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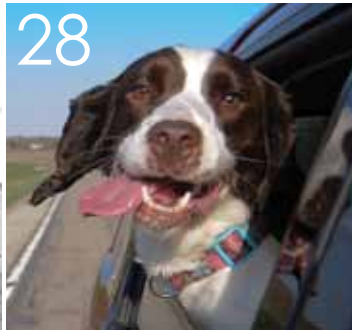
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Kate, Ellie, Penny and Kelvin join dogs and their owners at a Rochester dog park.

As we head into the summer of our second issue, we are grateful for the support we have received for the **wagazine**. After our premiere issue, we heard feedback from rescue groups, vets, pet owners and, as pictured, pets themselves.

Through our Facebook page, we called for dogs and owners to meet us at a Rochester dog park for our staff photo. What a great turnout. Even the Bone Appetit Canine Bakery showed up.

You answered our question with purrs, barks and wags about whether a pet magazine was needed in our area. We will continue to bring you great pet stories and tips, so don't hesitate to share your ideas with us.

Here are a few of our favorite reviews.

I just picked up the Spring issue while visiting my veterinarian's office this week. LOVE LOVE LOVE the **wagazine**. And my fluffy, furry companions appreciated the 'couch time with me' as I enjoyed every page. I will be ordering a subscription for myself. Thank you. -*Paula Christophersen*

I found Eddie looking at the article entitled "Spring Ahead"... Great premiere issue - would love to see an article on all the stores you can take your dog into in Rochester, and how can the dog loving community make this Destination Medical Center city more dog welcoming? -*Sue Carlson*



Eddie catching up on Ticks and Fleas.

The articles are great, the ads are wonderful. A feast for the eyes of a dog lover. My 12-year-old Yellow Lab (a retired search and rescue dog from Ireland) has been going to Meadow View Underwater Treadmill for about three years now, delighted to see that advertised. I am convinced it is the only reason he is as mobile as he is today. -*Sinead Chick*

I picked up **wagazine** last night at Wildwood. Very cool! I especially like the column about local rescue groups. I hope that's a regular feature. As a pet owner (just one very spoiled kitty) I'm excited to have local publication for pets. -*Anna Matetic*

**THANK
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 READERS!**

I just wanted to congratulate you on the first issue of **wagazine**. I read it from cover to cover and found it very informative and fun! Really well done, both in storytelling, as well as visually ... Kate Brue has done a lovely job with the design and layout. And of course the photography is great! -*Mary Ayshford*

I am with Hiawatha Animal Humane Society out of the Lake City, Wabasha, Kellogg area ... I work in Rochester and picked up a copy at Caribou. What a great magazine! Being so close to Rochester, we adopt many of our animals out to residents of Rochester and the surrounding communities as well as take in surrendered animals from the area when local shelters are full. -*Bambi Burt*



BE A BURRITO



It's all tricks to the dogs

By Karen Snyder

Sebastian, a Golden Retriever,

sneezes on command, then prances off to fetch a tissue.

Dobby dog likes to lend a helping paw (actually a helping jaw) with housework by picking up dirty laundry and dropping it into a basket.

Border Collie Max waves, spins, covers his nose, plays peek-a-boo and more, excelling at his gig as “tricks class demo dog.”

Silly stunts, helpful activities, good manners, formal obedience behaviors: “It’s all tricks to the dogs,” says Sara Reusche, owner of Paws Abilities Dog Training and of Dobby.

Dog tricks have benefits. Tricks and their training energize canine minds, exercise canine bodies, build canine focus and create canine-human rapport. Among dogs, the favorite benefit of tricks is treats.

DOGS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN

Tricks are fun and tricks training should be fun, too, says Annalissa Johnson, who owns, in addition to sneezing Sebastian, Good Dog Camp.

“Training is as fun as you make it,” says Tina Hince of Leashes and Leads, where Max is her tricks teaching assistant.

A dog in one of Sara’s classes learned to grab a blanket corner, roll himself up and become a doggy burrito. However, he could not learn to walk nicely beside his owner who treated the burrito lesson as playtime and the heel drill as grimness squared, an attitude that dismayed her furry burrito. “As soon as she lightened up and started treating leash manners like another trick, her dog learned to heel beautifully,” Sara says.

CAPTURING, MARKERS, MOTIVATORS AND PROPRIOCEPTION

In animal training jargon, capturing means catching a desirable action. At capture, the trainer uses a marker to signal approval. The marker can

be a mechanical clicker, a tongue click or an upbeat “yes.” Then comes the motivator, a reward.

Here’s an example from Sara: “When my dog stretches in a bowing posture after a nap, I click and feed him a piece of kibble.” After a few days of capturing, the dog realizes stretching brings perks and Sara teaches a word or hand signal for the behavior. “Dobby learned to bow using this method,” she says, “and bows if I ask him, ‘Who’s your queen?’”

Annalissa suggests taking advantage of behavior dogs are already displaying. “When dogs bark, teach them to bark on command. When they’re pawing, teach them to shake.”

In past, recent and future polls, dogs rate food, tugging and tennis balls top motivators. And food.

Proprioception is body awareness, a trait man’s best pal lacks. “Most dogs don’t know their tails belong to them,” Annalissa says, “and when they chase their tails and bite them, they’re surprised it hurts.”

Many tricks help with proprioception. One is the box trick, which Tina teaches in a step-by-step process that eventually gets the dog perched, four paws tucked together, in a small container. Max owns the box trick!

FOOD PUZZLES

“Our dogs have it easy,” Annalissa says. “Their food just magically appears.” Nature intended more.

“Dogs are intelligent scavengers,” Sara says, “hard-wired to solve problems and find their food.” Food puzzles complement those traits.

Tina recommends Nina Ottosson food puzzles, Kong toys and the Tug-A-Jug. “Or you can use a paper cup and hide food under it. Some people hide food around the house.”



Some people have to. Food puzzles aren't appropriate for all dogs, says Annalissa, whose canines take the direct approach to eating. They tear food puzzles apart.

And that's a smart trick, too. 🐾

Freelance writer Karen Snyder lives with Cocker Spaniels Chester and Snicket, who, in the name your favorite motivator poll, both picked food!



Jill Hust and her dog Bailey

Photo by Kelvin Andow Photography

THE TRICKS TRAINERS

TINA HINCE has three Border Collies, Jive, Rhap and teacher's aide Max. She doesn't always reward them with treats but dishes out praise in mega doses. "I tell them how wonderful they are. I make a pretty huge deal out of it, like they just saved the world by doing that trick." **Contact Tina at Leashes and Leads (leashesandleads.com or 507-282-2710).**

ANNALISSA JOHNSON'S furry duo consists of Sebastian, 13, and Isabelle, a 7-year-old Bernese Mountain dog. When asked, "What do you do if you catch on fire?" Sebastian and Isabelle stop, drop and roll. **Reach Annalissa at Good Dog Camp (gooddogcamp.com or 507-261-3913).**

SARA REUSCHE owns three adopted dogs of breeds not yet recognized by AKC. She insists Trout is a North American Yodelhound, and Layla and Dobby are Minnesota White-Toed Chipmunk dogs (see lessonsfromlayla.wordpress.com/2010/11/23/the-minnesota-white-toed-chipmunk-dog/). **Contact Sara at Paws Abilities Dog Training (paws4u.com or 507-624-0190).**



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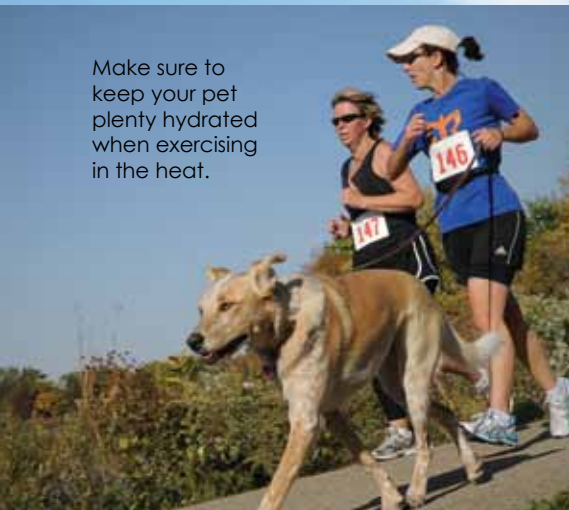
HOT WEATHER PET CARE

By Shirley Taggart

Warm weather brings increased activity. We like to take our pets with us when we run to the store or go on outings. However, leaving a pet in a vehicle could be a matter of life or death.

