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Petsmart, 3 McKenna Rd., Arden.

Sat. 5/6 - 5-8:00pm.FUR Wine Tasting, Appetizers, Art Raffle.

Bosu's Wine Shop, 138 Miller St., Waynesville. \$30 per person includes three wine tasting tickets. [www.furofwncc.org](#), 843-422-2704

Sat. 5/6 – Sun. 5/7. Anubis Air Dogs/Ulimate Air Dogs Competiton,

Western Carolina Diving Dogs, 477 Jenkins Rd., Waynesville. [westerncarolinadivingdogs.com](#), 828 200-2548

Sat. 5/6 – 11am-5pm. AHS Adopt-a-thon.

Petsmart, 150 Bleachery Blvd., Asheville. [ashevillehumane.org](#), 828 761-2001

Sun. 5/7 – 11am-3pm. AHS Adopt-a-thon.

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Sun. 5/7 – 12-3pm. BRHS Off-Site Adoption Event.

Petsmart, 3 McKenna Rd., Arden. [blueridgehumane.org](#), 828 692-2639

Sun. 5/7 – 1-3pm. Animal Communicator Rose Furney

at WAG! A Unique Pet Boutique. 231 N. Main St., Hendersonville. 25% of fees will go to Boxer Butts and Other [Mutts.blueridgehumane.org](#), 828 692-2639

Thur. 5/11 – 11am-12noon. Hands On! A Children's Gallery.

Rosdon Mall, 318 N. Main St., Hendersonville. Meet adoptable dogs, make dog toys. [blueridgehumane.org](#), 828 692-2639

Sat. 5/13 – 9am-5pm. Whole Bloomin' Thing/ Haywood Square Block Party.

Party hosted by The Dog House, 304 N. Haywood. Adopt-

able dogs, vendors, raffle, pet CPR class, more. 828-452-9573

Sat. 5/20 – 10am-3pm. WTZQ Barq in the Parq.

Mountain Lodge, Flat Rock. Leashed dogs welcome. Adoptable dogs from Blue Ridge Humane Society, Brother Wolf Animal Rescue and Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue. Plus vendors, food, music. Sponsored by BMW and R.E.A.C.H. (Regional Emergency Animal Care Hospital). Pam@WTZQ.com. 828 693-9910

Sat. 5/20 – 11am-4pm. AHS Blood Drive for Humans.

AHS Education Room, 14 Forever Friend Lane, Asheville. Please register and reserve time. [ashevillehumane.org](#), 828 761-2001

Mon. 5/22 – 12 noon start. BRHS Fore the Animals Golf Tournament.

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Ag Center, Fletcher. Three area clubs combine to run AKC Conformation, Agility, Obedience and Rally competitions. [hkc-nc.org](#), or Ag Center, 828 667-1414

Sat. 5/27 – 1:30pm. Tour of AHS and Buncombe County Animal Shelter.

Free. Open to public. Learn more about AHS programs, see the Animal Care Campus at 14 Forever Friend Lane, Asheville. [ashevillehumane.org](#), 828 761-2001.

Mon. 5/29 thru Sat. 6/24 - 2nd Annual Paw It Forward Crowdfunding Campaign

to raise funds for the sick and injured animals of AHS. [ashevillehumane.org](#), 828 761-2001

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Wed. 6/7 – 6:30-8pm. “Brew Dogs” socializer.

Mills River Brewery, 330 Rockwood Rd., Arden. 828 585-2396

Wed. 6/7 - 10am-4pm. Anubis Air Dogs at Western Carolina Diving Dogs,

477 Jenkins Rd., Waynesville, 828 200-2548

Fri. 6/9 thru Sat. 7/22. BRHS presents “ANNIE”

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Sat. 6/10 & Sun. 6/11 – 8am-5pm. AKC All Breed Dog Shows.

Ag Center, Fletcher. Canines working toward championships. Meet dogs, breeders, vendors. Spectators welcome. Admission free, parking \$5. 828 667-1414

Thur. 6/15 – Special performance of “ANNIE”.

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Tu. 6/20 – 6:30-8pm. “Brew Dogs” socializer.

Blue Ghost Brewery, 125 Underwood Rd., Fletcher. 828 376-0159

Sat. 6/24 – 11am-2pm. AHS Low Cost Vaccine and Microchip Clinic,

Spring Mountain Community Center, 807 Old Fort Road, Fairview. [ashevillehumane.org](#), 828 761-2001.

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On the Cover

Doesn't our cover subject look like she's deep in thought about something very specific? Wouldn't you like to know what that is? So would I.

Two of our contributors think we should know what our pets are thinking. Renee Takacs is an animal communicator. When we started Pet Gazette I didn't think there was much to it. But I wanted to know what my Rosie is thinking when she looks like she's moping, or why Hunter constantly licked his paw – physical or emotional? I'm embarrassed to say that her article on page 14 is a thinly-disguised expose of her conversation with them. Rosie and Hunter seem to be getting along better since we instituted the changes we were instructed by them to make, which, they said, was the problem under the problem. So now my thinking may change.

