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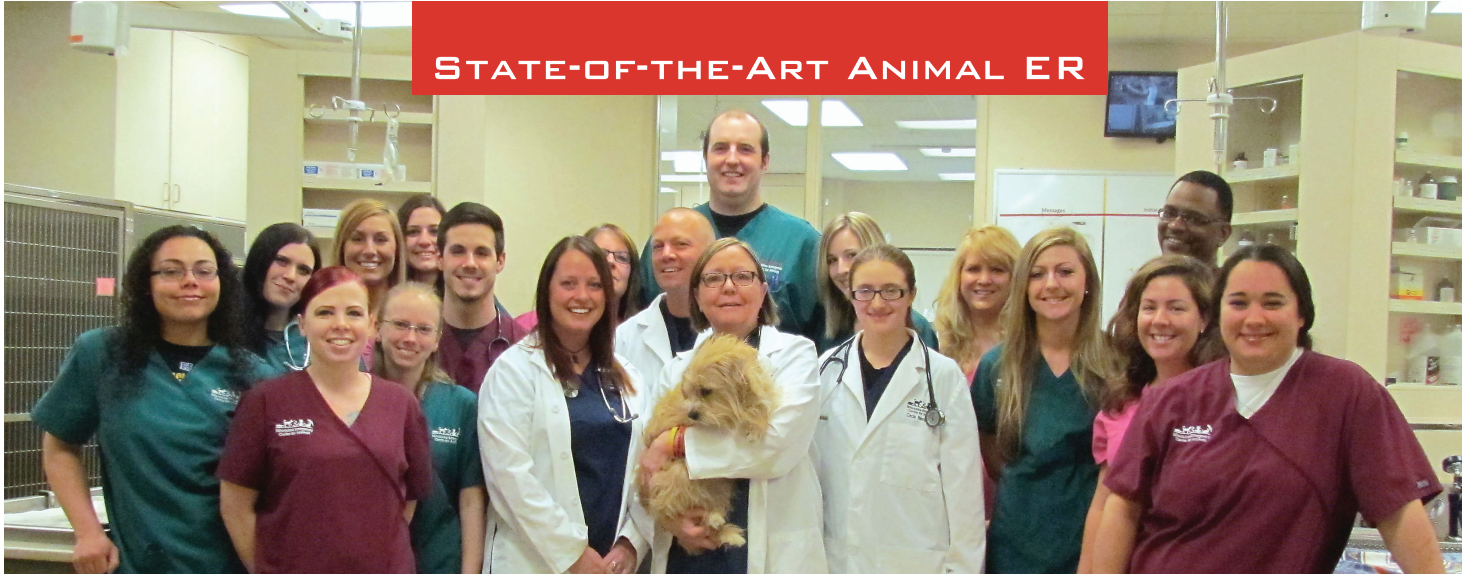


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Photo By Stephanie Bartz

Puppies are the ultimate symbol of innocence and good in this world - well if you ask me they are. But what about all those seniors out there who were once cute & naive little fluff balls? What happens to them in shelters for instance? Why do people overlook a dog that is wise with age? Don't they need love too? Well, of course they do and in this issue of **FETCH**, we are celebrating the birth of innocence along with those golden years of grace.

Not everyone has the time and patience necessary to take on a puppy. However rewarding & wonderful the experience of raising your own companion can be, it is a full-time job. So if a puppy is not right for you or your family, have you opened up your heart to the idea of gifting an older dog with a home for his or her golden years? Though the thought of getting attached to something so close to death can be emotionally troublesome, you must think of how important it is for that dog to leave this world having experienced the love someone like you can offer.

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I was raised in a very dog-friendly home, which is where my mom, Celia, still runs a high-end doggie daycare business called Celia's 5-Star Canine Resort. Growing up, helping out with the family business gave me a unique understanding of diverse dog breeds and each of their dog-onalities. Interviews and report cards were a daily occurrence at the home-run resort, and we had some pretty high-profile canine guests including Eddie Vedder's (Pearl Jam) furbabies. Many were regular boarders, staying for multiple weeks at a time while their busy owners traveled, and we considered them family. During my final years before leaving home (Seattle, WA) I helped manage the business, and it planted in me the seed of entrepreneurship. Fast-forward to today and I co-own a dog treat business called Threepaws Gourmet. Our Milwaukee-based company sells locally (Mac's Pet Depot Barkery) and around the Chicago area (Sugar Beet Co-op and Good Vibes), as well as in select stores around the Country. Our healthy (never any xylitol or anything artificial) and fun handmade dog treats are also available through Amazon as well as our website. My amazing business partner Alex and I launched our labor of love on Labor Day 2014 . . . and haven't looked back since.

VegNews magazine, a vegan-lifestyle publication, gave me my first real taste of the editorial world. As their Associate Editor I got to test and review new products, copy edit issues, write about veg celebrities, brainstorm on countless content, and work trade-shows around the country. VegNews showed me that it was possible to grow a successful business without compromising my morals and values, and it was there, in San Francisco, that my love for writing and the editorial world was solidified.

From getting to know many different animals over the years, I've learned that the beautiful spirit dogs express can also serve as a window into the soul of countless other animals. A world where animals and people help each other is the most beautiful world I can imagine. When people ask me what my dog Layla is, my initial reaction is "all love" quickly followed by "part Shepherd and part Hound". I'm drawn to FETCH magazine because of its interest in the emotional lives of dogs, as well as its continued support of dog shelters within the local community. One day, I hope Threepaws Gourmet can make a significant donation to some wonderful animal charities, but for now, dog treats will have to do!

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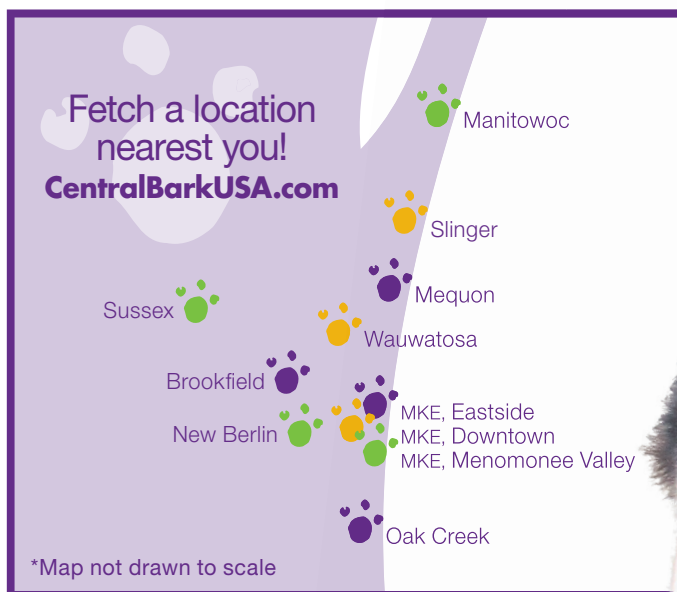

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EDITOR'S PAW



Tess, 12 years old

Dear FETCH Friends:

Age is a state a mind ... it's your own perception of your soul self. But visually, it's more like a customized stamp that we continue to cut into and ink up with every rite of passage. Well, the same goes for our canine chums. Each dog we meet in our lifetime will carry his own unique personality and markings. Depending on his life, prior to meeting you, he may have very little corruption (a puppy for instance) or he may be somewhat set in his ways (like a senior). But every dog deserves and desires a good, loving home, and if our age played a role in whether we got to have a home or not, that would be horrific.

So choose a pup or senior wisely when looking for a companion. Don't just base your choice on age alone. We all have something to offer regardless of the extent of our life experience. You'll be surprised at how much any creature can grow and change when put into a certain situation. Especially, the right one!

To Human Puppies, Canine Puppies & All Us Oldies But Goodies,

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AROUND THE WATER BOWL

Local Veterinarian Specialist Warns Public to Take Precautions; Coyotes More Brazen Than Ever

Dr. Marla Lichtenberger, owner of Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals is warning the public, especially small dog owners, to be on alert after seeing an increase in coyote-related injuries.

The most recent Greenfield attack took the life of Paisley, the beloved poodle of Alderman Bruce Bailey. Just five days before, a woman walking her dog reported being followed and charged by a coyote-like animal near the area Paisley was attacked.

The city of Wauwatosa has recently had similar incidents and coyote sightings in the last few months, including four dog deaths. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been working with government officials and educating the public. Dr. Lichtenberger urges pet owners to be proactive.

"Coyotes are becoming increasingly brazen and less afraid of humans. They are more likely to be found in neighborhoods and yards, probably because of the amount of food they find here. Thankfully, coyotes are easily conditioned to stay away if we follow some simple guidelines," said Lichtenberger.

Lichtenberger suggests the following tips, especially from now until early spring, while coyotes are in their breeding season:

- Do not leave food outside. This includes bird seed as the seed attracts rodents, coyote's main prey.
- Pick up any fallen fruit and pet bowls (even water dishes).
- Cover trash and recycling bins tightly.
- Close gaps under porches or sheds with material that extends a foot underground to prevent them from digging under it.
- Don't leave your grill outside. Store it in your shed or garage nightly.
- Install motion-sensor lighting.

"Even after following coyote deterring tips, make sure you are never far from your dog. Always use a leash and always keep them near you. Be vigilant of your surroundings, especially near dawn and dusk," added Dr. Lichtenberger.

In addition to Lichtenberger's suggestions, the DNR recommends continuing to discourage coyotes by reinforcing their fear of humans. When you see a coyote, yell. Loud noises deter them. Throw sticks, balls or other objects in their general direction. In its "Coyote Hazing Guidelines", The Humane Society of the United States says people should never run from a coyote. Once scared, a coyote is not likely to return.

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DOG TOXICANT: Xylitol Appearing in Peanut Butters

Every dog owner knows the challenge of medicating a dog with pills that taste bad. Most people hide the pill in cheese, deli meat, or peanut butter. What you need to know is that many peanut butter manufacturers have started using xylitol to sweeten their product. Xylitol is toxic to dogs.

Xylitol is a sweetener that until now has been used primarily in sugar free gums and candies, baked goods, desserts, toothpaste, and other oral care products in the United States. It is increasingly found in some over the counter items that are prescribed by veterinarians including certain antihistamines, fish oil, melatonin, and Vitamin B12. Beyond its use as a sweetener, xylitol also can be used to preserve moisture and is used in non-food products such as shampoos and lotions. Humans can consume xylitol with no problem

but because of differences in metabolism, it can be toxic to dogs. (Xylitol is toxic to cats too; we just don't see as many toxicities because cats tend to be choosier about what they eat.)

The number of xylitol poisonings in dogs is on the rise. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control center reports that since they started tracking calls in 2007, the number of cases has more than doubled to over 3,727. The actual number is likely much higher since some veterinarians have treated enough cases that they no longer need to call the center for guidance. When dogs ingest xylitol, it causes a rapid increase in insulin which can cause a serious drop in blood sugar. This can lead to vomiting, weakness, staggering, and seizures within 30-60 minutes of consuming even small quantities of xylitol. It can also lead to liver failure.

If you suspect your pet has ingested a xylitol containing product, call your veterinarian immediately. Do not attempt to remedy the situation at home. Prevention includes keeping pets away from xylitol containing products. Known companies that add xylitol to peanut butters include Go Nuts, Hank's Protein Plus Peanut Butter, Krusch Nutrition, Nuts 'n More, and P28. Because xylitol can appear in other products and under other names, be on the lookout for any ingredient that includes the letters "xyl" and keep those products away from your pets.

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WHS & MADACC

Support AB 487/LRB 1926

Wisconsin Humane Society & Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission in support of legislation to help seized & stray animals in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Humane Society and Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) issued a joint statement today in support of LRB 1926/1, a bill proposed by Representative John Spinos (R-Marshfield) pertaining to holding periods for seized and stray animals.

LRB 1926/1 Saves Animals' Lives

The Wisconsin Humane Society and Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) support LRB 1926/1. The bill would protect animals from forced long stays in local animal shelters, whether the animals are seized in cruelty, fighting, and hoarding cases, or come to facilities as stray animals. When animals are forced to stay in shelters for long periods, they face increased medical risk and psychological stress. This bill addresses all types of holds comprehensively, to improve conditions and live release rates for animals in Wisconsin shelters.

First, LRB 1926/1 prevents seized animals from being confined indefinitely as "evidence" while court cases are unresolved. An animal's condition even a few days after seizure is irrelevant in court. But in the past, shelters have been required to hold animals for as long as years while cases move through the court system. This is harmful to animals and expensive for taxpayers. LRB 1926/1 provides a process to allow animals to leave the shelter much sooner.

Second, LRB 1926/1 reduces Wisconsin's long forced hold for stray animals. Currently, stray animals must be held for seven days under Wisconsin law – eight days in practice, because the law does not count the day of initial impoundment. LRB 1926/1 allows shelters to find homes for safe and healthy animals on the animal's sixth day in the shelter, after the animal is held for a four day stray hold, plus the day of initial impoundment.

