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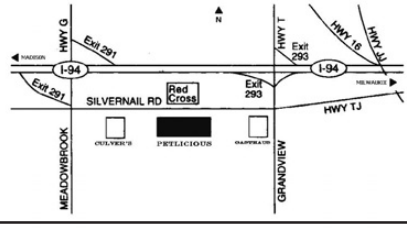
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We've all been there. The clouds start rolling in. The winds shift direction. And the faint rumbles of thunder are heard in the distance. As we run to close all the windows, our canine companions run to their spots of comfort. Sometimes this is a small bathroom, their crate, a corner behind the couch, or the overly-panicked ones simply run around uncontrollably looking for some place to hide. If your four-legged friend fears storms, fireworks, or any type of loud bang, we have tips and suggestions in this issue that will help take the edge off during these stormy summer months. Read *The Big Bang* on page 8 and also plan to attend one of Claudeen's seminars scheduled for this month. A list of times and dates is found in the Event Calendar.

As is typical this time of year, more and more pet fairs, open houses, and expos are held in this area. Since the majority of these events help support canine rescue, humane societies, or other non-profit organizations, I encourage you to plan on attending at least one to show your support. A list of events is found in the Event Calendar and also in articles and advertisements throughout this issue.

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Ask the VET

Q **Question: Since warmer weather heightens the chance of my dog bringing home a tick, what should I do if one is found and how concerned should I be that a disease has been transmitted?**

A **Answer:** Ticks are such small insects, but they can pose a very great danger to us and our companion animals. They prey on the blood of dogs, horses, deer, birds, rodents, and people. There are hundreds of kinds of ticks, including the dog tick and the deer tick.

Lyme disease is the most commonly known disease that ticks can transmit to companion animals.

Ticks live in cracks and crevices in the home or outside in vegetation, such as grassy meadows, woods, brush, and weeds. They cannot fly or jump, but they have a way of finding a host. Oftentimes, they will wait in wooded or grassed areas and attach themselves to any living creature that brushes them. Ticks can also detect the carbon dioxide given off by warm-blooded animals. They can crawl several feet to the carbon dioxide source.

Lyme Disease

The first human outbreak of Lyme disease was identified in Lyme, Connecticut, in 1975, when an unusually large number of cases of arthritis resembling rheumatoid disease occurred within a small geographic area. Studies concluded that dogs from the same location also developed arthritis similar to that in human Lyme disease.

Although Lyme disease is an illness common to humans and animals, there is no evidence that it can be transmitted from one to the other.

Lyme disease cases have been documented in more than 40 states. The disease is transmitted by the deer tick in the Northeast and Midwest, the black-legged tick in the South, and the western black-legged tick in the West.

Clinical signs of Lyme disease in pets include loss of appetite, lameness, lethargy, and fever. Scientists believe the disease can affect humans for a long time, causing problems to the joints, heart, and central nervous system.

Lyme disease vaccinations are available for dogs. If you live in an area that is prone to Lyme disease, consult your veterinarian about the availability and use of this vaccine.

Tick Paralysis

Female ticks release a toxin while feeding that causes tick paralysis. The toxin affects the nervous system and can cause weakness and even paralysis that develops seven to nine days after the tick attachment. The signs can vary from a mild form of unsteadiness of all four legs, to acute quadriplegia that leaves all four legs completely immobilized.

Tick Removal

At times, ticks can be difficult to find. Common places to find hidden ticks are the head, neck, ears, or feet. The longer a tick is attached to its host, the greater the chance for disease. If you find a tick, remove it immediately with tweezers. To protect yourself, wear gloves and do not touch the tick. Carefully grasp the exposed section of its body near the pet's skin. Gently pull until the parasite lets go. You can help prevent inflammation by applying antiseptic onto the bitten area.

To dispose of the tick, wrap it in several tissues and flush it down the toilet. Or, you can drop it in a small container of rubbing alcohol (ticks won't drown in water). Do not crush, burn, or suffocate the tick - this may spread the infectious bacteria.

Preventative Care

Dog owners should inspect their dogs regularly for ticks, especially after trips outside to the woods or mountains. By thoroughly combing your dog within four to six hours of exposure to tick-infested areas, you can help prevent ticks from attaching to your dog.

Your veterinarian is the best source for more information on the dangers of ticks in your area. Your veterinarian can recommend tick repellents that are available to help ward off tick infestation. When numerous ticks are found, contact your veterinarian for advice on insecticidal bathing or dipping.

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The Big Bang!

With the thunderstorm season in high gear, we decided to re-run an extremely popular article from two years ago on calming your pooch during storms or other loud noises…such as Fourth of July fireworks.

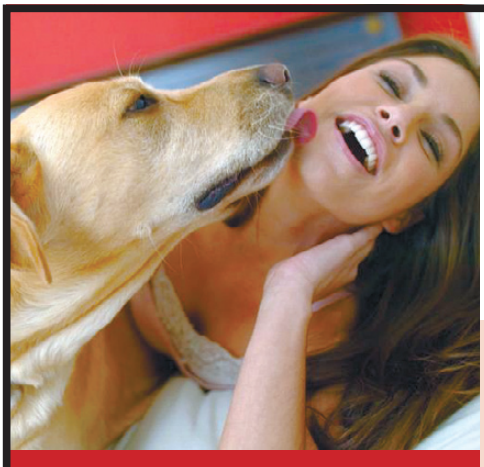
4 a.m. I awaken from a sound sleep to find my face smothered in fur with feet scratching furrows in my ears. In the distance, rumbling thunder signals a storm approaching. The frantic furball on my head is Tom, my cocker mix, who fears nothing. Except thunderstorms. No more sleep for either of us that night. At least this is how Tom used to be . . .

How is fear of sounds learned?

Actually, it doesn't seem to be! When Tom hears a clap of thunder, a firecracker or gunshot, the sound enters the ear, proceeds to the brainstem and thalamus, then reaches a fork in the road. Electrical and chemical impulses move up both forks simultaneously, one a slow pathway, first to the cortex, then to the amygdala; the other a fast pathway directly to the amygdala. Both pathways work simultaneously to condition Tom to feel fear at the sharp, sudden sound. Each pathway is able to condition fear independently of the other. While some fears, such as those toward strangers, children, boxes and ceiling fans, are learned through association with upsetting situations, studies indicate that noise fears require no such associative learning. Rather, in some individuals, fear may occur with no conditioning or learning whatsoever, because the brain already contains the circuits that respond to a limited spectrum of stimuli, such as the loud and sudden crack of a lightning bolt. From that point, associative learning and generalization can cause the cascade of fearful responses to the sounds of wind, rain, flashing light, distant thunder and other accompanying events. To state this in another way, some individuals are genetically predisposed to develop noise phobias. One reason why noise phobias are so hard to treat is that the amygdala contains some neurons that don't habituate to the stimulus, but rather continue to fire. These particular neurons are activated only by very loud noises and will always fire when stimulated by them. Learning has nothing to do with it, which is why behavior modification and training so seldom help these dogs.