On a summer day, the inside of a vehicle heats up quickly. On an 85-degree day, the temperature in a car, with windows slightly open, will reach 102 degrees in 10 minutes and 120 degrees in 20 minutes—

Make sure to keep your pet plenty hydrated when exercising in the heat.



the scene. The law does allow for the removal of the animal by law enforcement, humane agent, animal control or member of fire and/or rescue department.

Your actions could save a pet's life.

OTHER WARM WEATHER TIPS

- Don't force your pet to exercise after a meal.
- Don't leave your dog standing on the street. Its paws can burn.
- Keep walks to a minimum. Your pet is much closer to the hot asphalt.
- Never take your pet to the beach unless you provide a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water.

- Don't apply human insect repellent to your pet. It can be toxic if licked.
- Don't let your pet lick you if you are wearing sunscreen or insect repellent.
- Include some form of identification on your pet with your phone number and address, as well as a current license/rabies tag. Consider a microchip as well.
- Don't allow your pet to ride or stay in the bed of a pickup truck. It would be like standing on top of a tin roof. In addition, your pet is not secure.
- Do not allow your pet to stick its head out the car window. A particle could injure the eye.

"A person **may not leave a dog or a cat unattended** in a standing or parked motor vehicle **in a manner that endangers the dog's or cat's health or safety.**"

- *Minnesota Law (346.57)*

even in the shade.

Your pet can only withstand these temperatures for a very short period of time before suffering irreversible brain damage or even death. It's almost impossible to run into the store for just a minute.

Make the kinder and more humane choice: leave your pet home.

HOW TO HELP

If you see a pet in a car on warm days, try to locate the owner. If the car is in a store parking lot, page owners immediately. If there is no immediate response, contact law enforcement and ask them to dispatch someone to

- Provide your pet with adequate amounts of fresh, clean water. If the day is hot, fill the bowl half full of fresh water and half full of ice. It will stay cold longer. Scrub the green gunk out of the water container daily.
 - Keep your pet sheltered or shaded from the sun. Like humans, pets can suffer from heatstroke.
 - Avoid walking your pet in areas that have recently been sprayed.
 - Keep your pet groomed. A clean coat will help prevent summer skin problems.
 - Never use a correction collar to tie your pet.
 - Never let your pet run loose.
- This is how your pet can contract a disease, be injured, killed or stolen.

- Be sure there are no open, unscreened windows or doors through which your pet can jump or fall.
- Make sure the kennel and/or doghouse have adequate shade. A doghouse alone does not provide adequate shade.
- Put a tarp over the kennel area.
- Be considerate of others. Carry doggie bags, pick up and remove pet droppings. PAW

Shirley Taggart is an animal advocate. She is committed to helping animals and the people who care about them.




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FOURTH OF JULY AND FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

A list of DOs and DON'Ts

By Shirley Taggart

The Fourth of July gives us the opportunity to enjoy family, neighborhood and community activities.

Your pet may be comfortable going with you to the beach or park, but the noise and commotion can be stressful, even for the calmest of critters. Fireworks (both public and private) can bring a new set of challenges.

With a few tips, you and your pets can enjoy a safe holiday.

DO keep your pet on a leash or in a carrier when outside with you.

DO keep your pets indoors in a quiet and isolated room with covered windows, or the

basement or bathroom, to help them feel safe. Turn on a fan, radio or television to muffle the sound of fireworks and soothe pets if they must be alone on this noisy holiday.

If your pet is home alone, make sure your home is secure. A pet may panic and destroy objects (your couch) or jump through a window or screen. Keep the windows shut, AC on, shades closed.

DO take your pet for a walk before the fireworks begin. It may prevent an accident later.

DO keep your pet sheltered or shaded. Like humans, pets can suffer from heatstroke

DO provide your pet with adequate amounts of fresh, clean water. If the day is hot, fill the bowl half full of fresh water and half full of ice. It will stay cold longer.

DO make sure collars fit appropriately. If your pet is a dog, you should be able to slip no more than two fingers beneath its collar. If your pet is a cat, it should be wearing a stretch or safety collar.

DON'T take your pet to fireworks displays.

DON'T allow your pet to ingest alcohol or picnic scraps.

DON'T allow your pet to chew on or play with holiday decorations.

DON'T leave your pet outside unattended, even in a fenced yard or on a chain. In fear, your pet may escape from the yard or become tangled in the chain.

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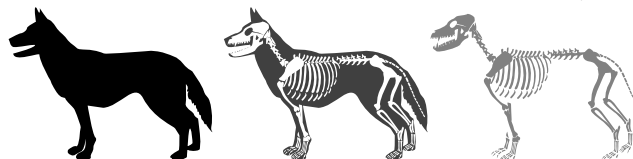
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By Jennifer Westman
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Kelly Johnson and Brad Kittleson
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Rescue in Southeast Minnesota. They
are pictured with their own dogs.

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SAVING THE GREYS:

The Minnesota Greyhound Rescue is determined to save retired racing Greyhounds that have experienced cruel and inhumane treatment on the racetracks. The group seeks advocacy for the thousands of Greyhounds

living confined in small cages barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around for long hours each day, the many that are seriously injured while racing, and the thousands that are killed each year when they can no longer compete.

Fortunately there aren't racetracks in Minnesota. The MNGR travels to kennels in Kansas and Iowa to pick up dogs that have been returned there by the racetracks.

FINDING HOMES:

The purpose of MNGR is to educate the public about Greyhounds and find them good homes. Kelly Johnson, co-director of MNGR, explains why the task of finding good homes can be difficult.

"The breed seems to be very misunderstood. People think they are high strung and ener-

getic, when actually they are just the opposite," says Johnson. "Greyhounds sleep up to 20 hours a day and only like short walks. They do not need a ton of exercise."

Johnson says most Greyhounds don't have a problem adjusting to home-life after the track. She says they are very easy to train being that they are kennel trained and know to go outside.

"Some Greyhounds can be a little shy at first due to lack of socialization, but it doesn't take them long to come out of their shell," says Johnson.

PASSION:

"I adopted my first Greyhound seven years ago. I loved my Greyhound so much I wanted other people to have the same opportunity to have a great pet," says Johnson. After adopting her first Greyhound, Johnson immediately started volunteering for the rescue group at meet-and-greet events.

For two years Johnson and

Brad Kittleson have made all the trips to Kansas to pick up dogs. "We keep half of the adoptable hounds at our home here in Rochester," says Johnson.


IN ACTION:

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BY THE NUMBERS:

Since the MNGR'S founding in 2006, a total of 250 dogs have been adopted. Last year 68 Greyhounds found loving homes. So far in 2013, 30 dogs have been adopted.

HOW TO HELP:

To donate, volunteer, become a foster home and get more information, visit minnesotagreyhoundrescue.org. 

Jennifer Westman is a freelance writer with hopes of improving the lives of animals one story at a time.



