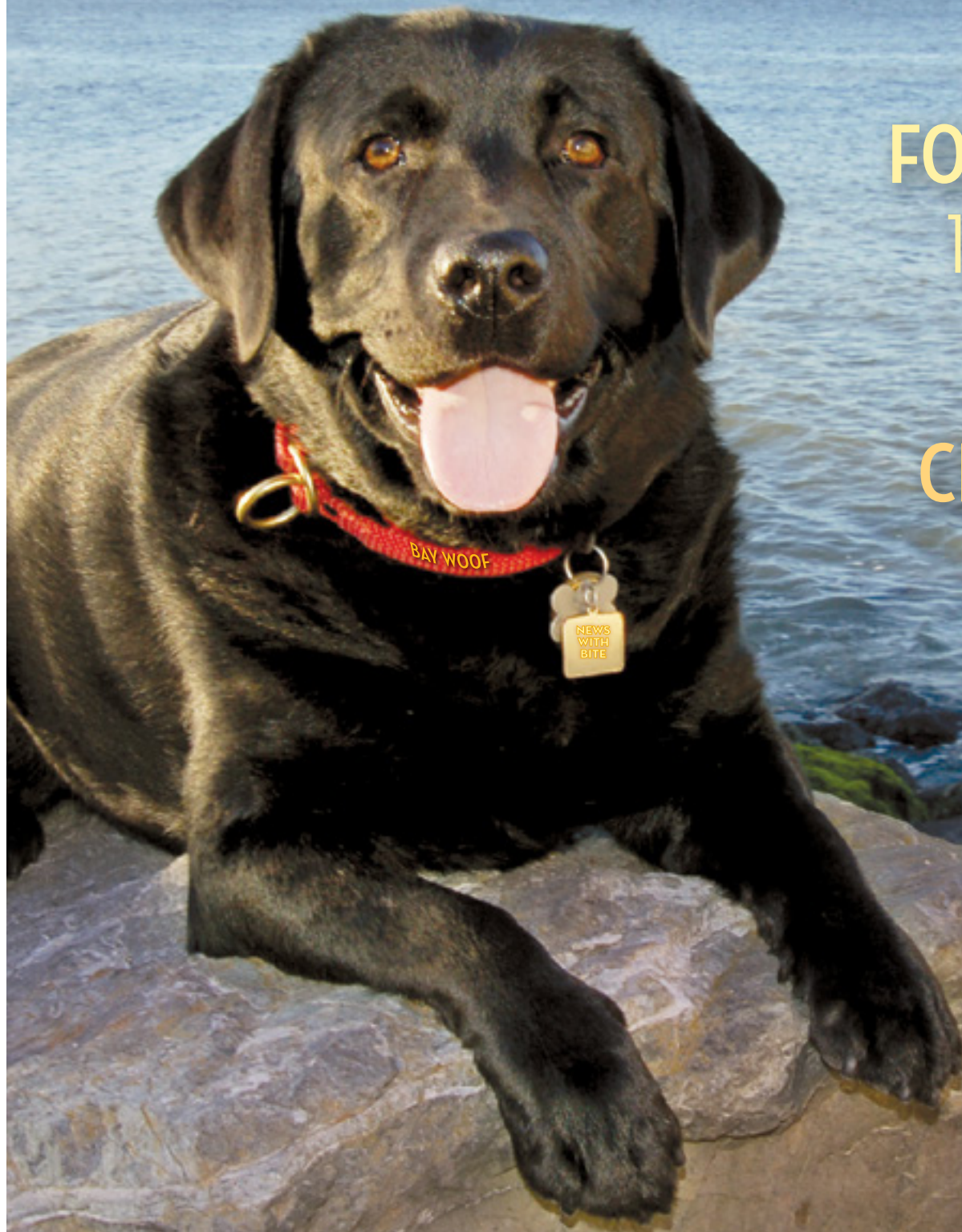


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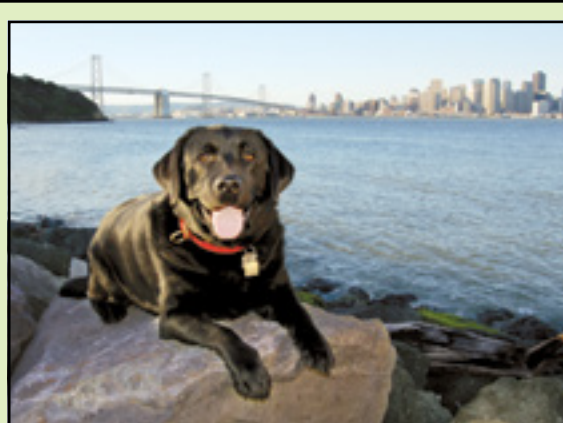
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When my former employer, another local dog newspaper, folded last fall, I was determined to continue working in the realm of Dog, with the help of some of my colleagues. *Bay Woof* is the result of our efforts to keep the pack together. We look forward to bringing you inspiring stories, expert advice, and lots of fun and games in the months and years to come.

Why focus on dogs? Even my mom asked why we don't cover cats, which puzzled me since we never had a cat in our household. Well, it's not that we don't love all furry (and non-furry) animals, just that we *especially* love dogs.

Dogs are our companions, our housemates, and our steadfast sources of inspiration. My own dogs have taught me many things, like what it feels like to be loved beyond comparison. (Also, why it's important to have a very big bed and top-of-the-line vacuum cleaner.)

In this issue, you'll learn how crate training can

WAG solve some of your problems with Spot, why it's important to watch Fido's weight, and where to "rent" a canine hiking companion on Maui. The calendar will clue you in to local dog events and the Shelter Zone just might encourage you to add another dog to your family.

We are excited to launch two very special monthly columns: local luminary Ian Dunbar's take on all things canine and Lisa Razzo's report on off-leash recreation in San Francisco and the East Bay.

There's plenty more to learn and enjoy in this issue, so curl up on the couch with Rover and dig in.

Also debuting this month is our new website — www.baywoof.com. The site is still under construction, so check back frequently as we add articles, resources, and interactive features.

You'll find *Bay Woof* at dog-specific locations throughout the greater Bay Area — including vet clinics, animal shelters, and pet stores — and general community gathering places, such as bookstores and cafes. Look for it on the 15th of every month.

Please drop us a note at letters@baywoof.com. We'd love to hear how you think we're doing and what you'd like to see in upcoming issues.

Thanks for reading and happy trails.
— M. Rocket, Publisher

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NEW LAWS PROTECT DOGS

Two new laws affecting pet owners went into effect at the start of 2007.

As of January 1, it's illegal to tie a dog to a stationary object for more than three hours in a 24-hour period. Owners who need to tie up their pets can still use cable runs set up between two objects and trolley systems. Also, pinch collars and choke chains are still legal – though ethically dubious – ways to restrain dogs. Violating this law can result in six months of jail time and a hefty \$1,000 fine.

The second new law addresses the issue of pets being left in cars. Lawmakers have made it illegal to leave animals unattended in a motor vehicle “under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water.” The law even allows animal control officers to break into a car to rescue a pet in immediate danger. The fine for first-time violators is \$100, increasing to \$500 and six months of jail time for subsequent violations.