Why a shorter stray hold?

Wisconsin has one of the longest stray holds in America. Most states have stray



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holds between three and five days. The long required hold is harmful to animals because it causes undue stress and illness. Just 3% of cats and 27% of dogs were claimed by an owner at MADACC in 2014. The majority of animals who come into Wisconsin shelters sit unclaimed, stressed from being in an unfamiliar environment, exposing them to illness and behavioral issues, when shelters could be finding them new homes. This measure would put Wisconsin nearer the national average and improve animals' outcomes.

Key benefits of a shortened stray hold include:

- Saves animals' lives. Long stray holds make animals sick, because they overcrowd shelters. Disease and overcrowding in turn cause unnecessary shelter deaths. Disease and overcrowding are the leading causes of preventable euthanasia in impoundment facilities.

Why do long holds cause overcrowding?

It's pure math. Imagine a city where 5,000 animals become stray in a year. If each one spends ten days in the local shelter, the shelter will have 137 animals in care every single day. (5,000 animals x 10 days / 365 days). If the same 5,000 animals need to spend seven days in the shelter, the shelter's daily population drops to 96. The more crowded the shelter, the more germs it contains, the more stressed the animals become, and the more animals become sick – all because they came to the shelter that was supposed to help them.

- Improves live release for animals. Wisconsin has one of the highest stray holds in the nation, which negatively impacts the animals in our state.

A 90% live outcome rate is often spoken of as the mark of a "no-kill" community. Many factors affect a community's live outcome

rate; the primary factor is poverty. But no large community with a 90% live outcome rate has a stray hold as long as Wisconsin's. **Examples are:**

- Austin, TX, 93%; 3 day stray hold
- Oregon Humane Society, Portland, OR, 93%; 3 day stray hold
- Hamilton County, IN, 90.3%; 4 day stray hold
- Kansas City, MO; 93%, 5 day stray hold
- Boulder, CO; 93%, 5 day stray hold

- Gets animals home just as quickly. Long stray holds don't significantly help animals get home. The majority of animals are reunited with their families on days one through four of the state stray hold. In fact, 74% of dogs and 52% of cats reclaimed at MADACC in 2014 went home in the first two days of their stray hold. Of the 11,221 dogs and cats who entered MADACC in 2014 -- just 1% -- were reclaimed on days five through seven.
- Saves tax dollars. Long stray holds cost taxpayers money. The stray hold law requires municipalities to hold, and pay for the care of, animals for a specified time. The longer the time, the more taxpayers pay, and the fewer funds are available for other critical functions. In the extra days required by a long hold, taxpayers and are paying a high price for an extremely small number of animals.

Press Release from WHS

A Sammy's Smile Is Worth 1000 Words

BY JESSICA PAIRRETT, FREELANCE WRITER

A permanent smile outlines the Samoyed's face, matching its happy, warm personality. But don't let this gorgeous dog fool you: he's not just a pretty face. In fact, the Sammy or Sam, as the breed is known among fans, is a highly functional, hardy dog.

History

The Samoyed takes his name from the nomadic tribe who, thousands of years ago traveled from the Iran region to the tundra of Siberia. Once there, the dogs and Samoyed people shared trust as the dogs earned their working status. In addition to Arctic exploration, the Sammy pulled sleds, herded reindeer and hunted and guarded property.

These dogs became companion animals, babysitting children and warming beds on cool nights. Extremely cold nights were three-dog nights, in which three dogs would be placed on the bed to warm its occupants, explains Maria Kirylo, state coordinator of Playing Again Sams Wisconsin Samoyed Rescue.

According to the American Kennel Club, during the early 1900s, the breed was brought to England to breed enthusiast Queen Alexandra. Present-day American and English Samoyeds are descendants of her dogs. Today, the Samoyed is one of the purest breeds around, the most similar to the primitive dog, with no fox or wolf DNA.

At Home

"Samoyeds make terrible, terrible outdoor dogs," Kirylo says. They are very much part of your pack and want to be with their families. Gentle, friendly and easygoing, the Sammy is said to love everyone—intruders included. Needless to say, the Sammy will adapt to life perfectly fine with children or the family cat.

Activities

Speaking from firsthand experience, Kirylo advises that "if you can't walk your dog several miles a day, don't get a Samoyed." Besides Wisconsin's three warmer seasons, her four Sams will walk all winter long. And they do need the exercise. She says these dogs are sometimes labeled as stubborn, but it comes down to motivation. Make sure to give your Sammy an interesting job to do, one that keeps him mentally and physically active.

Mindset

Because they are working dogs, Sams instinctively need daily exercise. A fenced-in yard is nice, but long walks are even better. Showing their very high intelligence, Samoyeds also participate in agility. "They are up for anything, any time, any moment, but they know how to relax," says Kirylo. She also notes that Sams "bark a lot and love to dig." If you want a perfect lawn or garden, the Samoyed might not be ideal for you. "They'll eat anything," she laughs, as she pictures those tempting vegetable gardens.

One of Kirylo's favorite characteristics of the Samoyed is that it takes a lot to ruin this happy-go-lucky dog. In rescue, she sees the dogs' different backgrounds, but the dogs exhibit healthy levels of trust. Sure, they can bite and snap like any dog, but that's just not who they are.

Health

Samoyeds are typically healthy. However, almost all tend to get weak in the back end, she says. Keeping your dog at a healthy weight can prevent this. Glaucoma can develop and incidences of diabetes are a little high, but cardiac issues are not common.

Coat & Grooming

Stemming from his ancient beginnings, a Samoyed's gorgeous coat repels water—it was a necessity to stay dry amid those arctic temps. If he rolls in the mud and it dries on the coat, the mud will flake off as if the dog's coat is nonstick. You'll be left with a white-turned-slightly-gray dog.

Overall, the Sammy's coat requires a great deal of care. Weekly brushing (if not more) is needed, especially during the once or twice a year seasonal shed, reports the AKC. Plenty of hair is shed but unlike Lab or cat hair, a Samoyed's hair falls out akin to human hair. Maria likens it to picking up little dust bunnies—they lift easily off the floor.

Also, "never, ever shave a Samoyed," she stresses. This is an act she has never done

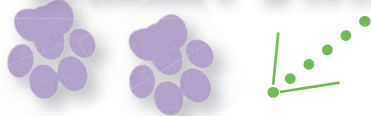
in her 17 years of rescue. Underneath all that hair is “very pink, tender skin” that is dander- and oil-free. The coat keeps your Sam warm in winter and cool in the summer because it reflects the sun’s rays.

Fun fact about the Samoyed smile: The AKC says the dog’s upturned mouth corners keep him from drooling—and prevents icicles from forming on the dog’s face—a necessary trait in the Arctic.

Takeaway

Saying the Samoyed is “more than a pretty face” is not only one of Kirylo’s favorite phrases but also is 100 percent true. After all, who wouldn’t want a dog that boasts both beauty and brains? Add in the breed’s pleasant demeanor and medium-level energy and you may just find your perfect companion.

SAMMY STATS



Homeland: Initially, Iran. Nomadic tribe traveled to Siberia.

Size: Males 21–23.5”, 45–65 lbs.
Females 19–21”, 35–50 lbs.

Appearance: Muscular yet compact. Upturned mouth corners create a continuous smile. Thick, dense coat in white, cream, biscuit and yellow.

Job: Pulling sleds, hunting game, herding and guarding reindeer.

Temperament: Friendly, gentle, intelligent, loves people.

Grooming: Weekly to daily brushing. Weekly ear checks. Monthly to bimonthly nail trims.

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PUPPY FEATURE

TOP 7 CUTEST LARGE BREED PUPPIES

Staff Picks

BY KATHLEEN HUNTER & AMY BEHRENDT,
FREELANCE WRITERS

No.1 & No.2 Goldens & Labs

What breeds do you think of when you hear about playful, fluffy, adorable puppies? Do Golden Retrievers & Labrador Retrievers come to mind? (And don't forget the puppy breath...Ahhh!)

Golden Retriever & Labrador Retrievers are more than just fluffy balls of fur. They are affectionate with family, kid-friendly, dog-friendly and love everyone around them! They are intelligent and easy-to-train, which make them great dogs to eventually train for therapy and assistance dogs. They are also natural athletes, and do well in agility and competitive obedience. While both breeds shed, they are relatively easy to keep groomed, and looking & feeling like a million bucks.

Either way, you can't go wrong with adding a Labrador or Golden Retriever to your family: Both breeds are in the top-10 of most popular breeds in the United States.



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In-Focus Photography



No.3 German Shepherds

The German Shepherd puppy is like a little raccoon in a super fluffy coat. As the German Shepherd pup gets a little older, their ears begin to perk up, and they start to take on the traits of the full-grown regal dog they are. That is due in part to their double coat which will require weekly grooming.

According to the American Kennel Club, "The German Shepherd Dog is one of the most popular and recognizable breeds." It is a herding dog with a near perfect temperament that is loyal and great with children. However, they are a working dog and do require physical and mental exercise and stimulation. This is one reason why they make great K9 officers. But as a companion they are a dog lover's dog!

No.4 Great Danes

Ahh, the gentle giant. The Great Dane truly lives up to its moniker. As with most pups, they will fit into the palm of your hand when they are born. However, they will mostly be all ears and nose until their legs catch up to the rest of their body and THEY WILL. A full grown Dane will rise to 30" tall or more. And if your "lap puppy" stands on his hind legs to give you a hug, which they love to do, he just might be taller than you! Lucky for me, mine is just the right size to look me eye-to-eye when she gives me a warm embrace.

According to the Great Dane Club of America, the Great Dane has a gentle and loving disposition ... and their primary asset in training is their desire to please. Great Danes are loyal and protective family dogs. They are predisposed to a variety of health issues but with increasing research to address these concerns and breeders doing their due diligence in screening for hereditary factors, the Great Dane does live a long and healthy life. That's a lot of quality and quantity of puppyhood!



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No.5 Akitas

We've all heard of the Seven Wonders of the World, but what about the Seven National Monument Breeds in Japan, of which the Akita is one? They do like to dig so a sturdy fenced-in enclosure at least six feet tall is a must if outside in a yard. Otherwise, your pup just might dig his way back to Japan!

As a puppy they are like an overfluffed cat and who can turn that down! If you like large breeds but perhaps you don't have quite as much time to devote to exercising them, which is necessary for most large dogs, then the Akita might be the right pup for you. They enjoy a walk or a jog each day and then are content to entertain themselves if needed. However, they would prefer to be a constant member of the family. The Akita is highly trainable and loves children. In fact, an adult Akita will continue to act like an overgrown puppy.



No.6

Australian Shepherds

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No.7 Pit Bull Mixes

Some of the more notable breeds within this "group" are the American Pit Bull Terrier, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier and the American Staffordshire Terrier. As puppies they look like little men all ready to take care of business with a stern puppy face and their short bowed legs. But these breeds are all about posturing.

The American Pit Bull and the mixes will require an owner who is patient to take the time and effort to properly train their pittie mix from puppy to adult. Intelligent, dominant and powerful are words often used to

describe the American Pit Bull Terrier, and this is ever so true when it comes to training one from a puppy.

They can be stubborn breeds so all the more reason why proper training is essential. In doing so, you will help change the bad rap they get from the public and media. Pit Bull Mixes are very social breeds and tend not to make very good guard dogs. But that also does not mean you can be lax on socializing your pup. As with any breed but especially with this one, socialization at an early age will set you and your pup up for success.



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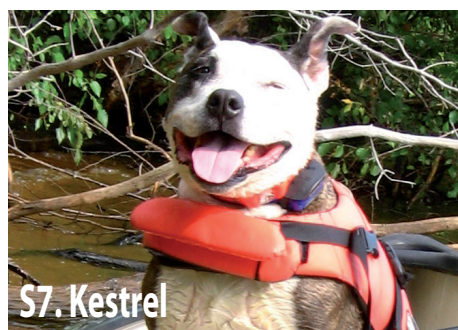
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If you've never had a puppy you might not be as well versed in the needs of a young, small, rambunctious canine. And if you're like me and it's been a few years, you might need a refresher in exactly what puppies need and want.

As a trainer of dogs one of the first things I think about is socialization and comfort with handling by humans. So, along those lines, one option is a gift certificate to *Community Bark*, a dog washing and grooming facility with both do-it-yourself and full service bathing and grooming options. They also provide nail trims and teeth brushing. All of this is great exposure for times when your pup absolutely needs to be handled like when he sees his veterinarian for well puppy checks.

Now, about that training. A well-behaved pup starts with consistent positive reinforcement training. But, if you have a schedule that does not allow you to do the training as often throughout the day as you'd like, then *Central Bark* is a good place to start. They provide day care for your pup as well as training while he's there.

