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Sarge's Holiday Photo Contest.

Entries accepted through January 13, 2018. Enter photos of your pet in costume or in a holiday setting. \$15 per entry proceeds help Sarge's cover food and medical costs for rescued cats and dogs. Details in article on page 14 or at sargeandfriends.org.

November

Fri. 11/3 – Sun. 11/5. 8am-5pm.

BRAC Agility Trials, Haywood Ag Center, Waynesville. Free. Human spectators welcome, canine spectators not. Over 100 purebred and mixed-breed dogs competing against each other and the clock. Details in page 13 article or at blueridgeagility.com or www.facebook.com/Blue-Ridge-Agility-Club-152233291488637.

Sat. 11/4 – 6-9pm. AHS 14th Annual Taste of Compassion, presented by Animal Hospital of North Asheville. A 1920's themed

"Barkeasy" with great wine, great food, great auction items at Morris Helenic Cultural Center, Asheville. ashevillehumane.org, 828 761-2001.

Fri. 11/10 – 8am-7pm. News 13/ WLOS Pet Project, 5 Airport Road, Arden. Adopt-a-thon at Camp Bow Wow. Collection of pet food, pet supplies, cleaning supplies, donations. 2:30-6pm. Adoptable animals from AHS, other rescues. ashevillehumane.org, 828 761-2001.

Sat. 11/11 – 11am-3pm. Adopt a Dog event at Petsmart, 150 Bleachery Road, Asheville. volunteer@foothillshumanesociety.org, 828 863-4444

Sat. 11/18 – 11am-2pm. 71st Annual Holiday Parade, downtown Asheville. ashevillenc.gov.

Sat. 11/18 – 1-2pm. Patton Avenue Pet Company will host an AHS adoption event at 109 Patton Ave., Asheville. ashevillehumane.org, 828 761-2001.

Thur. 11/23 – Thanksgiving Day all day. Be thankful.

Fri. 11/24 – Black Friday. Be careful out there.

December

Sat. 12/2 - 5-7pm. Holiday Benefit Party for Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue. Bring your furry kiddos for a picture with Santa. Donation \$20, you get to proof 3 digital copies sent to you. Refreshments will be served and adorable dogs will be available to be your next best friend. Event part of the ongoing adoption partnership between Aloft and Charlies Angels. Aloft Asheville Downtown Hotel, 51 Biltmore Ave., Asheville. 828 232-2838

Sun. 12/3 – 9am-3pm. Asheville Dance Classic. All entry fees for "All Around for the Animals" category of ballroom dance competition will go to AHS. 1 Resort Drive, Asheville. ashevillehumane.org, 828 761-2001.

Sun. 12/24 – Christmas Eve. Enjoy.

Mon. 12/25 – Christmas Day. Enjoy.

Sun. 12/31 – New Year's Eve. Enjoy.

Mon. 01/01 – New Year's Day. Enjoy.

Ongoing

Please call or email to confirm events since schedules can change.

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Every Wed., Sat., Sun. - 10am. BWAR. Outward Hounds Hiking Club meets at shelter to take dogs on hikes. volunteer@bwar.org.

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Every Sun. - 10am-2pm. AHS Hiking Hounds. Take shelter dogs for hikes. ashevillehumane.org

Every First Sat. - 11:30am-1pm. Volunteer orientation at AHS, 14Forever Friends Lane. volunteer@ashevillehumane.org.

Legend: AHS=Asheville Humane Society BRAS=Blue Ridge Agility Club BRHS=Blue Ridge Humane Society BWAR=Brother Wolf Animal Rescue CAAR=Charles Angels Animal Rescue FEF=Forever Friends Animal Rescue Network FUR=Feline Urgent Rescue SARF=Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation



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Mixing It Up with Multiple Species – Part II

by Ryan Jo Summers

The worst situation I ever had with multiple species involved a roommate and a huge Labrador with bullying tendencies. My roomie refused to see how obnoxious the dog was with my ultra-sensitive collie. Riley got to the point he hated to go outside because the Lab barked and charged at him. I eventually had my vet prescribe anti-

“...provide enough individualized attention for every pet.”

anxiety meds to help Riley cope. If in doubt, always consult with your veterinarian for solutions to inter-animal relationship issues.

It comes down to common sense, doing your homework, and some practical tips. Ensure you know your additional pet's requirements. Make sure you can provide safe and alternative housing for them. Have enough litter boxes for all the cats (the general rule of thumb is one box per cat, per level of house, plus one).

Make sure there are enough food dishes, separate water dishes, beds, hiding spots, toys, and treats. I have six cats, one is a bully. I need extra litter boxes and water dishes if any get blocked off by the bully.

Most of all ensure you provide enough individualized attention for every pet. Some might be needier, but everyone

positive time. Introduce new cats under supervision. Watch for trouble and be ready to separate them if needed, short term. Reintroduce and try it again. You might have to clip their nails if they are determined to swat. Or keep one locked up in a spare room where they can safely sniff under the door.

Small pets need to be protected from predators—and kids. Have safe places to keep them at all times, including when their home is being cleaned.

Lastly, be patient. Sometimes the pets just have to work things out for themselves. Be aware if disagreements escalate, intervene when you must, and don't hesitate to separate them if things get ugly. Be fair with everyone, and remember they are mostly just following their instincts.



