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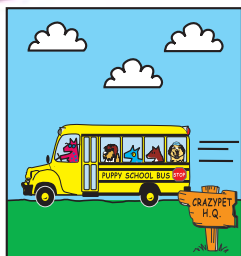
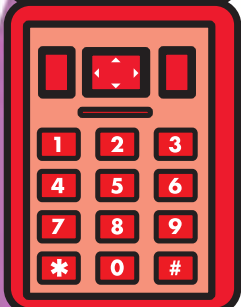
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# A Fond Farewell

*Dogs for Kids* ceases publication.

By Roger Sipe, Editor

By now, you should have received a postcard in the mail from our subscription department letting you know that this is the final issue of *Dogs for Kids*. With printing and postal costs on the rise, our parent company had to make some difficult decisions, and ending *Dogs for Kids* was the most difficult one, but was, at this time, necessary.

The good news is that subscribers will continue to get a great dog magazine: our sister publication, the award-winning *Dog Fancy*. *Dog Fancy* is so good that it was named "Best Magazine" by the Dog Writers Association of America this year (one of the magazines it beat was D4K!).

The staff of *Dogs for Kids* wants to thank all of you who have read our stories, laughed at our jokes, pretended to laugh at our lame attempts at jokes, marveled at the layout designs, followed our dog advice, sent us letters and entered our contests. We especially would like to thank the following kids who inspired us to do our best in each issue: Allison and Melissa Lemons; Olivia, Brennen and Adrianna Turi; Danielle and Anthony Rezendes; Jake and Janna Akers; Kelsi Silveira; Luke O'Dell; Ethan Hartman; Kyle and Keegan Bengelsdorf; and Joslynn Roth, who was our editor-

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We also would like to say thank you to our longtime sponsor and advertiser, Crazy Pet and Barbara Denzer. Without Barbara's support, we probably would not have lasted this long. Thank you, Barbara!

And we can't forget Jackie Franza and Kelly Hickman, who worked on *Dogs for Kids* for nearly half of the 33 issues. They, just like the current editorial staff, really enjoyed the magazine and its unique and wonderful readers. Jackie is now the editor of *Dog World* magazine!

One last big THANK YOU goes to June Kikuchi. Her vision is what took us from a single issue back in 2003 with no subscribers to an award-winning bimonthly with more than 42,000 readers in just six years. June is now one of the editorial directors of our entire company!

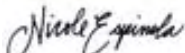
On the bright side, the current editorial team will stay intact, working on other dog-related projects here at our company. This fall, we hope to begin a series of *Dogs for Kids* books. Look for them at pet-supply stores and bookstores in the future and online at DogChannel.com! 🐾

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## Meet Alyssa, the 2008 Humane Teen of the Year!

**A**lyssa of Dedham, Massachusetts, loves animals. She began volunteering at the Animal Rescue League of Boston when she was 13 years old. She regularly fosters homeless dogs and cats. When she's not volunteering at the shelter, she works at a veterinary clinic where she cleans kennels, assists with medical procedures and cares for animals recovering from surgery.

Alyssa's passion in caring for animals earned her the title of 2008 Humane Teen of the Year. This award is given by Humane Society Youth, a division of The Humane Society of the United States, and it recognizes a student between the ages of 13 and 19 who has made a significant contribution to animal protection.

### MUTTS & MORE

One of Alyssa's favorite activities is volunteering with the ARL's Mutts & More program. "Mutts & More is a volunteer group for kids between the ages of 13 and 16 who want to learn about animals but aren't old enough to volunteer at the shelter by themselves," Alyssa says.

The group consists of about a dozen teenagers, who meet every Friday night for two hours. Alyssa teaches them about proper pet care and the importance of being kind to animals. In addition, staff members from the ARL's law enforcement and veterinary departments often come to the meetings to talk to the kids about their careers.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Alyssa is passionate about educating the public about pet overpopulation. Each summer, she visits day camps in



her area and explains the benefits of spaying and neutering. She also introduces the kids to a variety of animals and talks about their particular needs.

"It's good to talk to the kids and get them to understand the importance of being a responsible pet owner," Alyssa says. She adds that visiting the camps gets the word out about adopting homeless animals.

Alyssa believes that anybody can make a difference in an animal's life, regardless of age. Although most shelters have a minimum age requirement to volunteer, there are other ways to help. "Call your local shelter and find out what it needs," Alyssa suggests. "Most shelters can use more money, bedding, toys and food. If somebody brings in just one towel or one blanket, it helps one animal."

**A**lthough the honor of being named the 2008 Humane Teen of the Year is well-deserved by Alyssa, the real winners are all the animals she's helping! 🐾

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By  
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Wargo

# Gossip Hound



Help! A Great Dane is trying to eat me!

WE CHASE OUR TAILS TO FIND DOG NEWS!

## Ain't Nothin' but a Hound Dog

HOUNDS RANK AT THE TOP OF THE UKC POPULARITY LIST.

The Treeing Walker Coonhound is the No. 1 purebred dog registered with the United Kennel Club, according to the club's 2008 list of the most-registered purebreds.

It was a good year for the hound group, with the Bluetick Coonhound coming in third place, and five other hound varieties, including the American Black and Tan Coonhound, the English Coonhound, the Plott Hound and the Redbone Coonhound, dominating the rest of the list.

The Labrador Retriever, America's most popular dog (according to the American Kennel Club), might raise a stink over placing eighth on the list, just two spots above the American Eskimo Dog, who came in 10th. Holding onto the No. 2 and No. 3 spots for the third year in a row are the American Pit Bull Terrier and the Beagle, respectively.