FIRST AID

When the heat strikes ... When the bee stings

By Jennifer Westman



Pets are runners, swimmers, explorers and even travellers

in the summer. It's important to be aware of the potential dangers that your pets could face during the hot, humid months. An active summer for you and your pets means being proactive and informed of the risks that could threaten the health of your four-legged friends.

Denise Hodge, DVM, Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Services in Rochester, and Laura Toddie, DVM, Heritage Pet Hospital in Rochester, share preventative measures owners can take to reduce summertime complications.

"Supervising pets and knowing their whereabouts at all times will go a long way in protecting them," says Dr. Hodge. "Keep vaccines up to date, keep your pet on heartworm and flea/tick prevention medication, make sure your pet has plenty of fresh water and shade in warm weather and don't allow excessive exercise in hot or humid weather."

Q WHAT SHOULD OWNERS DO BEFORE TAKING PETS TO THE LAKE, WOODS AND ON VACATIONS?

A Make sure to have an identification tag or microchip on pets, and keep them on a leash while walking or hiking to help prevent them from getting lost or

encountering wildlife.

Dr. Hodge recommends life-jackets for pets that will be out on the water with their owners. "Not all pets are great swimmers so this can be lifesaving in the event of an accident that will cause a prolonged period of time spent in the water."

Dr. Toddie says sunburn can be an issue for white or light-colored dogs. "They are more prone to sunburn. Owners can apply the same sunscreen they use [on themselves] to their dogs."

Q HOW DOES THE HEAT AFFECT PETS?

A "There are various levels of heat-related illness," says Dr. Hodge. "Heat stress has symptoms of thirst, panting, seeking shade or cool surfaces. Heat stress can progress to heat exhaustion, which can be characterized by even more intense thirst, excessive water drinking, discomfort, anxiety, weakness and collapse. Heat exhaustion can then progress to full heat stroke that is characterized by severe systemic illness that can cause shock, damage to internal organs, central nervous system involvement and possibly death."

Q CAN OWNERS PREVENT HEAT STROKE?

A Yes. Keep pets indoors and, if possible, in air conditioning on humid days. "If pets need

to be outdoors, make sure they have access to shade and plenty of water," says Dr. Hodge. "Don't be tempted to take your pet with you on a run or long walk in warmer temperatures. Remember, pets cannot sweat; panting is their main method of reducing their body temperature."

Q WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE?

A Attempt to cool pets by wetting them down with cool tap water. Dr. Toddie clarifies that using ice is incorrect and a common misconception. In addition, excessively cold water is bad. "It can cause vasoconstriction and actually slow the cooling process in addition to decreasing blood flow to vital organs," says Dr. Hodge.

Then place your pet in front of a fan or air conditioner. You should still contact your veterinarian because there could already be internal organ damage [from the heat].

Q WHAT IF A BEE STINGS MY DOG?


A Having antihistamines on hand is a good idea, but Dr. Hodge says knowing the right dosage according to the size of the pet is important. Inquire about the right dosage with your veterinarian and keep it available for emergencies. You can

also apply a cold pack on the sting to ease the pain and reduce swelling.

Like humans, pets can have allergic reactions to insect bites and stings. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: facial swelling, ocular swelling, difficulty breathing, vomiting and diarrhea. If you think your dog is having an allergic reaction seek immediate help at your veterinarian or local emergency clinic; it could be life threatening.

Q WHAT ITEMS SHOULD BE IN THE IDEAL FIRST-AID KIT?

- A**
- Water bottle and collapsible dish
 - Antihistamines (such as Benadryl)
 - Hydrogen peroxide
 - Antibiotic ointment
 - Cold packs
 - Tweezers
 - Bandage material such as gauze pads and bandage tape for smaller wounds
 - Towels and adhesive tape for larger wounds
 - List of phone numbers of local veterinarians and emergency clinics

While life can be unpredictable, having an emergency first-aid kit for your pets will help ensure a fun-filled, enjoyable summer. 

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THE SCOOP ON POOP

It's a dirty job ...

By Penny Marshall

Ever been enjoying a lovely summer's eve,

maybe even dining with friends on the patio, when suddenly the warm breeze delivers the pungent, undesirable fragrance of ... dog poop?

Or experience the unpleasant task of scraping the brown matter from beneath your shoes or, worse, cleaning your flooring after it's been tracked inside?

Picking up poop isn't a fun job but someone has to do it, whether it's you, a family member or someone you hire like the Doo Crew, an area business that scoops up and hauls away Fido's deposits.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE DOO

Dog owners manage their pet's excrement in a variety of ways. Some, much to their neighbor's chagrin, ignore the heady brown mounds that intensify with seasonal heat. Others neglect the poop thinking it will be a "good fertilizer." (In actuality, its toxic effects may cause unsightly burns and discolor the lawn.) Many toss it in with their weekly trash (which is the best thing to do), and some folks even bring it inside to flush away.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Plastic bags are commonly used to pick up dog poo. There are inexpensive, biodegradable ones made of recycled plastic that are easily stuffed in your pocket "just in case" when going for walks or to public places.

If you have a lot of excrement or for postural ease, a variety of implements can help with the task. Pooper scoopers have come a long way and vary in price, function and design. Some resemble common yard tools. There are rake and dust-pan styles, jaw-type scoops,

pick-up units simulating leaf blowers, and even a motorized power shovel designed to suction the waste from grass, concrete or snow.

KEEPING IT CLEAN AND GREEN

Aside from and more critical than aesthetics, it's important to collect pet excrement for environmental reasons.

Take note: the ol' "pooper scooper" ordinance isn't just to protect folks from stepping in it at public parks or to preserve the neighbor's manicured lawn. It's for everyone's benefit, including you and your pet.

Dog waste is actually categorized with pollutants including herbicides, insecticides and toxic chemicals. When the waste is disposed of improperly, it can leak into storm water runoff and wash into storm drains.

"One of the leading pollutants to rivers and lakes is dog poop run-off," says Doo Crew owner Ryan Anderson. "It's no different than having a septic system running into a river. We dispose of our waste by composting it with cattle manure then spreading it on an area cattle farm."

Pet droppings can also contribute to diseases passed on to humans from animals. This can occur when infected feces are deposited on the lawn because parasites can linger in the soil for as long as a year. Anyone runs the risk of coming into contact with eggs from the parasites by playing, gardening or walking barefoot.

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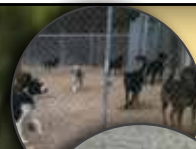
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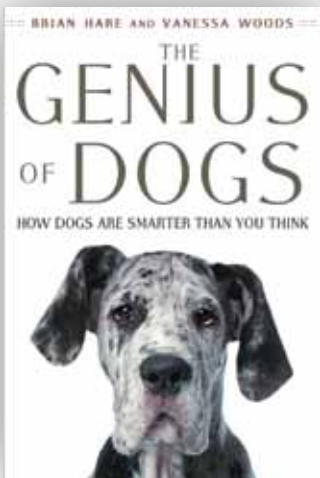
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The Genius of Dogs: How Dogs are Smarter than You Think

By Brian Hare and Vanessa Woods, c.2013, Dutton, \$27.95 / \$29.50 Canada, 370 pages, includes index

Your dog is the smartest pooch on the planet. He can sit, beg, roll over and shake. He also has a rudimentary grasp of physics, math and language.

That's because dogs are "arguably the most successful mammal on the planet, besides us." They evolved from wolves to canine lupus familiaris and quickly, firmly glommed onto humans. But researchers have only recently determined how that bedrock-to-bedroom voyage happened.

For canine cognition expert Hare, learning how was a world-wide journey.

As a grad student trying to determine what makes us human, Hare began with chimps and bonobos but soon noticed that his dog was better at many tasks than were our closest evolutionary relatives. His research took him to Russia (with foxes) and to a German lab where he tested dogs to see what happens inside their furry little heads.