Aside from being the cat's meow when it comes to cuteness, puppies also love to chew, chew, chew. This is why you'll want a plethora

of chew toys to help your puppy learn proper chewing etiquette. So he knows chewing on furniture and shoes is not okay. At the larger chain pet stores you can find stuffies on sale in the bargain bins. Or *Mac's Pet Depot Barkery in Bay View* has a wonderful assortment of toys and chewing apparatuses for everyday use and each deserving pup. Also, basic tennis balls are great for chewing on, especially if you are not fond of the squeaky noise. However, keep an eye on your pup so he does not digest any toy parts. Otherwise, you might be making a visit to the vet sooner than anticipated. For training you'll want high value treats that are soft and chewy and in small pieces like *Zuke's Mini Naturals Pumpkin Patch*. The baby chew toys that you can freeze are perfect for when your puppy is teething. Those can be found in the baby aisle at your local grocery store for example.



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The more senior dog is more likely to have limited mobility and range of motion and a little more fragile in general. A *Kuranda bed* is great for a variety of reasons namely it provides orthopedic support. It is also great for a dog that might have developed allergies over the years because allergens do

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And don't forget the marshmallows and graham crackers ... you should probably skip the chocolate however.

Is My Dog Ready To Camp?

Think about your dog's behavior and manners. Ask yourself if your dog will behave when meeting other campers and their dogs even with the distracting new, outside setting. This may require two-legged campers such as yourselves to pay more attention to your 4-legged camping buddies. An obvious first responsibility is to keep your dog leashed at all times when not inside a tent or camper. And second, have supplies handy to clean up after your pet goes potty.

Remember there is a ton of fun, novel smells to explore, including the exciting scents of wild life. And when the sun goes down, your dog will tune into her hearing to take in the night's creaks and cracks. This can create a heightened sense of her surroundings, aroused behavior and the chance for more barking. Barking is the number one complaint of campers, and all campgrounds have rules that prohibit it in excess. Consider choosing a secluded site that blocks your dog from seeing other campers and their dogs. You may want to avoid busy foot traffic areas such as the route to the bathroom/shower facility or playgrounds, swimming pools and campground stores.

If the temperature drops, just like you would do to protect yourself, be sure your dog has a warm place to be that's dry and out of the wind. Bring your dog's jacket and some warm blankets to sleep on. Even better, you can keep each other warm by snuggling. This lets you enjoy the natural heater features that dogs bring with them wherever they go. And having more dogs with you means more warmth!

Beyond The Basics

TRAINING. So your dog is an A-student for obedience training in your home, back yard and in your neighborhood. You can use the campsite as a place to offer her a new level of distraction. Can she still respond well to sit, stay, leave it while tempted to ditch class and explore the nearby scent of squirrels that cut through the campsite the night before?

SAFETY. Safety is important when stepping out of your routine environment to enjoy an ever-changing visit in nature. Keep your dog away from campfires and material used to start a fire. Consider that your dog, just like you, will also look like a good meal for mosquitos and could also become a victim of a bee sting. Bring a first aid kit for unexpected needs. Look online for veterinary care near your campground and find out where the 24-hour vets are before you leave home.

WATCH OUT! The permanent residents of the areas near your campsite may cross your path. Learn how to deal with bumping into coyotes and other animals that live in the area. The Humane Society of the United States reports that encounters with coyotes, whether in a busy city or outside one, are rare and may happen because they've been fed by people and have become habituated to them.

CHOOSING A SITE. Once you've decided you want to pack up the tent, sleeping bags and your dog's backpack, it's time to pick a campground. Wisconsin State Parks campgrounds are open year-round, sometimes with limited facilities in winter months. You can take a look at their website for locations, rates, dog-friendly places inside the parks, rules and to make campsite reservations online. A general phone number for the state parks is 888-WI-PARKS. Be sure to look at each individual state park's web page to see the park's activities, nearby attractions and limitations concerning camping with your dog.

Generally, dogs are required to be leashed at all times when not in a tent or vehicle, are not to be left unattended, and are not allowed in buildings, on playgrounds, on snow-covered cross-country ski trails and beaches that are not

marked as dogs allowed. Find out which trails dogs are permitted to walk as there is some variation for dog-friendly trails from park to park. Dogs are required by state law to have current rabies vaccination. Keep a copy with you when you camp.

Wisconsin offers plenty of opportunities to enjoy camping all over the state. You can have fun with your dog by exploring new areas, taking in the sights, smells and sounds, and making lasting memories.

MADISON AREA:

Blue Mound State Park - open year-round

4350 Mounds Park Road
Blue Mounds, WI 53517
608-437-5711
\$12 to \$23 per night
www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/bluemound/

Lake Kegonsa State Park - open year-round

2405 Door Creek Road
Stoughton WI 53589
608-873-9695
\$20 to \$30 per night
www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/lakekegonas/

Hickory Hills Campground - limited camping season May till mid-Oct

856 Hillside Road
Edgerton, WI
608-884-6327
\$39 to 42 per night
www.campshickoryhills.com

Viking Village: limited camping season May till Oct

1648 County Road N
Stoughton, WI 53589
608-873-6601
\$45.75 to \$48.75 per day
www.vikingvillagecampground.com

CAMPGROUNDS WITHIN A COUPLE HOURS FROM MILWAUKEE AREA:

Kohler-Andre State Park -- open year-round

1020 Beach Park Lane
Sheboygan, WI 53081
920-451-4080
\$20 to \$30 per night
www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kohlerandrae/

Circle K Campground - limited camping season May till Oct
 W1316 Island Road
 Palmyra, WI
 262-495-2896
www.circlekcamp.net

Lazy Days Campground
 1475 Lakeview Road
 West Bend, WI
 262-675-6511
www.lazydays-campground.com

Richard Bong State Recreation Area - open year-round
 26313 Burlington Rd.
 Kansasville, WI 53139
 262-878-5600
 \$18 to \$28 per night
 Hunting dog training takes place in this state park.
www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/richardbong/

Cliffside Park - limited camping season April till Oct
 7320 Michna Road
 Racine, WI
 (262) 886-8457
 \$23 per night
www.realracine.com/where-to-stay/camping

OTHER PARTS OF WISCONSIN:

Northern Highland - American Legion State Forest - open year-round
 8770 Hwy J
 Woodruff WI 54568
 715-356-5211 ex 225
 \$20 to \$30 per night
www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/StateForests/nhal/

Waupaca Camping Park - limited camping season
 E2411 Holmes Road
 Waupaca, WI
 715-258-8010
 \$31.00 to \$39.00 per night
 One and two-room dog-friendly cabins are available ranging from \$51 to \$65 per night
www.waupacacampingpark.com/

Camp Holiday - limited camping season May to November
 11496 Rudolph Lake Lane
 Boulder Junction, WI
 715-385-2264
 \$35 to \$45 per night
<http://www.camp-holiday.com/>

Pets are permitted in most campgrounds, trails, roads and outlying areas of the parks. Check out these places for you and your pet:

- Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area except for the picnic area.
- Flambeau River State Forest has a dog-friendly picnic area at Connors Lake.
- Governor Dodge State Park has a pet swim area and designated pet picnic areas close to each beach where pets are permitted.
- Harrington Beach State Park has a designated pet swim area at south beach and picnic area.
- High Cliff State Park has two pet picnic areas.
- Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit: pets are allowed at your campsite and along campground roads. Special pet swim areas.
- Kohler-Andrae State Park has a designated beach where leashed dogs are allowed.
- Pattison State Park allows dogs on specific trails.
- The beach at Whitefish Dunes State Park is open to pets.

CDS: Something is Afoot with Fido's Behavior

BY MANETTE KOHLER, DVM

After years of faithful companionship and unconditional love, we want to see our dogs age with grace and dignity. Cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS) is a chronic, progressive disease of the brain that can show up in their senior years and rob them of some of their honor and poise. CDS is defined as the occurrence of at least one behavior change that begins in the dog's geriatric years and that cannot be accounted for by other medical conditions.

This syndrome resembles some of the mentally incapacitating diseases that occur in humans including Alzheimer's disease. CDS is far greater than pet owners may realize.

A study by the Animal Behavior Clinic at the University of California-- Davis revealed that 28 percent of dogs aged 11-12 years and 68 percent of dogs aged 15-16 years showed one or more signs of cognitive impairment. In contrast, veterinary practitioner surveys show that only 7 percent of pet owners mention such problems without prompting. With this in mind, educating pet owners about the clinical signs of CDS, along with screening all patients 10 years and older, are key to early diagnosis and treatment in order to slow the progression of the disease.

The Progression Process

In dogs with CDS the brain undergoes a series of changes including neuron (brain cell) loss, depletion of neurotransmitters and the deposition of a neurotoxic protein called beta amyloid (the same protein that accumulates in the brains of human Alzheimer's patients). The amount of amyloid deposition correlates with the severity of CDS, thus the progressive nature of this disease. Other

medical conditions can contribute to CDS as well, by decreasing the amount of oxygen that gets to the brain such as heart disease, anemia and conditions that cause hypertension.

As a result of the changes in the brain, we see various typical behavior changes. The most common signs are alterations in social interaction and a break in housetraining. These dogs may seem more needy and seek their owner's attention more or the opposite can occur where they seem more aloof and engage with the owner less.

Another common sign is a change in the dog's sleep-wake cycle. These dogs may be awake more throughout the night and pace, whine or vocalize. Others with CDS may appear lost in the yard or house, get stuck in corners or stand at the hinged side of the door to go outside. They may have trouble recognizing familiar people or may not respond to verbal cues. Note: This may require the owner to test for hearing and vision loss in order to rule them out. Activity levels may change such as an increase in aimless wandering, pacing, decreased exploration and response to their environment, decreased appetite or grooming, and increased anxiety, including restlessness, agitation and/or separation anxiety.

Many medical conditions can cause behavior changes like endocrine diseases, painful conditions, metabolic disorders, hypertension, side effects from medications and other neurologic diseases. So these need to be ruled out in order to make a definitive diagnosis of CDS. A thorough medical work-up includes a physical exam, blood work, urinalysis and possible imaging.

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THE AGE OF CRISIS: Senior Symptoms Decoded

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Like their human companions, senior dogs can be afflicted by a variety of medical problems that are less common in younger populations. Here are five common reasons senior dogs come to the ER:

1. HEART DISEASE. In dogs, heart disease has a strong genetic component; unlike in humans, it is usually not lifestyle-related. Some forms of heart disease can be detected with a stethoscope. Clinical signs of heart problems include coughing, exercise intolerance and fainting or difficulty breathing. It can often be treated and stabilized, allowing the patient to enjoy a good quality of life at home. However, continued care is needed because the underlying problem cannot be cured. Complicating matters, many dogs have chronic bronchitis, collapsing trachea or other airway problems interfering with their breathing which require different treatments. Your veterinarian can assess the situation, identify the problem and choose the best treatment options to help your dog.

2. ARTHRITIS. This is usually due to wear and tear on the joints over time, but it can also be due to injuries or infections. Any joint in a dog's body can be affected, with hips, knees and elbows being the most commonly involved. Pain and stiffness are likely to be most noticeable when arising from rest. Maintaining a healthy body weight minimizes aches and pains in the joints. Moderate, regular exercise keeps up the strength in the muscles that support those joints. Low-impact exercises such as walking or swimming are best. When pain interferes with a dog's ability to enjoy activities, your veterinarian can step in with medications and nutritional supplements to keep your best friend comfortable. Rehabilitation therapy can do much to help an older dog maintain strength, comfort and mobility.

3. LARYNGEAL PARALYSIS. May occur mostly in large-breed dogs. Weakness of the muscles that open up the vocal folds to allow airflow forces the dog to breathe through a narrow slit instead of a wide-open larynx. Affected dogs develop a harsh tone to their bark, tire quickly with exercise, make a loud roaring sound when they pant and are easily overheated. Fortunately, a surgical procedure can be performed to open up the airway to allow the dog to breathe comfortably.

4. CANCER. The term cancer refers to uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells. By definition this is a problem that takes time to develop;

however many forms of cancer are undetectable in their earliest stages and are only identified when they reach a tipping point, causing a problem that looks sudden. A common example is hemangiosarcoma, a cancer of the blood vessels that often affects the spleen of large-breed dogs and is usually not found until it causes internal bleeding. A dog may go from bright and active to weak and lethargic over the course of a few minutes to a few hours. Emergency surgery can be performed to remove the source of the bleeding. Although this does not cure the cancer, it is a procedure well worth considering because occasionally a bleeding spleen is found to be benign, meaning that surgery has solved the problem.

5. OLD DOG VESTIBULAR SYNDROME. It is very common for older dogs to come in to the ER accompanied by grieving families who report: "He has had a stroke; it's time for him to be euthanized." True strokes are rare in dogs, but there is a common syndrome that looks very similar: quite suddenly an older dog loses his balance, may roll or fall over when he tries to walk and shows abnormal movements of the eyes and head. While some dogs who show these signs do have very serious neurologic disease, many will recover rapidly with supportive care. If you worry that your dog may have had a stroke, it is always best to have him assessed by a veterinarian because it is possible that he has had an episode of Old Dog Vestibular Syndrome and will soon be well.