Jade the rabbit and Kip the collie relax peacefully together.

Ryan Jo Summers is a local animal advocate and author. She will have two new novels released in November 2017: “Rainbows in the Moonlight”, a Christian romance novel, and “Wild Whispers”, a romantic suspense mystic tale. And “Crazy Woman Creek”, part of the “Craving Country Anthology”, will be released in January 2018. Ryan's website is www.ryanjosummers.com, her blog is <http://www.summersrye.wordpress.com> and her Facebook page is www.facebook.com/RyanJoSummersAuthor



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Are raw diets right for you and your pet?

by Larry Jandrew

With pet food companies being acquired by larger corporations and the continuing problems with pet food recalls, consumers are very concerned about the quality of the food they feed their pets. The number one question that I get at Pet Source is “how safe is the food that I am feeding my pet”.

When a pet food company is acquired by a larger corporation sometimes the quality of the food may change. The new company may change ingredient suppliers or sometimes change the formula itself. These changes are not publicized and consumers are left totally unaware. Normally your pet will let you know something has changed. You may notice a difference in his/her coat or in the palatability of the food.

This has led to the interest in feeding a raw diet. Racing greyhounds and sled dogs have been fed raw diets for years. In 1993, an Australian veterinarian named Ian Billinghurst published an article about how a raw diet would benefit an adult dog. BARF, an acronym for Bones and Raw Food, or Biologically Appropriate Raw Food was introduced. Dr. Billinghurst suggested that adult dogs would thrive on a diet based on what canines ate before domestication. You see television ads today suggesting that you should feed their inner wolf.

Before you jump in and change your pets’ diet, you should weigh the plusses and minuses of feeding a raw diet. Potential benefits of a raw diet include shinier coats, healthier skin, cleaner teeth, higher energy levels, smaller firmer stools, and feeding a non-processed food. Vitamin and mineral levels may be more available and not reduced from cooking. A raw diet generally consists of muscle meat, bones (usually ground), organ meats such as liver and kidneys, raw eggs, vegetables, fruits, and some dairy (usually yogurt). A complete raw diet will also contain a balanced vitamin and mineral package. A raw diet is designed to be fed uncooked and served cold. Generally you will take a few day’s feeding levels out of the freezer and defrost in the refrigerator. You then remove the daily portion from the refrigerator and immediately feed your pet. After your pet has eaten, you pick up the dish and thoroughly clean. This prevents the potential of salmonella.

There are potential risks to feeding a raw diet. They include bacteria threats to your pet and yourself, feeding an unbalanced diet may lead to health risks, large pieces of bones could lead to choking or cracked teeth. Carefully compare raw diets to

be sure that the diet you choose is a complete and a healthy choice. There are raw diets that are not intended to be a lone diet. They are designed as a supplementary diet. Today’s dogs are no longer true carnivores’. We have changed them into omnivores’. Is there an adverse effect of feeding a high protein diet to today’s dogs? Will it adversely affect livers and kidneys later in life? We may not know these answers for several years. Raw diets are also more expensive to feed.

I talk to a lot of veterinarians and some are for and some are against feeding raw diets. Our customers who feed raw, swear by it. It is not for everyone and every dog. I tried feeding raw to my English bulldog, Rudy, and he hated it. He does however love his freeze-dried raw food. He didn’t like the texture or the temperature of the raw diet. And remember that feeding a raw diet requires more management on your part to ensure safety for you and your pet. Do your research before jumping in. Make sure that it is what you think is best for you and your best friend. If you decide to change diets, do so slowly. Let your dogs’ stomach adjust.

Larry Jandrew has owned The Pet Source in Hendersonville since 1999. Before that, he spent decades in various capacities in pet food businesses. 🐾



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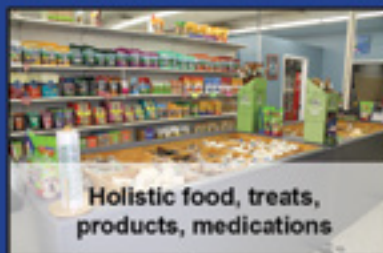
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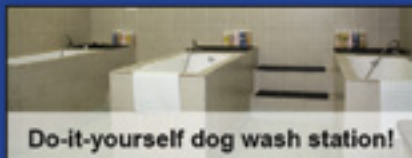
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Feline Urgent Rescue of WNC is actively seeking volunteers to assist at the Sanctuary and/or provide foster homes for the many cats and kittens abandoned in Haywood County.

There is a crisis now regarding the number of animals that are being abandoned in the County. This is not just a problem at FUR, it is a problem with all of the animal rescue organizations.




Volunteer Lisa Sanborn gives FUR Sanctuary kitty some love.

"FUR currently has 95 cats with about 10 in foster care that will be coming to the sanctuary in the very near future," said Sydney Klocke, President of the Board of Directors. "Plus our waiting list is very long. Not only are there senior cats on the waiting list, there are also untold numbers of mama cats with kittens."

Klocke continued, "We obviously hope these cats will be adopted, but until they are, and even afterward, we are in desperate need of people to help take care of them." Volunteering for FUR would not have to be a major time commitment. Some volunteers can sign on to come to the sanctuary once or twice a week for a morning or an afternoon shift. Volunteers are needed in several capacities.