Many of us have found that as our dogs get older, their sensitivity to storms and other loud, sudden sounds seems to increase. While young animals may be sensitive to sounds, they may be better able to control their responses; the slow pathway, which allows for some thinking about what's happening, is able to override the fast pathway. But as Tom ages, over many exposures, some of them especially intense, he may lose his ability to think rationally, allowing the fast pathway to take over. We then see a very emotional and reactive response.

Enter the hippocampus. This is a structure in the brain which appears to control the expression of fear. Chronic stress compromises the ability of the hippocampus to



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regulate the fear response of the amygdala. Conversely, the amygdala seems to like a stressful environment. So without the hippocampus to apply the brakes, the responses of the amygdala get stronger over time, and so I find Tom climbing on my head at 4a.m. as a distant storm approaches. A sort of feedback loop forms. The more the dog is stressed, the better the amygdala functions, the more the hippocampus degenerates, and the more extreme the dog's responses become.

Additionally the "flight" hormone epinephrine (adrenaline), produced by the adrenal glands when an animal is stressed (afraid) makes anything learned during the fearful time especially resistant to unlearning. So even barometric changes associated with the sound stimulus invariably and vividly recall to the dog her fright at the actual thunderclap.

While some fears may be linked to a past event, such as being tied out during a storm, or taken to a Fourth of July event during a critical fear period, often there is no such connection. Some breeds, such as Border Collies, German Shepherds, and Labrador and Golden Retrievers seems to have a genetic predisposition to develop noise phobias.

Learned fears have several characteristics. First, studies show that once it's learned, it's probably always there, sort of like that raspberry stain on your white tablecloth. And while fearful responses can be extinguished and counter-conditioned, these processes often spontaneously reverse and the fearful responses return. This is called "recovery."

So besides extinguishing and counter-conditioning fearful responses, the best results are obtained by simultaneously teaching the dog self-control and coping skills, such as running to get a tennis ball when a storm approaches, or using Tellington TTouch to facilitate a learned calm response to a word like "easy."

That being said, what are our options? As alternative and complementary treatments become more mainstream, we find there are actually quite a few things we can do to help our dogs. They may never be completely calm at the approach of a storm, but may be content to lie at our feet rather than exploding through a screen door.

Electricity

Some animals may gather a static charge, thus try to ground themselves behind plumbing pipes or by leaping into the bathtub. Relief may come from application of spray anti-static products, such as you'd use to keep your slip from gluing itself to your pantyhose in the winter.

Tellington TTouch

Just as a hug may calm a frightened child, or swaddling a baby stops its crying, body wraps, which use the concept of maintained pressure, may shift the autonomic nervous system from sympathetic (responding to stress) to parasympathetic (remaining calm) functioning. Tactile stimulation may reduce cortisol (stress hormone) levels.

In my experience, wraps are best applied when the dog's emotional state is still calm, for example, if storms are forecast, rather than waiting till thunder is heard in the distance. The idea is to preserve, as much as possible, the calm state. You can, however, put the wrap on at anytime to help the dog come back to a state of calm. To apply a body wrap, simply slip a t-shirt over your dog's head, back of the shirt on the front of the dog, front legs through the armholes. Gather up the loose material hanging under the belly into a knot on top of the dog's back and secure with a rubber band or scrunchie. This provides remarkable calming for some animals. Tom still wears his body wrap during severe storms.

Touching dogs in specific ways, such as those used in Tellington TTouch, lowers their heart rate, blood pressure and cortisol levels, as well as generates brain wave patterns that promote thinking rather than reacting. TTouch can be an effective method for teaching relaxation and self-control. Three techniques to use for storm and noise phobic dogs include: Tail TTouch, Ear TTouch, and Belly Lift.

While you're touching your dog in this way, your heart rate, blood pressure and cortisol levels are also being reduced as a result of the direct tactile interaction. I don't know about you, but during violent storms my heart rate, blood pressure and cortisol levels tend to rise a bit, so doing TTouch on my dogs helps control my own stress response.

Another effect of wraps and touching may be the production of molecules of "endogenous morphine," often referred to as "endorphins." These consist of short protein molecules called "peptides" which the brain and pituitary gland produce in response to pressure and touch. When the endorphins plug into opioid receptor sites in the hypothalmus, amygdala, and other brain structures, they create a calming and stabilizing effect.

Help From Plants

Flower essences, believed to work energetically, may calm a stressed animal. Rescue Remedy, Rock Rose, Mimulus and Aspen have helped some of my clients. Aromatherapy, particularly, lavender essential oil which has an affinity for the nervous system, has also been helpful. A solution of flower essences or lavender essential oil can be misted around the animal. Be sure to purchase only 100% pure, preferably therapeutic grade, essential oils.

Herbals such as chamomile, valerian, and skullcap also have an affinity for the nervous system, meaning that its components bind to receptors of nerve cells to create a calming effect. Because these herbs may have side effects, work with your veterinarian or an experienced herbalist.

Additional Possibilities

Acupressure, the hormone melatonin, Dog Appeasing Pheromone (D.A.P.), a white noise machine or a radio tuned to static provide relief for some dogs. You might even try something as simple as a pink lamp in a nightlight next to your dog's crate, which two of my clients found helpful. Pink lights have been used to calm violent inmates in prisons. Finally, pharmaceuticals used in conjunction with behavior modification have been helpful in some cases. It's always helpful to consult your veterinarian, especially since underlying health issues may affect behavior.

It's also been reported that if a dog over comes the fear of storms over one season, you'll probably need to repeat the helpful treatment for a second season to completely fix the problem. And don't wait till a

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How to Find your Perfect Pup

When I found out that my next article was finding the right breed for your family, I thought "wow is this going to be easy." Golden Retrievers are the perfect dogs, just like our beautiful 8-year-old Sophie. Although my husband would be quick to remind me how awesome our beagle is. Oh, and my Mom will hit the roof if I forget to say how wonderful her Border collie cross is, and my sister in-law has a Papillion…

OK, so you get the point, that perfection is in the eyes of the guy at the other end of the leash. But what about your perfect breed? That's pretty speculative too. Type anything about finding the right dog into a search engine and you'll come up with a litany of test quizzes and questionnaires promising to find you the best match. After answering 10 questions on Animal Planet's *animal.discovery.com/breedselector/dogselector.do*, I found my vast selection narrowed down to a 121 breeds, everything from the Dandie Dinmont Terrier to a St. Bernard.