Then there is Kathryn Gubista, PhD. Her thoughts on training from the dog's point of view are on page 9. Strictly speaking she's not a communicator, but she does know what they're thinking, and how to approach them based on that, so yes, I think you'd have to say that's communicating.

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Dog park etiquette - Part I

by Ryan Jo Summers

My dog, Ty, and I enjoy going to the Mills River Park. The visits can be an outlet for excess energy and an anticipated social event for him, and a bonding event for both of us. But, as with any public venue, basic common sense rules apply.

Our preferred park has two fenced enclosures divided by pet weight. Other parks might have one open space for everyone to share. Either way, there are sure to be guidelines designed for everyone's safety and enjoyment.

The first rule is to avoid fights. If your female dog is in season, please leave her home! Dog fights are a sure gamble when in-heat females are around. Likewise, if your dog is dog-reactive (fear aggressive or just plain territorial and enjoys picking fights), please work on training before bringing to a public park. Rough players are likewise discouraged. If your dog thinks he's there to play bumper cars with others, leash him and leave.

The next rule is to clean up your pet's waste. No one enjoys stepping in a deposit.

“...basic common sense rules apply.”



Ty poses by dog park “tunnel”.

Before visiting a park with your pet, visit alone to get a feel. Then, if your pet is over four months old, fully vaccinated, and reasonably confident and obedient, bring him/her with you. And for the first few trips, hang outside the fence for a few moments.

Leash your pet going to and from the exercise area, and then remove leash, prong collars, and training aids upon entering. When someone is entering or exiting a gate, it's good manners to allow them passage.

Crowding the gate is just as bad in a dog park as it is any place where we humans line up. 🐾

Ryan Jo Summers is a local author and animal advocate. She can be found at www.ryanjosummers.com or <http://www.summersrye.wordpress.com>. Her journey with her PTSD rescued collie, Ty, can be followed at <http://www.adogcalledty.wordpress.com>. Part II of Dog Park Etiquette will be in the July-August PetGazette.

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New Leash on Life

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New Leash on Life pairs inmates with shelter dogs that would also like a second chance in life. The program allows minimum and medium custody state prisons to work with local animal shelters, rescue groups, and other animal welfare organizations to help train and prepare dogs for adoption. Case manager Kim Owenby coordinates the program.

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety website says 1,231 dogs have completed the New Leash on Life program since 2008, 1136 have been adopted and 32 graduated from the Swannanoa facility.

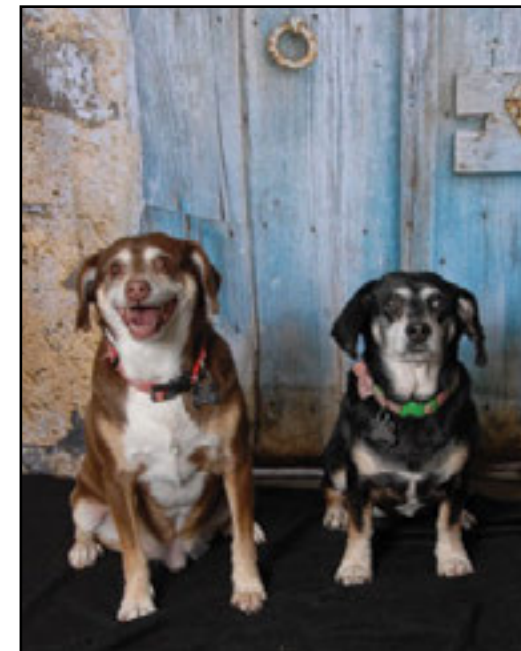
Only two dogs at a time participate during each 12 week training cycle. In February, William and Wendy, a bonded pair of 4-year old beagle mixes from CAAR, became the newest program members at the Black Mountain facility. Two specially chosen inmates are teaching them basic obedience skills

and walking on and off leash. Together they will also work on overcoming any negative social or behavioral issues like guarding or aggression, that may be barriers to being adopted.

President Kim Smith of CAAR said, “This program enables us to rescue dogs who may have some issues and get them the training they need to be adopted into a forever home”. William and Wendy have a back-up trainer as well as an inmate trainer so there is no gap or down time in their training schedule. At

night the dogs sleep in kennels near the women's dormitory. The program helps the women learn skills that can be applied to apprenticeship programs through the Department of Labor. Inmates can receive certified training that will help them find jobs as a Certified Trainer or an Animal Care Provider after their release.

M i k e G r e g o r y , Assistant Superintendent for Programs for the NC Department of Public Safety, said, “New Leash on Life is an excellent program and we are excited and pleased to be working with Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue.” 🐾



William and Wendy, the newest program members at the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women.