According to the UKC, the list "[shows the public's] desire to own beautiful dogs that are not only wonderful family pets, but also can perform competitively in skill events," says a representative for the club, which supports the "Total Dog" philosophy: "Our dogs do stuff."



## Cats and Dogs 2: The Revenge of Kitty Galore

MORE CANINE AND FELINE FUN HITS THE BIG SCREEN IN THE FALL.

If you caught the first epic battle for world domination between canines and felines in *Cats and Dogs* (2001), you'll love Warner Bros. Pictures' upcoming sequel *Cats and Dogs 2: The Revenge of Kitty Galore*, which is sure to include more fur-flying fun!

Starring actor Chris O'Donnell (*Batman Forever*) as Shane and actor Paul Rodriguez (the voice of Chico in *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*) as Crazy Carlito, secret acts of espionage and sabotage continue around the neighborhood, while the humans still have no clue that their cute, lovable pets are involved in an underground duel for global control.

Who will win? Who will lose? Will these feuding canines and felines ever overcome their hairy battle and live in harmony? You'll have to wait until November 2009 to find out!



## Tomorrow's Veterinarians Today

KIDS GAIN REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF ANIMAL MEDICINE.

If you like helping animals and want to be a vet when you grow up, check out the Care Cadet Camp, founded by the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. For three weeks in June, middle-schoolers can shadow a vet, learn how to care for animals and help during pet emergencies. The camp even offers classes for kids to learn CPR for animals.

The camp is located at the LA/SPCA shelter in New Orleans and costs \$350, which pays for scrubs, a stethoscope, a leash, training handbooks and pet first-aid kits.

For more info, visit [www.laspc.org/education/care\\_cadet.htm](http://www.laspc.org/education/care_cadet.htm)

## WHAT'S UP, DOC?



Catfish? Where?!  
Let me at him!

# The Dog Days of Summer

Article by Dr. David Elmer • Photos by Laurie Meehan-Elmer

**W**arm weather means fun in the sun. We trade our long pants and jackets for shorts and T-shirts, our shoes and socks for sandals, our knit caps and gloves for sunglasses and sunscreen. When it gets really hot, we stay in the comfort of air-conditioned homes, movie theatres and shopping malls. Just as we make adjustments to comfortably enjoy the change in weather, we need to make adjustments for our dogs, too!

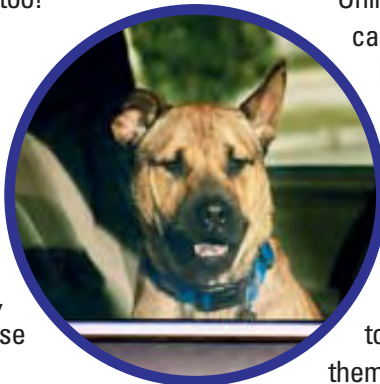
## DEHYDRATION BLUES

Without plenty of water, dogs can become dehydrated very quickly in warm weather. Dehydration can lead to serious illness and even death. To prevent your pooch from becoming parched:

- Offer him plenty of water at all times, especially before, during and after exercise or play.

- Avoid excessive exercise during the hottest hours of the day (usually between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.).

A dehydrated dog will have a dry nose and mouth, no appetite, and will be sluggish and drowsy. If you notice these signs, move your dog to a cool area and give him small amounts of water every few minutes. Don't offer too much



water at first, because this may cause him to throw up. If your dog's symptoms seem severe, or if he doesn't improve quickly, take him to the veterinarian as soon as possible.

## HEATSTROKE HELP

Extreme heat isn't just uncomfortable; it's deadly! Heatstroke is a serious risk for humans and dogs alike.

Unlike humans, dogs sweat very little and they can't remove their fur coats when they get too hot. They cool their bodies primarily by panting. But when temperatures rise to extremes, this cooling system doesn't work very well. When a dog is no longer able to cool himself properly, he can suffer brain damage, organ failure and even death. Since dogs can't tell us when they're getting too hot, we need to make sure that we provide them with easy access to plenty of fresh water and cool shade.

Some dogs are at higher risk for heatstroke than others. Breeds with short faces — like Pugs, Boxers, Bulldogs, Mastiffs and Pekingese — have shorter airways and don't cool as efficiently. Puppies, old or overweight dogs, or dogs with respiratory disease are at even greater risk.



Never leave a dog by himself in a car. In a few short minutes, heat inside a parked car can reach 40 degrees above the outside air temperature. Even parking in the shade and cracking the windows doesn't help. Heat still will build up at nearly the same rate. It's like being trapped in an oven.

If your dog shows signs of heatstroke (rapid panting, excessive thirst and salivating, dizziness or lack of coordination, vomiting, rapid heart-beat, sluggishness or unconsciousness) you must take immediate action:

- Move your dog to a cooler area.
- Give him water to drink.
- Immerse him in cool (not cold) water, taking care to keep his head above water. Or, pour cool water over his body, especially his tummy and between his legs.
- If your dog is still showing signs of heatstroke after you've taken the above steps, take him to the vet as quickly as possible for further care.

## SWIMMING DANGERS

During the warm summer months, we spend more time around and in the water. And believe it or not, not all dogs are great swimmers. Breeds

with very little body fat, such as Greyhounds and Whippets, don't swim very well.

Just like people, dogs can get tired quickly when swimming. Even a strong swimmer like a Labrador Retriever can drown if he's caught in an undertow or strong current.