Both laws are considered misdemeanors.

CLINIC FACES ANIMAL TESTING CHARGE

Cleveland's Lerner Research Institute is facing scrutiny from the federal Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the death of a dog used in a sales training session. The dog was

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LETTERS



We look forward to getting feedback from our readers on each and every issue of Bay Woof (letters@baywoof.com). Meanwhile, here are some comments we received from local dog folks after sending out a general announcement of our plans. Thanks for your expressions of support! – Ed.

Congratulations! I can't wait to see Bay Woof. I know your content and graphics will be top notch.

— W. D.

I worried about the hole left after the Woof Times closed – so glad to hear that it will be filled so swiftly and so well.

— V.B.

Your new publication sounds so wonderful and you can count on my support.

— P.O.

I received a postcard regarding Bay Woof and was very excited to learn that another dog newspaper would be published!

— B.R.

We and our clients loved the Woof Times and were saddened when they had to close. It will be great to have a new paper to address the wonderful pets in our city!

— L.O.

I will certainly support Bay Woof!

— L.S.

DOG BLOG BY JOHN SUNG

www.automatedredemption.com/flavorcountry/dogblog/

As I walk around San Francisco, I encounter dogs tied to things, take their pictures, and offer them up with whatever commentary comes to mind. Enjoy!



Someone needs to manufacture a line of t-shirts or trucker caps for dogs that say, “Just Happy to Be Here!”

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Obviously, your dog loves you. He dances with delight when you walk in the door and showers you with adoring looks and exuberant licks. You know without a doubt that he'll always be there for you, “for better or worse, ‘til death do you part.”

After all, you're the constant center of your dog's universe, his trusted source of food, shelter, guidance, and companionship. In a sense, you are his universe.

How can you ever repay such wholehearted and absolute love?

Well, beyond providing food and shelter, you can take Rover out for lots of playful walks; scratch him behind the ears with great feeling; give him regular hugs and baths and biscuits; and let him lie on your feet while you watch TV. You can see to his health and well-being with regular vet check-ups and by evicting any fleas that take up residence in his fur.

But this basic TLC is just the start. Seeing to the welfare of dogs – the entire species, not just the family pet – is a life-long labor of love.

Here are some simple ways to go about it.

GET YOURSELF TRAINED: Dog training classes don't just make Rex a better dog; they make you a better dog guardian. What you learn from a skilled trainer will turn you into a cooperative team, and that means less frustration and more fun for all concerned.

“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.”
- Anatole France

“It is scarcely possible to doubt that the love of man has become instinctive in the dog.”
– Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*

MOVE YOUR MUTT: A slim and fit dog is a happy and healthy dog. You can do yourself and your furry friend a big favor by getting off the couch and onto the trails on a regular basis. Regular exercise might one day save you a bundle on vet bills and him a lot of pain and suffering.

ADOPT A CANINE SR. CITIZEN: Some older dogs have it pretty rough. Their humans drop them off at shelters when they get ill or disabled, or maybe because the first baby has arrived. Puppies have a much easier time getting adopted, so senior dogs need a helping hand. Can you make room in your heart and home for one?

REPORT ABUSE: That Rottweiler that barks all day and all night in your neighbor's yard isn't just an annoyance – he's a neglected dog. Your county animal services department needs to know when

dogs are tied out for long periods so they can intervene. Maybe that dog still has a shot at the good life.

LEND A HAND: There are so many ways to be of service, from walking shelter dogs (see page 16 for one volunteer's story), to helping out at mobile adoption events, to planning a fundraiser for a local rescue group. Even a few hours a week can make a big difference to the dogs of your community, and it will make you feel great, too.

LOBBY LAWMAKERS: Pay attention to what your elected representatives are up to, and be sure to weigh in on issues related to dogs. One recent law made it easier for disaster victims and their pets to stay together; another made it a crime to leave a dog in a car all day. Such laws would never

“Dogs register no need to theorize about love... they just show it. And show it and show it and show it.”
- Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson

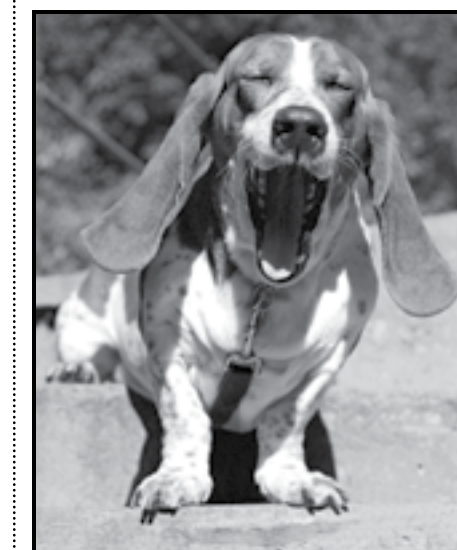
age and/or size of dog, neighborhood, and lots of other categories. Find or start a suitable “pack” and give your furry friend some great new playmates.

FOSTER A HOMELESS DOG: All those dogs at the shelter that don't get adopted are destined to be euthanized, unless foster parents are available to take them in on a temporary basis. Fostering a dog is a wonderful way to get acquainted with a potential new family member, or to keep a good dog safe until a permanent home can be found.

KEEP SPOT SAFE: Even vigilant dog guardians have been known to lose their pets. It's a terrifying experience for both human and canine, so be sure to license and tag your dog, and consider microchipping. It's a cheap and easy ounce of prevention that can save you both a lot of grief.

OPEN YOUR WALLET: Last but not least, spread your love around by supporting local animal non-profits as generously as you can. They're on the frontlines of making life better for all dogs in your community. Your money can't make animal welfare problems go away, but it sure can help to solve them.

JOIN (OR START) A PLAY GROUP: Your dog loves you, but he loves other dogs almost as much. There are play groups organized by breed,



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- Kat Albrecht's main website includes information about her current and upcoming books and MAR Tech courses. www.katalbrecht.com
- Kat's non-profit organization website offers organized, detailed information about what to do if you lose a pet or find a lost one. www.lostapet.org/newindex.html
- Albrecht's for-profit organization website provides information on the MAR tech training process, upcoming seminars, and a list of certified MAR techs who find lost pets. www.pethunters.com
- This website is devoted to helping people find lost cats. It includes profiles of cat personality types and what they're likely to do when lost, suggests strategies for each profile, and shows how to use a humane trap. <http://catsinthebag.org>.

A few years ago, I heard a fascinating interview of Kat Albrecht, a former policewoman turned finder of lost pets. After twenty years in high tech, I was in the mood for something totally different, and Albrecht's story hit me in all my soft places. I immediately read her book, *The Lost Pet Chronicles*, but at the time the big paychecks were still important to me. Plus, I reasoned, our beloved golden retriever was too old to be pressed into service as a tracker. I filed it away as a lovely fantasy.

