

Unfortunately, I bore the entire burden for breaking the law by transferring these rescue Corgis without valid health certificates. It's on my record! None of the other commercial kennel owners were fined or punished in any way as state agricultural departments work independently of one another and the laws and their enforcement varies greatly from state to state.

****PLEASE** make sure that any rescue dog transported, fostered, evaluated, etc... has proof of a VALID rabies vaccination. And if you are crossing state lines with a rescue dog YOU MUST HAVE A VALID HEALTH CERTIFICATE. It is the law in the majority of states.

Please continue to help dogs in need, but please use caution and protect yourself. If you know someone that assists rescues, please pass my story along and hopefully no one else will go through this ordeal again.

Jill Hart has been involved in the dog world for over 20 years. In addition to participating in AKC conformation and performance events with her Rottweilers and Pembroke welsh corgis, she also occasionally assists with transport and short term fostering of rescue corgis. Her background as a veterinary technician was extremely important in the outcome of this rabies story.

Losing Your Best Friend

The end of a pet's life marks the end of an era in our life, and for some of us it can represent our first experience of losing a loved one. Exactly how and when it will happen remains a mystery, and emotionally we can never really be ready. But some preliminary research, thoughtful decisions, and support choices can prepare us for easing our pet's death process whenever it happens and however long it takes. Ideally, the experience can then leave us with our fond memories and our knowing that we gave our cherished friend all the loving care and comfort they so deserved throughout their life and their dying process.

Healing Heart Pet Hospice in Appleton and Lorraine's Garden at the Wisconsin Humane Society can help us support and make end-of-life decisions for our pets. I visited both places and gained in my understanding of the human-animal bond. In other words, whatever your beliefs about the needs of an animal during its life, death, and after, they will be respected here.

Valerie Hajek Adams, a certified veterinary technician, founded and directs the Healing Heart Pet Hospice, a program headquartered at the Fox Valley Animal Referral Center, a veterinary emergency hospital in Appleton. After a long career in general veterinary practice, Adams chose work in animal emergency medicine and became one of the first employees hired at the hospital in 1996.

"More and more I saw the needs of the pet family starting to change but not being met," says Adams. "Pets were spending a lot of time in ICU for a variety of reasons, and that is heart wrenching for everyone. The doctors get upset, the staff gets upset, everybody gets upset."

"The staff was more than happy to have the animals, but we just thought there's a better place," says Christy Rach, CVT and Adams' partner in the hospice program. That was when they started saying to each other, "This pet doesn't need ICU, he needs to be at home, but with our skills. There's so much we can do for him at home smelling his own pillow, with his own family. How can we make this happen?"

That need for hospice care kept coming up for Adams, and after extensive research she found people were providing animal hospice all over the country. She presented her research and a program proposal to the emergency hospital's Board of Directors. They liked her idea, but couldn't support it financially; they had just purchased new equipment, and the hospice program would have to wait.

Or so they thought. That's when one of the hospital's four owners and his wife donated money to hire an attorney and get the 501(c)(3) non-profit designation. A year ago, Healing Heart Foundation, Inc. launched the Healing Heart Pet Hospice program, headquartered at the emergency hospital.

"We lease space from the hospital, but we are our own entity," explains Adams. In other words, the hospice is not a place

do a very good job of straddling the fence. It shouldn't be either/or; no two patients are the same, and no two modalities are the same."

When your vet determines that your dog has something dreadful, Adams explained, you are presented with several options as your pet's caregiver, his voice, and his advocate. While advances in veterinary medicine give our animals longer lives, they can also complicate those end-of-life decisions we need to make on our pet's behalf. "My job is to give you information. Your doctor's job is to give you information. Your job is to make the best decision you can for your pet and to use us to help you get there," says Adams.

The hospice phone number is available to the public, and "the hospice phone is with me always" she explains. "Our initial call is fact-finding-what's the problem, what kind of pet, where do you live, who is your primary doctor? If they want their Doc to be involved, we make the call to set it up." If their own vet is not involved in the hospice care, the family needs to visit a doctor at the hospital. By law, one visit is needed to establish a doctor/client relationship that enables Adams and Rach, as vet techs, to consult and take medical orders from the hospital doctor.