With all the great fun your dog is having in the water, you might not realize he's getting tired. To prevent a fun-filled day in the water from becoming a tragedy, consider a pet life jacket, which will keep your

dog afloat even if he stops paddling. You can find pet life jackets at most large pet-supply stores.

As the weather warms up, it's important to consider how the heat and outdoor activities will affect your dog. Make sure you take all the necessary precautions so your furry friend can stay healthy and happy all summer long. 🍌

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# Pavement Problems

If you've ever walked barefoot on black asphalt in the middle of a hot summer day, you know how hot it can get. Sand at the beach can be just as bad. Hot surfaces can hurt and even burn your dog's paws. When walking during hot days, make sure your dog can walk in the grass or on a surface that doesn't heat up.



# Sunburn Solutions

Even with their fur coats, dogs can get sunburned, especially dogs with lighter fur. Redness and hair loss at the ear tips and nose are signs of sunburn. Most sunburns are minor and don't require treatment. However, repeated sunburn can lead to cancer.

The best prevention is keeping your dog out of the direct sunlight during the brightest hours of the day. You also can apply a sunscreen that's formulated for dogs to your dog's most exposed parts, like her nose and the tips of her ears.

# Every Dog



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# Day

In the **World's Ugliest Dog**

**Contest**, every dog is a

**winner!!!**

By Christina Chan

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plotchy skin. A lopsided tail. A nippy personality. These are all the makings of a winner — at least they are for a dog trying to win the World's Ugliest Dog Con-

test at the Sonoma-Marín Fair in Petaluma, California.

Dogs with *unusual* features line up at the stage with their hopeful owners. It's enough to draw a cheering crowd of 1,000 people. Television crews and newspaper reporters cover the event, and by the next day, the winner's picture is splashed on media outlets around the world.

The World's Ugliest Dog Contest got its start nearly 40 years ago in 1970. In 1989, the Sonoma-Marín Fair, just north of San Francisco, took over the contest, and it's been there ever since. Today,

the contest is so popular that folks from all over the United States come to enter their dogs in the competition.

The dogs competing in the contest might not be attractive, but don't confuse ugly with unlovable. The pooches who enter



Though Gus (below) won the 2008 title of "World's Ugliest Dog," he was a beautiful pet to his family.



the contest prove that beauty is more than fur deep. Don't believe it? Check out Gus' story to see what's so appealing about these "ugly" doggies.

### GO GUS!

Jeanenne Teed of St. Petersburg, Florida, heard by word-of-mouth that an unwanted Chinese Crested dog was available for adoption. Gus was

the breeder reject, but that didn't bother Teed. "We thought Gus was different-looking, but never ugly," she says of the one-eyed, three-legged dog. Little did Teed know that Gus, the new family pet, would one day show the world how to see beyond his odd looks.

Gus loved to lounge with the family on the couch, and all the time he spent

channel surfing with Teed paid off. One day, Teed turned the channel to The World's Ugliest Dog contest, hosted by Animal Planet. Teed remembers looking at the television screen, and then at Gus, and saying, "We've got to do this!"

Unfortunately, soon after, the Teed family got some bad news: Gus had skin cancer. "The news was shocking," Teed says. The little Chinese Crested was given between six and nine months to live, so the Teeds weren't even sure Gus would make it to the competition. But, despite the odds, Gus was in top shape in the days leading up to the 2008 contest.

So, in June 2008, Teed and her 16-year-old daughter, Janey, flew out from Florida to attend the Sonoma-

## Paws on the Prize

According to Vicki DeArmon, a promoter of The World's Ugliest Dog Contest, winners get cash, a trophy and worldwide fame. In 2008, the first-round prize was \$100. The second-round prize was \$500 and a trophy. The grand prize for the World's Ugliest Dog was \$1,000 and a 5-foot trophy.

**Question:** Gus won all three rounds. How much did he win?

- A) \$1,000 B) \$100 C) \$1,600

Answer: C) \$1,600

Judges choose a winner based on quirky features and even a grumpy personality.



Marin fair. At the contest, Gus charmed the crowd because of (or perhaps in spite of) his “love me as I am” attitude. He fell asleep right before going on stage. And when the judges came by, Gus paid them little attention.

Teed and her daughter knew they had a winner in Gus, and by the end of the contest, the crowd and judges thought Gus was the top dog, too. Gus won the 2008 “World’s Ugliest Dog” title, beating the previous winner, another Chinese Crested dog named Elwood.

According to Brian Sobel, who judged the contest, it wasn’t just the fact that Gus was missing an eye, had only tufts of hair covering his entire body, or even that his tongue was hanging sideways out of his mouth. Sobel was impressed by the

little dog’s amazing will to fight his cancer. “What impressed me was his heart,” he says. “Gus was a tough little dog who had gone through a lot in his life.”

## THE DOGGONE DETAILS

Winning the contest was no small feat for Gus. Contestants have to win three rounds before getting the honor of “World’s Ugliest Dog.” Here’s how it works.

**ROUND 1:** Dogs compete to win in one of two classes: either the mutt or purebred class.

**ROUND 2:** The winners of the mutt class and purebred class compete against each other to win the title of “Ugliest Dog of the Year.”

**ROUND 3:** The current Ugliest Dog of the Year competes against previous

winners in the “Ring of Champions.” The winner is dubbed the “World’s Ugliest Dog.”