Wow, so I guess just like online dating a short questionnaire really can't help you find your perfect soul mate. When you think about it, finding a dog is a lot like finding any other partner. It's another lifelong commitment and you'll be together though good times and bad. Outside of the average Hollywood wedding most of us invest a lot of effort into finding our perfect match, why wouldn't we do the same with finding a dog?

So where do you go to find a Match.com for dogs? Your local humane society is a good place to start. They're one of the few places where repeat business is a bad thing, at least for the same dog, so they go to great lengths to make sure that your love lasts a lifetime. At the Wisconsin Humane Society every potential adopter, and adoptee, goes through their aptly named Matchmaker program.

Angela Speed from the WHS explained the program to me, "Adopters fill out a short profile and are matched with appropriate dogs that match their lifestyle." Dogs are given color codes according to their personality. Purple dogs are the more laid-back, low maintenance pups, while green dogs are more outgoing and active. They even break it down again into categories like Couch Potato, for those of us seeking dogs we can hang back and enjoy a movie with, to those curious Busy Bees, who enjoy a good long walk before their snuggle time. All their dogs also have family recommendations from the PG pups that love all kids, to those that prefer their family members be a bit older.

As dog lovers we all know that every dog is an individual, as unique as the people that love them, and should be treated as such. The Humane Society agrees; Angela is quick to point out that their system is definitely not breed specific. She told me the story of Wally, a 110 pound German Shephard, one of the largest dogs they've ever had. He was a PG rating because he loved interacting with kids, while a small terrier mix went to a childless home because he couldn't tolerate little ones.

While every dog is different, there are some breed considerations that need to be taken into account. While you could find a Great Dane with the perfect personality, but if you enjoy tooling around all summer in a small R.V., how cozy would you like to be? There's also the grooming. Some dogs, such as Goldens and Newfoundlands, can't help the shedding and if you hate brushing you could be at an impasse. Also be mindful of the other furry members of your family. Some dogs have strong prey drives brought on by hundreds of years of selected breeding to be great hunting dogs. There are plenty of hound and retrievers who are awesome with cats, I can attest to both, but for the sake of your feline friends you might want to double check you prospective pup's interests. Are they a cuddle, a chaser or a catcher?

On a final note, always remember that great dogs aren't born, they're made. All dogs need training. My trainer had great words of advice, "training your dog is an investment and you can't expect to get more than what you put in" and that holds true for every dog, no matter how fantastic the pooch.

Finding the best companion is never easy, human or canine. It requires a lot of soul searching and contemplation. It involves being honest with yourself, and possibly the heartache of not taking the most adorable high energy pup into your laid back lifestyle or realizing you can't cram a Great Pyrenees into your Cracker-Jack apartment. But have faith because that perfect pooch is out there and when you finally get to bring him home, you'll know you've met your perfect match.

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

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Marie Moody founded Stella & Chewy's in March of 2003 in New York City when she had a sick dog, Chewy, and couldn't find a commercial pet food that was as wholesome as the food she was making in her own kitchen. Moody says, "A raw food diet provides your pet with exactly the kinds of food that they would naturally seek out in the wild. Nothing can replace wholesome foods in their natural, unrefined state. Raw foods contain WHOLE nutritional complexes, and the nutrients in raw foods are totally bio-available. That means that your pet can easily absorb the nutrients they need. As a rule, the closer to the natural source food is, the healthier it will be."

Opening this plant means that Stella & Chewy's has stringent quality control over the entire manufacturing process. This quality control begins with the procurement of wholesome ingredients and continues throughout the processing stages. The 12,000 sq. foot plant employs 15 people and is growing. "Opening this plant has been a dream of mine for some time. My customers want the best food possible for their pets-we are uniquely positioned to become a national brand. Right now most of our customers are on either coast but we definitely have plans to expand now." Moody says.

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Washington "Bark" Dog Day

NUWP, Neighborhoods United for Washington Park, announces the 3rd annual Washington "Bark" Dog Day event to pay homage to man's best friend and to raise money for one of Milwaukee's most beautiful and historic parks. The event will take place (rain or shine)at the Historic Blatz Temple of Music in Washington Park (45th & Vliet Street) on **Sunday, August 12th from noon - 4:00 p.m.** WISN 12 anchor Mike Miller will kick off the festivities with a parade of participating pooches, a blessing of the pets, and much more. The event features lure coursing, contests, displays, music, food and fun! New for 2007 will be photos with the Milwaukee Brewers/Klements Racing Hot Dog and a kids' corner.

Registration cost for all dogs is $5.00 each. (Humans are free!) Celebrity judges will determine the best of show, best costume, best trick, cutest dog and a dog/owner look-alike competition among others. Local businesses will offer information on dog training, breed clubs and the latest in canine products and health services. For an additional fee, dogs can enjoy the thrill of the chase as they zigzag through one of two fully fenced lure courses or have their picture taken with the Milwaukee Brewers/Klements Racing Hot Dog. There are also a variety of "games" for the dogs to play (for a small fee) where they can win fantastic prizes. Dog-loving kids will enjoy the kids' corner where (for a small donation) they can engage in various crafts.

The Washington "Bark" Dog Day event is being presented to celebrate the partnership of private and public citizens dedicated to improving and sustaining Washington Park, one of the jewels of the Milwaukee County Park System. There is still time to register as a sponsor or as a vendor. Call 414.475.9072 for more details.

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Emergency Preparedness:

Your Pet's First Line of Defense

In the June issue, I told you about the importance of having an emergency plan for your pets. Now we'll cover what you need to put your plan into action.

Equipment. To start with, each dog needs a sturdy collar (or harness, or halter) and leash capable of controlling the animal. If your dog is at all nervous or aggressive you might want to consider a muzzle as well. Even a normally calm animal can be pushed beyond it's limit by noise, excitement, and crowding, not to mention the stress and worry they pick up from you. A cat should have a collar for ID tags, but do not attach a leash to a cat collar; they are designed to stretch or break if they get caught on anything. Cats, rabbits, and ferrets should each have a secure harness and leash for restraint whenever they are taken out of their carrier. Having a carrier for your cat is a must. If scared they can be out of your arms and up your shoulder in a flash. Carriers are also a good idea for smaller dogs, ferrets, rabbets, chinchillas, guinea pigs, reptiles, etc. Small birds can travel in their regular cage, but large birds such as parrots and cockatoos will need to have a travel cage made out of sturdy wire that they can not bite through. Bird cages should be covered, both to protect the birds from cold and to keep them calm. If you are unable to evacuate yourself and have to rely on being bussed out of the danger area, pets will be allowed on evacuation busses ONLY if they are in a secure cage or carrier. If you are staying at a motel or with friends, a crate or carrier gives your pet a safe secure place to call their own, and a way for you to keep them out of trouble when you're not there.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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Sunday, October 21