"First and foremost we need folks who are not afraid to get their hands dirty to help with litter boxes, cleaning rooms, washing dishes and doing laundry," Klocke said. "Cats need to be fed and medications need to be given on a regular basis. We also need help with working with the cats to socialize them to get them ready for adoption. Vet runs are a necessity. We also have some minor facility repair/maintenance needs like painting, weeding, etc. Our website, www.furofwnc.org, has a video on volunteers."

"We hope people will consider all the positives of volunteering with FUR," Klocke said before urging Haywood cat lovers to become FUR volunteers. Current FUR volunteers can be reached at 844-888-CATS (2287) and by email at furofwnc1@gmail.com or by visiting facebook.com/furofwnc. 



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Book Review

If you are looking for a gift for the first responder in your life, The DOG LOVER UNIT might be it. It is a fascinating book about how dogs serve K9 teams around the world.

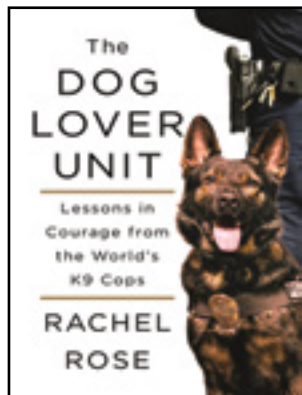
It describes the process from the very beginning – how they are bred, chosen as puppies, raised and trained by their humans, and then find their purpose.

Although this process is described primarily as a unit of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Rose travelled internationally in her research and found units which specialize in what they call “garbage dogs”. So Rachel Rose is the most unlikely person to have experienced this process so she could write an authentic book.

Rose is a fellow at The University of Iowa’s International Writing Program and Poet Laureate of Vancouver. Yet she spent five years “going to the dogs”, as she puts it, riding with training handlers in between bouts of poetry.

The DOG LOVER UNIT introduces us to the individual teams, the dogs and their handlers, who work to make this world a safer and more enjoyable place to live. Rose rode with Constable Noel and his dog Blackie they night they caught a violent criminal, and was part of the funeral of Constable Dave Ross, watching K9 Danny following the coffin.

It takes years of training for both the dog and its handler to graduate from the program. It’s a touch physical challenge. Rose spent weeks in the freezing cold Canadian wilderness, crashing through forest underbrush at top speed for hours, keeping up with a running dog in high-speed chases across the frozen western Rocky Mountains. She describes role playing a suspect while wearing a bite sleeve. But also, Rachel rode with a handler



The DOG LOVER UNIT Lessons in Courage from the World's K9 Cops

By Rachel Rose \$26.99 336 pages
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an imprint of S. Martin's Press

whose dog who found a lost young girl almost dead from exposure.

This book is more than an adventure book. In her travels Rose learned and discusses the role of K9 units, and that leads into the forces themselves. This brings up subjects such as the role of women in policing, diversity in police forces, and how different countries police their populations. “We are all connected, for better and for worse,” she writes. “How societies are policed tells us a great deal about their values.”

All in all it’s another great entry in the pantheon of books about the human-animal bond and how our canine companions teach us about ourselves. 🐾

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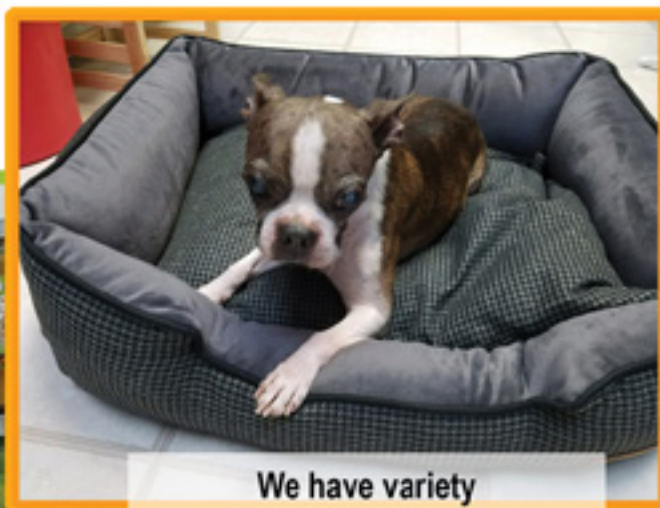


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Dr. Stephanie Bell with, left to right, Beaucephus Williams, Stoney Earle and June Carter. Cat Lucinda Williams and thoroughbred horse Wyatt P. Colton not available for photo.

Dr. Bell joined REACH almost by chance. She had finished her residency at the University of California – Davis, and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. She was practicing in Texas, but missed her native North Carolina. She had grown up in Rutherfordton and wanted to come back to the area. She knew of REACH, and figured she would give them a call to see if they might discuss adding a veterinary ophthalmologist to the staff. Her call was transferred to Dr. Randy Wetzell, the head man, and, Dr. Bell reports, they hit it off so well they talked for about an hour. After a visit and further interviews, she agreed to move back to North Carolina, and did it.

Dr. Bell had graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill, and then graduated with Phi Zeta honors from the NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She claims she will treat the pets of Duke fans with all her skill and talents, but that has yet to be demonstrated. Since coming to REACH in September she has been spending her time getting to know the staff and equipping the facility with the latest in ophthalmological goodies.