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Asheville permits BWAR to bring adoptable dogs to VeganFest

“No dogs allowed” is the rule at the Asheville VeganFest. But there will be an exception made for those adoptable dogs brought to the festival by volunteers from BWAR (Brother Wolf Animal Rescue).

VeganFest is predicted to attract thousands of visitors to Asheville’s Pack Square the weekend of June 10-11.

With all those people and all that food sharing the same space, a pack of visiting dogs could present the potential for serious problems. That’s why the “no dogs allowed” rule was established.

But the dogs from BWAR are a special case. They won’t be brought to the VeganFest unless the volunteers know they will behave in the crowds. They will be leashed and handled by knowing volunteers. And they will be looking to meet individuals or families who will give them a forever home. So the City of Asheville gave BWAR permission to bring a small number of adoptable dogs to the


2017 VeganFest.

All Asheville VeganFest events are free and open to the public, but VIP seating for the Speakerfest will be available for purchase. The Speakerfest will be held on Saturday, June 10 at the Asheville Masonic Temple, 80 Broadway Street in downtown Asheville. A dozen or more

expert speakers will discuss topics ranging from the value of a vegan diet to the spiritual aspects of veganism to interspecies relationships.

On Sunday, June 11, from 11am until 5pm, dozens of vendors will be offering products, services and samples. There were already 46 vendors registered by PetGazette press time in late April,

and many more are expected. Visitors will have a chance to experience vegan food at its best as well as craft beer at its best from some of Asheville’s renowned specialty brewers. And a few lucky visitors might even get to adopt a loveable new furry friend from BWAR.

For more information about Asheville VeganFest, visit veganfest.bwar.org. 



Strolling visitors enjoy 2016 VeganFest event in Pack Square.

Dock Diving growing in popularity in WNC

What was once a novelty event that might only have been seen once a year at the WNC Ag Center State Fair has become so popular that four area events had already been planned for 2017 as of PetGazette press time.

Dock diving, aka dock jumping, may well be the newest of man-dog sports. For decades, man and dog have participated as teams in conformation competitions, obedience trials, agility trials, fly ball, frisbee and rally that draw thousands of spectators and fans. Now dock diving is attracting its own participants and spectators across the country, including in WNC.

Former major league pitcher Milt Wilcox founded Ultimate Air Dogs, the leading organization in the sport, in 2005. He now puts on events all across the country in which dogs run down a dock, fly through the air and catch a thrown toy, tennis ball or training bumper. “You can throw anything but a steak,” Wilcox says.


The competition is basically about distance. It’s sort of a four-legged watery

long jump competition. There are also non-distance events: Catch It, Fetch It, and Chase It.

For the distance competitions, dogs are divided into classes based on

adult human is welcome to register and jump right in,” said Kathryn Gubista, an Asheville educator, dog trainer and a dock diving competitor with her Golden Retriever, Calypso.

The four dock diving events scheduled for WNC as of PetGazette press time are Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 at Western Carolina Diving Dogs, 477 Jenkins Road in Waynesville; Tuesday, July 4 in downtown Asheville; and both Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16 and Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6 again at Western Carolina Diving Dogs. That facility has plenty of parking and a complete competition set up that can be rented for practice or simple recreation. At each event, ample open dock time between competitions is provided for practice runs.

For more information about the July 4 events in downtown Asheville, go to ultimateairdogs.com. For more about the May, June and August events at Western Carolina Diving Dogs in Waynesville, visit westerncarolinadivingdogs.com, or call 828 200-2548. 



Golden Retriever Cognac flies through the air with the greatest of ease at 2016 Ultimate Air Dogs July 4th event in Asheville’s Pack Square. Photo by Dean Lake.

their jumping ability, not their size, breed or age. Both mixed-breed and purebred dogs are welcome into all competitions, as are spectators and their dogs that might simply want to give dock diving a try. “Any dog bringing an

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August 5th – 6th: Anubis Air Dogs/UAD Competition and UpDog Frisbee

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Barq in the Parq May 20 at Mountain Lodge

Radio stations WTZQ FM 95.3 and AM 600 will once again present Barq in the Parq, hours of fun for children and adults alike, will be on Saturday, May 20. The highly anticipated event will once again be held at the Mountain Lodge and Event Center in Flat Rock, and is expected to be bigger than ever.

The festivities will run from 10am to 3pm.

Dog owners are encouraged to bring their leashed dogs to meet new fans among the crowd of Barq goers. Visitors will also meet adoptable dogs brought by local rescue volunteers to find forever homes. (At a previous Barq, five dogs were adopted on the spot.)

Over 40 vendors will provide goods and services to visitors. In addition to providers of dog products and services there will be booths and exhibits inviting live participation. Pisgah Forest Gem Mine will have a working sluice the whole family can enjoy while looking for real gems. Village of Wildflowers will bring a tiny house that Barq-ers can walk through to learn about living in tiny houses. Cosmic Groove will offer relaxing treatments on their massage table. . Dancing Waters will have a working water feature that will give Barq-ers a chance to see, hear and feel what a water feature would be like at their homes. And those are just some of the vendors known at PetGazette press time. More will be there.