Dogs have lousy GPS, he learned. There are exceptions, but most lost pups who find

their way home are "lucky." Pooches have problem-solving skills, but most have a hard time figuring out new methods for old habits.

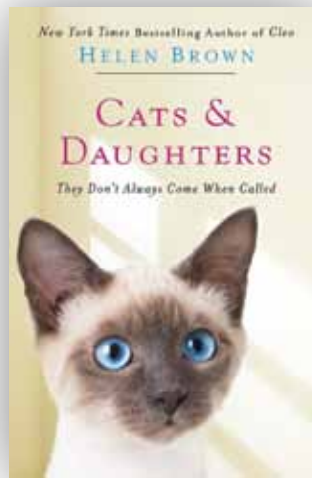
Conversely, as any astute puppy parent knows, dogs are masters of body language and have the basic skills of a human infant, socially and cognitively. They make decisions based on inference and grasp language in the same way as do babies. Their owner-attachment is similar to that of babies to their mothers. Dogs know how to recruit help, communicate needs and offer comfort.

What we got out of the deal, Hare says, is love and a domesticated animal that may have domesticated us.

I'm a big science fan and I completely geeked-out on "The Genius of Dogs," but there was one curious thing I noticed: the authors present some fascinating research, but they don't acknowledge that dog owners have probably already seen it all.

This book tends to meander off the dog-path quite a bit, but I loved knowing that even the most mixed-up mutt can be a master at something.

This book also contains several enjoyable tests that you can do with your pup, so grab a handful of treats and get going. "The Genius of Dogs" is something to get your paws on.



Cats & Daughters

by Helen Brown, c.2012, Kensington, \$15.00 / \$16.95 Canada, 304 pages

Your four-footed kids are a lot like the two-footed ones: they're messy, sassy, yowling creatures with loud demands, stubborn impatience, and extreme insolence – and you wouldn't have it any other way.

Helen Brown's daughter, Lydia, had always been drawn to those less able.

When most high-schoolers were partying and playing, Lydia helped care for a handful of elderly folks and developmentally-disabled teens.

Yes, Lydia made her parents proud – but when she embraced Buddhism and announced that she was moving to Sri Lanka, Brown was horrified.

Years ago, Brown's oldest son was killed in a car accident and, with the help of time and an eerily-understanding cat named Cleo, the family eventually healed. Now the comfort of Cleo was gone, Sri Lanka was in the midst of war, and Brown couldn't face the thought of losing another child.

But a different kind of danger was lurking at home: just after Lydia left, Brown was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a mastectomy and, thanks to Lydia's quick return and quiet care, Brown began to mend again.

Which was when Jonah stalked into her life.

Certain that Cleo was a once-in-a-lifetime pet, Brown had firmly insisted that she'd never have another cat. On one of those let's-just-look outings, she fell in love with a cream-and-chocolate beauty. With Lydia heading to the monastery, Jonah the kitten seemed just the thing for a sorrowful house.

But Jonah was hyperactive. He was demanding and he required more accoutrements than a human toddler. And he was incredibly too independent.

Just like a certain daughter...

Tired of pet memoirs that wring tears out of you until you're exhausted? Me, too, so I'm happy to say that "Cats & Daughters" is delightfully different.

Brown has a wonderful sense of humor, despite that she writes about scary things mixed with the ubiquitous awww-inspiring pet-and-me stories. I enjoyed her ability to see the irony in any situation, and she's quick to dial up the optimism, which means readers won't have to endure a sappy-sad ending filled with tissues.

Whether you have kiddies or kitties or both, "Cats & Daughters" is a book you'll pounce on. PAW

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SCENT OF



Search and Rescue Dogs Help Locate the Lost

By Bob Freund
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CHEYENNE, a German Shepherd dog trained in “wilderness air scenting,”

ended the search for an elderly man. The dog discovered the confused victim clinging to a tree, his two small companion dogs nearby. Disoriented by Alzheimer's disease, he had walked away from a southeastern Minnesota farm and been lost overnight.

The search succeeded. “You feel excited,” said the dog's handler, Jean Musgjerd of Rochester. The rescue still is fresh in her memory some six years later.

Musgjerd and her two female German Shepherds, Cheyenne and Colby, are members of Southern Minnesota Canine Search and Rescue (SMCSAR). Like many other dog search teams nationally, they volunteer their time and skill to locate the lost, whether living or dead.

A HUMAN



Cheyenne, a member of the Southern Minnesota Canine Search and Rescue, volunteers her time to locate the lost.

FOLLOWING THE NOSE

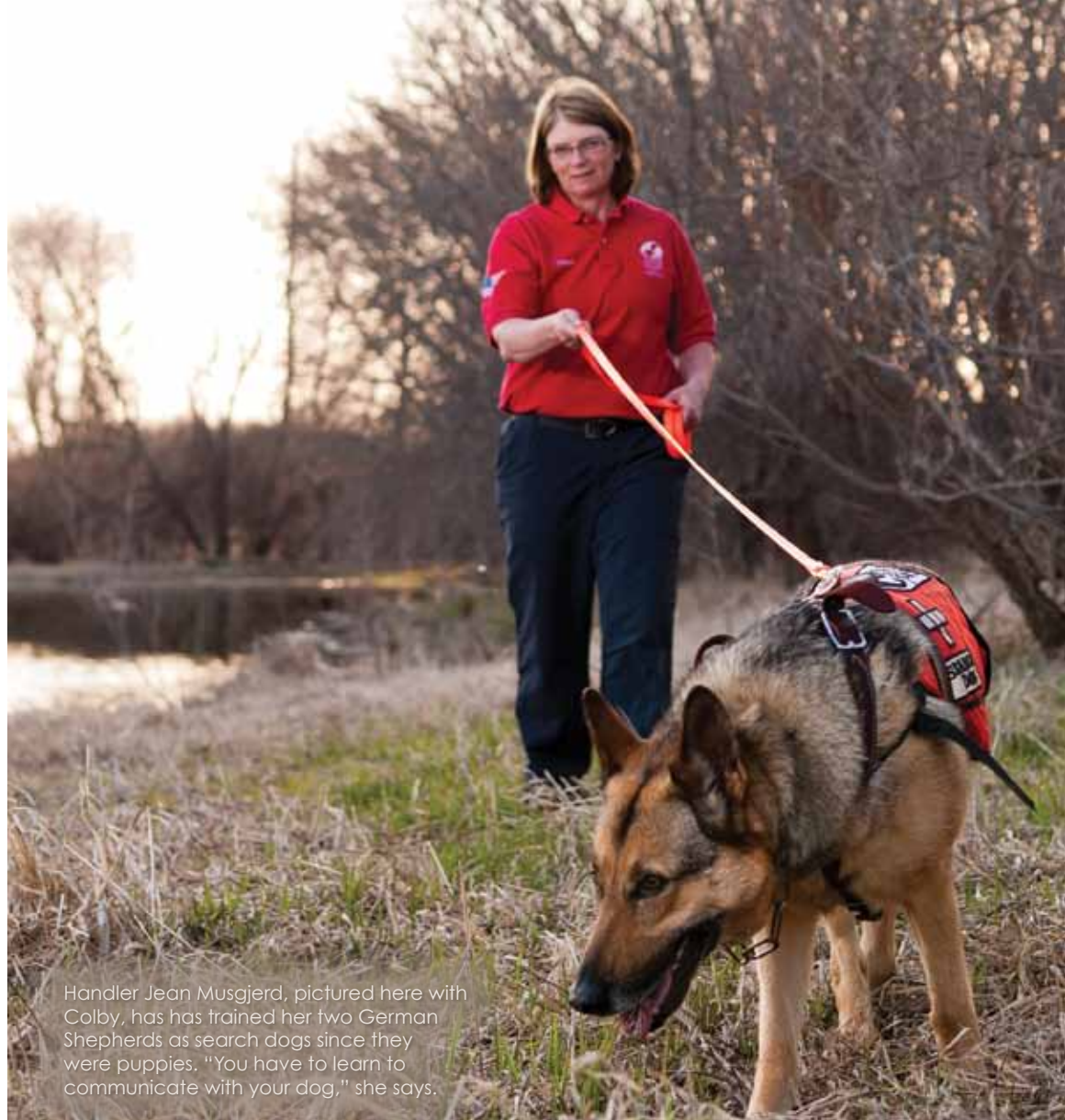
Dogs have natural talent; they are experts at following their noses. Humans are endowed with about 5 million scent receptors. A German Shepherd has in the range of 225 million receptors, with other dog breeds generally ranging between 125 million and 300 million. Almost any dog can smell at least 1,000 times better than we can, and some breeds can smell 10,000 times better.