One of those goodies is an OpmiVisuSeries S7 operating microscope. Dr. Bell says it took a whole lot of practice and coordination to be able to use it. The operating surgeon has to synchronize foot pedals and hand controls while peering into a microscope, and still needs a second person to help run the machine. "It's like trying to rub your stomach and pat your head at the same time," she said. A cataract machine has also been added to the REACH collection of tools to improve/correct the vision of pets.

Dr. Bell decided to specialize in veterinary ophthalmology because it is fascinating and challenging by itself, and it is also useful in diagnosing many other ailments. As she put it, "the eye is the window to the body and soul."

An avid music fan, Dr. Bell is most inspired by Waylon Jennings. She was on the equestrian team at Chapel Hill and still

enjoys riding, as well as running. But she is temporarily sidelined from both following back surgery. When her doctor gives her permission, or perhaps before, she will saddle up her handsome off-the-track horse named Wyatt P. Colton. In the meantime, she enjoys spending time with her Golden Retriever June Carter, her Lab/pit/heeler/street dog Beaucephus Williams, her long-haired dachshund Stoney Earle, and her cat Lucinda Williams, presumably no biological relation to Beaucephus.



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Horses are of particular interest to Dr. Bell on a professional as well as a personal level. She plans to include equine ophthalmology in her practice. She also plans to continue her research into Equine Recurrent Uveitis (ERU), which she explains is an auto-immune generated inflammation of the eye.



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Dr. Bell admits that, sadly, some retinal diseases of various species can't be cured with the current state of veterinary ophthalmology. But then she reports, happily, that there are procedures to keep the suffering animals comfortable. She plans to travel to equine specialty hospitals to examine her horse patients, and perform subsequent necessary surgery.



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“Barkeasy” to raise funds for AHS

The 2017 Taste of Compassion dinner and silent auction to benefit the Asheville Humane Society (AHS) will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 6-9pm. The 14th Annual event - the biggest fundraiser of the year for AHS - will be at the Morris Helenic Center in the historic Montford section of Asheville.

This year's gala, called “Barkeasy”, will have a 1920's theme. Guests are encouraged to attend in 1920's attire, or not, as they choose. But regardless of dress, all can enjoy a rousing night at the venue decorated in “speakeasy” style. Live music, local



Miss Butterworth in flapper garb.

cuisine, craft beer, cider and wine will all be part of the evening, as well as live and silent auctions.

Local businesses, artists and individuals have graciously donated a wide range of items and one-of-a-kind experiences for the silent and live

auctions. The signature live auction item that will be up for bid is the 2018 Subaru Outback from Prestige Subaru. New to the auction this year is a private culinary experience prepared by Strada Italiano's Chef Anthony, which includes a 5-course Italian dinner complete with wine pairings for 10 people. Another new 2017 offering will be



Revelers at past Taste of Compassion event.

a Wine Pull. Guests who purchase Wine Pull raffle tickets will pick a cork that corresponds to a bottle of wine. All wine has been donated to AHS and is valued at \$15 or more.

All guests will be treated to wine and locally crafted beer and cider. Local restaurants and chefs are sponsoring the array of delicious vegetarian hors d'oeuvres and desserts to be enjoyed throughout the evening. Dancers from Asheville Community Theatre will entertain guests while

Mick Glasgow & The House Hoppers and singer Krista Tortora perform live.

Thanks to generous sponsors, all AHS expenses for the event are covered. So 100% of the proceeds will benefit local animals in need. The 2017 Presenting Sponsor is Animal Hospital of North Asheville. Other top level sponsors include Prestige Subaru, Haw Creek Animal Hospital, Meridian Animal Hospital, Spicer Greene Jewelers, Western Carolina Veterinary Surgery, R.E.A.C.H./Asheville Veterinary Specialists, WLOS News 13/WMYA and iHeartMedia.

Carla Musgrove, Event Coordinator at AHS, said, “We are so grateful for our sponsors and guests of this event who help fund Asheville



More revelers at past Taste of Compassion event.

Humane Society's lifesaving programs. Their generosity enables us to save thousands of animals in our community each year.”

Unlike past Taste of Compassion events, “Barkeasy” will not have AHS volunteers bringing adoptable pets to add a little “aww” to the evening. But attendees will have the chance to meet

Miss Butterworth, the famous AHS foster dog undergoing her own Weight Loss Challenge. She has become so popular that she can be followed on Facebook, or on her own page within the AHS website.

“Barkeasy” is for human guests, not their pets. Attendees should be sure to leave their pets home.



Revelers cutting a rug at past Taste of Compassion event.

VIP tickets for “Barkeasy”, the 14th Annual Taste of Compassion, were sold out even before PetGazette press time, but regular tickets were still available then. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ashevillehumane.org/TOC2017 until they are sold out. For more information about “Barkeasy” call AHS at 828 761-2001.

The Morris Helenic Center is at 227 Cumberland Avenue in Asheville. It is set among historic Montford mansions and considered one of Asheville's premier event venues. In addition to 5000 square feet of space it provides handicap access and convenient on-site parking. Call 828 713-2280 for directions. 🐾

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What is Science-Based Dog Training?

by Kathryn R. Gubista

A very popular term inserted in many dog training claims is “science-based dog training”. Science-based dog training should represent the best dog training approach to help your dog become the dog of your dreams. But, an important question to ask is “What is science-based dog training? Have you ever asked yourself which sciences are included in science-based dog training? Does it really matter? Yes, of course it does.