Live music at Barq in the Parq will be provided by Sound Investment. The popular group covers classic 60’s and 70’s songs that appeal to members of every generation since the ancient days. The group also adds a mix of hits from other decades. They even throw in a few country songs for Barq-ers to enjoy.

All the activity at Barq in the Parq will

cheesecakes from C.A. Cheesecake, or slowly savor some delicious gelato from Fields of Gold. (Despite the venue, no wolfing allowed.) On the entre front, Roots Bistro will offer genuine Appalachian cooking and Salsarita’s will provide fresh southwestern dishes.

The main sponsors for the 2017 Barq in the Parq are R.E.A.C.H. (Regional Emergency Animal Care Hospital) and BMW of Asheville. Supporting sponsors are Animals R Us and Western Carolina Veterinary Services. BMW will display several current models for Barq-ers to learn about before or after visiting the kissing booth staffed by Beemer, the kissing pit bull.

Proceeds from the event will go to four area animal welfare groups: Blue Ridge Humane Society, Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, Charlie’s Angels Animal Rescue and Asheville Humane Alliance. The first three listed organizations will be the ones bringing adoptable dogs and/or puppies

The entrance fee for Barq in the Parq is \$5, which will be donated to the Blue Ridge Humane Society, Brother Wolf Animal Rescue or Charlie’s Angels Animal Rescue as the attendee designates at the WTZQ tent.

For more details about Barq in the Parq, or to become a much-needed volunteer, call 828 693-9910, or email Pam@WTZQ.com. 🐾



Four Barq attendees at 2016 Barq in the Parq.

generate hunger from everyone attending, so there will be booths to provide a range of choices. Those who are concerned with life’s uncertainties, or simply have a sweet tooth, can eat dessert first. They can start with a homemade and handmade selection of

Is your dog ready for dog friendly events?

by Jennifer King

This time of the year, in this community, there are dog friendly festivals almost every weekend. Most of the time all goes well. But any time you mix dogs, crowds, and lots of excitement, things can get interesting! So here are some things to consider before taking your dog to an event.

Which dogs should go?

Just because you enjoy the event doesn’t mean your dog will. Ask yourself a few questions first.

- **Is your dog anxious, nervous or fearful?** If so, he may become panicked in an event setting, which won’t be fun for either of you.

- **Does your dog quickly become so excited that he’s hard to control?** If he does, you may find yourself defending his actions or being yelled at by others because of his lack of manners.

- **Does your dog have a medical condition?** When dogs are in pain or simply not feeling like their normal, healthy selves, they’re much more likely to get tired and snappy with people.

Once you’ve decided your dog is a good candidate for outdoor events there are a few things to consider to help insure everyone has a great time.

- **Dogs and humans need personal space.** The average dog’s personal space bubble is seven feet. A human’s is two feet. Be considerate about how close you take your

dog to other dogs, people, and even tables and displays.

- **Be mindful and respectful of what your dog is telling you.** Dogs speak to us primarily through body language. Learn the basics of this language so you can see how your dog is feeling throughout the event. Just like us, our dogs can start out enjoying themselves and then become tired or overwhelmed by all the stimulation. Pay attention so you know when it’s time for a break or time to go.

- **You’re the one responsible for the dog’s behavior.** If you’re still teaching your dog basic manners, consider letting him stay home until those skills are more reliable. In event settings a friendly dog is great. But if he doesn’t have any manners other people and dogs are likely to get upset with both of you.

- **Please use proper equipment.** Whether your dog has a harness or a collar, a crowded event is NOT the place for a long flexi leash! These are very dangerous to humans and dogs in an event setting. It’s hard to have control of a dog who’s fifteen feet away from you! **But I want my dog with me!**

If you’ve determined your dog isn’t a perfect outdoor event candidate there may be help! Dogs and people can learn new skills. With a little patience and work you could be attending events together soon! 🐾

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Dog socials to benefit dog welfare groups

Four “Brew Dogs” and two “Dogs on the Deck” dog socials will raise funds for area animal welfare organizations by providing the chance for dogs and their owners to have a good time while doing good.

The events will be held at two area breweries – Mills River and Blue Ghost – and one restaurant – Acropolis Pizza Restaurant. The \$5 donation at each venue will cover a door prize raffle, a drink special and a contribution to one of four area animal welfare organizations: the Asheville Humane Society, Asheville Humane Alliance, Charlie’s Angels Animal Rescue and Pilots N Paws.

The socials will be hosted by loveable pit bull Beemer and her dedicated owner, Jolene (Joey) Beckham. Together, they have raised over \$750,000 to help homeless animals. In honor of that record, Blue Ghost will brew a unique “Beemer Beer” for the events at its facility.

Each social will run from 6:30 until 8pm. Events are scheduled as follows, but those who plan to attend an event should confirm it will happen as planned.