So what makes Gus and other dogs like him winners in this contest? According to Vicki DeArmon, a promoter of the contest, the judges look for a number of things. They score the dogs based on four categories:

**First impression:** Judges record their first thoughts that come to mind when they see a specific dog.

**Any special or unusual attributes:** Judges look for curious features that the dogs might have, such as crooked tails, crossed eyes or dull coats.

**Personality:** How the dog acts is important, although being pleasant isn’t required. Dogs with grumpy personalities are sometimes appealing, too, according to Sobel.

To get to the winner's circle, the final 12 contestants have to pass the "Ring of Champions."



**Audience impression:** If the crowd gasps with surprise or decides to cheer the dog on, this is a good sign that a dog is winner material.

## THE SCOOP ON THIS YEAR'S CONTEST

The 21st annual World's Ugliest Dog Contest takes place on June 26th, 2009. Although Gus had cancer, dogs in this and future contests will have to be healthy pets. The furry contestants will all have to go through a vet check. "We want to encourage people to bring healthy animals to the fair," DeArmon says.

Competition will be tougher, too. Last year, there were 12 dogs competing in the "Ring of Champions." This

year, contest organizers hope to have as many as 20 dogs in the final round. "We hope more breeds of dogs and different kinds of dogs will come compete," DeArmon says.

## MORE THAN JUST AN UGLY FACE

Sadly, Gus passed away on November 10, 2008, due to cancer. But Gus' owner has wonderful memories of the contest. "I still look at the videos of the contest and see how happy, healthy and content he was," Teed says.

She's sure that all owners who enter their dogs really do love them — not because they're ugly, but because the dogs are special in their own way. "It's all about showcasing the animals and

making sure they all have homes, no matter what they look like," Teed says.

Some people think it's insulting to the animals to call them ugly. But DeArmon stresses that this contest is about more than just looks. "The dog owners who enter the competition are crazy about their dogs and are very caring people," DeArmon says.

One just needs to look at the love Gus received from his family to agree. 🐾

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*Freelance writer Christina Chan writes canine stories and articles with her two zany Pugs, Vanna "Mayhem" May and Sir Snugs, at her feet. Christina lives in Southern California.*

# Canine Word Scramble

Answers  
appear on  
page 63.

Rearrange the tiles to unscramble the names of these 10 long-named breeds.

**Hint:** Use the pictures if you get stuck!



1. DOG RI CAN AME MO ESKI \_\_\_\_\_

2. CO IE DER LL BOR \_\_\_\_\_

3. SC IA HN ER AUZ RE TU MIN \_\_\_\_\_

4. RI STON BO ER TER \_\_\_\_\_

5. SPA CAV EL ALI ER LES KING CHAR NI  
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6. PINS ER ER DOB CH MAN \_\_\_\_\_

7. TERR RE RKS YO HI IER \_\_\_\_\_

8. ADOR RETR LA BR ER IEV \_\_\_\_\_

9. LD OG BUL NCH FRE \_\_\_\_\_

10. ERD DOG GER PH MAN SHE \_\_\_\_\_



PHOTOS BY ISABELLE FRANCAIS/BOWTIE INC.

# TODAY'S TOP 10

Here are 10 reasons to keep your dog's water bowl filled with fresh water.

By Joan Banks

10. He likes to "paws" for refreshment.
9. So he can fix noodles for the neighborhood Poodles.
8. He likes to doggie paddle.
7. So he can see if the cat can snorkel.
6. To allow him to fill his water pistol when he's playing Deputy Dawg.
5. He likes to make root-beer floats.
4. Someone might forget to flush the toilet.
3. He thinks sips and dips are awesome.
2. So he can fill water balloons to throw at the mail carrier.

**AND THE NO. 1 REASON YOU ALWAYS SHOULD KEEP YOUR DOG'S WATER BOWL FILLED:**

Your dog needs good, fresh water to stay healthy. He can get dehydrated in a matter of hours if he's outside on a hot day. Dogs need water in the winter, too. If your dog lives outdoors and the weather is freezing, you'll have to frequently check to make sure his water hasn't turned into a block of ice. Always make sure he has access to water, whether he's indoors or outdoors.

A stainless steel container makes a good water bowl, because it's easy to keep clean. The smooth sides won't hide any bad stuff. Clean it once a day when you change the water, because, as you may have noticed, your dog sort of



drools when he drinks. Put yourself in his paws. How would you like to drink from a bowl that you've drooled in?

About that big white bowl in the bathroom: To a big dog, the toilet may seem like a handy water bowl. He may wonder why you're sometimes sitting on his water bowl when he comes to the bathroom for a drink. He may give you that look where he tilts his head and stares at you with his big eyes. But do him a favor: flush, and then close the lid. Toilet water can be dangerous if your mom cleans the toilet with chemicals like those tablets that turn the water blue.

The water you drink is also fit for your dog. If your family drinks tap water from the faucet, then your dog can drink it. If you drink filtered water, give your dog filtered water. Treat him like one of the family — because he is. 🍀

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*Freelance writer Joan Banks and her dog, Tucker, both take water breaks when she's writing.*

## Rebarkably Refreshing

K9 Water Co. sells bottled water that's made just for dogs, and they flavor it with meat tastes and add vitamins to make the water tasty and healthy. There are four different flavors available (beef, chicken, liver and lamb), and just for fun, they are called **gutter water, toilet water, hose water and puddle water.** With your parents' permission, visit [k9waterco.com](http://k9waterco.com) for more information.