This is one of my favorite topics to research and discuss, and lectured recently on this topic for the Asheville-Buncombe Technical College (AB Tech) STEM Friday lecture series. The presentation was recorded and will be linked to *Lucky Dog Training Asheville* website as soon as it is available.

The very broad term “science” includes a vast array of disciplines or fields. Science fields that apply to dog training include Psychology, Biology, Veterinary Science, Physics and Nutrition. Although the others are important, research in Psychology and Biology contribute the most to science-based dog training, but in very different ways.


Psychology research by Freud, Pavlov and B.F. Skinner represent the foundation of Learning Theory. Results of their research are the *Pleasure Principle*, *Classical Conditioning* and *Operant Conditioning*.

Their research started over 100 years ago, with the bulk of research conducted between 1900-1930s. Learning Theory is the foundation upon which dog training tools and techniques can be incorporated to achieve specific training goals.

While psychology research is often referenced as the basis of science-based dog

contributions that change the foundational understanding of wolf and dog biology. And, with technological advances, contributions from neurobiology allow us to observe how the dog’s mind functions and how it compares to the human brain. Rather than making inferences about how dogs think, research in neurobiology allows us to see how dogs think, and the results are fascinating. Dogs really, truly love us!

Details about the different scientists’ research and their contributions to science-based dog training are more fully explained in the taped lecture (AB Tech’s STEM Friday Lecture Series). Please contact the *Lucky Dog Training Asheville* if your group or organization is interested in scheduling a presentation. The content of the lecture, with expanded discussions of training topics, will be available in *The Dog’s Perspective* book revision.

Kathryn R. Gubista, PhD is an evolutionary biologist, college biology instructor, former zookeeper, author, and certified professional dog trainer with *Lucky Dog Training Asheville*. She has over 30 years of dog training and human teaching experience. *The Dog’s Perspective* is a training philosophy based on how dogs think, the title of the book series and blog. 



training, contributions from biology should be weighted equally, if not more so. Early biology contributions were limited to studies in wolf biology under captive situations. The 1995 release and subsequent research of wild wolves in Yellowstone National Park in the Western U.S. has made monumental



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Before buying, be sure the whole family is welcome!

An area couple recently had to find a new home for their beloved dog, a friendly, fifty pound fuzzball. They found out too late that that family member wasn't welcome because the Home Owners Association in their new neighborhood did not allow dogs over forty pounds. Their sadness could have been prevented by doing a bit of research and getting professional assistance.

If you are looking to buy a home, it is a smart decision to hire a Buyer's Agent to represent you and your best interests. This real estate agent will uncover any Covenants and Restrictions that might affect your pet-owning family. She or he will make sure that your next purchase fits your needs so that Skippy isn't out on the street.

Home Owners Associations are governed by the rules set forth and recorded in the Covenants and Restrictions. These are on file at the courthouse and any real estate agent knows how to dig around and find them. Not all C&R's are written the same. They often address fencing, number of pets, type of pets and what you can do with your pets. If you breed dogs (responsibly, of course!) you don't want to move to a community that prohibits dog breeding. If you run a rescue or you foster pets, a home in a community that limits your number of companions won't work. And fencing? Don't get me started.

A developer who was in the process of writing restrictions for a new development once told me that he was building luxury homes and didn't want fencing. I told him to specify that chaining and tethering were also out because this would then be the option of choice for some people. He said he preferred underground fencing.

That's fine until one home owner has a thick-headed pooch that ignores the beep beep of the collar and charges the fence to freedom. It only takes one time to have an escape artist who then goes visiting through the neighborhood. Or how about coyotes, bears and other predators that an underground fence won't keep out of your back yard? Those uninvited visitors could put your children and pets in danger.

The best solution for a developer is to put fencing under architectural approval and specify what type of fencing is allowed. As a potential home buyer, look at the restrictions carefully and make sure that any fence you want to put up conforms to the neighborhood rules.

Pet limits are always difficult. Some developments think that restricting the number to two household pets is reasonable. It's not reasonable when those two pets are of a different species. A much better compromise (if you are head of an HOA and you are reading this) is to limit homes to two or three pets per species. One development had a very

caring restriction; they limited homes to three household pets, but any pets over the age of twelve did not count in the total. That developer is concerned for our seniors. Good for them!

Be careful also of restrictions on dog breeds when considering a home purchase. Not every development is happy to welcome bully-breeds into its community. As dog lovers, we know this is unreasonable, but we also know that sadly, not everyone agrees. Watch also for weight limits. Often communities are OK with dogs under a certain weight and no larger. Don't find yourself in the same position as the above-mentioned pet parents.

My best advice has always been to ask for and read any Covenants and Restrictions carefully BEFORE you make an offer on a home. If you have a hard time locating them, ask your real estate agent. Sometimes we have to dig a bit but these are important documents and it's worth the time spent looking for these restrictions and any recent amendments that may have been recorded. You are buying a home for the whole family, so let's make sure it works for the whole family!

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International travel with pets takes planning, paperwork

Former Air Force Staff Sergeant Angie Hughes, now a Candler civilian, learned about traveling with pets the hard way. She traveled with pets. Three of them, to be exact.

"They're my kids," Hughes says of her dogs Maggie, Cammie and Chloe. "Where I go, they go."