Wednesday, June 7 - Mills River Brewery, 330 Rockwood Rd., Arden. 828 585-2396

Tuesday, June 20 - Blue Ghost Brewing Co., 125 Underwood Rd., Fletcher. 828 376-0159

Tuesday, July 18 - Blue Ghost Brewing Co., 125 Underwood Rd., Fletcher. 828 376-0159

Tuesday, July 25 - Acropolis Pizza Restaurant, 140 Airport Rd., Arden. 828 -684-5737

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Pet Block Party at “Whole Bloomin’ Thing” Waynesville

Waynesville’s 15th Anniversary of the “Whole Bloomin’ Thing” Spring Festival will be held in the Frog Level District on Saturday, May 13, from 9am. until 4pm.

This year the Haywood Block Party with pet adoptions will be a featured part of it. The Bloomin’ Thing has grown over the years to include hundreds of vendors lining the streets of this historic area.

The Frog Level area was instrumental in the growth of Waynesville and therefore Haywood County. It was there that the tracks of the new railroad were laid in 1884. So it is fitting that an area known for starting growth should have a growing festival.

For those with a green thumb, there will be flowering baskets, locally grown vegetable and herbs, berry bushes, potted plants, trees, perennials and annuals. Local food vendors will provide everything from turkey legs, hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ, fresh ice cream, kettle corn and fresh squeezed lemonade. The renowned smokers of Holy Smoke will be offering some great BBQ. Local artists will feature a wide range of nature-inspired gifts and handicrafts from baskets to beads, soap to stemware, bags to birdhouses, wreaths, jewelry, planters, wooden, clay, and metal art work, and dozens of original decorative creations.

For pet fun and maybe a new furry

friend, follow the balloons and signs a short distance up the street to the Haywood Square Block Party hosted by The Dog House. This is the fourth year for the Block Party, but the first year of its inclusion in the larger festival. Waynesville’s own Sarge’s Animal Rescue Foundation will be on hand with adoptable pets looking for their forever home, and a Kissing Booth at which you can receive a doggie kiss in exchange for a donation. Feline Urgent Rescue, or FUR, will also be there, as will Haywood Spay and Neuter.

Pet portraitists will be on site. There will also be a class on Pet CPR to teach pet lovers what to do in an emergency.

The Dog House will be offering Goody Bags to the first 150 visitors, as well as huge Raffle Baskets full of pet items. More people goodies will abound around Haywood Square, too. There will be vendors with metal art, wood signs and statues, horseshoe art, kids’ clothing, etc., even a cupcake vendor. A D.J. will provide music to enjoy. Café on the Square is providing food. The kids can enjoy crafts, face painting, and a jump house.

Haywood Square is located at 304 N. Haywood St., Waynesville. For further information on the most recent scheduled events or to become a vendor, call The Dog House, 828-452-9573. For information about The Whole Bloomin’ Thing, see the website at historicfroglevel.com.

by Kathryn R. Gubista

Imagine you and your dogs are the talk of the neighborhood.....for all the right reasons. Imagine your dog looks at you and listens to what you ask, the first time and every time, even off-leash.

Your dog has excellent dog manners and his unruly behaviors are no longer an embarrassment. Every dog owner wants to reach these goals and enjoy the benefits of having a trained dog. The real question is how to achieve these training goals. What is the best tactic or training scenario?



Bailey focuses during a Board & Train lesson.

BOARD & TRAIN

If you and your dog want or need fast training results, board and train is the best

training scenario. Board & Train options are also called boot-camps and immersion trainings.

Features vary from trainer to trainer, but the benefits are the same - fast results because a professional trainer trains your dog. The convenience of having your dog trained while you are at work or on vacation is another huge benefit of Board & Train options. Programs with Board & Train often include private sessions and/or group sessions so owners can learn to handle their dogs. Board & Train tends to be the most expensive training scenario, but also has the fastest training results and the most convenience.



Blue Tick Coonhound Loki, recently rescued from Brother Wolf, pays attention at a Private Session.

PRIVATE SESSIONS

If you desire fast training results but also want to have a significant role in the training process, private sessions are ideal. Private Sessions can be at the client’s home or in the trainer’s place of business. They are often scheduled around the client’s busy lifestyle, so a huge benefit is the convenience.

Some training issues need addressing at the client’s home, like potty training and house training. Private Sessions are typically not as expensive as board and train options, and clients enjoy the benefits of convenience and quicker results than Group Sessions provide.

GROUP SESSIONS

If you are a do-it-yourselfer, on a tight budget and want to be fully engaged in the training process, Group Sessions are a great option. Although Group Sessions are the least expensive option financially, they are the most expensive option based on your time commitment.

Group Sessions are always at specific times and locations; you must fit the session into your busy schedule. In addition, Group Sessions always involve distractions, which is one of the reasons achieving significant training results will take longer with Group Sessions compared to Board & Train and Private Session options.