A couple of years later I did quit my job, with big plans to start a dog-friendly resort. But when a local pet-sitting service went up for sale and a partner showed up to help me run it, I went into that business instead. Soon thereafter, we had to say goodbye to our dear old golden, and my elderly mother also passed away. In the aftermath of those big life changes, I decided I wanted to get a puppy and train it to do something useful. Within a few months, my boyfriend and I had acquired two Golden Retriever puppies.

While surfing the web one day, I discovered that Kat Albrecht was teaching a MAR (Missing Animal Response) Technician course near Yosemite and I signed up on the spot. The course was fantastic. Kat taught us essential search strategies, the basics of animal behavior, and how to use the necessary equipment. She warned us about mental blocks to watch for

and avoid—in ourselves, in the owners of lost pets, and even in the rescue organizations we might work with one day. We watched videos, listened to lectures, and learned to set humane traps. I finished the course convinced that I would love this work.

Two months later, I took my eight-month-old puppy, Bailey, to Fresno to have Kat evaluate her as a pet-finding dog. I was eager to learn if she was cut out to be a MAR cat detection dog, trailing dog, or magnet dog—one that can lure a lost canine who's too frightened to come to a human. A good pet-finder dog has to be well balanced, non aggressive, and non-reactive to all sorts of urban clamor and surprises. My Bailey was just a fun-loving wigglybutt, so I had my doubts.

Early the next morning, the assessment began. First came Fear Test One, in which large metal pot lids were tossed in Bailey's direction. She didn't flinch. In Fear Test Two, Kat charged Bailey, waving crutches in the air and staring her directly in the eyes. Still Bailey didn't flinch. Good girl.

For the Dog Aggression Test, Kat brought out a dog Bailey had never seen before. Bailey greeted him with her best Golden Retriever butt wiggle. For the Cat Aggression Test, Kat used her famous dog-loving cat, Cheeto, who was hidden in a black bag. Bailey approached the bag curiously, sniffed, and started to

dance when she identified the feline's scent.

Now came the Recall Test. Would all my work at dog school pay off? I put Bailey on a stay, backed off about thirty feet, and called. She flew to me. What a dog!

Kat concluded that Bailey could become one of those rare creatures, a MAR Dual Purpose Dog, who can find both cats and dogs. This sounded great, my puppy having rare talents. Training is very different for each purpose, however, so we had our work cut out for us.

A few months have gone by and Bailey and I are making progress, helped by some chapters Kat sent me from her upcoming book on training pet-finder dogs. We have also taken a beginning AKC Tracking Dog class and I'm thinking of hooking up with the California Rescue Dog Association (CARDAs), which trains trailing dogs. It all takes time, but we are relishing the process.

There's a tremendous need for trained help when pets go missing, and every pet finder I've met calls this the best job they've ever had. To explore the possibilities, see the sidebar.

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CRATE EXPECTATIONS

By Mary Giuffrida

I got my dog Lucas, who died recently at the ripe old age of thirteen, before I became a dog trainer, and did not crate train him when he was a puppy. Now that I have a new dog, I am finding the crate to be a very valuable resource.

CRATE BENEFITS

Why crate train your pup? Well, think of all the trouble she can get into if you don't watch her every minute. She could go potty in the house, chew electrical cords or chair legs, or escape out the front door when it gets opened. She could chase the cat, chew your expensive shoes, pester another resident dog—the list goes on and on. If your puppy is crated, on the other hand, she can happily take a nap, chew her appropriate toy, and stay out of trouble!

I feel even more strongly about crate training after witnessing the ravages of Katrina. Since we live in earthquake country, there is always a chance we will have to evacuate our homes suddenly. If your dog is crate trained, taking her to an emergency shelter or motel, aboard a plane, or to a relative's home will be much safer and easier.



Another benefit is that you can bring your crate-trained dog along when you travel for pleasure without worrying that she will destroy the hotel room when you go out to dinner.

POTTY POINTERS

I find the crate to be the single most valuable housebreaking tool. Your puppy doesn't want to go potty in her special place, so she learns to control her bladder and will go straight outside to do her business when she is released from the crate.

Puppies under six months of age aren't able to control themselves as long as adults can. Generally, pups need a potty break every three to four hours, and smaller puppies may need to go even more often.

Adult dogs have bigger bladders and better control. They can be confined in their crates for six to eight hours.

I don't recommend leaving food in the crate if you are going to be gone for several hours, especially with puppies. If your pup eats or drinks too much, he or she may need to eliminate. Leaving a small amount of water in the crate is fine, but remember, what goes in must come out!

CRATE BASICS

The crate should be just large enough for your dog or puppy to comfortably stand up, turn around, and lie down in. If your puppy is going to grow into a large dog, you may have to purchase more than one crate along the way.

Place the crate in an area of your home where you spend a lot of time. My dog's crate is in my living room, draped with a pretty tablecloth. I don't recommend putting bedding in the crate at first when training

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THE MONTHLY WOOF BY DR. IAN DUNBAR

most—off-leash control. After all, puppies and adult dogs spend most of their time off-leash when they're around the house. And puppies were taught to want to behave as their owners desired. Physical force and compulsion were no longer necessary to produce a well-trained companion dog.

Nowadays, the simple and effective science-based techniques introduced in those first puppy classes have been adopted and adapted by progressive trainers worldwide, and lure/reward training has become the method of choice for teaching adult dogs as well as puppies. In a sense, puppy classes provided the foundation on which the field of pet dog training was built.

In other types of canine training,

time is seldom an issue. Knowledgeable, experienced, and dedicated handlers will train for weeks, months, and years to perfect a desired performance with an adult dog. When teaching puppies, however, the developmental clock is ticking and time is of the essence.

Puppy training can make life with your dog much less stressful and a lot more fun. To locate a puppy class in your area, visit the website of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (www.apdt.com).

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This past January, puppy training celebrated its 25th birthday. Before puppy classes, dogs had to be six months to a year old before they could attend on-leash classes that focused on teaching repetitive obedience drills.

Family puppy classes offered a vast improvement by emphasizing early socialization, bite inhibition, temperament training, and simple solutions for common and predictable behavior problems, in addition

to basic manners.

Puppy classes were immediately embraced by the dog-owning public because the methods were quick, easy, effective, and a lot of fun. These training sessions championed owner- and dog-friendly techniques suitable for all family members, even children. Food and toy lures and rewards were used to teach puppies in a fun-and-games fashion.

Importantly, puppy classes provided what puppy owners needed

CHECK THIS SPACE EVERY MONTH FOR DR. DUNBAR'S CANINE COGITATIONS.

How can you tell if your dog is fat? It is not always easy: a dog's fur coat, like a person's clothes, can make fat a lot less obvious.

The best way to evaluate your dog's fitness is to feel the body through the fur rather than merely looking at the dog. A canine in good physical condition will have minimal fat layering the ribs, just enough to keep the skin from sinking in between them. There should be a narrowed waist just behind the ribs, in front of the hips, and the abdomen should tuck up rather than hanging down.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

The cause of obesity is disarmingly simple: calories eaten are greater than calories burned. The prevention or treatment of obesity can be frustratingly difficult, however.