Hughes has been involved with pets since she was 14 and started volunteering at a local rescue organization. Over the years since then she has become a Veterinary Technician, a dog obedience trainer, and an expert on international travel with pets. In fact, she became such an expert that the Air Force had her giving classes on getting pets in and out of Korea, where she and husband Ryan, were stationed for a few years.

While in Korea, Hughes turned a kennel she took over for the Air Force into a doggie day care for both military and civilian clients. The Korean culture is not as dog-oriented as America, so her new service was a welcome option, as were her classes on traveling with pets.

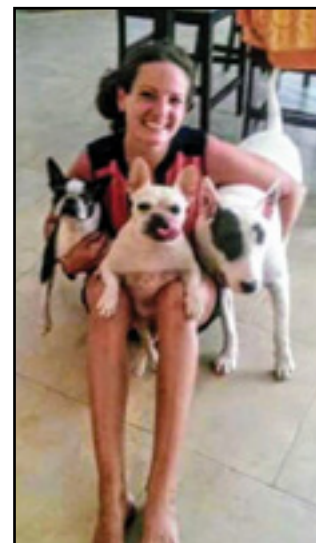
If there is one piece of advice Hughes emphasizes for people going to travel internationally with their dogs, it's that they should start planning early. "They should give themselves at least a 30 day head start," she says. "And more is better." Hughes said that getting through all the red tape in some countries could take months.

Hughes pointed out that there are many bureaucratic hoops to jump through when traveling with pets. The specific number of hoops varies with the countries involved, so one of the first things would-be travelers should do is find out the requirements at their destination. What immunizations are required? What kind of proof is needed? Will the pet have to be examined by a veterinarian on arrival?

Will there be a quarantine period required? Must the pet be microchipped?

The US does not require that a pet be identified with a pet microchip containing the owner's contact information, but Hughes recommends it highly. Microchipping greatly increases the chance that a pet will be returned if it is lost or separated in the course of travel. And just about anything can happen in the course of travel.

Hughes enjoys telling the story of sitting in her seat on a flight back from Korea and hearing a lot of barking, which is not a common sound at 35,000 feet. It seems that one dog had escaped from its crate in the pressurized, temperature controlled section of the plane's cargo hold and was running around loose, causing the other dogs to vocalize. "Nyah, nyah, nyah – I'm free and you're not." "Woof, woof, woof – arrest that loose dog." Hughes and the other dog owners on the plane were concerned until the pilot assured them that there were some staff members in the hold watching over the animals, and that everything would soon be back to normal. Meanwhile he took some photos of the concerned



passengers.

These days, Hughes stays busy in several ways. They are all entrepreneurial, and all involved with pets, especially dogs. She has established a pet sitting business for people who will be traveling without their pets. She has initiated a series of outdoor events called "Woofstock" to bring together rescue organizations, vendors of all things dog, and area dog owners and owners. And she has started producing and selling the Barkin' for More line of nutritious treats. So she probably won't be traveling internationally with her pets any time soon.

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Blue Ridge club to host USDAA agility trials

The event will be held on Saturday, September 9 from noon until 5pm, and will be the first time the popular Salvage Station venue at 466 Riverside Drive will allow pets other than service dogs into its outdoor facility.

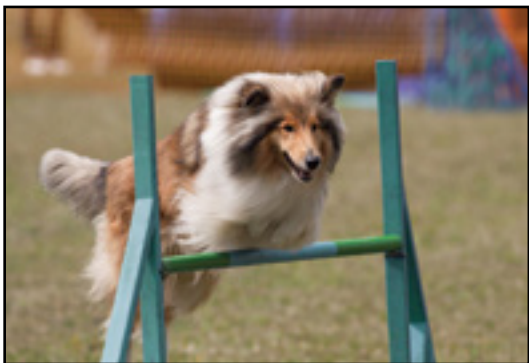
The Blue Ridge Agility Club of Western North Carolina will host a United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) agility trial Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5 from 8am to 2pm. The event will be held at the Haywood County Agricultural & Activities Center in Waynesville.

Over 100 purebred and mixed-breed dogs from throughout the southeast will compete at various levels of difficulty, against each other and the clock. Spectators are welcomed to attend and admission is free. But all visitors are asked to leave their non-competing dogs comfortably at home.

USDAA trials include one "standard" run per day, plus 4 "games" – Gamblers, Pairs, Snooker and Jumpers. The dogs

compete according to their experience level - Starters, Advanced or Masters. The rules and courses become more difficult at the higher levels.

The trial includes a qualification round to enter the USDAA Grand Prix. The local qualifying events lead to regional championships, which entitle the dog to enter the USDAA World Championships.



Agility is a competitive team sport involving a handler and his or her dog. The object of agility is for the handler to navigate the dog through a timed obstacle course without the dog

making a mistake. The agility course is comprised of jumps, weave poles, tunnels and climbing apparatuses. Agility rules focus on safety for the dog. The sport of agility combines control, training and drive into a challenging game for both the handler and the dog.

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FOMCA awarded Albert Schweitzer Animal Welfare grant

Friends of Madison County Animals (FOMCA), has received a very generous grant from the Albert Schweitzer Animal Welfare Fund.

According to Office Manager Tricia Ruscoe, the Schweitzer Fund grant will support the expansion of FOMCA's primary program, the low/no-cost spay neuter program for owned animals. In the opinion of Board Member Ann Zook, "Spay/neuter is the most effective way to improve the lives of dogs and cats in Madison County."