# GROOMING

# How-To

# Cleaning Ears & Eyes

ILLUSTRATIONS BY THOMAS KIMBALL

Your dog's ears and eyes will benefit from a little care and cleaning.

**S**ome dogs have floppy ears; others have pointy ears. There are many types of ears out there, but there's one thing all dogs' ears have in common: They usually don't need much care. The same goes for dogs' eyes.

"If there's a reason to clean a dog's eyes or ears, he needs to be looked at by the vet," says Dr. Gregory Hammer, D.V.M., of Brenford Animal Hospital in Dover, Delaware.

## THE BETTER TO HEAR YOU WITH

The most care your dog's ears normally will need is an occasional swipe of the *outer* ear — the part you can see — with a cotton ball. Ask your veterinarian to show you how to do this safely, and then practice with adult supervision.

But, if you notice lots of wax or an odor coming from your dog's ears, it may be caused by allergies or dirt. If your dog is always pawing at his ears or shaking his head, an ear infection may be the problem. In that case, your dog should make a visit to the vet.

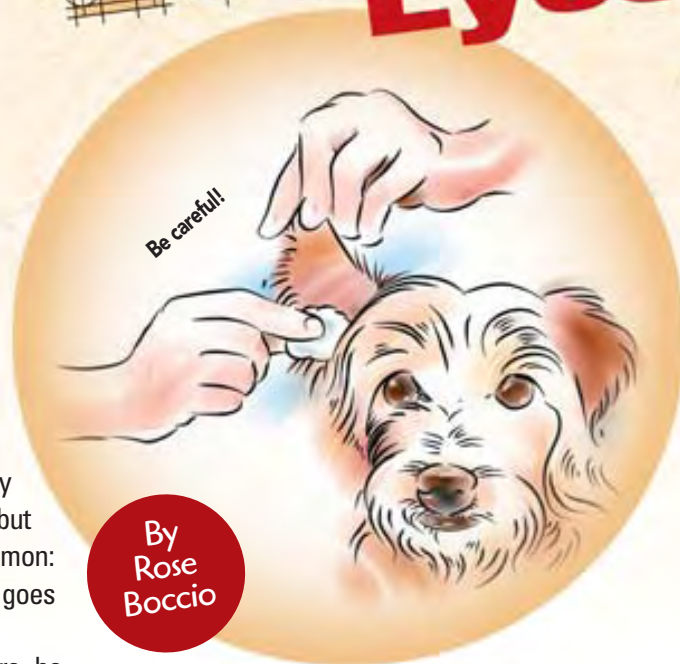
Since most dogs' inner ears don't need to be cleaned at all, Dr. Hammer recommends only cleaning the outer ear. Leave the rest to the professionals.

Don't dig into your dog's ears. "A dog's inner ear is L-shaped," Dr. Hammer explains. "Don't stick anything in there," especially cotton swabs.

## THE BETTER TO SEE YOU WITH

If there is discharge, such as mucous, coming from your dog's eyes, it may be due to an infection, allergies or an ulcer.

Your first stop should be the vet's office to make sure that the goopy stuff is not a symptom of serious eye problems.



By  
Rose  
Boccio


While you're there, ask the vet to show you how to clean those "eye boogies." If the discharge is dry, crusty or attached to the dog's fur, don't pull it off. This may hurt your dog. Instead, your vet may suggest using a damp cotton ball to soften the discharge, and then wipe it off easily.

Some breeds, like Poodles, Yorkshire Terriers and Bichon Frises, are more prone to excessive eye drainage, Dr. Hammer says. Once your vet teaches you how to clean the eye, you can do it whenever you see discharge building up around your dog's eyes.

**T**ogether, you and your veterinarian can keep your pup's eyes and ears healthy and clean. ●



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Writer Rose Boccio lives in Naperville, Illinois, with a household of lovable rascals, including two sons and a Beagle named Misty.



**WHY  
DOES  
MY  
DOG  
DO  
THAT?!**

**ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLING AND**

**Dogs do many strange and funny things that are so different from human behaviors. Sometimes, it's difficult to guess why dogs do these weird things. Here are the answers to six commonly asked canine questions.**



By  
Nikki  
Moustaki

## **Q WHY DO DOGS DROOL?**

**A:** Drooling happens when a dog's mouth waters excessively with saliva. Dogs drool for many reasons, and all of these reasons can be quite unrelated to one another.

One popular reason why dogs drool is in anticipation of being fed. The sight or smell of food will make the dog's mouth water because his body instinctively knows that a meal is coming, and he needs the saliva to eat and digest it. Cool, huh?

Dogs also drool when they have dental problems, are nervous, feel ill or have an allergic reaction to something.

As for slobber, certain dog breeds slobber all the time, regardless of what is happening at the moment. Some breeds always seem to have a long spindle of slobber hanging from their mouths, such as Saint Bernards, Bulldogs and Mastiffs. These types of dogs don't swallow their saliva as well as others. Maybe they just want to ruin the furniture?!

# **PECULIAR THINGS THAT DOGS DO.**



## Q WHY DO DOGS TURN AROUND SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE LYING DOWN?

**A:** All dogs — from the tiny Chihuahua to the giant Great Dane — are descendants of wild dogs (including wolves), many of whom lived in places where tall grass grew. The tall grass allowed them to sneak up on their prey, which fed on the grass. It was the perfect living situation. But grass isn't fun to lie down on — ouch! — so the wild dogs would turn around and around to lay the grass flat and create a comfortable sleeping spot before lying down.