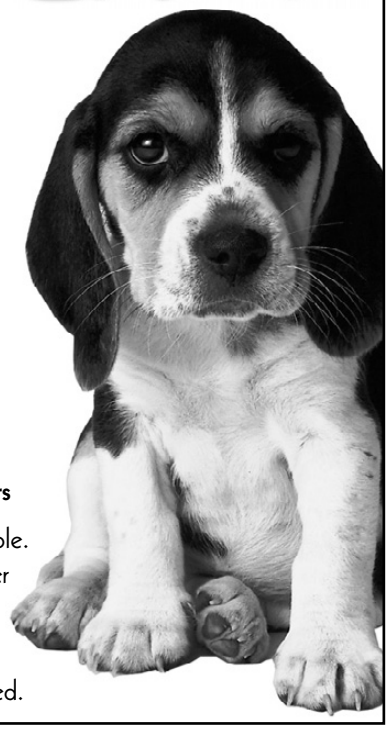
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All pets should also have some form of ID. Anything that can wear a collar or harness should have an ID tag. This should have an alternate phone number such as an out of area friend, because you won't be home to answer a house phone and weather disasters can knock out cell phone towers. Birds can be fitted with numbered leg bands if they aren't banded already. But collars and tags can come off (or be removed), so ALL pets should be micro chipped. This is a small computer chip in a glass capsule about the size of a long grain of rice. A Veterinarian can easily implant this under your pets skin, and a scanner passed over this chip will display the number encoded in the chip. This number can be called into a registry where it will be matched to your contact information. As long as your information is kept up to date, your pet can always be identified. This also serves as legal proof of ownership in case someone else tries to claim your pet as theirs. Check shelters and pet stores for micro chipping special events, or consult your vet.

Put together an evict-pack. I strongly recommend a backpack or a tote bag with large enough handles to go over your shoulder. This leaves your hands free to manage pets, kids, or anything else. This bag should be kept somewhere out of the way but handy, like a coat closet or in the back hall; somewhere where you can grab it easily on the way out. The MOST important piece of "equipment" in it is a file of records. If you do nothing else, this is the one must-have! Every pet (and child!) should have a folder or envelope containing copies of medical records including vaccination records, especially proof of rabies vaccination, and records of any conditions they are being treated for and any prescriptions they are taking. Include your pets microchip number or any tattooed ID number, and any pet insurance you might have. Take clear, identifying photographs of your pet, and include yourself in one of the photos to prove ownership. Be sure to show any identifying markings. Make multiple copies (color Xerox is fine) so you can leave a copy with them if you check into an emergency animal shelter, or if you have to make up a lost pet poster. Make another copy of all these records (or scan them into your computer and burn them onto a disc) so you can leave a copy at work or with a friend or stored in your refrigerator where it's relatively safe from fire. These folders are also useful for everyday medical emergencies, especially if you can't get to your regular doctor or veterinarian. Grab the bag as you go, and you will have the necessary medical info with you. Very useful for pet sitters and baby-sitters too.

Ideally your evac-pack should also contain some other basic items. Keep a day or two supply of food for each pet in moisture and insect proof containers. Use this up and replace it with fresh every six months or so. This is especially important if your pet has medical needs requiring special food. If you evacuate yourself, this will buy you time to get out of the danger zone and find somewhere you can

buy more. If you go to an emergency shelter, this will give you something to use to transition your pet to what is available there. If they eat a prescription food, this will give you time to find a veterinarian who will get you some more, based on the medical records you brought with. Keep a supply of any medications they are taking either in the pack, or convenient to grab off the counter. At the very least, pack an empty bottle with the prescription label, or a copy of the vet records giving the prescription, because your vet may be evacuated or shut down by the same emergency, and you may be dealing with an emergency shelter volunteer, or an out of town vet.

Pack a spare leash. This can be clipped to it's self to make an emergency collar and leash combo, or looped once around the neck and then once around the body for a temporary harness and leash. If your pet is a nervous traveler or scared of strange places (this includes most cats) it might help to include calming products such as Rescue Remedy, Feliway, or Comfort Zone for Dogs. Giving a dog a piece of clothing that you've worn can comfort then with your familiar scent. A first aide kit for both pets and people is also a good idea.

Pack a few cleaning supplies. Paper towels are a must! Include a small bottle of cleaner, and maybe a sponge. A small dustpan and brush makes it easy to sweep up kitty-litter. Don't forget some plastic baggies to clean up after your dog, and if you have cats or ferrets you will need litter boxes and litter. I keep a plastic jug of litter in my car year round, so I add some disposable aluminum cake pans and I'm set. Most grocery stores and pet stores also sell disposable plastic litter boxes that come with litter included.

Some emergencies you might not be able to evacuate from. Blizzards can sometimes catch us by surprise, and tornado warnings give us just enough time to get to shelter. In the aftermath, it might be days before roads are cleared, so keep a weeks supply of food and some jugs of water for your family and pets in your house at all times.

Preparation. One of the best things you can do is prepare your pets for what they might face. Dogs are generally good travelers, but if they tend to bark a lot or chew, they can wear out their welcome quickly. You must be able to control them on a leash to take them out to do their business. If they get away from you, they are in a strange area and will not be able to find their way back. If you take them to an emergency pet shelter, they will be housed in close proximity to other dogs. Manners and obedience training is a must, and crate training would be good too. Cats are notoriously hard to grab in emergencies, especially when they see that carrier coming. Give a "chow call" every time you feed them or give them treats so they will come when you call. Make the carrier less threatening. Leave it out all the time to encourage using it for naps. Feed your cat inside the carrier, gradually moving the dish further in until they are comfortable eating entirely inside, then start closing the door for a little while. Carry them around the room in the carrier, then reward them with a treat and let them out. Try short drives around the block. You might also want to check out clicker training. This works well with cats that are strongly food motivated.

You also have to prepare your family. Disasters can happen any time, to any one, and they don't have to be big, or be weather related to be devastating. Everyone should know what the plan is, plus any alternate plans. We've been told for years that we need to practice family fire drills; we also need to practice evacuation drills. Every family member should know what they should grab and where they assemble. Designate who grabs the evac-pack. If everyone knows what to do and has rehearsed it enough to do it without having to think about it, you can get everyone out of the house quickly and safely, even our most vulnerable family members, our pets.