Keeping pets active, feeding them a balanced diet, watching for problems at home and seeing your vet for regular checkups, can reduce the risk of illness and allow many problems to be caught before they become crises that send you and your dog to the emergency room.

CDS Continued ...

Slowing Down Progression

Unfortunately, there is no cure for CDS, but we can slow the progression with environmental management (enrichment), medication and various supplements. Physical and mental stimulation (training, play, puzzle toys, scent work) can help boost and maintain cognitive function, as well as maintain a normal sleep-wake cycle. Dietary change, psychoactive drugs and supplements can delay progression and improve the behavioral signs associated with CDS. Anti-oxidants are an important part of treatment for CDS. Other helpful supplements include omega-3 fatty acids, S-adenosyl-L-methionine, phosphatidylserine, Ginkgo biloba, alpha-lipoic acid and various vitamins. There are a variety of veterinary-labeled products with combinations of these and other ingredients.

Selegiline, which is used by humans to treat Parkinson's disease, is the only drug approved for use in dogs with CDS. It has several drug interactions, including certain flea and tick products so discuss all medications and supplements with your vet. It can dramatically improve symptoms and the quality of life for many dogs with CDS.

If you feel your senior dog's behavior has changed in any way, please consult your veterinarian to determine if the changes are consistent with CDS. Early recognition of cognitive decline can allow earlier treatment, ultimately slowing the progression and allowing our faithful canine companions to age with the grace and dignity we desire and they deserve.



AVOID THESE 5: Start Your Puppy on the Road to a Healthy Life

BY LINDSEY FOSTER, DVM, MILWAUKEE EMERGENCY CENTER FOR ANIMALS

When your adorable new puppy seems sick there are a number of things that could be going on, but for a veterinarian, there are certain diseases that come to mind when examining a sick puppy. The top 5 diseases that I have seen consist of the following:

Parvovirus:

This is a deadly virus that can be avoided by getting your puppy vaccinated at the appropriate times. It is a highly-contagious virus (to dogs, not humans) that is spread through the feces of dogs. When puppies get sick with parvovirus they can decline very quickly.

WATCH OUT FOR: The first signs to look for and that a vet notices are lethargy and a fever which rapidly progresses to vomiting and diarrhea. With severe vomiting and/or diarrhea the puppy can get very dehydrated and if left untreated, this can result in death. The best “treatment” for parvovirus is prevention! Vaccinations are administered by a veterinarian every 3 to 4 weeks until the puppy is 16 weeks old. And although vaccines may cost a little bit of money, the treatment for parvo is much more expensive than 3 to 4 rounds of vaccines. The main treatment for parvovirus is supportive care which includes hospitalization, intravenous fluids and medication to prevent and treat the vomiting and diarrhea. Note: There have been several cases that require a feeding tube and several days in the hospital. This can be a very costly treatment if not caught early and if not treated appropriately.

Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis (Kennel Cough):

Ever hear a dog that sounds like it just ate a goose whole, feathers and all? Kennel cough can be caused by a number of viruses and/or bacteria. It is a highly contagious disease which is why many boarding facilities and grooming places require that their dogs be vaccinated with Bordetella. However the vaccine is not effective against all of the viruses and/or bacteria that can cause kennel cough. But on the positive side, it does seem to make the symptoms less severe.

WATCH OUT FOR: Severity of symptoms. It is often a mild disease but can progress to a more severe case such as pneumonia. Common clinical signs include loud “goose honk” cough, discharge from the eyes and nose, wheezing, decreased or lack of appetite and/or lethargy. There is no specific treatment for kennel cough when it is caused by the virus. When there are more severe signs, it can be because of bacterial involvement. With a severe cough a veterinarian will suggest taking chest x-rays to make sure it

has not progressed to pneumonia. If this is the case, antibiotics and in severe cases hospitalization will be required. Note: Mild clinical signs can continue for weeks and additional tests may be required.

Intestinal Parasites (Worms & Protozoa):

When you hear worms what comes to mind? Yuck, right! There are several types of worms dogs can become infected with; roundworm, hookworm, whipworms and tapeworms are among the most common. Hookworms can be transmitted from the mother to the puppy through the placenta and/or milk, and other worms are found in the environment such as in the feces of other dogs and are ingested. Coccidia and giardia are two of the most common protozoa found in puppies. Coccidia is found in feces and giardia can be found in both feces and contaminated water (streams, lakes, ponds).

WATCH OUT FOR: Diarrhea is the most common symptom puppies show with intestinal parasites. The intestinal parasites feed on the nutrition from the gastrointestinal tract and can cause decreased growth, vomiting and a “pot belly” appearance to a puppy as well as anemia. All of these things can lead to lethargy, anorexia and poor growth. Your veterinarian will suggest doing a fecal sample on your puppy during your first visit. This will be repeated until no more intestinal parasites are seen. There are several different treatments used depending on what type of parasite/protozoa your dog has. Note: Most of the time the parasite or protozoa are removed from the gastrointestinal tract with one round of treatment, but additional treatment or switching medication is sometimes needed.

Canine Distemper:

Canine distemper is a highly-contagious and easily-spreadable virus that, once again, is preventable through vaccination. With vaccinations being widely used, distemper is not a virus seen commonly, but when there is an outbreak it is very concerning.

WATCH OUT FOR: Initially distemper puppies show signs of an upper respiratory infection; sneezing, coughing, eye and nose discharge. This is often ignored and thought to be signs of a “cold” by owners. As the disease progresses it causes vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy. It can also lead to pneumonia and if not treated neurological problems such as muscle tremors, seizures and/or encephalopathy. If a

dog is diagnosed with distemper, supportive care is needed. It can take weeks to recover from the initial symptoms. Note: Even after the initial treatment, dogs can be left with persistent nervous muscle twitches and recurrent seizures.

Intestinal Foreign Bodies:

Although this is not a disease, it is something worth mentioning. Puppies are naughty and, like human children, want to put everything and anything in their mouths. When a puppy ingests something that is non digestible (socks, underwear, rocks, toys or the foam from toys or bedding), it can get stuck in his stomach or small intestine.

WATCH OUT FOR: Vomiting. If your puppy vomits after eating and/or drinking, have him or her examined by a veterinarian. Vomiting is never “normal” for a dog, and if your puppy vomits several times a week or even once a day they should be checked out by a veterinarian and further diagnostics (x-rays) done. When a foreign body has been in the gastrointestinal system for an extended period of time, the vomitus starts to have a very foul odor. If you know your puppy likes to chew on things make sure to puppy-proof your house, especially when they are left alone. Surgery is the only way to remove something that is stuck in the small intestine or too large to make it out of the stomach. There are many people who are very impressed when their dog defecates out a sock! However impressive, it is not a reason to wait and see if they are going to be able to pass something that is stuck again.

There are several other diseases/ailments that can cause the signs and symptoms of all these “diseases,” but a puppy is very fragile. If you think there is something wrong it is better to have some tests done by a vet and be able to sleep at night knowing they have been examined.

Getting a puppy is a very fun and exciting thing but being well prepared both mentally and financially is something you should take into consideration. The most proactive thing you can do to ensure your puppy is in good health is to have it seen by a veterinarian as soon after you get it. Vaccinations and regular checkups are a must and are the only way to protect your new puppy from several very bad diseases.



SENIOR CARE

Supplements & Senior Dogs...

Is There a MAGIC PILL for My Dog?

BY JEAN M. JAHNKE, CPDT-KA

If there's one thing dog lovers agree on, it's that our beloved companions are not with us long enough. As a result, many are using supplements to enhance their senior dog's wellbeing and quality of life.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, supplements include "vitamins, minerals, botanicals, amino acids and any part of those substances, such as extracts or concentrates." But is it safe to use supplements? Are they just placebos? Do they interact with the drugs a dog is currently taking?

The National Animal Supplement Council, a non-profit group, was formed in April 2002 to police the industry. According to NASC's website, part of their ongoing effort is to improve and standardize the animal health supplement industry; therefore they initiated a Quality Seal Program. If you see this seal on a supplement, you know that it is from a reputable company that has had its facility independently audited.

Nutritionist Joseph Wakshlag, DVM, Ph.D., ACVN, of Cornell University recommends talking to your dog's vet before adding supplements. He states in the May 2015 issue of DogWatch that "Although we have little evidence in dogs about harmful interactions of drugs, we assume that there are some supplements that can alter the metabolism of drugs that your dog may already be taking."

According to Dr. Rebecca McCracken of PAWSAbilities Veterinary Rehabilitation, before using supplements, the dog's nutrition must be evaluated. Beth Huisman of Wild Canine agrees

and says, "Start with a solid foundation. Feeding a healthy, species-appropriate diet is where excellent health begins."

Supplements commonly recommended for senior dogs are for the usual age-related ailments: joint problems, cognitive failing, liver and kidney issues.

For joint health, Cynthia Foley recommends fish oil, glucosamine and chondroitin, and hyaluronic acid (HA) in her article "Older and Better" from the April 2015 issue of Whole Dog Journal.

Fish oil has many benefits, including healthy coat, skin and joint support. According to the BMC Veterinary Research report study cited in "Learn the Truth about Supplements" from the May 2015 issue of DOGWatch, fish oil provides improved quality of movement and "should be considered part of a total pain-relieving approach, especially for dogs who do not tolerate anti-inflammatory drugs."

The combination of glucosamine and chondroitin aids in arthritis but is best used as a preventive. Dr. McCracken says SynoviG4 is her "go to" supplement of choice. SynoviG4, from DVM Pharmaceuticals, contains a synergistic blend of Boswellia and Turmeric, as well as Glucosamine, MSM, Creatine and a blend of antioxidants for complete joint and overall health support.

According to DVM, "Getting older doesn't mean that pets have to feel older. SG4 is a unique multimodal formulation developed to help maintain joint health and flexibility in dogs as they age." Hyaluronic acid (HA), a major component of the lubricating fluid in joints, is another supplement Foley says to consider. Some veterinarians

find that liquid HA supplements, like Trixsyn, provide faster, more reliable relief than powdered products, although both produce results.

For cognitive health, Dr Karen Becker, with Healthy Pets – Mercola, recommends SAMe (S-adenosylmethionine) as a safe and effective way to stall or improve mental decline, as well as coconut oil.

She also recommends the following:

- Vitamin B6 to combat oxidative stress by inhibiting the production of free radicals – one of the primary factors of age-related mental decline in dogs.
- Vitamin E to protect against DNA damage and memory deficits – it has been shown to improve cognitive function in patients with age-related brain pathology.
- Resveratrol to protect against damage from free radicals and beta-amyloid deposits known to be a factor in Alzheimer's.
- Gingko Biloba to protect against dementia and improve cognitive function in both humans and animals.
- Phosphatidylserine (a naturally occurring building block of cell membranes) to inhibit age-related cognitive deficits, memory, orientation, activity, learning and social behavior in both animals and humans.

CoQ10, a powerful antioxidant and immune enhancer, is found naturally in "high energy" organs such as the brain, heart, muscles, liver, kidneys and pancreas. When supplemented, it aids oxygen support for those organs.

Dr. McCracken adds that Cholodin, which is effective in protecting the liver from getting inflamed so that it could retain its normal functions, also provides some cognitive support.

For liver and kidney support, many of the supplements previously cited also provide liver and kidney support. These include SAME, CoQ10 and Cholodin.

According to Dr Becker, herbs that assist liver function and cleanse the blood include "burdock root, dandelion root, licorice, Oregon grape, yellow dock and milk thistle. Milk thistle not only helps detoxify the liver, it is proven to actually stimulate regeneration of liver cells. Herbs that help support kidney function include cranberry, corn silk and marshmallow."

Lots of options? Word of mouth will overwhelm you. Don't just rely on what worked for your neighbor's dog. Instead, if you are considering supplements for your senior dog, by all means do so. But first have your dog on a quality diet, then do your research, and, finally, make sure you buy from reputable sources.

The Low Down on Caring for Your Dog's Dirty Choppers

BY LARRY SUSSMAN,
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A veterinarian announcing that your pet “needs to have his teeth cleaned under anesthesia” is a frightening and expensive prospect for many dog owners. No one looks forward to their beloved animal being unconscious or having to pay roughly \$300 for a teeth cleaning.

Nevertheless, animal experts say a dog's dirty choppers, visible and breath-wise, are something that an owner dare not ignore. And even if your dog normally eats dry dog food, that alone may not keep his teeth and gums spotless.

“Oral problems are the No. 1 health problem in cats and dogs today,” says Tiffany Bierer, health and nutrition manager for Mars Petcare. Bierer has a doctorate in food science and nutritional biochemistry.

That partly explains why over the last two years, pet food companies have introduced a bewildering variety of tooth cleaning treats, including Pedigree Dentastix Fresh Bites & Biscuits, Milk-Bone Brushing Chews, Alpo Dental Chews and Purina's Beneful Healthy Smile. These products are challenging the Mars Petcare standbys, such as regular Dentastix and Canine Greenies.