Let's look at the metabolic needs of dogs, and particularly how they change through life. As puppies, our dogs need to eat for growth, maturation, basal metabolism, and activity. Growth stops well before the first year is past and maturation is complete before two years of age. The need for calories diminishes with each of those life stages, but we rarely reduce the intake accordingly. The activity of most dogs gradually diminishes as well during this period (usually to our great relief) and continues to decline later in life. This also signals a reduced need for food intake.

These changes in your dog's caloric needs occur gradually (though much more rapidly in dogs than in people), so we often don't notice them or fail to respond with proper dietary modification.

FOOD IS LOVE (NOT!)

As caretakers of our beloved canine companions, we delight in giving them pleasure to repay the way they

FAT DOG SYNDROME

By Daniel Hershberger, DVM

Dear Dr. Dog: I just adopted a dog that I suspect is overweight. How can I tell, and what's the best approach to slimming her down?



enrich our lives. Most dogs exhibit enthusiasm over the food bowl, so it makes us feel good to feed them. For some dogs, the feeding ritual is the highlight of the day, as it represents loving contact and is probably the most frequently reinforced caretaking ritual in their lives. Love sponges that they are, we can hardly expect our dogs to forego food even when they aren't really hungry.

Equating food with love isn't the only psychological aspect of canine obesity. Just as humans do, many dogs overeat because they are bored and/or stressed. Truthfully, our dogs are often eating for pleasure rather than to satisfy an actual need for calories. If we substitute other forms of pleasure and practice some portion control, we can prevent obesity.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

Medical problems that cause increased hunger or diminished metabolism (such as diabetes and hypothyroidism, respectively) should be ruled out if a dog seems inordinately hungry or is not losing weight despite caloric restriction. In most young or middle-aged overweight dogs, however, obesity is the primary medical problem, at least initially. Unfortunately, obesity is often just the first stop on the road to ill-health.

Many people are aware of the burgeoning human health problems associated with obesity, such as heart disease and diabetes; as a society we seem to be eating ourselves to death. Veterinarians fear that our clients may be feeding their pets to death, as well.

Dogs can suffer premature arthritis and cardiac, musculoskeletal, digestive, and respiratory problems as a result of poor dietary habits and indulgent owners.

TAKING IT OFF

As with people, quick fixes for weight problems are ineffective and potentially dangerous. Faced with a mildly overweight canine patient, I recommend a twenty-percent reduction in caloric intake and a gradual increase of exercise. In the truly obese individual, increasing exercise can lead to significant damage to overloaded joint cartilage, so I recommend thirty- to forty-percent caloric restriction and non-strenuous exercise like walking – or, even better, swimming – until some pounds have been shed. Then running and off-leash play can be gradually increased.

Owners usually find that dogs are more enthusiastic about exercise when they stop carrying around all that excess weight. Needless to say, the ability to enjoy exercising without injury makes it easier to keep the fat off, as well.

For those of us who can't find time to exercise our dogs properly, the Bay Area offers many professional dog-walking services. My patients who have professional dog walkers are very often happy and well adjusted dogs, as well as being fit and trim. They have their own packs and enjoy canine social contact on a regular basis. I have observed that dogs with canine friends don't seem to need as much "friendship" from the food bowl.

If we truly love our dogs, we should feed them appropriate amounts of high quality food and provide them with plenty of exercise and play, especially with other dogs.

That's my prescription for a healthy and truly happy canine.

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NEW OAKLAND DPA ODOG SPONSORS RIBBON-CHEWING CEREMONY

Oakland's first new dog play area (DPA) in 15 years is opening soon. It's a 12-month pilot project sponsored by City Council Members Jean Quan and Henry Chang that has been in the planning stages for some time.

The DPA is located about a half mile into Joaquin Miller Park, 3950 Sanborn Drive, Oakland. The area is easy to reach on foot over flat terrain

or by car. Features of the DPA include separate off-leash areas for large and small breeds. Joaquin Miller Park also offers beautiful on-leash hiking trails located near the new play area.

The DPA can't be considered a full-fledged dog park, since the area will be closed to dogs and used as a parking lot for major events about 30 days per year. Long-term survival of the DPA depends on responsible

behavior by the people and dogs who use the area, including respecting these closed dates. The park is open year-round from dawn to dusk.

A new division of the Oakland Dog Owners Group (www.odogparks.com), called Jump Dog, has been created to ensure the success of the new DPA. Jump Dog is sponsoring a ribbon-chewing ceremony at the park on February 18 from 11 AM to

2 PM (alternate date in case of rain is February 25). Festivities will include contests, games, prizes, vendors, and a 4-H agility demonstration.

To get involved with Jump Dog, contact Dale at 1870designgroup@earthlink.net (be sure to put Dog Park in the subject line).

Enjoy the new play area and use it wisely to ensure its longevity.

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NO DOGS FOR RENT ON MAUI

By Deborah C.Z. Hirsch



"No, we don't rent dogs!" So proclaimed the poster outside Maui Grown Market in Pa'ia, a small community on the eastern shore of Hawaii's Valley Isle.

Being dog people - we'd even considered canceling our travel plans out of concern for our half-lame old Husky mix, Andalou - my husband Dave and I read the details, and they seemed almost too good to be true.

At Maui Grown Market's sister store in Haiku, just eight miles up the road that leads to the impossibly beautiful Hana coast, an informal rescue sanctuary was willing to lend out its dogs. The sign invited travelers to stop by and borrow a rescue pooch for day hikes and picnics. The poster's announcement simply meant that there is no fee for this wonderful service.

We walked into the market to learn more and spoke to the very personable proprietor, Carol Borges. Carol also runs Maui PAWS (Pets and Animals Wellness Sanctuary) and is often too busy to exercise her canine charges, currently numbering 17. About ten years ago, she came up with a win-win-win solution: Ask the tourists for



help!

When we arrived at the Haiku market the next day, a small crowd was milling around the counter. Through a large open window into the kitchen we could see Jean, the weekday sandwich-maker, hard at work. At the register,

**Gerry asked for our order.
No, we didn't want a sandwich -
just a dog, please!**

Gerry asked for our order. No, we didn't want a sandwich - just a dog, please! But Gerry was about to break our hearts: "All the dogs are out." My disappointment was obvious and Gerry shouted into the kitchen, "Jean, what about Lacy?"



Jean looked us over. "No, Lacy's not up for it," she decided. "And Hana and Pa'ia are too rowdy today."

"We really miss our dog back home," I whined. "Could we please just walk Lacy around your property?"



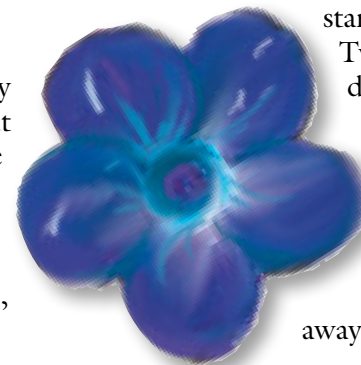
you're going on a picnic!"

"But doesn't she have to stay here?" I asked. "It'll be fine. Here's a leash, and a towel for your rental car. She likes to visit Twin Falls, a few miles up the road."