For further information on evacuating your family and pets, check here:
Homeland Security; ready.gov
The American Red Cross; redcross.org
ASPCA; aspca.org
Humane Society of the US; hsus.org
Pet Friendly Hotels; petswelcome.com

Karen Pauli lives in Milwaukee. After Katrina, she made two trips down south to do animal rescue, and came home wanting to do more. She is now a volunteer on call with UAN's Emergency Animal Rescue Service (EARS) and with American Humane Association's Animal Emergency Services. Between emergencies she does public education with EARS at pet events to show pet owners how to be ready for emergencies.

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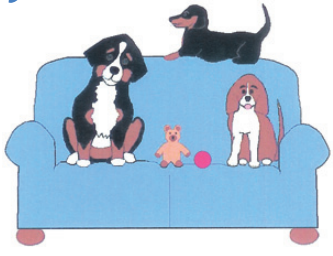
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If your pooch is in need of a nail trim and/or polish, brushing, ear cleaning, tooth brushing, or microchipping, you can do that here as well. This service is being provided to you by Wind Lake and Muskego Animal Hospitals along with the assistance of L.E.A.R.N. volunteers. With so much to do, great food for the family, and special frozen treats for the doggies, your pooch will definitely be satisfied and worn out by the end of the day.

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Pre-registration packages are also available. If your canine companions are well-behaved, socialized, and current on vaccinations, they won't want to miss this event. Visit L.E.A.R.N's website at www.labadoption.org for more information or email us at pawgustfest@labadoption.org.

Ricky's Rugs



The combination of her love for dogs, especially Clumber Spaniels, and her talent with an art form that has been around for centuries gave Ricky Blackman her start in the rug making business.

"I started to hook rugs about 15 years ago," Ricky explained. "Dogs just so happen to be my most requested subject matter."

Rug hooking is a craft and an art form. The process of hooking starts with a woven piece of fabric, such as burlap or Monk's Cloth. A design or pattern outline of the subject matter is drawn onto the backing. Strips of colored fabric or yarn are then pulled through the backing with a hook. The mass of loops created by the fabric strips or yarn becomes the pile. The finished piece is a hooked rug.

If you are interested in an original piece of artwork that features your pet, look no further than Ricky's Rugs.

It's not just dogs though. Ricky can make a rug out of just about any subject - cats, horses, chickens, a kennel logo or company logo, even people's homes. And it's not just rugs. Her hooked pieces can be rugs, wall hangings or even made into pillows.

To make personalized creations, Ricky starts the creative process with a photograph of her subject. "The clearer and sharper the photograph the better," Ricky explained.

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Sat. July 14 – 10:30 a.m.
Fri. July 27 – 7:45 p.m.

Dog Manners Class (over 5 months of age):
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Mon. July 2 – 6:30 p.m.
Sat. July 21 – 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. July 12 – 6:30 p.m.
Fri. July 27 – 6:30 p.m.
Tues. July 17 – 7:45 p.m.

Beyond Manners Class (over 6 months of age):
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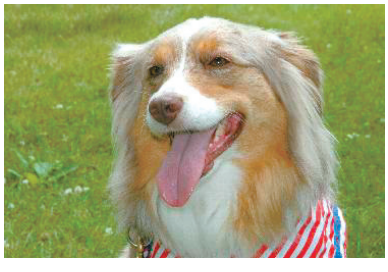
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Celebrating Year One

All new business owners know the first year is the toughest. Earning a customer base, working long days, and learning which products and services customers want is challenging but oh so rewarding. Shanna, owner of Doggie Doo's, a pet grooming salon on the south end of Milwaukee, has not only survived her first year, she wants to share her celebration.

During the month of August, visitors to Doggie Doo's will receive a free bag of homemade doggie treats along with a newsletter featuring tidbits on the four-legged friends who call this their grooming salon.

Shanna began Doggie Doo's in late summer of 2006 with the main goal of creating a calming and enjoyable grooming experience for those in need of a little clip. Because only one dog occupies the grooming salon at a time, this dedicated attention helps keep the customer calm and stress-free.

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In addition to grooming services, Doggie Doo's carries frisbees, balls, toys, collars, and Isle of the Dog grooming products. Stop by in August or any time at 4180A South Howell Avenue in Milwaukee. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, call Shanna at 414-704-6111.

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As in people, the risk of cardiovascular disease in dogs increases with age. However, the prevalence of disease varies between dogs and people. For instance, coronary disease, which is a very common cardiac disorder in humans, is rare in dogs. This article will briefly review the most common causes of cardiovascular disease in dogs.

Congestive Heart Failure

Congestive heart failure (CHF) is the most important heart related problem in dogs. CHF is the accumulation of extra fluid within the body as a result of a sick heart.

The most common cause of canine CHF is degenerative valve disease (endocardiosis). This disease is similar to mitral valve prolapse in people. It is most frequently diagnosed in older small breed dogs, although any dog can develop this condition with age. The first sign of endocardiosis is the presence of a heart murmur, which is usually identified during routine examination by your regular veterinarian. This murmur indicates mitral valve regurgitation or abnormal backward blood flow across the mitral valve. Endocardiosis is a slowly progressive disorder that thickens and weakens the heart valve. Small amounts of mitral regurgitation are generally well tolerated, while severe mitral regurgitation may lead to congestive heart failure. Many dogs have this disease for years prior to developing any problems. Some dogs with endocardiosis never develop congestive heart failure.

The second most common type of heart disease in dogs is heart muscle dysfunction (dilated cardiomyopathy). This condition is more common in older large breed dogs. It is very rare in small breed dogs. Unfortunately, this disease is sometimes more difficult to identify in the early stages. For this reason, dilated cardiomyopathy may go undetected until more serious problems develop, such as congestive heart failure. The only way to diagnose this disease prior to any symptoms is with an echocardiogram.

Although CHF is a serious disease, the associated symptoms can be managed with medications. In most cases, dogs can return to a good quality of life. The thoracic radiographs (chest x-rays) show examples of a normal dog (figure 1), a dog with heart enlargement without CHF (figure 2), and a dog with CHF (figure 3).

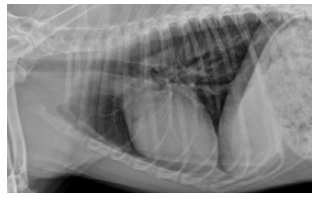
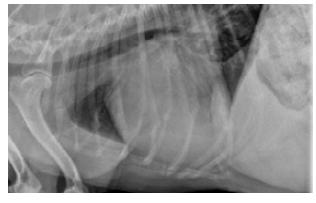


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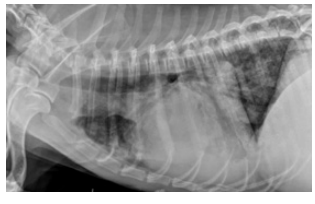


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Other Cardiac Disease in Dogs

Congenital heart disease: Some dogs are born with heart defects. Congenital heart disease is usually identified by the presence of a heart murmur that does not go away by 4 months of age. Diagnosis requires an expert Doppler echocardiogram (heart ultrasound/sonogram).