Dog owners who do not brush their dog's teeth daily will see the buildup of plaque and tartar which can lead to gingivitis or advanced gum disease, Bierer says.

Plaque is a bacteria containing film on a dog's teeth, and the more troublesome tartar is a crust on the teeth that results from the plaque being hardened by calcium salts.

“Brushing is the ‘gold standard’ of teeth care,” she adds. “But the problem is peo-

ple may not do a good job. Or, they don't want to do it all of the time, and pets don't necessarily like it.”

Dr. Jeffery Kowitz, a long-time veterinarian at the Lakeside Animal Hospital in Glendale, points out that “Dental disease is the cause of many health problems in dogs. Infection in the mouth can help to cause heart disease and bacterial plaques on the heart valves and kidney disease in dogs and cats.”

During annual physical examinations, Kowitz says his clinic always checks a dog's teeth, and “we can see dental disease as young as a year old in dogs.” He also says, “Brushing, if you can do it, is the least expensive way to keep your dog's teeth clean.”

Not surprisingly, pet food companies have sought to provide preventive tooth care in the form of bony treats that work to massage a dog's teeth and gums, but no one claims that their products will replace cleaning by a veterinarian.

“We wanted to offer a quality dental treat at an affordable price so more dog owners could afford to add variety and look after the dental health of their dog when treating it,” says Matt Ferch, brand manager for Nestle Purina's Alpo Snacks and Beneful Healthy Smile.

The Veterinary Oral Health Council recommends that a dog owner brush his dog's teeth daily, but Milk-Bone Brushing Chews are not “meant to be a replacement for daily brushing,” says Maribeth Burns, a Milk-Bone spokesperson. Her company also advises dog owners to get annual veterinary dental check-ups.

Yet many of these new treats claim that they lessen tartar and plaque buildup,

and Milk-Bone asserts on its Brushing Chews box says that its product is “as effective as brushing.”

But none of the company spokespeople would say that their product eliminates the need for a veterinarian to check a dog's teeth regularly. Milk-Bone says its product is an “at-home adjunct to annual veterinary exams and periodic professional dental cleanings.”

These products “don't take the place of seeing your vet and getting an oral care exam and cleaning when your vet thinks that it's appropriate,” Mars' Bierer says. She adds that plaque will come off, “but tartar is really a very hard substance, and vets normally do a very good job of removing it.”

Alpo's Ferch also advises that, “Many pets, particularly middle-aged and older pets, require professional cleaning in addition to routine plaque control.”

Veterinarian Kowitz says the new teeth cleaning products “in a couple of instances” reduced the number of dogs he sees that need their teeth surgically cleaned. He also says the new products “do have some benefit” in keeping a dog's teeth cleaner.

Is there any way to determine which of the many choices do the best job?

The American Veterinary Medical Association awards a “seal of acceptance” to products that meet pre-set standards of plaque and tartar reduction for dogs and cats. Products get the association's seal of approval if the companies submit test results regarding tartar and plaque removal, and the tests must be conducted according to the association's protocols. The association does not test the products itself.

A list of products for dogs accepted by the Veterinary Oral Health Council can be found at http://www.vohc.org/accepted_products.htm. Canine Greenies is approved for tartar and plaque removal, and Milk-Bone Brushing Chews is endorsed for tartar removal. None of the other new teeth cleaning products made the list.

Based in Schaumburg, Ill., the association is a non-profit organization that represents more than 86,500 veterinarians in private and corporate practice, government, industry, academia and uniformed services.

You can reduce the number of times your dog goes under anesthesia if you are willing to brush his teeth daily and buy dental treats. A little research and extra care can go a long way to save your dog's choppers.

SENIOR FEATURE

LIFE IS SWEETER WITH A SENIOR

BY PAULA MACIOLEK, FREELANCE WRITER

You've decided to adopt a dog from your local shelter. You might be thinking, "Puppy!" They're so tiny, soft-coated, fun-loving, don't yet have dog breath and typically have 12 to 15 years of life in them yet to be uncovered. Consider choosing a dog that is often overlooked: senior dogs, dogs that are around 7 years of age and older. If having a dog whose age could make her eligible for AARP membership has never crossed your mind, take a moment to consider the joys and challenges of adopting a senior dog.

Senior dogs are typically lower in energy, need shorter and less-vigorous exercise sessions and may spend their fair share of time resting and sleeping, finding less mischief. Kate Block is a foster provider for Brew Beagles and Greyhound Pets of America. She finds the pace of a senior activity level fits her busy lifestyle. She says, "Older dogs are good with chilling on the couch and can usually go longer without bathroom breaks." She also says they know "what not to chew on."

Nicole Scherer has had similar experiences with older dogs. Scherer is vice president of The Labrador Connection, a rescue that doesn't necessarily specialize in senior dogs per se but places many of them. She personally has adopted and fostered senior dogs and found that "they just wanna hang out next to you and have a nice bed. I do think they know you've rescued them."

And old dogs DO learn new tricks. TLC's Scherer found that they learned her routine and fell in step with the beat of her

household. And although most of the seniors coming into her care did not know any commands, she was able to teach them because "they are willing to please you and the other dogs in the house teach them, too."

Lori Drew is founder and president of Seniors Rock – "a non-profit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and care of primarily senior, abandoned, neglected and homeless dogs within the state of Wisconsin with the goal of finding them safe, loving, forever homes." Drew has also found that dogs of many years can be a great match for an adopter with a lower-energy lifestyle as her rescue's dogs are often couch potatoes, already trained. Drew reports, "They just want to hang with you and be with you... they just kinda hang."

Sometimes, a dog is pulled from a shelter, evaluated by a veterinarian and found to have a terminal illness and a short time left to live. The dog will go directly in a hospice foster home. Drew tells the story of one dog pulled from MADACC who "had hair matted around his teeth, some that were falling out of his mouth, liver enzymes through the roof, a mass on his trachea," as well as difficulty breathing. This dog stayed with his foster mom for a week, and then it was decided that it was time to let him go. Sometimes the dogs only go to a home for a long weekend, Drew says, and then they're ready to go, but they've been in a warm, comfortable home. "We want the dogs to be able to have a happy ending."

Even though senior dogs may have less time ahead of them, this time can and should

be the best of their lives. Eva Erato-Rudek is a TLC foster provider who also became a permanent family to three TLC senior dogs. She prefers to foster or adopt this age group and aims to give them what she says is "the best quality of life for however much time they have through appropriate exercise, high-quality food and treats, and good veterinary care."

Amy Quella is co-founder and executive director of Bob's House for Dogs. According to their mission statement on their website, their "main goal is to make senior dogs more adoptable." At this home, they offer a place where dogs in their golden years enjoy a home-like environment with "high quality food and meticulous health care." Caregivers know the dogs well because they live with them and become familiar enough with the dogs to make placement matches when adoption is appropriate.

Quella believes older dogs are of the "most rewarding age because they need people the most and are most likely to be overlooked." Many of the people who adopt from Bob's House for Dogs are repeat adopters. Both Bob's House and Seniors Rock believe in educating potential adopters and carefully determining who is an appropriate adopter for this age group. This is the reason their dog return numbers are so low, sometimes non-existent.

On the flip side ... there can sometimes be medical expenses related to aging as older dogs experience things like arthritis, cancer or injury. Pitter Patter Pet Care's owner, Beth Davidson, adopted an 8-year-old Black Lab named Ebony whose owner was hospitalized. Ebony had been trained as an assistance dog, but plans changed for her when she tore an ACL. Pain medication, swimming, maintaining a healthy weight and regular walks kept her condition managed. Under Davidson's care, Ebony completed the Canine Good Citizen and became a certified pet therapy dog visiting nursing home residents. After 10 years of age, Ebony had been diagnosed with cancer in her liver, stomach, GI tract and lungs. Ebony had just turned 11 when they had to say goodbye.

"It didn't seem fair that we'd only had 3 years with her. But those 3 years were full of fun adventures, laughter and love. And Ebony taught me so much about how to take care of old animals. And she solidified in my heart that dogs, no matter how old, are so worth adopting."

Next time you're thinking about adding a dog to your family, consider whether your home would be an appropriate match to welcome the challenges and the blessings of being loved by a senior dog. There is plenty of love to be had being nuzzled by a grey muzzle.

SNIFF THIS!



Flash's Song

By Kay Pfaltz

Need some solace after losing a beloved four-legged companion? Need a good cry? Then "Flash's Song" by Kay Pfaltz is for you. Pfaltz's love for animals is obvious as she shares her journey with Flash, a miniature Dachshund, who helps her recover from the loss of a previous dog and teaches her to believe in miracles.

Pfaltz writes beautifully of the playful Flash, who loves to sing and help her dig in the garden. Flash quickly endears himself to the reader.

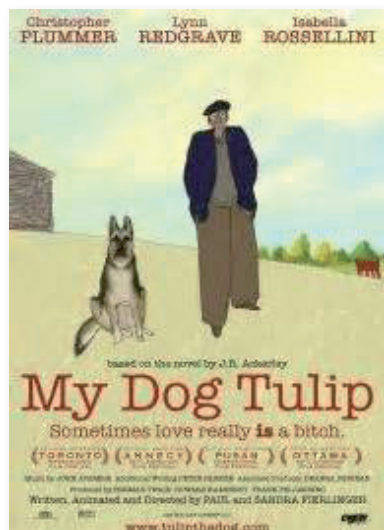
As their life settles in, Pfaltz is dealt a cruel blow when Flash, diagnosed with cancer, is given three weeks to live. Drawing us into the dog's courageous battle, she poignantly shares her struggle on whether she is helping Flash or selfishly keeping him alive.

One of the most powerful passages is when Pfaltz details her consultation with Animal Communicator Rebecca Moravec. Moravec tells Pfaltz that Flash "wants to be reincarnated and come back in a healthy body, maybe a bird, a happy, bluebird and fly high in the sky."

Miraculously, Flash survives another five months until spring. The protagonist's transition from desperation to acknowledgement, that every moment is to be cherished, is truly the miracle detailed by this tale.

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Book Review by Jean M. Jahnke, CPDT-KA



My Dog Tulip (2009)

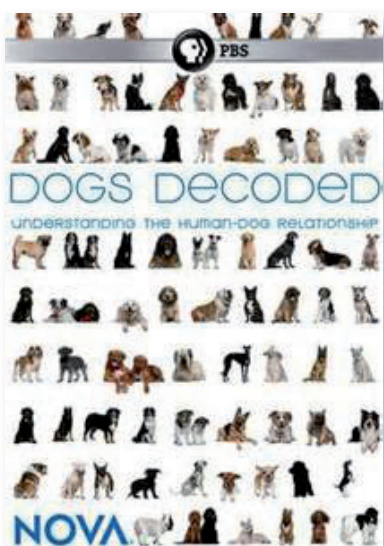
This movie isn't your typical dog story. It involves a man, an author actually, who has never married and who is unable to find a real friend. Well, he eventually found one in a German Shepherd he rescued by the name of Tulip. Tulip had some emotional scars due to coming from a home that didn't suit her needs. This ultimately caused some behavioral problems. However, eventually it became obvious that she was in love with and totally dedicated to her rescuer and he to her.

Tulip's owner made some mistakes in trying to give her the best life possible, but this memoir is a touching and moving meditation on the nature of true friendship and will resonate with all dog lovers. You can get it at your local library. If they don't have it, you can woof at them to get it for you.

Movie Review by Julianne Carlile

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: TEDDY

LOCAL DOGS AROUND TOWN



Dogs Decoded Understanding the Human-Dog Relationship (2010)

According to PBS, "Dogs Decoded" reveals the science behind the remarkable bond between humans and their dogs and investigates new discoveries in genetics that are illuminating the origin of dogs - with surprising implications for the evolution of human culture ..."

All dogs are direct descendants of the wolf. Scientists believe that for generations people may have selectively bred the friendliest wolves to get the tame and friendly pets that in the United States now outnumber human babies. And it is dogs' resemblance to babies and the release of oxytocin (in us and them - like a breastfeeding mom and her baby) that has caused the strong bond between dogs and humans today.