Apparently, we'd passed some sort of test. All dog guardians know that walking our canine companions is a great way to meet people. Still, Dave and I weren't prepared for Lacy's star quality. Everyone we passed on the Twin Falls trail wanted to meet her, so we developed a set of stock responses.

"This is Lacy. Yes, you can pet her. No, we don't know what breed she is. We're volunteer dog walkers for the sanctuary in Haiku."

We soon learned how well Lacy knew the trail. Whenever we veered away from it, she made a point of leading



Jean agreed and Gerry escorted us to the open space out back, showing us first to a large fenced pen. Hana and Pa'ia, two imposing Rottweiler mixes, bounded over and we exchanged a hearty round of sniffs, kisses, and pets.

us back. It was a hot walk, mostly uphill, and by the time we reached the falls, all three of us were ready for a refreshing splash in the pool.

Lacy's greatest accomplishment that day was still to come. Heading back downhill, we reached a narrow passage at the same time that a father and his young son were heading up. The boy started screaming, spooked by the big red dog, and ran to cower behind his dad. But there was no choice but to squeeze by. Dave and I told our story and Lacy's friendly manner calmed the boy. We passed without further incident.

Back at the trail head, we stopped at a fruit stand to enjoy a late lunch. When we started for the car, we again ran into the father and his son. But this time things were different.

Apparently, Lacy's sweet demeanor had led to an epiphany. The boy wouldn't let us leave until his father had taken Lacy's photograph, memorializing the fine mutt who had shown him that dogs can be our friends.

It's nice to know that, wherever one goes in the world, the ripple effect of good deeds - and good dogs - goes on and on.

And by the way, Andalou was just fine when we got home.

Contributions to Maui PAWS can be sent to P.O. Box 791859, Pa'ia, Hawaii 96779.

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Bay Woof was on the scene at a fabulous event (2.10.07) billed as "Smoothch with Your Pooch," the third annual benefit for ODOG. Festivities included a kissing contest (complete with a kiss-off to determine the winner), sing-a-love-song to your dog contest, and a raffle. Great fun was had by all!



Fay & Susan sing love to Parker to the tune of Oh Donna.



Pat holding Cookie and Hanna



Angela and Miss Billie Rose

Michelle, Erik, and Buddy came out to support ODOG



Proprietor Diane with party host Emily announcing a raffle winner



Ishanae and Pepe reveling in the love flying around the room



Alicia and Snap can't help but practice for the kissing contest



Ishanae, Mia, Mivanae, Lindrica, Veronica, and Merika with Miss Billie Rose and Pepe



Out There

by Ben Davis Jr.



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puppies, because they are likely to wet it. For adult dogs, or once your puppy is housebroken, add a blanket or cushion to create a cozy space.

Having your doggie chew on a Kong™ or other favorite chewy while getting used to the crate will give him a positive association with being crated. If you have more than one canine, you can have the crates side-by-side, so the dogs can see one another, providing they enjoy being together.

THE TRAINING PROCESS

The same process is used for puppies and adult dogs. It is important to make the crate-training experience positive for your dog, so be patient!

At your first lesson, lure your dog inside the crate with some fabulous treats, like little bits of chicken. Do not force her to go in; just keep tossing treats inside until she enters on her own. Praise her for staying in the crate, then close the door while you stay close, feeding her more treats through the gate. Praise lavishly and

then release her. Repeat this process a few times during each training session.

The next step is to leave your pup in the closed crate for a few minutes while you walk away. If she cries or whines, do not cave in and let her out. Just go on with your business for a few minutes. When you do release her, make it a potty break. Have the trip be purposeful, not play time, or she will become too eager for that gate to be opened!

Every dog learns at his or her own pace. Some dogs may take a few sessions, while others could take several weeks to feel comfortable being enclosed in the crate.

There are lots of reasons to crate-train your canine companion, but be sure she doesn't spend too much time there. If you work all day and your dog is crated for eight hours or more, hire a dog walker or run home at lunch to take her out for a walk.

Most older dogs can be trusted alone in the house, but it is still a good idea to keep the crate on hand so your dog has her own special place

when she wants to be alone.

Crate training can improve your relationship with your dog by curtailing certain behavior problems, and she will appreciate having a designated safe haven. I highly recommend it, for young and old dogs alike.

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induced with a brain aneurysm and was then used to demonstrate a medical device.

According to the clinic, the dog was under anesthesia during the procedure. However, the aneurysm caused severe damage and the animal was euthanized as a result.

The law permits the use of animals for medical device demonstrations. There was no comment by the FDA regarding possible violations of the Animal Welfare Act in the Lerner case or any penalties the clinic could face.

According to the USDA, 49,898 dogs were used for research last year nationwide.

FAMILY DOG FOILS ROBBERY

A local dog named Buffy protected her owner from a robber and was wounded in action.

At his Oakland home, 44-year-old Will Bartley was robbed at gunpoint one January evening. Without being prompted, Buffy, a 100-pound German shepherd, lunged for the intruder. "My dog saw what was happening and bolted forward... she sensed it somehow," Bartley said. Two shots were fired and one hit Buffy in the leg.

The gunman fled, and Buffy was taken to Bay Area Veterinary Specialists in San Leandro. Amazingly, doctors were able to save her leg. "I'm just happy she's okay," Bartley said, "and I'm going to spend the rest of my life thanking her."

NEW WEIGHT LOSS DRUG FOR DOGS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first prescription drug for managing obesity in dogs.

Slentrol was developed to "reduce appetite and fat absorption to produce weight loss." A veterinarian determines if the medication is advisable, based on a dog's weight and general health. The dose is gradually adjusted as the animal loses weight. When the dog reaches

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HERB CANINE



Off leash during off hours, I was taking a run with the rest of the pack along the canal at Point Isabel when I spied two exultant mutts loping in the mud at the bottom of the channel at low tide. Oblivious to the muck and sinking two inches with every stride, Big Blonde Mutt and Petite Black Mutt were grinning from ear to ear as they cantered toward a flock of plovers.

They didn't really care about catching the birds, of course. They just wanted to propel them into the air as a way of enhancing their own ecstatic jig.

Despite a chill in the air, it was spring in mid-winter, time to celebrate open space and the companionship of any and all species that cared to frolic in the unseasonable sun, on foot, paw, or wing.

Dogs get it — why we're here and all that — and suddenly I got it, too. Beating out the rhythm in my

Saucony Jogmasters, freshly launched plovers wheeling overhead, I panted down the trail enjoying the crisp air in my lungs, along with dozens of blissed out canines.

Remember Women Who Run with the Wolves? Well, I'm a man who jogs with the dogs.

Apparently, the folks on Madison Avenue think of people as some form of canine. How else can one explain the ad campaign for a company called Serenity that makes products for the incontinent. The slogan on the TV commercial says Serenity gives you "a leg up on bladder control."

Maybe they're just trying to expand their market by making normally continent viewers wet themselves with laughter.

And speaking of confusing dogs with people, did you hear the recent news from India? Somebody decided it would be fun to perform a public wedding of nine dog couples. The stunt was canceled after a number of complaints that it would be a form of cruelty to animals.