This type of behavior is called “innate behavior,” meaning that it's internally programmed into a dog's way of living. He can't reason his way out of it. A dog doesn't think, “Hey, I don't have to bother turning around on this soft bed because there's no tall grass.” He just can't help it!



## Q WHY DO DOGS EAT SO FAST?

**A:** Eating quickly is another innate behavior that was programmed into dogs thousands of years ago when they were still wild animals. Back then, a dog had to eat really fast to get his fill before other dogs or bigger, meaner animals came to steal his food. A dog might not have eaten for days, and it might be many days before his next meal would come along; that's how it works in the wild!

Of course, you're not going to snatch away your dog's kibble, but he can't reason his way out of the behavior of eating fast, even if he has never had his food taken from him.



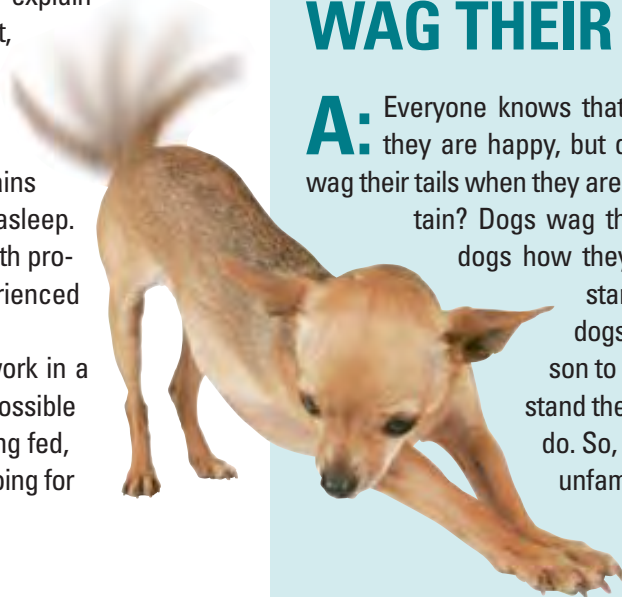
## Q DO DOGS DREAM?

**A:** No one can be really, truly sure that dogs dream, but it's certainly possible that they do. All you have to do is watch a dog while he's sleeping deeply to know that there's something going on! His paws and nose twitch, his eyes and ears flutter, his tail wags and he may even growl, whine or bark a little, like a person talking in his or her sleep.

So, the question isn't really "Do dogs dream?" because it's fairly accepted that they do, but rather, "What do dogs dream about?" That's a fascinating question, and one that will remain a mystery, although we can guess.

No one really knows for sure why humans dream, but there are two theories that may explain dreaming. The first reason, simply put, is to keep our brains functioning properly. We process all kinds of information while we are awake, and one theory says that our brains want to continue that while we are asleep. The other reason may have to do with processing the information we experienced during the day.

It is believed that dogs' brains work in a similar way during sleep. So, it's possible that your dog is dreaming about being fed, playing with you and with his toys, going for walks and meeting other dogs.



Do dogs have nightmares? Anyone who has regularly watched a dog sleep can tell the difference between a good dream and a bad one. Should you wake your dog if he's having what looks like a bad dream? No. A dreaming dog is in a deep sleep and needs his rest — waking him up will only disturb his sleep, and he may snap at you if he's startled.

What do *you* think dogs dream about?

## Q WHY DO DOGS WAG THEIR TAILS?

**A:** Everyone knows that dogs wag their tails when they are happy, but did you know that dogs also wag their tails when they are scared, aggressive or uncertain? Dogs wag their tails mostly to tell other dogs how they are feeling or where they stand in rank among a pack of dogs. Dogs wag for the same reason to humans, but we don't understand their cues as well as other dogs do. So, don't always assume that an unfamiliar dog who's wagging his tail is willing to be petted.

# Q DO DOGS SEE IN COLOR?

**A:** Until about 20 years ago, it was believed that dogs only saw in black, white and shades of gray. Since then, studies on how dogs' eyes work have found that dogs see in color, but in a more limited way than humans. We see all the colors of the rainbow — red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple — and many variations of these colors.

To dogs, the rainbow is far simpler. Green, yellow and orange look similar to canine eyes; bright orange



and red may look dark or brown; purple and blue are easier for them to tell apart from other colors. So, you could say that dogs are “color limited,” but not color blind. The best color for a dog toy probably would be in shades of blue and purple, not red or orange.

Sure, humans can see more colors, but dogs' eyes are superior to ours in other ways. They can see in much lower

light than we can, and they see movement better — both of these abilities made it easier for modern dogs' ancestors to catch prey in the wild. Of course, the average dog doesn't really need these abilities to find the food bowl!

## A DOG'S EYE SPECTRUM



## A HUMAN'S EYE SPECTRUM



**S**o, if you've ever thought that maybe your dog is just plain weird, and that's why he acts so funny — think again. There's a reason for all of his strange behaviors. Then again, perhaps your dog *is* weird. Only you know for sure! 🐾

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*Nikki Moustaki lives in New York City with her two Miniature Schnauzers, Pepper and Ozzie.*

# my dog ate what?!



## BE WARNED: Dogs will eat anything!

**D**ogs, like babies, like to put things in their mouths, whether they're edible or not. Dogs think that everything within their reach can and should be eaten. That's why you must keep things like small toys, jewelry and your socks picked up (parents rejoice!). We know it's a pain to clean your room, but if you don't, your dog might eat something he shouldn't.

If you think your dog has swallowed something he shouldn't have, tell an adult to call the vet right away. If you go quickly enough, the vet might be able to retrieve the object the way it came in, which is less expensive and not as extensive as your other option: surgery. There's also a third option: just letting it pass.