They are so sensitive that a trained “air scenting” dog can detect tiny particles with human odors riding on the wind and track that scent to its source, the National Association for Search and Rescue reports.

But smelling is not enough by itself. “Not every dog is capable of doing this work,” Musgjerd says. Some lack the temperament needed. They must persist on scents and perform the most important part of the hunt – alerting the searchers to rescue or recover a victim.

WORKING AS A TEAM

Musgjerd has trained her dogs, Cheyenne, 8, and Colby, 6, since their puppy days to search. They combine with Jennie Sauer of Trempealeau, Wis., and her Black Lab, Jade, to make up the SMCSAR. The volunteers respond to requests from government agencies to help find missing persons and other victims in this area of Minnesota and Wisconsin.



Handler Jean Musgjerd, pictured here with Colby, has trained her two German Shepherds as search dogs since they were puppies. "You have to learn to communicate with your dog," she says.

A good search and rescue dog combines a number of characteristics with the innate ability to smell. Musgjerd looks for dogs with:

- High drive and energy – "They will do whatever you want them to do for that (reward)," she says.
- Sound temperament – Dogs that "don't get frazzled" and are confident.
- Substantial size and hardiness – "Able to withstand the elements," including hot and cold temperatures along with snow depths and other conditions.

Years of training develop a deep bond between the handler and canine, allowing them to work as a team. The handler also has to perform. "You have to be confident yourself, because your dog reads off of that (temperament)," Musgjerd says. The canine senses his or her behavior.

Importantly, "You have to learn to communicate with your dog," says Musgjerd, who works as athletics director and an instructor at Rochester Community and Technical College.

The dog must be able to "alert" or tell the handler, of a find. The alert might be sitting and barking, pawing at the ground or other behavioral signals.

CERTIFIED TO SEARCH

Search and rescue dog teams like Musgjerd's train to achieve specific certifications from accrediting organizations and then to keep those skills sharp to respond when needed.

For example, Cheyenne, the older of her two dogs, is trained in "wilderness air scenting." In air-scenting work, the dog might work semi-independently off-leash to detect and follow an airborne human scent within an area.

Meanwhile, Colby has training as a "tracking and trailing" dog. She picks up a scent from an article connected to the missing person and then follows that specific scent's trail at the front end of a 20-foot lead or working leash held by Musgjerd.

Both dogs also are trained for detection of human remains on land and water.

Search dogs also can be trained for other emergencies such as disasters and building collapses, avalanches (the dog alerts the handler to a victim by digging), backtracking (seeking the oldest scent instead of the newest) and evidence recovery. 🐾

Bob Freund is a freelance writer from Rochester.

SEARCHES BY SOUTHERN MINNESOTA CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE

Search volunteers such as Jean Musgjerd, who give up their spare time to help authorities find missing people, sometimes search knowing that they cannot bring victims to safety.

“Unfortunately, I’ve found more deceased people than live people,” Musgjerd says. But the outcome is important to each victim’s family, she says. It often gives them some resolution for their grief.

Here is a sampling of operations with Southern Minnesota Canine Search and Rescue:

- Jessica Swanson case in Duluth
- Drowning of two men in Lake Zumbro near Oronoco
- Man lost in a blizzard in Foley, Minn.
- Gas explosion in St. Cloud

Most recently, Musgjerd’s team has been looking for a La Crosse-area man in this 30s who had been despondent and is missing.

Searches so far have not brought closure to the families of two men who died eight years ago. They had been canoeing when an accident occurred. The canoe was found at one end of a mile-long lake. But only one of the two victims could

be located in the lake. “(In) some cases you just never reach closure,” Musgjerd said.

SEARCH AND RESCUE RESOURCES

Many search and rescue dog handlers gather in associations for training. Associations sponsor training events and mock missions, act as contact points for police agencies and sponsor educational programs for handlers and their dogs and even the public. You can sniff out details about these dogs, their handlers and their training at sites including:

- Southern Minnesota Canine Search and Rescue – smcsar.org
- Minnesota Search and Rescue Dog Association – minnsarda.com
- Northern States Search Dog Networks – nssdn.com
- National Association for Search and Rescue – nasar.org
- American Rescue Dog Association – ardainc.org
- National Search Dog Alliance – n-sda.org
- Search Dog Network – searchdogs.org
- North American Search Dog Network – nasdn.org
- Scientific Working Group on Dog and Orthogonal detector Guidelines – swgdog.org

“Not every dog is capable of doing this work,” says Jean Musgjerd. Her own dogs are certified and trained in **“wilderness air scenting”** and **“tracking and trailing.”**



Here Comes the

GROOM

By Penny Marshall

In spite of regular washing, there's nothing like a few consecutive bad hair days to inspire a person to head to the shop for a fresh "do." The result usually makes us feel fresh, revitalized and confident.

The same is true for our pets. Dogs and cats, regardless of their breed, need to be groomed. It's an important part of maintaining their health and happiness.

PLAY WITH PUPPY PAWS

Many pets become anxious or uncooperative during the grooming process. That's because they're not used to being touched and are easily shocked or surprised.

When puppies or kittens are very young, about eight weeks old, it's important to touch them a lot so they get used to the sense. You might think that's a given because of the fondling they receive at that adorable age. But touching should include their face, ears and paws.

"The paws are particularly important," explains Lori Corbin, owner of Rochester Grooming Center. "If a dog or cat has had their feet touched at an early age, they will likely have a positive experience going forward when it comes to nail clipping."

Lori says that touching only some of the paws can result in the pet being unwilling to let someone to examine the paw(s) he's not used to sharing.

Grooming at a young age also helps to acclimate your pet to a grooming table or elevated source. Your pet learns to relate the location to the grooming process, which results in a more cooperative and pleasant experience.

CUT TO THE QUICK

Nail clipping tends to make most pet owners squeamish, and if you or your pet have had a bad experience, neither one of you will be quick to forget.

"I'm happy to show people how to clip their pets nails," says Lori, who has more than 35 years of grooming experience. "The more often you clip them, the further back the quick will recede. The shorter they can be, the better, and that will prevent scratching as well as catches or snags in fabric or carpeting and worse yet, the nail getting ripped off."



Photo by Kelvin Andow Photography

KEEP THE KITTY PRETTY

Brushing your dog or cat on a regular basis doesn't just reduce shedding. It also distributes oil throughout the coat, keeping it shiny and the skin healthy while stimulating blood flow to the surface of the skin. Short-coated dogs or cats require regular brushing as well and enjoy the same benefits.

"If you don't keep a cat combed, it will lick its fur, get hair balls and then vomit. It's often the saliva from the licking or the dander that people with allergies react to," says Lori. "Cats should be combed out two to three times a week."