So did people really take wolves and try to make nicer ones to increase their levels of oxytocin? All suppositions aside, this documentary is a must for any dog lover who seeks to know and understand why his dog is just such a dog-gone good friend or wants to know how the dog will continue to help people in the future in extremely important health-related ways. This one can be sniffed out at your local library as well

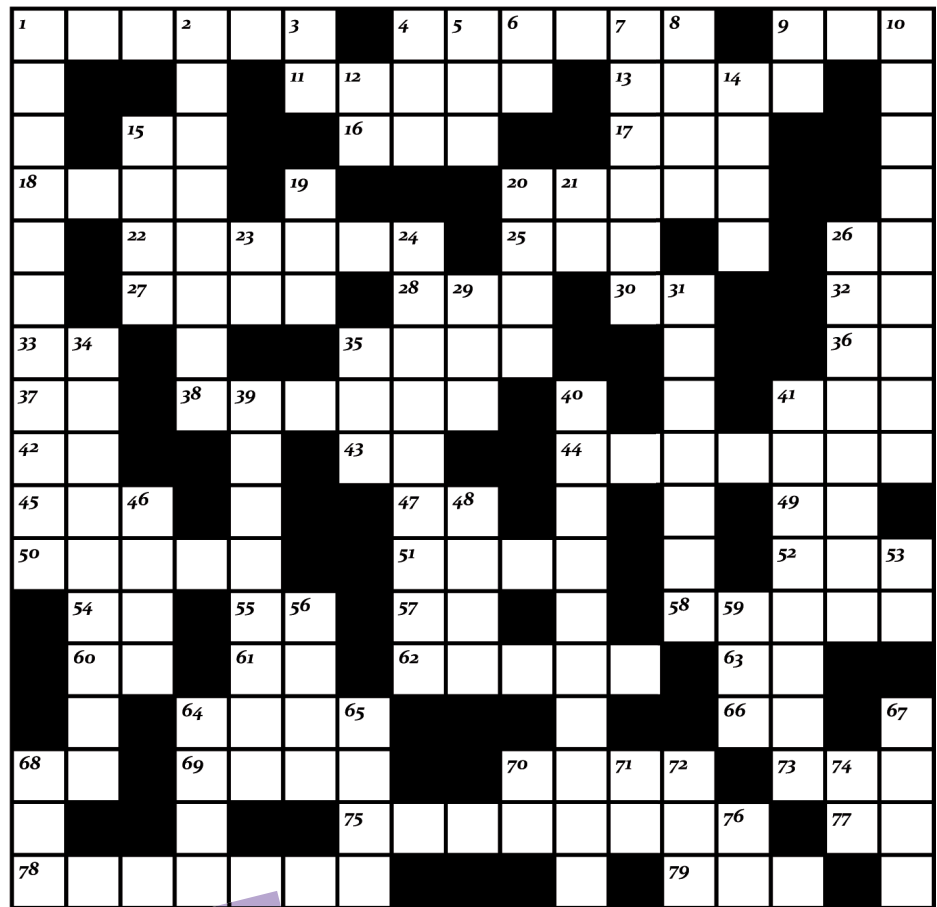
Movie Review by Julianne Carlile

Puppies & Seniors

A Custom Crossword by Gail Marie Beckman
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ACROSS

1. Word with years or lab
4. Type of skirt
9. Buddy
11. Young pup
13. American Association of Retired Persons, shortened
15. Breed size (abbr)
16. Used in house training; puppy ____
17. Public Service Announcement, for short
18. Lunchtime, often
20. ____ adult
22. Eyesight insurance
25. History of oneself, briefly
26. Football pos.
27. Self-images
28. Lamb's Mom
30. Short for gram or grain
32. Liq. lunch?
33. Morning initials
35. Let's get ____ for the weekend
36. IX minus III
37. Tantalum symbol
38. Goodies for puppies
41. Animal companion
42. How tall (abbr)
43. Accounts receivable, for short
44. Over the hill
45. Important time period
47. Supposing
49. What food and goose have in common
50. More than a stream
51. Fish oil is good for her ____
52. Genetic material (abbr)
54. Artificial intelligence, shortened
55. That thing
57. Boxing move (abbr)
58. Measuring device
60. Cousin of Blvd.
61. Electrical engineer, for short
62. Pet Smart or PetCo
63. Short for Master of Ceremonies
64. (see 65 down)
66. Physical therapy, shortened
68. Concord is the capital (abbr)
69. Game that used to have runners
70. "Stay by my side"
73. Took a load off
75. She's just a puppy; she's still _____
77. Mr. Kettle
78. Frolicsome
79. ____ up and beg



DOWN

1. Dad's dad
2. It's so cold, it's a three ____ ____!
3. Certain dir.
4. Word following sweet or snap
5. Getting on in years
6. Post or pre follower at the hospital
7. Certain snuggler
8. Comfort
9. Parcel Post, shortened
10. Duration of life
12. Short for horsepower
14. Unique; one-of-a-kind
15. Puppy follower
19. Towel monogram
20. Mind
21. Lithium symbol
23. Extremely
24. You can't teach an old dog these (2 wds)
26. ____ and Prosper!
29. Used to be
31. One of the three R's
34. Female head of household
35. Certain car club (abbr)
39. Fetch and bring back
40. Man's ____
41. Collars, leashes, brushes, etc.
46. Enthusiastic
48. Put your ____ down
53. Precedes IOU
56. Between 12 and 20
59. Electric guitarist's need, for short
64. Alright
65. (with 64 across) Lie down and spin
67. Remain there
68. Afternoon ____
70. Time increment (abbr)
71. Common link between reindeer and either
72. Related to avenues (abbr)
74. Short for Associated Press
76. Gastrointestinal, shortened

JUST ONE TAIL

Put Your Paws Together For Cyrus

The bond between a human and their dog is an amazing thing. In order to develop that bond with your dog it takes a lot of dedication, trust, patience and work. I rescued my dog Cyrus from Wisconsin Rottweiler Rescue when he was just 10 months old. The bond we share did not happen overnight. It took many years of trust, determination, dedication, patience and work. Before adopting my boy, I researched the Rottweiler breed and learned that they were a working breed. When I adopted Cyrus I knew I was in for many challenges since a 10-month-old puppy has plenty of energy. Thankfully, I work for a doggy day care where he is allowed to attend daily and burn off some of that energy. But that is not all we do.

The foundation started with a basic manners class. I firmly believe every dog owner should attend a class like this. This is where you start to build the trust between you and your dog. The class will focus on using your dogs mind and ears to listen. This class also works on distractions, which is a great way to test your patience because as we know, all dogs are not born to listen. This is something that is taught.

Throughout the years, Cyrus has attended many other classes available to dogs like obedience, agility, rally, carting, weight pulling, herding, tracking, scent work and swimming. He was also temperament tested in which your dog is put through a series of different obstacles to see how they will react as well as Canine Good Citizen and therapy dog tested. Of course I knew this was something he would pass considering the amount of training and determination he has. But paws down, his favorite activity is lure coursing! Not even a hamburger or steak will distract this boy away from it. He was born to work, and work is what he does.

Cyrus has accomplished so much in seven years that I could not be any more proud of this boy. He has earned several titles in the AKC world including: Rally Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Novice Agility Preferred, Novice Jumpers with Weaves Preferred, Carting Started, Carting Intermediate, and Weaves Preferred, Carting Ability and Coursing Ability Advanced.

So if you ever wonder if your rescue dog, of any breed, has what it takes, my suggestion is give it a try. The best part is that rescue dogs can compete in many venues in the AKC or UKC world. Dogs love to learn, and they love to work. A rescue dog can be anything you want them to be, it's up to you to teach them!

And if you ever see Cyrus at the State Fair, Pet Expo, pulling a cart in the local parades or attending the local libraries where children read to a dog, don't be shy, come and

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THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH



WORDS OF WISDOM

From the Dog House

Hi Doggy Friends,

I hope you had fun sniffing fall in the air like I did with my mom. Did you catch anything? All I caught were leaves that tickled my nose. Oh, and squirrels. Well, not real squirrels. Just the lingering smells of squirrels.

Guess what? I got mail! My first letter is from Dexter, a 9-month-old Golden Retriever all the way from Bothell, WA.

Hello Bowser,

I love to play fetch (my mom says a bit too much but I don't think so). I love going after balls, whether they're mine or not. My friends' balls are always so much cooler! My mom always tells me to drop it. Sometimes I listen, but sometimes I just love their ball too much to give it up! I will run away from her when she walks towards me because I know she wants to take the ball away. I'm not sure if mom likes that but I can't control myself! Bowser, what should I do? Woof, Dexter.

Oh, Dexter. You are a naughty puppy. I remember when I was your age I used to do the same thing. Hmm. Okay, to tell you the truth, sometimes I still do that when I want to play a game with my mommy. But, first, you need to learn how to "drop it" when your mommy asks you to. What if you grab something in your mouth and you think it is a toy but your mommy knows it's bad for you? You don't want to get sick so you need to learn to listen to your mommy. She knows best. Trust me. My mommy has saved me from eating lots of very bad-for-me stuff that could make my tummy all upside down. Or worse, make me go to the doggy doctor. Tell your mommy to use a super tasty treat to help you make good choices. Let me know how your training goes. I bet you will be super successful.

My next letter is from Calvin, he's a Lab Pointer Mix in Seattle, WA.

Hi Bowser!

I am so excited to tell you about my first day at school! Mom and Dad took me to my very first dog training class, and it was pretty alright. I sat on my favorite bed next to Mom and she fed me chicken and hotdogs for a whole hour, and all I had to do was look at her when she called my name. Plus, I wore a Thundershirt, which was pretty cool. There were seven other doggies with their parents in the class. I guess there are other doggies that are shy, too. There was one lady, who would walk by a lot and toss a piece of chicken in my direction. Mom and Dad said she was the instructor, whatever that means. I was a bit scared, but I ate the lady's chicken anyway. Mom wanted me to walk with her in the middle of the room by all the scary doggies and people. I didn't want to at first, but Mom kept on throwing chicken on the floor so I had to help her clean up, of course. I ran back to my bed when the instructor lady said it was ok. Then more goodies! I love my bed! Mom and Dad said they were so proud of me, and that I did a really good job today. All in all, I think I am going to enjoy the all-you-can-eat buffet on Sunday mornings. I will keep you posted. Always, Calvin.

Calvin, I am very proud of you, too. When I was your age my mommy took me to puppy kindergarten. I was a scaredy pup. I didn't know what to do and some dogs were bigger than me. I remember one dog barked at me. A lot! I didn't know how to bark yet so I sat in a ball next to my mommy's legs. Guess what my mommy fed me? Okay. I'll tell you. CHICK-en! Keep up the good work, Calvin. Be sure to listen to your teacher and soon you won't be a scaredy pup anymore. Oh, and one more thing, I bet you look super cool in your Thundershirt.



Now, guess what happened to me this past fall? Okay. I'll tell you. Just when I thought I couldn't get any sadder about summer being gone, my mom did something that made me not feel good. That was not fun. Not one bit. It started out with her putting all her toys into two boxes. Then those two boxes became two more boxes. Then those two boxes became two more! I didn't think it would ever end. There were boxes everywhere. Even my bed was in a box! My mom said we were moving. I got anxious and I couldn't stay in one place so I counted the boxes over and over, "One, two. One, two. One, two." I tried to stay in one place but then I started to pant and get anxious again. Finally, one day a big truck showed up and all the boxes went away. Mom put me in the car and we went for a ride. I hung my head out

the window and let my ears fly in the wind. That was fun. Then the car stopped in front of a house. But not my house. I went inside and guess what I saw? BOXES! There were boxes everywhere. Again! I could tell they were the same boxes because they smelled the same. So my mom, her boxes, and me all moved. My insides were the only thing that didn't move. Not one bit. Everything stopped moving if you know what I mean. I stopped going empty. That made my tummy hurt. My mom took me for lots of extra walks but nothing helped my insides to move. Finally, I started to relax once I found my favorite room. It has lots of sunshine. I like to lie there and day-dream about chasing squirrels. After two days, my insides moved! Mom was more excited than I was. I was just happy my tummy didn't hurt anymore.

Before I go I want to tell you about my contest I'm having for all my doggy friends. It's called, "Bowser's Winter Workout Contest." Send me a picture of yourself wearing your favorite winter outfit while you are enjoying your favorite winter activity. I will have prizes for the most adventurer and the most festive. My mommy came up with that last word. She said it means like you are dressed up for a party. The party part sounds like fun. Oh, send me your pictures and a short note about yourself before Valentine's Day. Be sure your picture is 300dpi or more. That is something my publisher likes.

Woof Woof,

Bowser 

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LIFE THROUGH THE EYES OF A DOG, TRANSLATED BY KATHLEEN HUNTER, MS

TABLE SCRAPS

FUN IN THE KITCHEN

with Chef Patti

Honey for my Honey Treats



Is there a better way to spend a cold, wintry day than to do a little baking for your canine friend? Why not try this recipe and reward your dog with some healthy sweet treats.

- 1 1/2 cups of applesauce - the natural applesauce with no sugar added
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup of honey
- 4 cups of whole wheat flour
- 1 tsp. of pure vanilla extract
- 2 tsp. of ground cinnamon

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Knead dough on a floured surface. Roll dough about 1/2 inch thick. If too sticky add a bit more flour.

Cut with a cookie cutter of choice. Put on cookie sheet about an inch apart. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes (watch so they don't get over done). Now here is the real trick, turn the oven off and let the cookies sit for 1 to 2 hours to harden.

I actually make my own applesauce but I don't add the sugar that most recipes include. Making applesauce is easy and I get to eat the leftover applesauce. If you get really hooked on cooking or baking with apples you may want to buy an apple peeler. It is the best gift I ever gave myself.