Hmm... If marriage is considered cruel for dogs, maybe we should think twice about inflicting such pain and suffering on humans. (Only joking, my pet.)

Guess what? Dogs have blogs. Check out <http://dogblog.dogster.com>, where you'll find Lucy Lu, a Tibetan Terrier. Her nickname is "poo-poo head" and her favorite toys are "Mr. Froggy Frog and Moosie." Reggie the Pug's best trick is "a Greenie dance" and his motto is "Do-do-do do do, I'm happy..."

I suppose the dog blog is a

harmless idea, but the postings I read brought to mind a New Yorker cartoon, in which one mutt says to another: "I used to have a blog, but I gave it up and went back to mindless, incessant barking."

It's February, and I'm thinking that if dogs can blog (about Mr. Froggy Frog), they ought to have their own online card-sending service. When they can't be out frolicking with their sweeties in the dog park, they can send a heartfelt puppy "ciao" via the Internet.

And for Valentine's Day, well, picture adorable animated dogs popping up on the computer screen, saying the most romantic things. Such as: "Lovers on leashes: it takes two to tangle!" or (from the x-rated section) "I'm stuck on you, at least until they squirt us with the hose!"

ROVER REPORT: OFF-LEASH NEWS AND VIEWS

By Lisa Razzo

EAST BAY

Approximately 25 acres of local park land, including Serpentine Prairie at Skyline and Joaquin Miller, is scheduled for a large burn project. The series of managed burns is scheduled for completion by early March, but the acreage will be closed off to dog people and their playful pals indefinitely. This "land management" project is an effort by the East Bay Regional Park District to restore native grasses and plants.

Apparently, old Joaquin Miller really blew it when he planted all those "non-native" species like pine trees in the Serpentine Prairie. So the Parks District has started chopping down trees that have called the park

home for the last hundred or so years (birds be damned) and will burn the area, section by section. The sections will then be fenced off for an undetermined time, until 13 species of native grasses and the presidio clarkia, an endangered flower, are deemed to be thriving.

Serpentine Prairie is an immensely popular park for dogs and their people, as well as horses. Partly in response to the whines and howls in the community over the loss of prime doggy space at Serpentine, The City of Oakland has developed a new doggie play area at Joaquin Miller near the Woodminster Theater.

The park consists of two fenced-off areas, for large and small dogs, respectively. (See page 9 for more information.)

SAN FRANCISCO

Will the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) be ordered to give back land it was deeded in 1975 by the City of San Francisco? Many dog guardians hope so, due to numerous violations of the agreement the National Parks Service made with the City. Specifically, GGNRA has tried to severely restrict off-leash recreation and has not consulted with SF before erecting fences and closing sections of parkland to people and dogs.

In 2005, a Federal judge ruled the off-leash ban at Crissy Field was unlawful, causing the GGNRA to re-open parts of Fort Funston and Crissy Field to off-leash dogs.

The SF Animal Control and Welfare Commission met in early February to consider whether the

Board of Supervisors should begin procedures to take back the donated land, which includes Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, and Lands End.

The SF Recreation and Park Commission met on January 31st to discuss whether or not to hire more park patrol officers. There are serious problems in the city's parks that need to be addressed, such as vandalism, drug dealing, gang activity, and graffiti, but the people who don't like dogs in parks have hijacked the cause. They are hoping new park patrol officers would spend time ticketing people who use the parks with their well-behaved off-leash dogs.

For SF Recreation and Park, folks can send comments to Larry Martin, President, SF Recreation and Park Commission, McClaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 501 Stanyan Street, SF, CA. 94117-1898.

For updates on off-leash issues in San Francisco, stay tuned to the website of the San Francisco Dog Owners group, www.sfdog.org.

WHY BRUSHING MATTERS

Dogs and Gum Disease

Did you know that almost 80% of all dogs aged two years and older have periodontal disease (PD), also known as infected gums? PD is the most common infection treated by veterinarians and is the leading cause of canine tooth loss.

Just like in humans, gum disease in dogs can contribute to other, more serious, health concerns. If left untreated, a minor infection can create deep abscesses in the gums, where bacteria proliferate. Over time, this untreated infection can lead to heart, liver, or kidney problems, as well as suppression of the immune system and overall poor health for your pet.

Symptoms

Halitosis (bad breath) can be a sign of PD. Red and inflamed areas on the dog's gums and visible abscesses are the most obvious symptoms. Ask your veterinarian to check your dog's gum health during your next visit to find out if he has the disease or is in

danger of developing it. Whether or not Fido's gums are currently healthy, regular brushing is important, as it both prevents and treats PD.

Susceptibility

Some dogs are more prone to PD than others. Pugs, bulldogs, and boxers are especially susceptible. Because of their pushed-in faces, the structure of their teeth prohibits normal mechanical cleaning as they eat.

Very small dogs, especially toy breeds, have crowded teeth, making them more vulnerable to PD. Conversely, breeds with larger mouths and longer jaws, such as Dobermans and Collies, are naturally more resistant to the disease.

Prevention

As with any disease, prevention is the best strategy. To make sure PD doesn't get a foothold in your dog's mouth, take the following precautions:

- Feed him a proper diet, including plenty of hard, dry kibble for its tooth-scrubbing properties;
- Learn to clean your dog's teeth and do it regularly;
- Have a veterinarian perform a thorough cleaning as needed, usually once a year; and
- Discuss the recently developed canine PD vaccine with your dentist.

Treatment

Routine cleaning, just as with humans, can keep PD at bay. Root planing, a deep cleaning of infected pockets in the gums, is necessary if gum disease is advanced. Antibiotic therapy is also sometimes indicated.

Discuss your dog's gum health with your veterinarian at every appointment and diligently follow the doctor's recommendations. Overcome your resistance to brushing Fido's teeth. If he is resistant to it, familiarity will make things easier.

Remember, PD can undermine your dog's overall health. Help your canine companion live a long and healthy life by giving his oral hygiene the attention it deserves.

MILO ON THE MOVE

To the surprise and sadness of many Bay Area dog lovers, the Milo Foundation has announced that it will close its very popular Berkeley pet adoption store this spring. The 12-year-old animal rescue organization is selling its Solano Avenue location for a variety of reasons, including the active resistance of some well-organized neighbors and what the foundation calls "an unforgiving streak in Berkeley politics."

Milo will continue to operate its animal sanctuary in Mendocino County and will hold regular mobile adoption events in the Bay Area while looking for a new East Bay location. "The outpouring of support from many, many neighbors and shop owners in the area, as well as Milo's growing community of adopters and volunteers, will ensure the success of our next venue," said Milo's Development Director, Anita Mascoli.

According to the Solano Avenue Neighborhood Association, which was created to lobby the Berkeley planning and zoning boards against Milo, dogs at the adoption center barked, left waste on lawns, carried kennel cough, were not properly socialized, and weren't always supervised by adults.