FOMCA is a non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1997. Its mission is to improve the lives of the dogs and cats of Madison County. In addition to its low cost or no cost spay-neuter program for owned animals, FOMCA has a feral cat spay/neuter. The Albert Schweitzer Animal Welfare Fund was founded by two lifelong humanitarians,

Dr. Marjorie Anchel and Dr. Herbert Rackow, to help finance animal protection projects undertaken by non-profit, tax-exempt humane organizations based in the United States.

Albert Schweitzer, the famous scientist and humanitarian, believed in reverence for life. The fund named in his honor was established to help with reducing the overpopulation of kittens and puppies. Schweitzer was quoted as saying: "Compassion, in which all ethics must take root, can only attain its full breadth and depth if it embraces all living creatures and does not limit itself to mankind."

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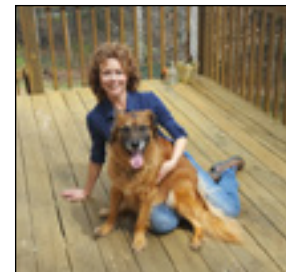
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Starting on Halloween, the new Holiday Pet Photo Contest of Sarge's Animal Rescue will be accepting photo submissions for its new Holiday Pet Photo Contest. The entry fee will be \$15 per photo with proceeds helping to



fund medical costs and the food supply for Sarge's rescued dogs and cats.

The contest deadline is not until January 13, 2018, so there are plenty of opportunities to take a photo of your pet in costume or in a holiday environment. Photo prints should be unframed, not matted, and printed on photography paper 4"x6" to 8"x10".

The contest is open to amateur photographers. Photos cannot be returned and electronic submissions cannot be accepted. Entry forms

can be found at Sarge's website: sargeanimals.org.

Photos, entry forms and checks should be mailed to SARF, PO Box 854, Waynesville, NC 28786, or delivered to Sarge's adoption center at 256 Industrial Park Drive in Waynesville. The center is open Tuesday through Friday, 12-5pm and Saturday, 10am-



3pm. It is located near Lowe's and the Junaluska Animal Hospital.

Announcements regarding prizes and the awards ceremony will be posted at Sarge's website. There will also be photos and information about cats and dogs available for adoption. 🐾

It's the Little Things That Count

by Renee Takacs

It's the day to day life experiences that endear us to our pets and them to us. Learning about these details nourishes loving and respectful relationships. Here are two situations in which I provided additional insight for inquiring pet parents.

How is my pet adjusting to our home? Is she happy?

Rosie, a three year old Papillon mixed breed, had been in her new home only two weeks when we had our initial communication. Rosie's person, Jane, sent me a follow-up email three months later recounting details revealed during the session as well as subsequent confirmations.

During the session, Rosie conveyed her emotions along with her activity preferences and interest in a particular neighborhood dog. She indicated that she felt a little sad and a bit insecure because she still felt a connection with her prior family. Rosie felt more relaxed after I let her know this would be her forever home and family.

Now Jane recognizes Rosie's insecurities, which is why she likes to be on someone's lap and likes to sleep with them at night. By using flower essences and good old human love, the family is helping Rosie feel more secure.

When we communicated, Rosie indicated that she loved to play and go for walks. During her neighborhood walks, Rosie took a liking to a blind dog named Keto and wondered what was wrong with him. I told Rosie that Keto could not see. Rosie and Keto have become fast friends, and Rosie is the only dog Keto responds to.

Jane said, "When Rosie sees Keto come out of his house with his humans, her tail is already wagging, she's pulling on her leash and is ready to greet him. Our family and our neighbors just love their enthusiasm, and we all enjoy walking together."

Why is my dog digging holes in our yard?

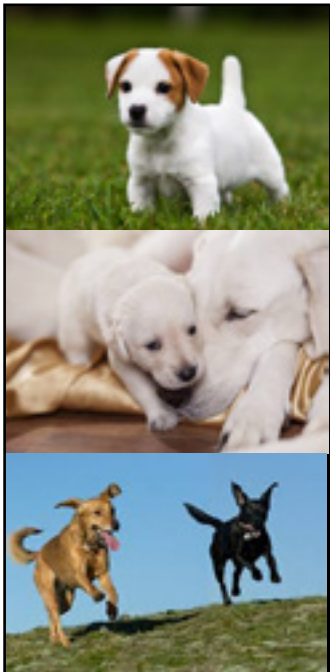
George is a two-year old Great Dane. He was incessantly digging holes in Darlene's yard. During our communication, I learned that digging was George's idea of exercise. I received an intuitive message that consistent walking would be a good solution. Darlene admitted that with her family's hectic schedule, George was not receiving consistent walks.

I telepathically asked George to please leave the ground and grass as it is in the yard. I also told him that his family agreed to dedicate time for more consistent walks.

Right after our session, Darlene reported that George stopped digging holes in the yard! She was amazed and delighted. (Me too!) Then the family made good on their commitment with consistent walks. Both people and pet got their needs met.

It's the little details about our pet's feelings and behaviors that, once understood, can help us lovingly respond to meet everyone's needs. Happy pets, happy people.