To make applesauce:

12 Granny Smith apples
1 1/2 cup water
1/2 teas. cinnamon

Instructions:

Peel and slice the apples into small pieces. If you don't want the apples to brown, put them in a bowl filled with water and a 1 tbs. or 2 of lemon. Otherwise, just put them directly in a pot with the 1 1/2 cup of water.

Bring the water and apples to a low boil over medium heat, mashing apples as they cook down. Keep the pot covered.

When desired consistency add cinnamon.

What makes this so healthy? Apples provide vitamin C, dietary fiber, calcium, phosphorus and add omega-3 and omega 6 to the dog's diet. Apples are also low in sodium and saturated fat.

Internally, honey provides numerous sources of nutrients, such as vitamins A, B complex, C, D, E and K, plus minerals such as calcium, magnesium, and more. It helps dogs with allergies, fights infections, and helps with digestive problems.

For dogs with diabetes, just like people, a daily dose of cinnamon can help regulate blood sugar levels. Even if your dog doesn't have diabetes, cinnamon is beneficial as a preventative measure for animals at risk of diabetes, especially overweight and senior pets. Due to its anti-inflammatory properties, cinnamon is also effective in treating arthritis by easing the pain and stiffness in joints. Enjoy!



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K9 ADDY Takes a BITE Out of CRIME



BY MANETTE KOHLER, DVM

Police officers put their lives in danger daily. They face the unknown and knowing that a partner has your back can offer some peace of mind. If your partner is a police dog, your relationship goes way beyond the end of the work day. This talented, courageous dog is also your best friend, a family member and a confidant. And so it is with Wauwatosa Police K9 team Timothy Kastner and K9 Addy, a 7 year old, male Belgian Malinois.

Their story starts when the Wauwatosa police department decided to add a K9 to their ranks. After a rigorous selection process, in the fall of 2009, Timothy Kastner was chosen to be the dog handler. "By becoming the canine handler, I have agreed to stay on second shift and not apply for other promotions or assignments during the length of Addy's career," says Kastner.

Addy was born in the Netherlands on January 9, 2008. "Most police dogs, like Addy, are bred from proven blood lines that have produced working dogs with high levels of confidence and the appropriate drives," says Kastner. Addy's training began when he was

a puppy, including socialization to people and many different environments. In February of 2010, Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania imported him to the United States. They specialize in importing, training and placing police dogs with the police departments nationwide. "I spent 6 weeks at Shallow Creek Kennels in the spring of 2010 training to be a police dog handler," says Kastner. "During my training I was paired up with Addy."

Addy and Kastner were trained in building searches, tracking, outdoor area searches, bite apprehensions, obedience, evidence searches and narcotics searches. "Addy's first official day of patrol in Wauwatosa as a police dog was May 3, 2010," Kastner recalls, "and he has come to work with me every work day since that date."

"A normal shift for us is 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.," he explains. They have the same responsibilities as other patrol officers, but they also respond to all high risk calls as well as calls where a K9 would be beneficial. Work doesn't necessarily end when the shift ends. "We are also members of our Special Response Team and are on call during off hours for high risk incidents," adds Kastner. In 2014, Addy and Timothy were honored with a Meritorious Apprehension award from the WI Law Enforcement Canine Handler's Association for apprehending two armed robbery suspects. The suspects robbed a Kmart in December 2013, fled in a car and then ran from the car into a residential neighborhood where squads tried to stop them. One suspect was spotted hiding but refused commands to surrender, so K9 Addy was sent in to find and apprehend the suspect. He bit the suspect who then surrendered. Addy tracked the second suspect to an apartment building. Both suspects were charged with armed robbery.

Every day is different for Kastner and Addy. Some days they are deployed numerous times in one shift and on slower days they do some training exercises so Addy gets mental and physical stimulation. "Our most common deployment is for narcotics detection," says Kastner explains, "With Addy sniffing for drugs on traffic stops, in schools, on

search warrants and any time officers need him."

Off duty, Addy is at home with Kastner, relaxing and just being a dog. Addy doesn't sleep when he's on the job so days at home begin with sleeping in. There's plenty of fun, too, on days off. Timothy and Addy do obedience and agility exercises, walk, run and play fetch or sometimes just hang out in the yard chewing sticks (Addy, that is) and making sure critters stay out of the yard. In the winter, indoor dock diving helps to keep him in shape. Addy loves all kinds of toys, but his favorite game is tug, and the bigger the tug toy the better. "Like most dogs," says Kastner, "he loves time and attention from his family." The real fun though, happens at work ... Addy really looks forward to getting ready for work and getting into the squad car, his sign that they are off to have some fun.

Kathy Edstrom, owner/founder of Paws-A-Tive Choice, LLC, professional dog trainer and certified canine nose work instructor, recently did some "ride-alongs" with a couple of Racine County Sheriff's deputies and their K9 partners. These experiences gave her a glimpse into how much can happen in just one shift. "These dogs are not only their crime fighting partners, but they are also family members," says Edstrom. "I was able to see, firsthand, just how deep the bond is between each deputy and his K9 partner."

Kastner's favorite part of being a K9 handler is all the time he gets to spend training and working with Addy and other police dogs. "Seeing the training time pay off when Addy is deployed and helps us find a suspect or drugs is very rewarding!" says Kastner. "Besides the satisfaction of doing good work, the bond that has developed between us is far beyond what I ever imagined. Addy is the best partner and friend anyone could ever have."

Thank you, Timothy Kastner and K9 Addy, along with all the other officers and K9's, for helping us all feel a little bit safer.



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Houndin' It Up

With Holly Lewis, CPDT-KA

What's Up with Gettin' a Pup?

“We’re getting a puppy!”

Just that simple sentence evokes a strong response of ooh’s, aah’s, giggles and giddiness in people. Puppies are so adorable. They are a tiny version of grown up dogs, and we wish for them to never grow up. But, sadly, they do. We love their innocence, their playful nature and wonderment at so many things in the world. Who doesn’t love a puppy?

In short, they are fantastic! But they are not right for every family. Why not? Here is some food for thought.

Behavior is influenced by many factors. Some can be controlled and some cannot. Early life experiences, genetics, nutrition, the mother’s experiences while pregnant, environment and more all affect behavior. Most people want a puppy for the opportunity to “mold” the dog to their wants and desires. They think a puppy “comes with no baggage”. This holds a minimal amount of truth. The “critical” socialization period for dogs is between the age of 3 weeks and 13 weeks so much of the early socialization happens prior to a puppy joining our family. The early experiences of a puppy’s life can make a difference.

Pros of a puppy:

- You may have the opportunity to meet the parents and evaluate their temperament.
- Some owners want a purebred dog for specific tasks or reasons.
- Owners have the opportunity to finish the socialization process.
- The puppy presumably has no nega-

tive history. Any “history” is hopefully known.

- It is fun and rewarding to raise a puppy.
- We hope to have a long and happy life with our dogs by getting them as a puppy.

Cons of a puppy:

- Puppies are a lot of work. Plain and simple. Puppies will occupy a lot of time whether you want them to or not.
- By purchasing a puppy, one may be inadvertently supporting a puppy mill or a backyard breeder.
- A puppy does not predict a long, healthy and easy life. I have seen puppies from the best breeders with massive challenges.
- A breeder may not socialize a puppy properly, leaving you to try to make the socialization up later.

- A puppy comes with an unknown temperament. While it seems as if you have the opportunity to shape the puppy, as mentioned above, behavior and temperament is influenced by many factors.
- Of course, puppies may soil the house, chew your shoes and keep you up at night.

The most important thing when deciding to get a puppy or not is to think with logic and not emotion. Who doesn’t love a puppy? They are adorable! It is important to look at your lifestyle, time and energy to decide if a puppy is the right option for you. Puppies require training and lots of attention. The rewards can be infinite for the person willing and able to put in the time and attention.

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**With MADACC's ED,
Karen Sparapani**

With the drive necessary to enact change, Karen Sparapani embarked on a new journey and became the executive director of MADACC in February 2013. Prior to this, she was with Elmbrook Humane Society for seven years. In that time period, she transformed a “financially fragile organization with many empty kennels and not many adoptions” into what it is today – a financially secure, well-recognized shelter with a strong adoption program.

“I really wanted to make a difference for animals at MADACC. I could help in many ways at EBHS, but actually running day-to-day operations at MADACC would give me a chance to do so much more,” says Sparapani. So let’s take a look at how far MADACC has come today.

Karen, what is a typical day for you?

I have yet to have one! With 19 municipalities and 12,000 animals a year, there really is no day that is like another. You never know what will happen each day, and that is a big part of why I love it here. My priority each day is the animals. Who came in, who will be leaving, who needs intervention to get home. I have a great staff that has really embraced a new way of doing things here. We focus on getting all animals out of MADACC and into new situations as quickly as possible.

What changes have you fostered?

I believe that working smarter is so key when you have limited resources. Our organization was created to bring in strays and return them to owners, but not a lot of programming was dedicated to those that do not go home. So, when I first arrived, I spent a lot of time learning what was working and what was not. Also, determining the best use of resources. We know that specific shelters and rescues will take in certain animals from us, so we start working immediately to get those animals a plan B - plan A being their family comes for them. The other animals that are harder to transfer become the focus of our adoption program. Those are large breed dogs and cats.

Another thing we try to do is not take in animals in the first place. Reducing intakes helps us keep space for the animals that need it. If we find an animal with an ID or a license we automatically try to return the animal home rather than bring it in, and this has been very successful. Our intake rate has gone down in 2014 and is on track to keep going down in 2015.

Working with BRATS, we have strengthened our transport program. Prior to this, shelters spent time and resources coming here to select animals. Most of this is now done via email and once we have animals slated to transfer, BRATS picks them up the day after stray hold ends to take them to an adoption partner.

Our in-house adoption program has been really picking up momentum. We already surpassed our 2014 total for the year with a few months left to go. Our foster program, which was boosted with a \$30K grant from Best Friends has resulted in MADACC being able to save many more kittens by getting the litters into foster on the first day or two of stray hold to protect their health (of course these animals are able to be returned to an owner if they do come for them). Illness in overcrowded conditions is a real problem for shelters.

Explain MADACC's euthanasia policy?

Our euthanasia numbers are going down every year, which we are really proud of. Many people look at our numbers and simply translate them into us euthanizing healthy and adoptable animals, which is not the case at all. We get many animals that come in so sick and injured that it would be inhumane to do anything other than to euthanize them at intake. In those cases we do take photos for potential owners if there are no tags or microchips for us to contact an owner when they come in. We do get many strays that, after the stray hold is complete, are still too sick or too behaviorally unsound for us to safely place. Those animals are also not selected by transfer partners, so we have to humanely euthanize. We focus on the best choice for each individual animal and frequently meet as a team to make sure we have exhausted all resources before making that decision. It is the hardest part of this job because it hurts so much when there is an animal that you cannot save, but we do have a responsibility to each animal to make very thoughtful choices for each one, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

For MADACC, 2015 has been our best year for saving lives, and we have been hovering around a 20 percent euthanasia rate most of the year. No-kill shelters are judged to be 10 percent or less euthanasia rates. For an open admission shelter, who will not turn away sick or injured animals, we are very proud of our ability to increase our live release rate and hope to continue this momentum into 2016.

Any call to actions you'd like to address?

A big priority to MADACC right now is the passage of LRB 1926/1 which addresses long holds for all animals that come into animal control providers in the state of Wisconsin, both as strays and as seized animals. While there seems to be consensus

that the seized animal provisions in the bill are a huge improvement and will help both the animals and the organizations charged with caring for them, there is contention around the stray hold piece. Most states in the United States have 3 – 5 day stray holds. Most successful “No-Kill” communities have 3-day stray holds (Austin and San Antonio, TX) and 5 day holds (Washington D.C. and Kansas City). These cities have been held up to MADACC as cities we should strive to emulate (by the same people leading the opposition to the bill) and stray hold is a big part of their success. Animals are statistically returned to owners on the first 3 days of stray hold. After day 5 and through day 8, which is what the Wisconsin stray hold currently is, 7 days plus 1, only 1 percent of animals are reclaimed, and usually we know who the owners are at that point and know they are coming. The concept that shorter shelter stays save lives is difficult for people to understand because it seems counterintuitive. In reality, shelters are not euthanizing healthy and adoptable animals. Shelters euthanize sick animals. Animals get sick in overcrowded conditions, and overcrowded conditions are caused by long stray holds. This bill reduces the legal minimum number of days that shelters MUST hold an animal, but all shelters work with owners who need extra time.