NATURAL INSULATION

"Dogs with heavy undercoats like Collies, Shelties, Pomeranians or Australian Shepherds need to be brushed out monthly because their undercoat serves as insulation from the heat and cold. When that gets matted, they lose the air pocket," says Lori. Check with a groomer or knowledgeable staff at a pet store to assure you have the right comb or brush for your particular pet's coat.

A good, name-brand pet shampoo is suggested for bathing, primarily because the animal's pH is different from that of humans. Lori suggests brushing your dog before a bath. "If your dog's fur is matted and you bathe him, the matted fur will shrink and tighten. The gnarl will also harbor moisture, which could result in bacterial skin problems."

THE EYES HAVE IT

While most pet shampoos are eye-friendly, medicated cleansers can irritate the eyes.

"That's particularly the case for breeds with eyes that bulge like Shih Tzus or Pugs, elderly dogs or those more susceptible to eye irritations," says Stacie Leifeld, owner of Stylin' Pets. "Some people put mineral oil drops into the eyes before bathing, but you can also use an eye protectant that comes in ointment form. The application of the ointment is easier to control."

Stacie also recommends holding the snout gently downward when washing the dog so water runs off the eyes and doesn't go up the nose.

DO YOU EAR WHAT I EAR?

Ear cleaning is especially important for breeds with floppy, hairy ears like Basset Hounds or Cocker Spaniels. "It's also important for all breeds after a swim or a bath," says Stacie. "Squirt an ear cleaner into the ear, massage and then gently wipe the inside of the canal opening and

around the creases with a cotton ball or paper towel. Do not use cotton swabs since they will push the debris deeper inside." An infected ear will have a foul odor and the skin will be red and hot. Consult your vet or groomer if you have questions.

UNPOPULAR EXPRESSION

When it comes to the rear end, expressing the anal glands is a procedure that many pet owners choose to leave to the professionals. Anal glands, or scent glands, are a dog's way of marking territory and indentifying other dogs. Typically, glands are expressed naturally with firm stool. If stool is too soft, the glands could become full and uncomfortable (you may see your dog scoot across the floor), and the glands should be expressed. You might want to check with your vet or a professional groomer for instructions before attempting this procedure.

MAKE IT A HABIT

While routine brushing and some hygiene can be done at home, taking your pet to the groomer on a regular or occasional basis certainly has its advantages.

"We get all the way down to the skin when bathing and grooming so we see everything," says Lori. "We find a lot of growths, skin problems, parasites, lumps and bumps that pet owners aren't always aware of. We also take note if there's a change in the animal's coat. For example a dry brittle coat and a pattern of hair loss along with a dog's change in weight (gain or loss) could be indicative of a thyroid condition."

With good pet grooming habits, you're not only improving your best friend's health, but you're able to spend quality time and bond with him in the process 🐾



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SADDLE

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Learning to own
or ride a horse

By Alison Rentschler

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Maybe as a young child you saw a pretty pony, and you've wanted to have your own ever since. Or maybe you've watched movies with people gracefully riding horses through fields and along beaches and dreamed of riding a horse too. Or perhaps you've seen the many beautiful horses in the fields in southeastern Minnesota and wondered what it takes to own a horse.

Here are a few ideas and tips for you.

OWNING A HORSE

Get in the Saddle

If you're considering buying a horse, first, take riding lessons.

"Don't just go out and buy a horse," said Shannon Richardson, a long-time horse owner and rider. "If you take lessons, then you'll know if you do actually want a horse or not." Richardson took her first riding lesson at age eight and after that experience, she said, "I was a horse person."

Leah Allert owns the Paddock School of Horsemanship (paddockschoolorhorsemanship.com) in Byron, Minn. "Find a place to take lessons before you buy a horse," she suggested.

This applies to children as well. If a child wants a horse, Allert suggests that the child take lessons to learn how to ride safely.

Pony Up

Also, when you're considering buying a horse, plan a budget. "The purchase of a horse isn't the only expense, but also the routine and emergency care, the amount of feed and other expenses," said Shaun Jensen, a veterinarian at Town and Country Veterinary Hospital (tcvhvet.com) in Winona, Minn.

Boarding, food costs, veterinarian costs, hoof care and other expenses add up every year. "Horses can be more expensive than you think," Richardson said.

Horses need routine hoof care every six to eight weeks. Farriers trim horses' hooves and shoe them if necessary.

Horses should be groomed regularly as well. You may use a variety of brushes and combs, which can be found in stores such as Leashes and Leads (Rochester), Rochester Feed and Country Store, and Fleet Farm.

A horse needs to:

- Be fed twice a day, which includes hay and sometimes additional grains, depending on the horse
- Have adequate water at all times, and have heated water available in the winter
- Be groomed regularly
- Be ridden regularly
- Have clean stalls
- Have a clean paddock
- Have adequate shelter, with at least three sides, to protect them from the wind and weather, especially in the winter
- Have access to shade in the summer
- Have routine hoof care
- Have regular veterinary appointments
- Have regular interaction with you
- Have a fenced area

“Horses are herd animals,” Jensen explained. A horse needs a companion such as another horse or other animal. Jensen said horses can make emotional connections with humans and often become attached to people who take care of them.

Also, Jensen said, keep in mind that “horses are big animals, but they should be handled with care and compassion.”

To learn more about horses, Richardson suggested watching movies about horses and reading horse magazines. The movie “Buck” is a 2011 documentary about an equine consultant who teaches horse communication through leadership and sensitivity rather than punishment.

Before You Buy

Make a list. Before you go to look for a horse to buy, Allert suggested making a list of all that you want and don’t want in a horse. “People see a pretty horse, and emotions take over.”

Bring a horse person. When you look at horses, Richardson and Allert suggested bringing someone knowledgeable about horses with you, such as a trainer. “Make friends with horse people,” Richardson said.

Know your discipline. It’s important to buy a horse that is adequately trained, and to find a horse trained in the discipline you’re interested in. “Figure out what discipline you want to do, such as English or Western riding,” said Richardson.

Find a trainer. Allert also advised that people get the best training possible for their horses.

Find a vet. Before you buy a horse, have the horse pre-evaluated by a veterinarian to ensure the horse is healthy.

Find boarding. Keep in mind you don’t need to live in the country to buy a horse. Many area facilities offer boarding for horses.



LEARNING TO RIDE

If you've often thought it would be fun to learn to ride a horse, and you'd like to give horse riding a try, many opportunities are available in the area. Find a local riding stable and take lessons. "You want to be in a safe, supervised area," Allert explained.

The Paddock School of Horsemanship offers riding lessons for all levels. During riding lessons, Allert helps people "get their feet on the horse," and develop their balance. Allert began the Paddock School in 1968, and she has been teaching students how to ride horses ever since.

To learn to be a good rider, it takes practice. "It's like playing a piano," she said. "It takes years." 🐾

Alison Rentschler is a writer living in Rochester, Minn., who is planning to ride a horse this summer.

CONSIDER COSTS

Some of the ongoing cost of horse ownership include:

- **HAY**
\$200-300/ton, considering quality and makeup.
- **VETTING AND VACCINATIONS**
\$125-650 annually. Includes dental care, deworming, vaccinations.
- **HOOF CARE**
Trim by farrier every 6 to 8 weeks, \$15-25.
Shoes, \$80 and up.
- **TRANSPORTATION**
Cost of a truck and trailer to ride off-property.
Cost of park bridle permits.
- **BOARDING**
\$150 and up per month, depending on inside vs. outside. \$500 and up at locations offering indoor riding facilities.

MORE INFORMATION

Local opportunities to learn about horses include:

**Rochester Community and Technical College
Equine Science Program**
rtc.edu/program/eqsc/index.cfm

Minnesota Horse Council
mnhorsecouncil.org

Olmsted County 4-H Youth Development
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HAVE PET WILL TRAVEL

Hitting the road with your pet? Put paws to the pavement with these travel tips.