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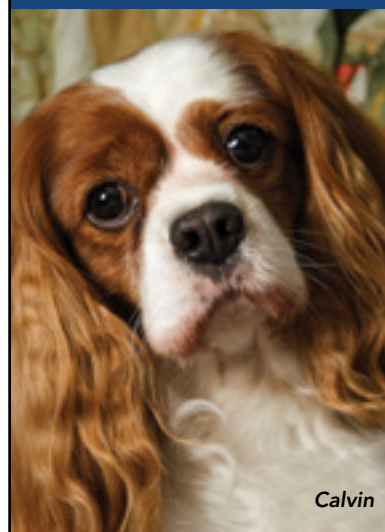
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Black Key

I'm so lucky you decided to adopt me as your mom, Mr. Black Key. I wish I could still be giving you the belly rubs that you loved so much. You will always be in my heart, my handsome, big boy.

— Barbara Singer



Karma

Karma was a little beagle rescued from the streets in Atlanta. Her moms, Bernadette and Pat, were lucky enough to have her to love for 19 years, most of which were healthy years. There is a huge void in our home now, but, we have many memories and photos to cherish always. She will always be our precious little Schmeagle, Beaglette, and Tiny Tiny Beagle with a HUGE heart. She will live on in our hearts always.

— Pat Thomas



Millie

Millie was adopted from the Haywood County Animal Shelter eight years ago, and she was already at least 8 years old then. She lived her long retirement years in my home, tolerating my other dogs, having moments of joy with treats and walks, and barking at random times during the night. She let us know when it was time, and she left us peacefully with grace, knowing she was loved.

— Nancy Bulluck

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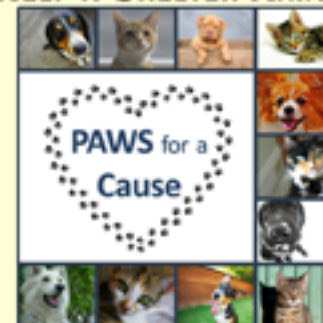
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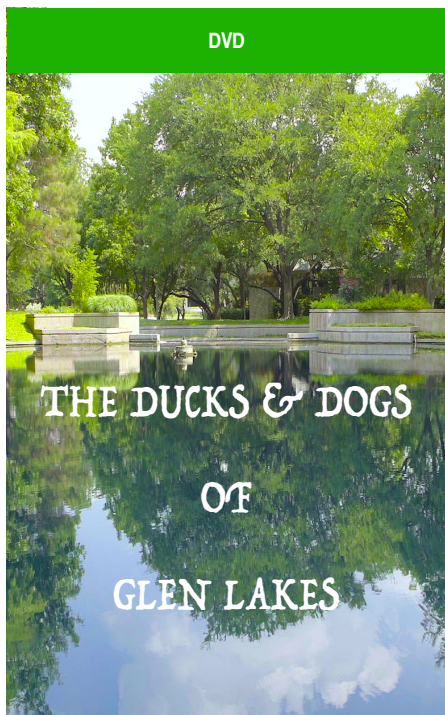
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CANINE CASTING CALL

Area pet parents who think their pet could be a movie star will now have the chance to make it happen.

Independent filmmaker David Sullivan has started casting for a new film to be shot in the Hendersonville area. Pet parents of dogs, cats or other animals interested in having their pet in the film should email Sullivan at jdmsullivan@att.net. A photo and a brief description of the animal's breed or mix should be included if possible.

The new feature is tentatively titled "The Rescue Dogs of Western Carolina: A Christmas Caper." The film will be a sequel to his popular light-comedy "The Ducks and Dogs of Glen Lakes".


That film debuted this past March to a sold-out crowd at a Dallas, Texas Studio Movie Grill, and has been made available on DVD in time for the Holidays. It follows a group of neighborhood ducks and dogs who form an uneasy alliance to rescue Pekin Charles "Digger" Duck, who has been kidnapped by a rogue gang of Canadian Geese.

The director told PetGazette he plans to cast his new film with as many rescued dogs as possible. "And, hopefully, with a cat or two" he said. All other local pets will also be welcomed. A portion of ticket and DVD sales from the film will go to support Western North Carolina animal shelters.

Sullivan recently relocated to Hendersonville with his wife Jan and both were immediately struck by how pet friendly the town is. "Seeing all the

people on Main Street dining with their dogs, and all the water bowls in front of the stores and restaurants, was a wonderful sight to behold," Sullivan said. The filmmaker then outlined the plot of the new picture, "The Rescue Dogs of Western North Carolina".

"It's three am Christmas morning. Santa is tired as he makes the last run of the night to Western North Carolina. He fails to notice that a strong wind over the Smokies has blown all the presents out of the sleigh. He makes the sad discovery only when he lands on the roof of the first house in Hendersonville. Three Dachshunds in residence hear the thud of the landing sleigh and go to investigate. They listen to Santa's tale of woe and come up with a plan to save the day for all the good folks in that part of the state. The dogs propose to round up area pets and "let themselves in" to all the stores on Main Street to gather presents for everyone ... leaving Santa's credit card number for payment. Naturally, mayhem ensues, and before it's all over the police, fire department, the FBI, and the National Guard are called in."

"In many ways" Sullivan said "the final script will write itself, with dialog based on a breed's general characteristics and the personality of the individual dog or cat. We will follow the animals around with a camera and write into the story any funny actions or expressions observed as they wander about. The production should be great fun!" 

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