Arrhythmia: Irregular heart beat. This problem is diagnosed and characterized with an electrocardiogram (EKG). Some arrhythmias are treated with medications, while others require a pacemaker.

Systemic Hypertension: High blood pressure. As in people, this disease is more common in older dogs. The most common technique for checking a dog's blood pressure is very similar to the method used in humans. The most common underlying causes of high blood pressure in dogs include kidney disease and endocrine disease.

Heartworm disease: The adult heartworms live in the pulmonary arteries (vessels that feed the lungs) and cause cough and breathing problems. In severe infections they can also live in the heart and lead to congestive heart failure. This disease is spread from dog to dog by mosquitoes. As a result of very safe and highly effective prophylactic medications along with routine screening by your regular veterinarian, heartworm disease is infrequently seen in dogs today.

Other Vascular disease: Fortunately heart attacks and strokes are uncommon in dogs.

Symptoms that may be related to heart disease include:
- Cough; abnormal breathing, high breathing rate, and difficulties breathing
- Exercise intolerance, lethargy, and collapse

Symptoms of possible heart disease that should prompt EMERGENCY evaluation include:
- Difficulties breathing
- Collapse
- Severe cough

Testing that may be indicated to determine the presence and severity of any heart disease:
- Echocardiogram
- Thoracic Radiograph (Chest x-ray)
- Electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG)
- Blood Pressure
- Blood Testing

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BREED PROFILE:
The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Picture Perfect-Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

In many ways, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel appears to be the perfect breed, and fiercely-devoted Cavalier people will tell you it's the absolute truth-they are perfect. Well, they do shed a little, but hey, they're a little dog. And according to Suzie Piel, one of those devoted Cavalier people, "The cleaner you keep them, the less they shed. It doesn't hurt them to get a weekly bath."

An active member of Wisconsin's Badgerland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Piel goes on to say that the small dog was bred to give comfort, "to sit on peoples' laps, keep them warm and collect fleas." This flea service shielded their beloved owners from contacting the plague in 17th Century England.

Descendants of the English toy spaniel pictured in the works of 16th, 17th and 18th century artists, Cavaliers enjoy a fascinating history. Some speculate that the dogs came to England from either Japan or China as gifts to King Charles II. The King's love for the little dogs is a well-known fact, however; he owned several and was seldom seen without them. He actually passed a law permitting toy spaniels in all public places, even the House of Parliament-a first for dogs. Officially, the breed became the King Charles Spaniel.

No breed standards existed back then, and as will happen, over time the breed's appearance evolved to where it no longer resembled the earlier dogs. Their long-nosed faces had become short muzzled, flat faces, and their original flat crowns had risen slightly to a dome shape. In 1926, American Roswell Eldridge set his heart on finding the original dog, so he traveled to England and offered a prize to the first person with a dog resembling those painted in the 16th-18th century portraits.

Not until shortly after Eldridge died in 1928 was his prize awarded to a woman



for her dog Ann's Son. The name Cavalier King Charles Spaniel was then chosen, and a breed club was founded. Using little Ann's Son and reproductions of the old paintings as examples, the Club members drew up standards for their rediscovered breed.

The first recorded Cavaliers in the United States arrived from England in the 1940s, but the breed became official here in 1952 when a Kentucky woman received a puppy from her friend in England. She organized a handful of other Cavalier owners around the country and founded the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, USA (CKCSC, USA) in 1954.

Today the breed standards and colors remain true to those drawn up in England in 1928. According to Badgerland's website (www.ckcscw.org), those four accepted colors are:

Blenheim: Rich chestnut markings well broken up on a pearly white ground. The ears must be red and the color evenly spaced on the head, with a wide white blaze between the ears, in the center of which is the much-desired lozenge (diamond), or 'Blenheim Spot.' The lozenge is a unique and highly desirable, though not essential, characteristic of the Blenheim.

Tricolor: Jet black markings broken up on a pearly white ground; with rich tan markings over the eyes, on the cheeks and on underside of tail.

Ruby: Whole-colored rich red.

Black-and-Tan: Jet black with rich tan markings over the eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest, legs, and underside of tail."

Picture this, again according to Badgerland: Warm brown, large eyes create a "sweet, gentle, melting expression," an important breed characteristic. Muzzle should be 1-1/2 inches from stop to the end of the nose. An average height dog stands 12-13 inches at the withers (where the back meets the base of the neck) and ranges in weight from 13-18 pounds. Their medium length coat waves slightly and is pure silk to touch. The ears, chest, legs and tail wave with long feathering. Trimming is not required, and for show dogs it's not permitted, but trimming between their pads is recommended. They hold their tails at back level in a constant, joyful wave.

If you find puppies irresistible and almost wish they wouldn't grow up, here's your dog-Cavaliers look like puppies their whole life. Twelve years ago Ana Ruggeri, mother to a large family of children and a one-year old Lab, visited her friend Janet Beck, a transplant from upstate New York. "I wasn't looking for a dog," Ruggeri recalls. "But oooooh they're awesome! All puppies are cute, no matter what breed, but Cavaliers are cute forever!"





Today Ruggeri owns three Cavaliers, is a registered breeder, and three years ago she founded the Badgerland Club. "We have a lot of members from all over Wisconsin, and they're very active and involved in the breed," says Ruggeri. She tells "the story" behind that cherished spot on the Blenheim Cavalier's head. "When King Charles would go out on his missions and his fights, his wife would be at home with their brood of Cavaliers. She would sit at the window with one of them on her lap watching for her husband to come home. Her teardrops would fall and create a wet spot on the top of the dog's head." No verified research here, but certainly a sweet story that embodies the dog's comforting personality.

Responsible breeders are adamant about keeping the standard pure. Most insist that new owners return the dog to them, even years later, if for whatever reason it becomes impossible to keep the dog. Responsible breeders also have their pups tested for inherited health problems, such as heart murmur, eye disorders, or patellar luxation. If any of those tendencies show up, they pull those pups from the gene pool. Find more on these health matters at any of the websites below.

Rugerri's friend and Milwaukee breeder Janet Beck came here from New York twelve years ago, and has been breeding Cavaliers for almost 32 years. "I've seen the breed take off here," she says. "They were a well-kept secret for a long time. They're so delightful. They're not a big dog, but they have the heart of a big dog." And more stamina than a lot of dogs of any size-for years Beck jogged 5-6 miles a day with her Cavaliers at her side. Ruggeri says, "They definitely like activity, but they're good without it, too." Perfect?