Shelters are very much judged on their live release rate, especially for donors who will not donate to shelters who euthanize animals that can be saved. Despite what you hear, this bill was not created to euthanize animals faster, and euthanasia is the least likely outcome for a shelter animal these days. The goal is simply to move the ones that are not going to go home to their family into adoptive homes or other shelters faster before they are too ill to get a second chance. Shorter stray holds work in almost every other state in the U.S., and it is time for Wisconsin to embrace more progressive shelter practices in order to save more animals – and not warehouse them for any longer than they need to be for them to deteriorate behaviorally or medically. Most people are not aware that animals on stray hold do not get socialized by volunteers, and animals simply sit there with no walks or love until they become the property of the shelter holding them.

How can people help MADACC?

The best ways to help MADACC are to make sure your animal has an ID tag with current information on it and to make sure you spay/neuter your companions. Those two things are the best way to prevent animals from coming into our facility and are so important to the entire community. If you already have those items covered, we can always use canned and dry cat and dog food. Funds we can save from not having to buy those items we can put towards medical care for animals that are in the greatest need. We see many broken bones and other injuries here that are costly to fix and which our transfer partners can rarely take on. Also, if you are interested in adopting a cat or large breed dog, we would love to be your first stop when you take the family out looking!

THE HYDRANT

Shelters Aren't Just for 'Broken' Dogs

Are you the proud dog parent of a Doberhound, Boxershire Terrier or Labsky? You're not alone. Over 50 percent of the dog population in the United States is composed of mixed-breed canines, and although these dogs may have been once referred to as mutts, many now boast designer names like Chiweenie, Pitsky and Jackabee. There's also a segment of the dog-owning population that has a breed of choice – and prefer a purebred.

According to the ASPCA, 28 percent of dog owners purchase their dog from a breeder, while 29 percent adopt from shelters and rescues. But does that mean purebreds can't be found at shelters? Not at all! In fact, approximately 25 percent of dogs in shelters are purebreds. And in addition to that, many states have breed-specific rescues for popular breeds such as Labrador Retrievers and German Shepherds. Many people wonder how purebred dogs end up at shelters and the answer is: the same reasons every other dog does! The top reasons dogs are brought to animal shelters actually has nothing to do with the dogs themselves.

Moving (landlord restrictions), allergies, financial difficulties and a lack of time are just some of the top reasons people surrender their dogs. No matter where you lie on the purebred - mixed-breed spectrum of dog lovers, the most important thing to remember is: no matter what a dog looks like, every dog is an individual with a unique personality. A dog's pedigree may tell you how big she'll get or whether she will have perky or droopy ears, but it won't tell you much about her activity level or sociability. That is why at many shelters staff ask questions about a potential adopter's lifestyle so they can match the person with a dog whose needs align with what the person can provide. Because when both person and dog are happy, it's a win-win!

By Jennifer Ollanketo, Grant Coordinator/
Communications Assistant for Oshkosh
Area Humane Society

Gotta Luv 'Em

By Janice Biniok



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Every Thursday evening: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Every Sunday: 11:00am-12:00pm
Pet Supplies 'N' More, Muskego
262-679-6776, petsupplies-n-more.com

Story Time: Tails and Tales

3rd Thurs. each month: 11:30am-Noon
WHS, Milwaukee
414-431-6159, wihumane.org

Basic Manners & More

Tuesdays: 6:00pm
Petlicious Dog Bakery
262-548-0923, poochped@juno.com

Barn Hunt Classes

Mondays: 7:40pm - 8:40pm
For Pet's Sake
Mukwonago, 262-363-4529

Impulse Control/Focus Classes

Tuesdays: 7:15pm
Petlicious Dog Bakery
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Animal Massage Sessions

Dec. 13: 11:00am-2:00pm
Petlicious Dog Bakery
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Positive Pitties Lectures

Dec. 16: 6:30pm-8:00pm
Dane County Humane Society, Madison
608-838-0413, Giveshelter.org

First Aid for Pets

Dec. 19: 1:00pm-4:00pm
HAWS, Waukesha
262-879-0165, hawspets.org

Camp Paw Print For Kids

Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 1: 9:00am-5:00pm
Dane County Humane Society, Madison
608-838-0413, Giveshelter.org

Kids 'n' Critters Winter Day Camp

Dec. 28-31: day sessions
Waukesha 262-542-8851
HAWS, hawspets.org

Bow Wow Blizzard Camp

Dec. 30: 9:00am-3:00pm
WHS, Milwaukee
414-431-6159, wihumane.org

HAWS 5th Winter Symposium

Jan. 16: 9:00am-3:00pm
Lilyworks Conference Center, Waukesha
262-542-8851, hawspets.org

Dog Sanctuary Enrichment Center Open House

Feb. 13: 10:00am-2:00pm
dogsanctuarywi.com

Fundraisers/Gatherings

Shelter from the Storm Adoption Event

Every Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm
PetSmart Madison East

Greyhound Meet 'n' Greet

4th Saturday of each month 1:00pm-3:00pm
HAWS, Waukesha
262-542-8851, Hawspet.org

Pet Photos with Santa

Dec. 5: Noon-3:00pm
SCHS We Care Building
Sheboygan, myschs.com

Pet Photos with Santa

Dec. 5: 10:00am-3:00pm
K&W Greenery, Janesville
Petsgohome.org

Doggie Holiday Photos

Dec. 5: Noon-4:00pm
MADACC

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Dec. 5: 3:00pm-6:00pm
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Dec. 6: 11:00am-3:00pm
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Dec. 6: 11:00am-2:00pm
Rover Makeovers in Cambridge
Humane Society of Jefferson County

Puppy Kisses Under the Mistletoe

Dec. 6: Noon-3:00pm
Mac's Pet Depot Barkery
caninecupids.org

Mutts & Martinis

Dec. 10: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Ironworks Hotel, Beloit
Petsgohome.org

Pet Photos with Santa & The MECA Vest a K-9 Holiday Event

Dec. 12: 2:00pm-5:00pm
John Paul's Buick GMC
Greenfield

Holiday Fun in Packerland

Dec. 13: 2:00pm
O'Briens Pub
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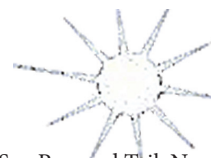
Dec. 13: 10:00am-11:00am
Astor Street Studios
astorstretdance.com

Bark the Halls Christmas Party

Dec. 18: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Central Bark, New Berlin
262-785-0444

Pet Photos with Santa-EBHS

Dec. 19: Noon-3:00pm



Spa Paw and Tail, New Berlin
Ebhs.org

HAWS' Jan-boree Party

Jan. 16: all day
HAWS, Waukesha
262-542-8851, Hawspet.org

2016 Pup Rally for Tails on the Trail

Jan. 25: 5:00pm-7:00pm
WHS, Milwaukee
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Great Lakes Pet Expo

Jan. 30: 10:00am-5:00pm
Wisconsin Expo Center, State Fair Park
petexpomilwaukee.com

Spring Gala: There is No Place Like Home

Mar. 12: 5:00pm
Marriot West, Waukesha
Ebhs.org

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Puppy Playground
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For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
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Pewaukee 262-369-3935
Best Paw Forward
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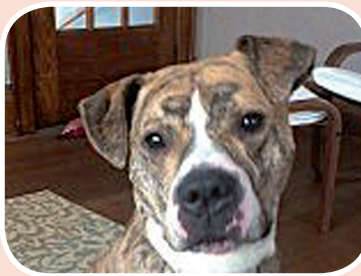
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National Brittany Rescue & Adoption Network

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ATHENA is 9 months old, & is a very spunky puppy! She's a FUNNY, SASSY, ENERGETIC girl – she plays well with other dogs & loves being the center of attention! She'll snuggle under a blanket when it's cold & chase the water hose in the summer! She does best in a home with a consistent routine & training schedule. She can be a rowdy, total puppy at times but always wins you over with those beautiful eyes!



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COLT is just over a year old & is a go-with-the-flow type pup! He loves playing outside & will entertain himself with his favorite toy-- the Jolly Ball! He is working on learning his basic manners & is house & crate trained, & he does well with other dogs. Colt will do well in most any home that likes to play, walk & snuggle! He is on the taller side though so a big couch is required for snuggling!



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MISS HONEY is the sweetest, most lovable girl in town - she is two years old & her soulful eyes will steal your heart! Her interests include peanut butter, tennis balls & snuggles, walks around the block & entertaining herself with a toy or frozen kong! She loves everyone she meets but will need continued socialization in her new home. Honey does well with children & would do well as an only dog or in a home with a calmer energy dog.



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MABEL the Bloodhound is just over 2 years old. She's loving & affectionate, but she can also be a handful! Mabel is strong & hasn't had much training so a manners class is a must. She'll do best in a household with "dog experience" – & older teens & up.



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NERO is a young man – not quite a year old. This Lab/Hound Mix LOVES to play with tennis balls, which is good because his age & breed both indicate the need for lots of exercise! He'll be okay in a household with teenagers & older & might like a doggy brother or sister, too.



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PAZ is a nine years young Beagle. He is sweet & happy & will do fine with other dogs & cats in the household. Paz likes puzzle toys – & kids, too! (Maybe he can help with those tough math homework problems...) He's not the Energizer Bunny, but he LOVES attention & being around his humans.



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OWEN is a 1-year-old fun boy & MADACC volunteer favorite! He is the master of the play bow! He would like a friend that likes to play & run. Owen sits nicely for treats & loves to be pet. He is an active dog but he wouldn't mind a spot on the couch, too!



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TINA is a wiggly girl! She is 4 years old & cute & chubby as can be! She would love a family to help her exercise a bit but also to relax on the couch with. She is a love bug. She is a staff & volunteer favorite & is ready for her own home!



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WATSON is a nice, beautiful, black boy. He is a year & half old. He is a sweet boy that loves treats & sits happily for them. Watson is a volunteer favorite due to his great personality & happy smile. He is looking for a home with a love for playing & watching the Packers.

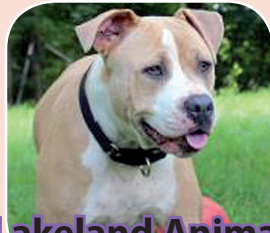


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BRUNO is a sweet, gentle, lovable, 5-1/2-yr old boy who came to the shelter as a scared stray! After much love & care, he opened up & loves everyone he met: big dogs, little dogs, people & even CATS! Bruno was quickly adopted but sadly returned in July after a few months. He is loving his foster home where he has a fluffy foster brother! Bruno can go home with other dogs, adults & older kids that know how to love & respect him.



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HENRY is a handsome 3-year-old boy looking for a family who will never leave him behind again. With his foster family's attention, he has come out of his shell & revealed himself as being a bundle of joy. He loves playing fetch, walks nicely on a leash & loves his people! Henry would do best as the only pet, as well as living with older children or adults.

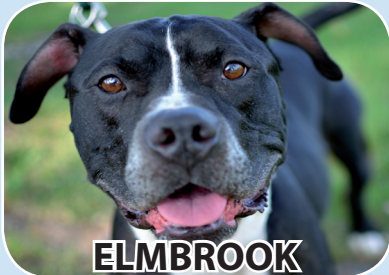


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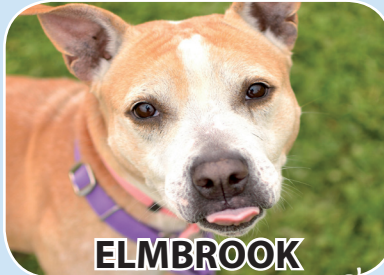
WICCA arrived in March as a scared little girl but slowly opened up to the staff & volunteers. She was lucky enough to have gone into a calm foster home recently where she thrives!! She loves her foster mom, as well as her foster brother & sister who happen to be big dogs. A calm home would make a great home for her. She enjoys a nice walk but then likes to just relax afterward enjoying the simple quiet times with her loved ones!



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MEET SERGEANT! AtteeeenTION! This goofball loves to romp around & play. He is very friendly & loves meeting new people, & though he enjoys the company of other dogs, sometimes they don't appreciate how much he loves to play. He is hoping to find an active adopter who will give him plenty of exercise & play time so he can burn off his energy. It doesn't take much to win him over- just a few toys, petting time & attention.



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TABITHA. If her old, gentle soul-like face does not captivate you, her personality & affection will! Tabitha is an all-around great lady! She is affectionate, loving, easy going, soft hearted & a great companion. She loves being around other dogs - small to large. She would enjoy becoming a part of a family of any size, age range, with other dogs or without & might even be happy sharing her home with feline friends.



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WISHBONE. If you've ever had the pleasure of watching PBS's hit show "Wishbone," you have a good idea of what to expect with this fun boy. Wishbone is an energetic dog who loves to run around & play with his toys. He is in search of a person/family who loves to get out & have fun as much as he does! Daily walks & toys will make him a happy boy, & he will love you more & more every day!



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DEXTER. My name is Dexter, & shelter life has been sad for me; I really miss having a family. Once you come to visit me & I get to know you, I will love you like there is no tomorrow. I'm playful with just the right amount of spunk, & I'm smart, too. I like meeting new people, meeting new dogs, etc. I have a lot of love to give. I just need to find the right person who deserves it.



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