So what is the best option training option for you and your dog? It depends on your

specific training needs. If fast, convenient results are a necessity, Board & Train is the way to go. If you want fast results, but want to be more involved in the training process, Private Sessions are ideal. Group Sessions are ideal for practicing training skills in social settings with lots of distractions, so they are not ideal to get started. The best programs include all three training options (Board & Train, Private Sessions, Group Sessions).

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Happy students await rewards at a Group Session.

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by Larry Jandrew

Domestic birds offer pet owners an experience that is unique from other household pets.

The type of bird you adopt should depend upon the time that you have to devote to it for companionship and care. Also consider life expectancy. Large birds can live 60 years or more. Birds cannot be passed around from home to home. This is not healthy for them and they will not be happy, which can lead to a mean bird. Small birds such as parakeets and finches are generally kept in cages and do not have a lot of individual interactions.

Parakeets, for example, can be held and interacted with but are generally caged. Larger birds such as cockatoos, macaws, and African greys need to be out of their cages for long periods of time and demand a lot of attention. They are louder and messier too. Larger birds tend to bond with one member of family more than others. Their bite can also be painful. But they will amaze you with their actions and, frequently, with their ability to talk. This comes with patience and building trust. Some birds' vocabulary can be limitless. My African grey talks in complete sentences and mimics my voice and my wife's. It even confuses our bulldog.

Some basics about pet birds



Domestic birds require a varied diet of seeds, pellets, fresh fruits and vegetables, and nuts. Changing their food and water a couple of times a day is a must, as is cleaning their food and water dishes with each feeding. Avoid offering toxic foods such as chocolate, avocados, and alcohol. Also use caution with household cleaning supplies such as bleach around the birds. A leak of natural gas can kill them. And Teflon cookware can be toxic if

A bird's attention span is generally short. When birds are active is when they will learn.

If you are trying to teach your bird to talk it is important to follow a couple of guidelines. Watch the actions of your bird. If it is looking at you and tilting its head it is observing you. This is an ideal time to train. Speak softly and limit what you are exposing the bird to. Do not expect it talk right back to you. Birds process training over time. When they are ready, they will talk.

Be careful if your bird is near a television. It may repeat things that you did not want it to. My grey never repeated anything he had heard on TV until the final Sopranos episode. Out of nowhere came a few things that he learned. This can be funny at first, but remember, you cannot train him to

stop saying things he learned.

With proper care, birds can provide you with entertainment and companionship which can last for years and sometimes generations. Know your limitations and your bird's needs. This can allow you to develop a relationship that is different than any other pet can provide.

Since 1999, Larry Jandrew has owned The Pet Source in Hendersonville, where his birds often serve as greeters to customers.

BWAR needs foster families for blooming kitten population

Brother Wolf Animal Rescue (BWAR) is seeking foster support in the greater Asheville area this spring and summer for an expected 1,500 kittens that will come into care this "kitten season."

Kitten season happens when the weather warms up and stray and feral cats begin reproducing. That results in an abundance of kittens in need of rescue, fostering, and eventual adoption.

Foster families, couples or individuals provide temporary housing until kittens are old enough to be adopted. Foster homes are a safe haven for kittens undergoing a required series of vaccinations. Kittens are vaccinated once every three to four weeks until they are 16 weeks of age or older.

BWAR has many different fostering opportunities, including bottle-feeding newborn kittens, socializing semi-feral kittens, and providing safe spaces for nursing mothers with their kittens.

All supplies—formula, dry and wet food, bottles (if necessary), blankets, litter, litter boxes, food and water bowls, medicine, crates and carriers—will be provided to new and current fosters free of charge by BWAR for the duration of care. All medical care—vaccinations, spaying or neutering surgery and deworming—will also be provided by BWAR...

The BWAR medical team will offer free weekly training (required for bottle-fed kittens) to new and current fosters. Training will review bottle feeding techniques, socialization, care, nutrition, overall good health, medical emergencies, nursing and handling.

For further information about fostering a kitten, contact BWAR at bwar.com or call 828 505-3440.

Summer Solstice Pet Tips

Karel Carnohan, DVM

Summer is coming and with it come BBQs, trips to the lake, hikes, and many dangers to your pets. Here are my top ten tips to keep your cats and dogs safe and healthy this summer.