By Alison Rentschler

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With dogs and cats at home, you may scramble to find a pet sitter

when you take your summer vacation or cross-country road trip. But, have you considered traveling with your pets? With proper planning, it's not as hairy as you may think.

WHERE TO KENNEL-UP

Before your trip, plan your stay and find pet-friendly lodging. A variety of lodging options, from hotels to condos to campgrounds, allow pets throughout the United States and the world. However, check the fine print to find out if the hotel charges a pet fee, and if the hotel restricts the number or weight of pets.

Several websites offer pet-friendly lodging and other helpful information about traveling with pets, such as Bring Fido (bringfido.com), Trips With Pets (tripswithpets.com) or DogFriendly.com.

Also some travel websites, such as Expedia (expedia.com) and TripAdvisor (tripadvisor.com), offer searches for pet-friendly hotels.

SNIFF OUT ALL THE OPTIONS

"Plan what you're going to do and where you're going to go," said Shannon Richardson, a dog owner who has traveled throughout the United States with her dogs. Here are some things to look for:

Run-time. Before you go, research pet-friendly attractions where you're going. Several cities have dog parks, dog beaches or pet-friendly trails.

Hydrants. If you are traveling by car, your dog will need regular bathroom breaks. Rest areas along highways offer dog-walking areas.

Kibble. Many cities offer pet-friendly restaurants, and dogs are often allowed in the patio areas.

Activity. You may find pet-friendly tours, such as self-guided scenic driving tours, in several cities around the country.

Shopping. If you want to do some shopping along the way, several major retailers allow dogs in the shops.

Treats. If your pet is running low on treats, you may even be able to find a pet bakery along the way.

Pampering. If you need doggy day-care, a kennel, a groomer, a trainer, pet stores or other pet services while you're traveling, check the pet travel websites.

HOTEL ALONE?

Some hotels don't allow your pet to be alone in your room. Because you should never leave your pet in your car in warm weather, consider before you go on your trip what you plan to do, and if your pet will be able to accompany you or stay in the hotel for short periods of time.

**PET
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The American Pet Products Association (APPA) says 32 percent of dog owners take pets with them in the car when traveling for at least two

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DAY TRIPPER

Look for pet-friendly attractions and activities with in a day's drive of Southeast Minnesota.

Rochester offers the Jean & Carl Frank Canine Parks, two off-leash dog parks located in Southeast and Northwest Rochester. You also can walk your dog on several city trails in the area.

Several state trails allow dogs. They include: the Douglas State Trail between Rochester and Pine Island, Minn.; the Root

River State Trail near Lanesboro, Minn.; the Winneshiek County Trail near Cresco, Iowa; and the Great River State Park Trail near Trempealeau, Wis.

If you have a pet life jacket, your dog may be able to accompany you kayaking or canoeing in area rivers.

The Scenic Valley Winery in Lanesboro, Minn., allows dogs on the property, but not in the buildings.

Minneapolis and Saint Paul offer an abundance of pet-friendly restaurants, allowing your dog to join you in the patio seating

PACKING LIST

Pack everything your pet will need during the trip. Here are a few things to remember:

- Up-to-date vaccination information and medical forms
- Food and a dish
- Water and a dish
- A safety pet barrier, pet carrier or seat belts for your pet while in the vehicle
- Toys
- Leash and collar
- Pet's I.D.
- Pillow or blanket
- A temporary I.D. on your pet's collar with your cell phone number and location where you'll be staying on your trip
- A current photo of your pet (snap a cell-phone pic before you go)
- Veterinary contact information and a list of veterinarians in the cities to which you'll be traveling
- Litter and litter box if you're traveling with your cat
- Grooming brushes
- Disinfectant in case of accidents in hotel rooms
- Medications your pet needs

areas. Watch for the Paws on Grand event on Grand Avenue in Saint Paul on August 4 (grandave.com/events/paws-grand).

SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES

Send us your pet's summer travel photos (kate@thewagazine.com) and we'll publish a selection in our fall issue! 🐾

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June 8 Riding for Rover and Miss Kitty, motorcycle run for Safe Haven Pet Rescue, 10am, North Star Bar, contact Dona Kessler, 507-287-8561

June 8 Small Dog Rescue of MN Adoption Event, 11am-2pm, Rochester Feed and Country Store, smalldogsmnnesota.org

June 8 Greyfest, State Fairgrounds, gpa-mn.org/greyfest.html

June 8 Dirty Dog Day dog washes at the Humane Society of Goodhue County, 10am-3pm, \$20 bath and dry, \$5 nail trims, hsgcpets.org

June 8 Pamper the Pups, Mary Kay Fundraiser, Caribou Coffee, 2515 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, cocosheartdogrescue.org/category/chdr-events/

June 8 & 9 Paws and Claws Humane Society Rummage Sale, 7am, Olmsted County Fair Ground, pawsandclaws.org

June 9 MN Collie Frolic, Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue, Stone Mountain Pet Lodge, Blaine, mwcr.org

June 9 Bowling Fundraiser, 5pm, Hudson Bowling Center, Hudson, WI
cocosheartdogrescue.org/category/chdr-events/

June 15 Canine Carnival at Wildlife Science Center, Forest Lake, wildlifesciencecenter.org

June 21 Take Your Dog to Work Day!

June 22 Super Adoption Event, 10am-2pm, Graham Arena Complex, Olmsted County Fairgrounds, Rochester, with the Rescued Animal Coalition of SE MN.
www.facebook.com/RACofSEmn

June 22 Humane Society of Goodhue County Adoption Event at the Red Wing Farmer's Market.
redwingfarmersmarket.org

June 22 Rescue Run for Save A Bull Rescue, 9am, River City Saloon, Anoka, mnrescuerun.miidu.com

June 22 Doberman Rescue Minnesota meet and greet at Chuck and Don's, St. Paul, 11am-2pm, dobermanrescueminnesota.com

June 24 Martin County Humane Society Golf Outing, 4pm, Fairmont Rose Lake Golf Course, mchsofmn.org

June 26 McFundraiser at New Ulm McDonalds for Brown County Humane Society, 4-7 pm, facebook.com/Brown-County-Humane-Society-New-Ulm-MN

June 29 Pet-a-Palooza, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, 10am-5pm, mnstatefair.org/events/?id=65

June 29 Sixth Annual Dachshund Dash, Rochester, proceeds go to Paws & Claws Humane Society, rochesterfest.org

June 29-30 June Dog Jam, Frisbee dog competition, Slatterly Park, Rochester, junedogjam.com

JULY

July 12 Ruff Ride for Paws and Claws Humane Society, 9am, Rochester Harley Davidson, pawsandclaws.org

July 13 Rabies Clinic, \$10 rabies vaccinations at the Humane Society of Goodhue County, 11 am to 2 pm, hsgcpets.org

July 13 Feline Rescue Cat Claw Clipping Clinic, 11am-1pm, Chuck & Don's in Roseville and Shakopee, 2-4 in Savage feline rescue.org

July 13 Small Dog Rescue of MN Adoption Event, 11am-2pm, Rochester Feed and Country Store, smalldogsmnnesota.org

July 20 Small Dog Rescue of MN Adoption Event, 11am-2pm, Leashes and Leads, smalldogsmnnesota.org

July 21 ARF in the Park, art show that highlights canine-themed art and merchandise, sponsored by BACB unleashed, 11-4, Essex Park, Rochester

July 21, MN Midwest Pug Rescue Pug Stock, 2-4pm, Stone Mountain Pet Lodge, Blaine, mnmidwestpugrescue.com

July 22-23 Cashwise Brat Stand for Brown County Humane Society, 10am-5:30pm, facebook.com/Brown-County-Humane-Society-New-Ulm-MN