Christmas at the Solano site

PHOTO: LYNNE TINGLE

Milo admits that it made mistakes during its early months at the site, but made efforts to correct them. When local officials deemed the business a kennel rather than a pet store in response to neighborhood complaints, however, the requirements it was expected to meet became prohibitive. In addition, Milo's tremendous success at the site meant a larger facility would soon be needed.

So Milo is moving on. In its public announcement, the foundation states, "Continuing here is taking too many resources and drawing our efforts away from Milo's important animal rescue mission."

Visit www.milofoundation.org for more information.

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its goal weight, medication is stopped and the veterinarian and dog owner agree on an optimal level of food intake and physical activity to maintain a healthy weight.

Overweight pets are at a higher risk of developing a number of serious health problems, like diabetes and joint problems.

[Ed. note: For more on obesity in dogs, see this month's Ask Dr. Dog column on page 8.]

AKC'S TOP TEN BREEDS OF 2006

America's most popular dog is once again the Labrador Retriever, according to The American Kennel Club (AKC) top 10 list for 2006. The breed has been considered America's top dog for the past sixteen years.

Surprisingly, the Yorkshire Terrier bested other large breeds for the number two spot. The popularity of smaller breeds has increased steadily over the last decade. According to AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson, "Not since the Boston terrier hit the top nearly 70 years ago has a small breed worked its way to such a high spot on the list."

Here is the complete list:

1. Labrador Retriever
2. Yorkshire Terrier
3. German Shepherd
4. Golden Retriever
5. Beagle
6. Dachshund
7. Boxer
8. Poodle
9. Shih Tzu
10. Miniature Schnauzer

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It's obvious that San Franciscans love their animals. We call ourselves guardians instead of owners, band together to help secure off-leash open space so our dogs can run free, and pass legislation to protect our pets. We also have lots of volunteer organizations that serve our paved, clawed, and feathered friends. In fact, volunteer organizations play a huge role in making the Bay Area such an animal-friendly place to live.

I know this because I started volunteering at the San Francisco Animal Care and Control City Shelter in May of 2004. I and a number of other dog lovers donate at least two hours a week, walking adoptable dogs around the shelter's industrial neighborhood.

WALKING SHELTER DOGS: A LABOR OF LOVE

By Cindy Arnold

Some of us do this work because we love dogs but for any number of reasons can't have them as personal pets. Some of us have dogs of our own and want to extend our TLC to those without homes.

Whatever our reasons for volunteering, we find it hard not to fall in love with each and every dog in the facility. At any given time, an eclectic assortment of shelter dogs is available for adoption. They come in all shapes and sizes, from Dachshunds to Retrievers and Pit Bulls to Beagles.

That "melt your heart" feeling starts the moment I walk into the individual rooms where the dogs live in separate kennels. When they hear the door opening, they perk up and run to the front of their kennels. "Here I am, take me!" "Oh boy, lets go walkin'." "Thanks for coming, I'm ready to go!" Through their body language and facial expressions, they all say the same thing: "Love me and I'll love you back". And it's my pleasure to do just that.

During my volunteer sessions, I try to give each

dog a walk around the neighborhood plus some off-leash time in ACC's doggie play yard. As we walk the streets, they sniff, explore, and try their best to charm all passers by. They greet other dogs with wagging tails and try their best to "sit" at intersections before crossing the street. They seem to know that a good impression goes a long way. They are, after all, hoping to go home to a good family some day.

When they're in the play yard, some of the dogs just wander around casually, sniffing out remote corners. Others will fetch whatever object I throw. Sometimes I just take a seat in the yard so we can share some cuddling and petting.

No matter how cluttered my life might be with the stress of everyday concerns, being with our shelter dogs reminds me that in the end it's really all about compassion and unconditional love. That's what I give them, and they give it back to me tenfold.

Nothing makes a shelter volunteer happier than learning that one of our dogs has been adopted. Often, the dog's new guardian sends us email updates with photos and expressions of thanks for taking such good care of her while she was waiting to find her



The author with shelter dog Coblin

new home.

In addition to making a big difference in the lives of some very special dogs, volunteering is a great way to meet people who are compassionate, down-to-earth, and committed to service. So if you want to get to know some great people and terrific pets, consider becoming a volunteer dog-walker for your local shelter. It's a commitment that can enrich your life in ways you never expected.

At ACC, we walk the dogs seven days a week, 365 days a year. The shelter is closed on some major holidays, but we volunteers show up anyway, because the animals still need our attention. To join the team at ACC, call volunteer coordinator Deb Campbell at (415) 554-9414.



Volunteer Jennifer Holmes with Markey-Mark



As of press time, these dogs were available for adoption from San Francisco Animal Care & Control. If you can make room for one in your heart and home, call 415-554-6364.



SADIE

ID: A214202
4-year-old
Labrador
Retriever mix
Real dogs have curves! Sadie can be shy,

but eventually warms up. She will sit for you nicely waiting for her treat. A household with no kids would be best for her.

BLUE

ID: A229533

3-year-old Tibetan Spaniel mix
Blue has the fluffiest fur and the sweetest demeanor. Please have enough time to play with her regularly and to keep her fur free of mats! Kids welcome.



MAX

ID: A150733
6-year-old Jack
Russell Terrier
Max is ready to go anywhere and do anything! Fun is his middle name. Adopter should

have previous experience with Terriers, since Max is so active. Kids are OK with Max.

KORKY

ID: A229182
9-year-old
Cairn Terrier

Korky is a happy little dog. He likes to play and it is easy to get

his attention with toys. Korky likes to explore his environment wherever he goes. A home with kids 10+ OK.

HUEY

ID: A226248

5-month-old Pit Bull

Ready to play? This very friendly, active Pit Bull puppy certainly is. He'd love to have at least one hour of high energy play every day. Adopters must enroll in puppy classes. Kids 12+ are OK.



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SHELTER ZONE



ANIMAL SHELTERS

Shelters play a key role in the animal welfare community. In addition to housing homeless animals, many perform spay/neuter procedures, teach humane education in local schools, and provide training classes for new puppy parents, among many other activities. All shelters, including those affiliated with large national organizations, are responsible for their own specific programs and budgets, and they all need financial and volunteer support. Please do what you can to help.

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(510) 337-8565
www.ci.alameda.ca.us/animalshelter

East County Animal Control
4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin
(925) 803-7040
www.ci.dublin.ca.us/DepartmentSub.cfm?PL=exp&SL=AC

West County Animal Control
2700 Fairmont Dr., San Leandro
(510) 667-7707
www.fofas.org

Berkeley Animal Care Services
2013 2nd St., (510) 981-6600
www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/animalservices

Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society
2700 9th St., Berkeley
(510) 845-7735
www.berkeleyhumane.org

Hayward Animal Services
16 Barnes Ct., (510) 293-7200
http://www.ci.hayward.ca.us/webware/Default.aspx?Message=209&t=-1

Oakland Animal Services
1101 29th Ave., (510) 535-5602
www.oaklandanimalservices.org

Piedmont Police Dept. Animal Services & Emeryville Police Dept. Animal Services
403 Highland Ave., Piedmont
(510) 420-3006
http://www.ci.piedmont.ca.us/html/police/police.htm#animal

Tri-City Animal Shelter
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www.marinhumanesociety.org

Peninsula Humane Society
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(650) 340-7022
www.peninsulahanumanesociety.org

RESCUE GROUPS

These groups take in dogs who might otherwise face euthanasia at a local shelter. Their mission is to find foster families and eventually permanent homes for these discarded dogs. Visit their websites to learn more, or to get involved.