- HOT CARS ARE KILLERS:** As much as your dog loves to go with you in the car, leave her at home. When you make a quick stop at Ingles, the temperature in your car, even with the windows cracked, can reach over 140 degrees. A dog can develop fatal hyperthermia in a very short time. It is not worth the risk.
- KEEP THOSE FLEA MEDS ON!** Even if your cat is strictly indoor, hitchhiking fleas can jump the barrier and find a great nest on your cat. Multi products, such as Revolution and Advantage Multi, even protect your pets from heartworm (spread by mosquitoes), worms, and ear mites. They even have short protection against ticks.
- KEEP YOUR VACCINES CURRENT:** Again, even if your cat is strictly indoors, a current rabies vaccine is absolutely a must! At Cat Care Clinic, we have a poor indoor kitty who had the unfortunate luck of catching a bat that had made its way into the house. She was a few months overdue on her rabies and is now in strict quarantine for six months. If you and your pet encounter a bat, please put on gloves and capture the bat. Put it in a container (with holes) in the refrigerator and call the Health Department. If the bat tests negative, you have nothing to worry about.
- FOOD SPOILS FAST:** I always recommend keeping any dry food in air tight containers in the refrigerator. Good dog and cat foods have meat and oils which can easily go rancid. Avoid food brands that are not in air-tight plastic or foil bags (foil-lined paper bags are not air-tight). Also, if you leave bowls of food out, it is going to go bad. Only put out what your cat or dog will eat (dry or canned) in the immediate 20 minutes.
- FRESH WATER IS IMPORTANT:** Bacteria can populate a water bowl very quickly in hot weather. Please make sure you change the water frequently and clean bowls in the dish washer to disinfect.
- DOGGY EARS:** If your dog loves to swim, I recommend cleaning their ears out post-swim to protect against infections. Lake water is filled with stuff that will grow in the moist, warm environment of the ear canal. A commercial ear cleaner is fine but a dilute vinegar rinse is good too – 3 parts distilled water to 1 part white vinegar.
- FUR IS HOT!:** Here in Asheville we are fortunate to have a wealth of great pet groomers. Dogs with thick, long, matted fur will appreciate a groomer's help to keep them cool. Cats with thick long hair who spend summer afternoons on the deck may resent a lion cut, but will be much more comfortable in 90 degrees.
- BBQs HAVE RISKS:** I will never forget the German Shepherd I saw on emergency one summer. He had, unbeknownst to his owners, snagged a shish-kabob off a plate during a busy backyard party. The spear punctured his stomach and liver. Fortunately, surgery was successful. It is important to be aware how tempting food is to our very observant pets. A misadventure can make them very sick.
- HOT PAVEMENT IS BRUTAL:** The backyard pool is a great summer relief to many pets, but that concrete around it can burn your dog's or cat's pads. Walking your dog on hot asphalt can also do a lot of damage. Please be aware and monitor their reactions and check their feet.
- LILLIES ARE DEADLY TO CATS:** During spring and summer in Asheville I love the beauty of the fields of day lilies in peoples' gardens, along the roads and in the fields. Please be aware that just a small bite of any part of ANY kind of lily can cause renal failure in your cat. If you like to bring cut flowers into the house, please make sure the cat cannot get to them.

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Animal Communication Feedback

by Renee Takacs

Following are some examples of client feedback heard following an animal communication session.

Bullying reduced, snuggling increased

In the last PetGazette, I wrote about the underlying causes of pet behavior. There were two dogs, Rosie and Hunter, who each had anxiety. Hunter was feeling bullied by smaller, bossy Rosie. A few days after the session, this was the feedback from one of their human companions:

“On the furry friends front, Rosie and Hunter are both in good spirits and improved health. Hunter has shown reduced paw licking and has started to stand up for himself when Rosie assaults him. Rosie seems more relaxed, less aggressive and has taken to spending much of the evening dozing in my lap. While lap visits are nothing new, lap extended stays are.”

Loner joins pack on bed

One client reported that one of her two dogs stopped sleeping in her bed at night. After a conversation with her dog, some energy work and homeopathic assistance from Green Hope Farms essences (www.GreenHopeEssences.com), the client, Terri, had this to say:

“During our last reading, I was worried about Leah and Maya and the fact that Leah would not even sleep in my room at night. You did an EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) for Leah and suggested some remedies from Green Hope Farms for both Leah and Maya.

I am happy to report that about half way through the doses, Leah started sleeping in the bedroom with us and is now sleeping on my bed with all of us together again. I love being surrounded by all my girls on the bed and love that Leah is no longer isolating herself at night, but instead, is enjoying the comfort of the entire pack.”

Incessant barker calmed

Mr. Bingley, a mixed breed rescue dog, barks at the mail truck and other dogs who walk past the house and wants to chase after every squirrel when walking on his leash. After our communication, later that same day, my client took Mr. Bingley to the park. She said:

“I just took both of the dogs to the dog park and I must say that Mr. Bingley seemed very calm and happy and came to me to make eye contact often. We shall see. I hope your ‘conversation’ with him today will help him, and me, find and enjoy more peace.”

Communication connects people and pets

Animal Communication serves to bridge the understanding gap between you and your pet friend. It may help clarify needs, maintain a joyful relationship or initiate healing. The positive feedback clients offer reinforces that this method of communication is both valid and reliable for many.

Animal communicator Renee Takacs recently moved to WNC from the Pittsburgh, PA area. She blogs about pets at www.intuitguide.com, and can be reached at 828 685-3231.