July 26-28 SW Metro Animal Rescue at River City Days, Chaska, chaskarivercitydays.com

July 28 noon-3 pm: "Chip & Clip" nail trims and microchipping at Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet in Red Wing, hsgcpets.org

July 29 Bowling Fundraiser, 5pm, Hudson Bowling Center, Hudson, WI
cocosheartdogrescue.org/category/chdr-events/

AUGUST

August 3 Dog Days of Stockholm, dogdaysofstockholm.com

August 3 "Chip & Clip" nail trims and microchipping at Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet in Cottage Grove, 1-3 pm, hsgcpets.org

August 4 Paws on Grand, 11-4pm, Grand Avenue, St Paul, grandave.com/events/paws-grand

August 9-11 Small Dog Rescue of MN at Kasson Festival in the Park, www.smalldogsmnnesota.org

August 10 Feline Rescue Cat Claw Clipping Clinic, 11am-1pm, Chuck & Don's in Roseville and Shakopee, 2-4 in Savage felinerescue.org

August 10 3rd Annual Coco's Heart Dog Rescue 5K Doggie Day, 9am, Lake Phalen, St. Paul
cocosheartdogrescue.org/5k-doggie-day

August 12 Inaugural Golf Tournament for Paws and Claws Humane Society, 1pm, Rochester Golf and Country Club, pawsandclaws.org

August 17 Small Dog Rescue of MN Adoption Event, 11am-2pm, Leashes and Leads (Byron), www.smalldogsmnnesota.org

August 18 MN Midwest Pug Rescue Reunion and Playtime, 1-3pm, Dog Days, 350 University Ave, St. Paul, www.mnmidwestpugrescue.com

August 24 Brown County Humane Society Dog Walk, 9am, facebook.com/Brown-County-Humane-Society-New-Ulm-MN

August 24-25 Minnesota Renaissance Festival Pet Fest, renaissancefest.com/petfest.html

August 30-September 1 Irish Fest. Meet native dog breeds. irishfestmn.org

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'FESTS' GONE TO THE DOGS

By Ellington Starks



SUPER ADOPTION

The Rescued Animal Coalition of SE MN hosts the Super Adoption Event, an opportunity to meet rescued animals represented by more than 15 Minnesota rescue groups and shelters, on **June 22** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Graham Arena Complex on the Olmsted County Fairgrounds in Rochester.

From Basset Hounds and Bichons to Shepherds and Shih Tzus, there will be more than 100 dogs and cats in attendance, all looking for their forever families. Talk to trainers, veterinarians and vendors.

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DOG DAYS OF STOCKHOLM

On **August 3**, join with other dog lovers in a family- and dog-friendly festival on the banks of Lake Pepin in Stockholm, Wisconsin.

Hosted by Pat Kessler of WCCO-TV, the day features dog contests (best dressed, look alike, best trick), vendors food, live music, speakers and demonstrations.

The primary goal of Dog Days is to adopt homeless dogs into good homes. The 2012 event resulted in 53 adoptions. "Dog Days works because people who meet shelter and rescue dogs in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere are more inclined to adopt than at the Humane Society or shelter," says the event website. Admission (\$5) benefits local animal rescues.

Dogdaysofstockholm.com



IRISH FEST

Whether you have red hair and freckles or a dog that does, you are invited to Rochester's annual Irish Fest, **August 30** through **September 1** on the Peace Plaza.

Filled with native performers, dancers, culture and a bit o' blarney, the free Irish Fest even showcases native dog breeds.

According to the Native Dogs of Ireland, MN Chapter, there are the eight breeds native to Ireland: Irish Terrier, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Red Irish Setter, Red and White Irish Setter, Irish Water Spaniel and Irish Wolfhound.

Sinéad Chick is co-founder of Irish Fest. Throughout the day, she said, "We will have the dogs parade to the stage and their handlers/owners will introduce them and talk about their breed standard, origins, temperament, etc." The dog tent area will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Irishfestmn.org

Dogs of Ireland (MN) group:
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PUPCAKES FOR FRANCO

After enduring horrific abuse, a young dog was saved by a Good Samaritan, a rescue group and a cupcake boutique

By Amy Brase

There are atrocities that most people don't like to think about, animal abuse so cruel that it's hard to accept.

"It's more common than people think," says Sara Jones, a foster mom through Secondhand Hounds in Minnetonka. It takes a volunteer-driven rescue group like Secondhand Hounds to help restore dogs like Franco, the one-and-a-half-year-old Pit Bull who was recently rescued in Blaine, Minn.

It was an anonymous Good Samaritan who chose to step in rather than look away when Franco was being abused in a parking lot of a convenience store.

PUNTED LIKE A FOOTBALL

Several teenagers were kicking Franco back and forth like a football. "The kids ran away and left Franco unable to sit or stand," says Sara. "He was really lethargic and literally spent two or three days lying on a blanket. His intestines were kinked like a garden hose and he had blockages from being kicked."

He needed x-rays and blood tests for diagnosis as well as antibiotics and intravenous fluids to treat Parvovirus, a condition that attacks the gastrointestinal tract.

It took several days of tender loving care at Foster Mom Sara's house before Franco began sitting up and walking.

"He was very scared and dropped his head at first," says Sara. "My other dogs are very used to other dogs coming and going, so it didn't take too long for Franco to feel comfortable, too."

SUDDENLY A CELEBRITY

Franco became a celebrity canine as news of his abuse hit Facebook and KARE 11 news

and tugged at the heartstrings of people all around Minnesota.

The story caught the eye of Robin Johnson, owner of Sweet Retreat, a cupcake boutique in Minneapolis. In no time at all, a special-edition treat hit the display case: chocolate cupcakes with vanilla icing and a photo of Franco on top.

"I was so upset when I saw the news story about his abuse," says Robin. "I contacted Secondhand Hounds and told Rachel, the founder, that I wanted to hold a fundraiser."

The one-day fundraiser happened March 29. "I thought maybe a couple hundred people would show up. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to sell over 5,000 cupcakes!"

As crowds lined the street and stretched down the block to show their compassion and support, Sweet Retreat ran out of cupcakes and even batter. "It was one of the best 'feel good' days of my life," says Robin.

The highlight of everyone's day was an appearance by sweet Franco, himself, as he greeted his fans. According to Franco's Facebook page, the fundraiser was a sweet success and raised \$8,918 for the dog's medical expenses.

READY FOR ADOPTION

Sara has volunteered with Secondhand Hounds for several years and now serves as the Large Breed Foster Coordinator. There will likely always be bad people who hurt animals, but there will also always be the heroes who rise up and give a little more, love a little deeper.

Sara and Robin are two of those heroes. The sad reality is that Franco was likely

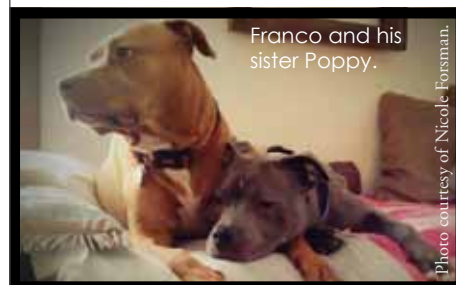
someone's pet.

"He knows basic commands," says Sara. "He might have been dumped after he became ill."

The sweet silver lining? Franco is now in his forever home. It didn't take long for Aaron and Nicole Forsman to fall for this lovable hunk.

"We knew we wanted another Pit Bull, and after hearing his story there was no way we were going to give up on trying to adopt him," they say. "Even though there were hundreds of applicants, we knew he was meant to be a part of our family from the first time we met him. He leapt into our laps like he had done it many times before."

Franco now has a big sister, Poppy.



They cuddle together every night. PAW

Amy Brase loves to write stories with happy endings, especially when they feature people with huge, loving hearts.

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