BAD RAP (Pit Bull Rescue)
www.badrap.org/rescue
(510) 414-6461

German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California
www.savegsd.org
(866) 728-3473

Golden State Greyhound Adoption
www.goldengreyhounds.com
(925) 946-0426

Grateful Dogs Rescue
www.gratefuldogsrescue.org
(415) 587-1121

Home at Last Animal Rescue
www.homeatlastrescue.org
(510) 237-1625

Milo Foundation
www.milofoundation.org (510) 527-PETS

Rocket Dog Rescue
www.rocketdogrescue.org
(415) 642-4786

Smiley Dog Rescue
www.smileydogrescue.org
(510) 496-3484

Many of these organizations host mobile adoption events. Check their websites for details. If you know of a Bay Area shelter or rescue group that should be added to these lists, please drop the editor a note at mindy@baywoof.com.

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CALENDAR



2/18 Opening Ceremony for New Dog Play Area. Sunday, 11 AM to 2 PM (alternate date in case of rain is February 25). Joaquin Miller Park, 3950 Sanborn Dr., Oakland Joaquin. Festivities include contests, games, prizes, vendors, and a 4-H agility demonstration. Sponsored by Jump Dog, a new division of the Oakland Dog Owners Group (www.odogparks.com) created to ensure the success of the new DPA. More info: Dale, 1870designgroup@earthlink.net (put Dog Park in the subject line).

2/24 Fundraiser for Rocket Dog Rescue. Saturday, 5 - 9 PM. Terra Mia Studios, 1314 Castro St. near 24th Street, SF. Sip a cocktail and bid on great auction items, such as Giants paraphernalia, goodies from Gum's, and spa treatments. All money raised goes directly to rescue dogs from overcrowded Bay Area shelters. More info: Laura Beck, 415-756-6418.

2/27 Spay Day USA. Tuesday, all day. Location: nationwide. You can help end the tragedy of pet

overpopulation. Have an animal spayed or neutered, volunteer, or donate. More info: spaydayusa.org or 202-546-1761.

2/28 American Red Cross Pet First Aid & CPR for Dogs and Cats. Wednesday, 1 - 5:15 PM. Titan's Kingdom, 1512 Fulton Pl., Fremont, CA. Beth Morris-Wong, co-owner of CPR Heaven Can Wait, teaches you to help your pet in an emergency until you can get to a vet. More info: 510-268-9488 or beth@cprheavenwait.com. Registration: 510-353-1367.

3/01 Bark & Whine Ball. Thursday, 10:30 PM. San Francisco Gift Center Pavilion, 888 Brannan St., SF. Annual black-tie fundraiser for SF/SPCA. Where else can you dance with your favorite pooch and still be considered socially acceptable? Festivities include a cocktail buffet, live music, and silent auction. More info: CLAW 415-522-3535; www.barkandwhine.org.

3/2&3 Bay Area Pit Fix Day. Friday & Saturday. Help stop overpopulation of this much maligned breed by have your pit bull spayed or neutered for free. The following organizations will be participating on one of the two event days: East Bay SPCA, Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation, Marin Humane Society, Humane Society & SPCA of Sonoma County, Sonoma County Animal Care and Control, and the Peninsula Humane Society. More info: 1-877-4-PIT-FIX (474-8349).

3/2&3 Leading the Pack: Owning & Running a Successful Dog Business. Saturday & Sunday. Marin Humane Society, 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato. Join Dr. Ian Dunbar, Trish King, Kelly Ryan, and Veronica Boutelle of dogTEC for two information-packed days on the business end of working with dogs. Create your dream business working with dogs or push your existing business forward - be it training, walking, sitting, daycare, or any other dog-related service. More info/registration: www.positivelytrained.com.

3/8-12 dogTEC Dog Walking Academy. Thursday - Sunday. Metro Dog, 3117 Pierce St., Richmond. Professional program for dog walkers covers pack management, client screening, business practices,

and much more. Includes first aid certification; dog walking certification exam is optional. Class size limited. More info/registration: www.dogtec.org.

3/10 Business of Saving Lives Conference. Saturday, March 10, noon - 5 PM & Sunday, 9 AM - 4:30 PM. Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation, 2890 Mitchell Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Workshops on animal behavior, animal health, and nonprofit business operations. Sponsored by Purina One. Pre-registration required. Contact: Beth Brannock, 925-296-3157; www.arf.net/about_arf/events/shelterconference.html.

3/15 Estate Planning Seminar. Thursday, 7 - 9 PM. Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society, 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Local estate planning attorney Tim Smallsreed addresses how to provide long-term care for your pets, as well as other concerns. Not a solicitation event; provides as a FREE community service by BEBHS. More info/registration: abarron@berkeleyhumane.org; 510-845-7735 ext.19.

3/25 East Oakland Free Shot Clinic for Dogs. Sunday, 11 AM - 1 PM. Free basic vaccinations in East Oakland. More info: <http://www.eastbayspca.org/events>; 510-639-7387.

3/31 Minding Your Paws and Cues. Saturday & Sunday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Metro Dog, 3117 Pierce St., Richmond. A two-day seminar with Suzanne Clothier, internationally-known dog trainer, behavior consultant, speaker, and author. Covers reading canine body language and assessing and addressing behavior, training, and performance issues. Contact: pawsandcues@comcast.net.

3/31 - 4/01 Get Rational: A Seminar on Dogs, Behavior, Evolution, and Dog Bites. Saturday & Sunday, 10 AM - 6 PM. SF/SPCA, 2500-16th St., SF. Spend a weekend with Janis Bradley and Jean Donaldson and gain a critical understanding about evolution and its link to dog behavior and dog bites. Lecture, discussion, and video components. 13 CEU credits. More info/registration: www.sfspca.org/academy/seminars.shtml; doga-cadamey@sfsfca.



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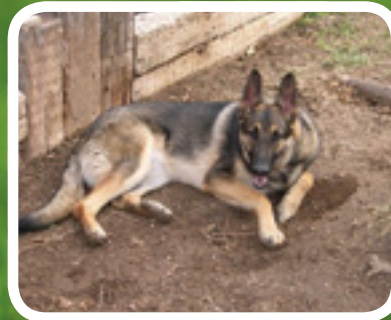
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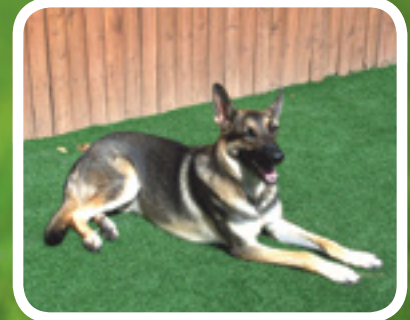
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