All agree that Cavaliers adapt well-to other pets in the home or visitors; to children; and to traveling. Unlike some smaller breeds, they are not "yippy." According to Rugerri, "They're awesome therapy dogs. They were bred to sit on your lap!"

Beware of those pictures on the websites-you could easily be seduced into visiting a breeder. And I haven't found a single person who just stopped at one Cavalier!

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Wisconsin German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue, Inc.
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lisa_gsprescuewi@yahoo.com
http://www.wgspr.com
http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/WI214.html

Glen of Imaal Terrier
lakerun@execpc.com

Golden Retriever
GRRoW (Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin)
(888)655-4753
president@grrow.org, www.GRRoW.org

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414-517-7725
www.waagr.org, president@waagr.org

Greyhound
Greyhounds Only Inc., Adoption & Rescue
262-542-0331 or 773-297-GREY (4739)
goinc@aol.com, www.greyhoundsonly.com

Greyhound Pets of America - WI
414-299-9473, www.gpawisconsin.org

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Southeastern Wisconsin Herding Dog Rescue
262-554-2048, www.wiherdingrescue.com
rescue@wiherdingrescue.com

Irish Setter
Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee
920-734-6734, muttsgo@aol.com

Italian Greyhounds
star279@juno.com
www.midwestigrescue.com

Jack Russell Terrier/All Dog Rescue
414-747-8726, 414-297-5104
pwagner@foley.com

Labrador
Labrador Education and Rescue Network
847-289-PETS (7387), www.labadoption.org
learndogs@labadoption.org

Penny Romasko
www.labradorconnection.org

Maltese
Northcentral Maltese Rescue Inc.
262-633-9371, malteserescue@hotmail.com
www.malteserescuehomestead.com

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Great Lakes Pug Club
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414-531-9301

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Wisconsin Rat Terrier Rescue INC.
608-697-7274, wrtr@bigfoot.com

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Wisconsin Rottweiler Rescue
608-224-0272, www.wirottrescue.org

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allsaintsrescue@earthlink.net

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414-764-0262
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doloresherte@sbcglobal.net
414-704-6267

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920-882-0382, westies@edsboats.com
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414-383-2779, judii2000@yahoo.com

Event Calendar

July 2007

2 Monday
What: CGC & TDI Testing
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30pm ($10)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

6 Friday
What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: www.grkc.org

What: Yappy Hour (Reservations Required)
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 6:30 - 7:30pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

7 Saturday
What: Canine Massage
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 4:00pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

8 Sunday
What: The Big Bang by Claudeen E. Mc Auliffe
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: Noon - 2:00pm (Reservations Req.) ($5.00)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

9 Monday
What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Mequon
When: 8:00pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Mequon
When: 6:45pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

10 Tuesday
What: Puppy Kindergarten Class by For Pet's Sake
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery & Pet Spa
When: 7:30pm (7 week course)
Info: 262-548-0923

What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Downtown
When: 7:00pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Lake Country
When: 8:15pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Lake Country
When: 7:00pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Canine Good Citizen Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: 8:00pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

11 Wednesday
What: Small Dog Class w/ Amy Ammen
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: 6:00pm
Info: 414-289-7785 (Register)

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, North
When: 8:00pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

12 Thursday
What: Critter Care Therapeutic & Essential Oil Seminar
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Info: 414-444-4110, www.barknscratchoutpost.com

13 Friday
What: Obedience Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30 pm (Novice), (Open) Follows Novice
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Rally Drop in Classes
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m. (advanced), 7:30 (novice)
Info: www.grkc.org

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

14 Saturday
What: Summer Field Trip w/ Your Dog
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: 1:15pm (3 consecutive Saturdays)
Info: 414-289-7785 (Register)

What: World's Largest Simultaneous Canine Sit
Where: Elmbrook Humane Society, Brookfield
When: Noon - 2:00pm
Info: Karen@ebhs.org

What: 6th Annual Adopt-a-thon
Where: Elmbrook Humane Society, Brookfield
When: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Info: www.ebhs.org

What: Microchipping Clinic
Where: Pet Supplies Plus, Glendale
When: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Info: 414-964-7255

What: Tellington TTouch by Claudeen E. Mc Auliffe
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 10:00am - 12:00pm (Reservations Suggested)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

15 Sunday
What: Ice Cream Social for You & Your Pooch
Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc
When: 11:00am - 3:00pm
Info: www.thedoggybagllc.com, 262-560-1717

What: Learn About Holistic Behavior Modification
Where: The Doggy Bag, Oconomowoc
When: Noon - 2:00pm
Info: www.thedoggybagllc.com, 262-560-1717

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

16 Monday
What: Canine Good Citizen Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 11:00am (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Advanced 1 Novice Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: Noon (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

17 Tuesday
What: Adult Beginners Class Begins
Where: Friends of Nature, Genesse Depot
When: 6:00pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

18 Wednesday
What: Puppy Foundation Agility Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: 8:00pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

19 Thursday
What: Beginners Rally Obedience Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:45pm (6 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Advanced Rally Obedience Class Begins
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 8:45pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

20 Friday
What: AKC Agility Run Thrus
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 6:30pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Agility Run Thrus
Where: Cudahy Kennel Club, St. Francis
When: Entries 6 p.m., Start 7 p.m. (only $5 per dog)
Info: 414-769-0758, www.cudahykennelclub.org

What: Yappy Hour (Reservations Required)
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 6:30 - 7:30pm
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

21 Saturday
What: Hunting Dog Portraits w/ SliderPhoto
Where: Gander Mountain, Kenosha
When: 10:00am - 3:00pm (reservations advised)
Info: 414-899-8697, www.sliderphoto.com

23 Monday
What: Beginner Agility Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: 7:00pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

24 Tuesday
What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Friends of Nature, Genesse Depot
When: 7:00pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Franklin
When: 8:00pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Downtown
When: 8:10pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

25 Wednesday
What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Harmony Pet Care, Waukesha
When: 7:45pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

26 Thursday
What: Beginner Agility Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Franklin
When: 6:45pm (8 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

What: Puppy Kindergarten Class Begins
Where: Central Bark DDC, Wauwatosa
When: 8:10pm (7 week course)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

27 Friday
What: Yappy Hour (+ $5 Nail Trims)
Where: Amiable Dog Training, Greenfield
When: 6:00 - 8:00 pm (FREE)
Info: 414-289-7785, www.dogclass.com

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

What: Agility Run Thurs
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: www.grkc.org

29 Sunday
What: Greyhound Pets of America Adoption
Where: Bark N' Scratch Outpost, Milwaukee
When: Noon - 4:00pm
Info: 414-444-4110, www.barknscratchoutpost.com

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

What: Puppy Parties
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 12:45 p.m. (except holiday weekends)
Info: 1-888-581-9070

Who: "Your Family Pet" with Amy Ammen
Where: WRRD 540AM The Word
What: Radio Show 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Info: Hear expert interviews and pet-related news.