To show you how serious swallowing the wrong item can be, our friends over at *Veterinary Practice News* let us take a gander at some amazing X-rays that vets sent them for their annual "They Ate WHAT?" radiograph (aka X-ray) contest. As you look at these images, think about the things lying around your room and house that easily could end up in your dog's tummy; then, go put those things out of reach! 🍌



Elizabeth Boland was a veterinary student at North Carolina State University when she submitted the grand prize winner: Murphy, a 2-year-old Labrador Retriever, had eaten a foreign object (his owner's sock!), according to his X-ray, which also showed a small stuffed toy dog in his stomach!



Stefan Giles, a veterinarian from Victor, New York, sent in this picture of Maya, a 10-year-old spaniel who swallowed her chain collar. She did the same thing the month before and passed the chain the old-fashioned way.



Dr. Maureen Noftsinger from Roanoke, Virginia, had this puppy come into her office after he tried to eat a 4-foot-long metal paper towel holder that got wedged in his throat.



John Crumley, a vet from Sparks, Nevada, had a dog who fetched this stick right into his stomach. Ouch!

The staff at Deer Park Veterinary Clinic in Deer Park, Washington, gave us this X-ray of Bella, an 8-month-old Pug who was vomiting gravel. With medication, Bella passed the gravel several times over the next three days.

# ALPHA DOGS

BRINGING YOU THE **BEST BREEDS** FROM A TO Z.

Each issue this year, we **profiled 10 breeds** as we traveled down the **alphabet from A to Z**. In the previous issue, we tackled some breeds from Gor to Lo; in this issue, we get to the letter "P." To find complete breed profiles of more than 150 other dogs, visit **DogChannel.com**

## Mi-Ki

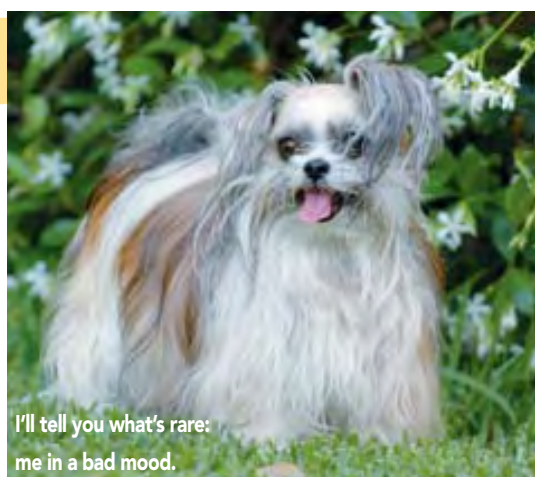
**Home:** possibly Asia ... or maybe Wisconsin. It's top-secret!

**General:** Just call me Austin Powers. I'm a mystery, you see. My background is pretty fuzzy, and people continue to debate where I come from and who my ancestors were. What *is* known, however, is that I'm friendly and intelligent.

**Body type:** small

**Activity level:** low to moderate

**Who I'd like to meet:** Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick, Watson. I bet even Sherlock Holmes (the greatest detective ever) couldn't decipher my heritage!



I'll tell you what's rare: me in a bad mood.

**Favorite quote:** "Elementary, my dear Watson."

**What you didn't know about me:** everything! My name is pronounced "Me-Kee," I'm one of the rarest breeds in the United States, I might be named after a woman named Micki Mackin, who may or may not have started my breed ... the list goes on and on. Don't ask me where I got that information, though —

my sources would like to remain confidential.

**Latest blog entry**

I bet you'd like to know more about me. Well, too bad! I can't reveal anything.

**Current mood:** mysterious



## Miniature Bull Terrier

**Home:** England

**General:** People say I'm just like my older cousin, the Bull Terrier. I'm OK with that; he's a cool dog! I'm smaller than he is, but we're both very independent and tough. He says he's more intelligent because he's bigger and therefore has a bigger brain, but I'm known for my smarts. Oh, and I'm pretty stubborn!

**Body type:** small and strong

**Activity level:** very high

**Who I'd like to meet:** Armani, the Mini Bull Terrier who can say "Mama!" Check him out on [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) (with your parents' permission, of course!).



I have mini good qualities.

**Biggest pet peeve:** I hate it when my owner is too busy to play. I want to play all day! Is that so much to ask?

**What you didn't know about me:** My name used to be "Bull and Terrier," because originally, I was a mix of three different breeds of dog: the Bulldog, the Spanish Pointer and the now-extinct White English Terrier.

**Latest blog entry**

I overheard the mailman telling my owner he's a little scared of me. I mean, I originally was created to be a fighter, but these days, I'm just a great pet.

**Current Mood:** tough





# THE TOY BOX



Cool, toys!

Fun stuff for you, and fun stuff for your dog!

## INDOGNITO

With 112 pages jam-packed with color photos of cool sunglasses-wearing dogs, *Pooches in Shades*, by Mia Feinstein (Pucci Books Limited, 2008), is a must-have for any fashionable dog lover. The book features all shapes, sizes and breeds of dogs, and each one is wearing the most stylish of sunglasses.

- \$12.95
- 800-888-4741; [www.ipgbook.com](http://www.ipgbook.com)



## UNDER THE SEA

From My Good Dog, comes an all-new toy — the Sea Creature. With a rubber head, strong nylon body and nontoxic squeaker, the Sea Creature will make a great addition to any active dog's toy box. Your dog can safely chew and squeak the day away with his own Sea Creature. Who knows, it might even distract him from the tempting shoes he usually likes to chew on!