The next step involves a 1-3 hour hospice consult in the client's home. "We discuss what may happen during the disease process and what they can do," says Rach. "We set up a plan of care so they feel well-equipped, and we always have a back-up plan."

"After we assess everything, they sign 'I understand' forms," says Adams. "That first little while is huge to get everyone understanding where we're going. We watch the initial tears, and then all that changes when they feel secure and their fear is gone. They feel they have some control."

Rach explains the importance of pet comfort in the care plan. "It can be slings, ramps, padding or an extra bed; raising their bowls or making a special room or playpen. A lot of small adjustments can

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RESCUES

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make a huge difference for the animal," she says. One family made ramps for their dog, and the project helped them feel good, that they were contributing something.

"We give them a care packet and have them keep a journal," says Adams. "When their heads are swimming over caretaking, and they can't remember what happened when or how, they have a record."

"Some diseases process much faster than others, so if the family runs into a crisis at two in the morning, they know they can get us on the phone," says Rach. She and Adams are available 24/7. "We make visits when we need to, assess our patient, communicate with the family by phone every couple of days, or daily. Each case is different," says Adams.

A fee for services is charged within a thirty-mile radius of Appleton, their hub. Outside that radius requires a fee plus mileage. "We only charge what we need to cover our cost," explains Adams. "We don't receive any subsidies. We operate on tax deductible donations and fees from the hospice families."

"As much work as it is to be born, it takes extreme energy and work to die," says Adams. The Healing Heart Pet Hospice honors that work as they provide a way for animals to do it with the people they love most.

The end-of-life decisions for an animal do not end when our pet dies however. Lorraine H. Raasch Memorial Garden at the Wisconsin Humane Society provides onsite services and help with those difficult decisions. Do we want underground burial or cremation? In either case, where do we want our pet's remains?

Community Relations Manager Angela Speed says, "We like to discuss the plans before your pet dies. It's much easier to make the arrangements before you're in the process of grieving your loss. You can come in and write up the paper work, contracts, and reserve a niche with your pet's date of birth engraved and leaving a space for date of death, just like human headstones," she explains.

Due to size constraints, there are no in-ground burial sites, but WHS is open

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seven days a week for on-site cremation services. If you already have your pet's cremated remains, you may still inter them in Lorraine's Garden columbarium. The staff at WHS will even help you plan a small memorial service. The funds from cremation fees and cost of niches or engraved Memory Walk bricks all go to WHS to help homeless animals. The shelter's 130-year-old history provides credibility and security in the permanence of your pet's resting place.

Animal lover and Wauwatosa resident Lorraine Raasch wanted a dignified final resting place for animals that honors the bond between you and your beloved pet. To fulfill her wish, Raasch left provisions in her estate that enabled WHS to create a Meditation Garden, outdoor Chapel, Memory Walk, and Columbarium.

Open to the public during daylight hours, Lorraine's Garden is a restful place. A statue of St. Francis seated on a bench greets visitors as they enter. Further in, a chapel and fountains nestle among native wildflowers and Korean spice and rose bushes. River birch, pine trees, and annual flowers line the engraved brick-laid memory walk, with occasional benches along the way. The peace and quiet, unusual in the middle of a big city, leave you feeling that Lorraine would be pleased.

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Parked Vehicles

On a warm day, even with the windows cracked, the temperature in a car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes. Because they can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet, dogs can suffer brain damage and die from heatstroke. Never leave your pet unattended in a parked vehicle.

Swimming Pools

Dogs and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise your dog in a pool.

Crowds

Avoid taking your dog to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs, and even Fourth of July Celebrations. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for dogs.

Exercising on Hot Days

Dogs need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. Limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your dog's paws.

Access to Fresh Water

Provide plenty of water and shade so while enjoying the great outdoors your dog can stay cool too.

Pick Up Trucks

It is very dangerous, and in some states illegal, to drive with a dog in the back of a pick-up truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves, or is hit by another car. Dogs should ride either in the cab (in a crate or wearing a seat belt harness designed for dogs) or in a secured crate in the bed of the truck.

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