Pet Obituaries by Pet Cremations of Western Carolina

Molly Bohannon

If Molly could have spoken English, it would be non-stop talk about how much she loved her human-mommy, Barbara Bohannon. At age 16, Molly ruled Barbara’s heart with the love and joy of an adoring child. Sweet little Molly gave her mommy a final kiss and headed out for Rainbow Bridge on April 5th.



Molly Bohannon

Bear West

German Shepherds are known as regal creatures with an uncanny desire to protect those whom they love. Add exquisitely beautiful and larger than life to that description and you have Bear. At one-hundred-thirty-five pounds, he was all muscle and heart. He became ill and passed away on April 8th, leaving Robert an Patricia heartbroken. Bear joined their family when he was a tiny little fellow, and he will remain in their hearts forever.

Phoebe Barnette

Phoebe lived to be 17-years-old! She was the first pet Heather Barnette had as an adult, and she was older than Heather’s children. The little shih-tzu was a bundle of energy who showed other-species family members who was in charge. Phoebe padded off to the Rainbow Bridge on April 6th. Her family misses their prissy little girl, but they know she is once again a springy puppy prancing around and showing all of the creatures on the other side just how happiness kept her on earth for a very long time.



Phoebe Barnette

Angel Neville

Angel was an almost perfect little man. The Maltese was found a few years ago as a stray and taken in by the Neville family. Immediately, Angel became friends with another family dog named Ollie. The two were inseparable until Angel passed away April 10th. His human-dad, Dr. Duncan Neville, misses him very much. Angel’s human-mom passed away in March.

Peaches Sterling

Peaches couldn’t have been any sweeter if she’d fallen from a tree in Georgia! For fourteen years the buff colored Cocker Spaniel snuggled, played with and loved her people-mom Harriet Sterling. Harriet’s heart was broken when she said goodbye for a final time on March 27th. ‘Peach’ left permanent paw prints in Harriet’s heart.

Greta Sofie

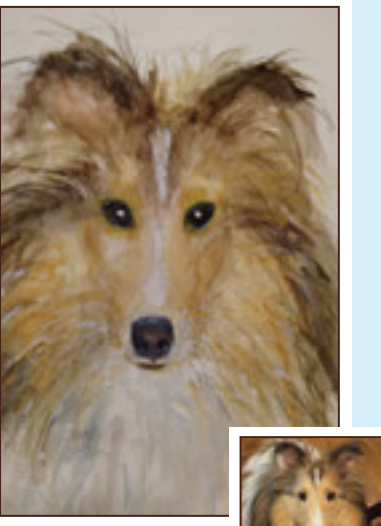
Sweet little Greta was an adorable white Miniature Schnauser loved life with her human mom Martha Sofie. Life was an amazing adventure for Greta for more than fifteen years. Martha is missing her sweet girl, but she is grateful for the time they had together. Greta passed away on March 27th.

Shooter Story

Shooter was a large and happy Black Labrador Retriever who passed over to the land of many rabbits to chase and fun things to do on March 31st. He was loved for more than eleven years by his best buddy, Joe Story. Joe and Shooter enjoyed walking through the woods where they enjoyed the wonders of nature and wild life.

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The Blue Ridge Agility Club (BRAC) will combine with the Hendersonville Kennel Club (HKC) and the Spartanburg Kennel Club (SKC) to again host the Blue Ridge Classic of the Carolinas on Memorial Day weekend.

Two weeks later, June 10-11, the Asheville Kennel Club (AKC) will host separate all-breed dog shows on Saturday and Sunday. All the events are licensed by the American Kennel Club.

Both weekend's events will start about 8am and end about 5pm, except for the final day of agility trials on Monday, May 29. Those events will end about 3pm.

Spectators are welcome at all events both weekends. Event entry is free, but there is an Ag Center parking fee of \$5. Spectators are asked to leave their own dogs at home since dogs that are not competing cause a distraction for competitors.

HKC and SKC will both hold their all-breed conformation competitions at the Davis arena. HKC show entrants will compete on

"Spectators are welcome at all events."



Handler and competitor at 2016 Asheville Kennel Club show.

Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27. SKC competitors will take the floor on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29 in the Davis Event Center. Obedience and Rally competitions will be in the Expo Center May 26-28. Both venues are air-conditioned. Agility trials will be run in the spacious, enclosed McGough Arena, which provides plenty of good Carolina air.

The AKC conformation competitions will be in the Davis Event Center. Visitors will get to see many of the American Kennel Club's 189 recognized breeds and talk to owners, handlers and breeders. They will also get to stroll past the dozens of vendors offering all things dog – from fancy collars to specialty food to DNA tests to veterinary insurance to portraits in almost every medium known to art.

Contact information for the participating clubs follows. AKC at ashevillekennelclub.com. Show chairman Jim Owens: drydockdogs@gmail.com, 828 333-0810. BRAC at blueridgeagility.com. HKC at hendersonvillekc.org, 828 388-2565. SKC at spartanburgkc.org.





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