Every Monday
What: Conformation Walk-in Classes
Where: For Pet's Sake, Mukwonago
When: 7:40 pm
Info: 1-888-581-9070

Every Tuesday
What: Puppy Kindergarten Class
Where: Petlicious Dog Bakery, Pewaukee
When: 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (7 week course)
Info: 262-548-0923, www.petlicious.com

What: Agility/Confidence Drop-in Classes
Where: Teaching Dogs, Oak Creek
When: 7:45pm
Info: 414-416-1406

Every Wednesday
What: Conformation Drop-In Training
Where: Greater Racine Kennel Club, Racine
When: 7:30 p.m.
Info: www.grkc.org

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

Every Saturday
What: Playtime at the Playground
Where: Puppy Playground, Oak Creek
When: 9:00am - Noon
Info: 414-764-PUPS

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

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The HomeAgain® Chip Your Pet microchipping clinic will be held at Pet Supplies Plus in Glendale on July 14 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. For more information contact Tammy at Pet Supplies Plus at 414-964-7255.

For additional information about the NEW HomeAgain® Pet Recovery Service, please visit www.homeagain.com.

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Before planning her final design she finds out if the customer has a desired color scheme, perhaps to match a specific room or décor. Likewise, she asks if there are colors she should not use or if there are details like wording or symbols that a customer wants in the finished product. Next, Ricky does a freehand outline of her design.

"I figure out how to best portray my subjects," she said. Then, with a hand held rug hook and strips of colored wool, her artwork comes to life.

Ricky uses strips of wool to produce her product. "I use old-fashioned cut strips of 100% wool. It's what's called a primitive style of rug making," she explained. Others use non-wool fabric strips or yarn, but wool, sturdy and durable, "is what I prefer to use," she said.

"I love watching the pieces come to life as I start to hook them," she added.

The finished piece is often whimsical, colorful and lively. One such rug she made features her beloved Clumbers. It demonstrates the many personalities of a Clumber with the title "Clumberlands Can Do it All." One segments highlights the breed in an obedience class sequence, another section of the rug shows a dog playing with a toy in its mouth and yet another shows the Clumber lounging casually on a couch.

Who would think a Noah's Ark theme could be detailed in a hand-made rug? Rick created one, only hers is a dog theme version with different breeds of pups, St. Bernard, Dalmatian and Scottish Terriers just to name a few.

Yet another example is a close up of a dog, designed with small blocks of colors behind the portrait, almost like a patchwork quilt. This one was made into a pillow. Another design is primarily five big, daisy looking flowers. The petals are hooked in hues of blue, yellows and shades of green and in the center of the petals are the cute faces of Clumberland's.

And finally, for those dog owners who take a great measure of pride in the ribbons their pets have won at dog shows or at trials, Ricky can bring your pride of dog ownership to life in a wall hanging or rug that shows off not only your award winning pooch but the ribbons they have earned.

Her topics are diverse and the end product is always unique.

Each creation is a one-of-a-kind piece of art. The average rug size is 2' x 3' and costs approximately $600. To hook one project, the process from start to finish takes about five weeks. The rugs can be used as practical items or displayed as a show piece for any room in the home or work place.

Ricky is planning to launch a new line of rugs this fall. The different process will still be hand-made, but the rugs can be made at less cost and one subject can be ordered in multiple quantities.

You can contact Ricky by phone at 414.721.8842 or email her at clumberug@aol.com. Her web site is in under construction.

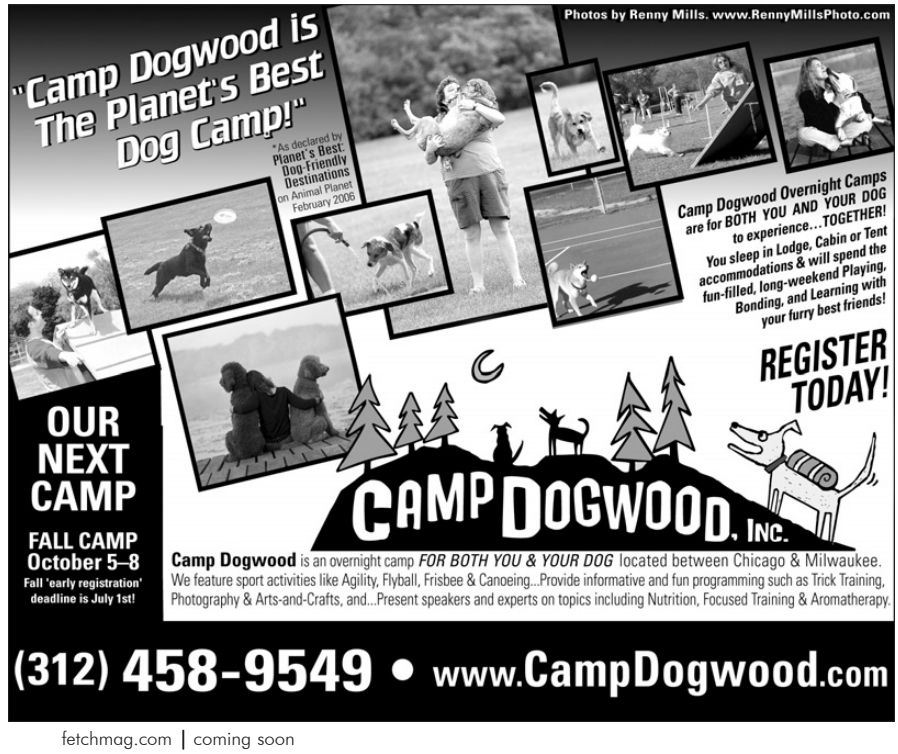
When not playing or training with her three dogs, **Anne Skaradzinski** likes to write, photography and be outdoors when not at her full time job as a Project Manager at a web site development company.

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storm is imminent. Begin the desired remedy long before that first lightning bolt splits the heavens. It's much easier to keep a calm dog calm than to calm an aroused dog.

While Tom still gets a little concerned and trembly during the really violent storms, I no longer find myself wearing a fur hat in the middle of the night. Tom's "fix" was a combination of two things which I've found work well for many dogs: a t-shirt body wrap and Rescue Remedy, available at many health food stores. If you'd like more information about the suggestions in this article, come to a "The Big Bang!" workshop. Check Fetch Magazine's Event Calendar each month for upcoming dates.

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