- \$14.50
- 207-221-2929; [www.mygooddog.com](http://www.mygooddog.com)



## PETZ DOGZ PACK

It's important to be a responsible dog owner, and most kids have heard their moms say, "Don't forget to feed the dog!" about a thousand times. With the Petz Dogz Pack for Nintendo DS, kids learn to take care of a virtual dog while having fun playing with him. The game allows kids to adopt their favorite breed of dog, raise him from puppyhood to adulthood, and play with the dog and his virtual friends. Best of all, kids learn to be good dog owners and Mom's reminders will be a thing of the past!

- \$29.99
- 415-547-4000; <http://petz.us.ubi.com>


## DOGS VS. CATS

If you have a dog and a cat in your home, you've most likely noticed that they don't always get along too well.


This tic-tac-toe set lets dogs and cats have it out safely without all the barking, hissing, clawing and general chaos. The brand-new game, created by artist Kim Lugar, includes 10 handmade clay pieces (five dogs and five cats), and a wooden grid to play on. No matter who wins, you (and your pets!) are sure to have a great time.

- \$35
- 503-543-2510; [www.clayart-kimlugar.com](http://www.clayart-kimlugar.com)





Foot odor with a hint of athlete's foot. Delicious!



# GROSS! YUCK! P-U!

**Why do  
dogs  
do icky  
things?**

**L**et's face it: Dogs have some gross habits. They sniff each other's behinds, they lick themselves, they pick up dead animals, they chew dirty socks and they drink from the toilet. My Golden Retriever, Lily, is one of the

worst offenders — but I love her even though I have to bathe her more than I would like, and most of my socks have as many holes as a slice of Swiss cheese. Still, I wanted to hear from dog experts about these yucky behaviors: Why dogs do them, are they normal, and how do you put a stop to some of the more disgusting ones? Little did I know that some of these gross habits, once explained, would actually make sense.

By Joanne Lukens

## **THE "EWWW!" FACTOR**

The first thing Elizabeth Thomas, a certified dog trainer from Middleburg, Virginia, told me was to change my way of thinking. "What we find disgusting is not disgusting to dogs," Thomas says. "Though dogs may show similar emotional responses, like happiness, anger and joy, they are not humans."

Dr. Patricia Ungar of Kensington Veterinary Hospital in San Diego, California, agrees. "Dogs may be domesticated now, but they once were wild," she says. "Much of what humans consider to be gross, in a dog's view, is necessary."

Nice to meet  
you, too!

Sniffing rear ends is the dog equivalent of shaking hands and saying hello. A dog can find out a lot about another dog just from a few whiffs.



Sniffing each others' behinds is one example. Dogs have extremely sensitive noses — up to a million times more sensitive than humans'. A whiff or two can tell them where the other dog has been, whether he is sick and what his temperament is like. After a few sniffs, a dog can obtain as much, if not more, information than a human can after a lengthy conversation.

Another typical canine dirty habit is licking. Like cats, dogs lick themselves clean, though they are not as thorough. "Contrary to what many think, dogs don't like to be dirty," Ungar says.

If that's the case, then why do our furry friends roll around in animal poop and worse?

One idea is that it disguises the dog's natural scent. If a dog smells like deer poop, animals nearby won't feel threatened. Another theory is that a dog will perfume himself using a dead raccoon, for instance, so he can take the information back to his pack members to let them know what he found, which might be that night's dinner.

"Dogs, by nature, are scavengers, not hunters," Ungar says. "If given the opportunity, they will revert back to old scavenging behavior." This explains why some dogs raid the trash, eat cat poop and even bugs. "Many behaviors of the canine species were adapted for survival. Some dogs still exhibit those wilder tendencies, while others are more domesticated," she says.

Sometimes, getting messy,  
stinky and soggy is just  
a part of being a dog!



## WHEN DISGUSTING = DANGEROUS

Eating poop is one thing. Eating nonfood items, though, is quite another matter.

"Take your dog to the veterinarian as soon as possible if he is filling up on rocks, paper, wood or other nonfood items," Ungar warns. "These can get lodged in his throat or cause an obstruction in his bowels."

Since a dog can't eat what he can't get to, walking your dog on a leash is one way to avoid this behavior. But for off-leash exercises, or if your pooch decides to turn your dirty socks into chew toys, training techniques can come in handy.

"All four of my Rhodesian Ridgebacks are trained to respond to the 'off' cue," Thomas says. "It means: 'Whatever you are about to touch, don't.'"

The worst thing you can do is yell at or chase your dog. "When you get upset, your dog gets excited," Thomas says. "By yelling at him to stop what he is doing or trying to take something from him, all you end up doing is giving value to whatever it is."

Thomas says to stay calm. If it won't hurt your dog, let it go. Of course, if your dog gets ahold of your mom's glasses, that's different. Still, by getting upset, you make him want to



run away, play keep away, or become even more determined to keep it.

## TOILET TROUBLE

The simplest explanation for why dogs drink out of the toilet is that they just don't get the concept.

And why would they? To them, the toilet is just another water source — a bigger water bowl, a cleaner puddle.

While it may not appear as yucky as some other behaviors, lapping up toilet water actually can be dangerous for your dog.

Ungar once had four sick patients from the same household. It turns out that all four dogs drank from the same toilet bowl, which had chemical cleanser in the tank. So, keep the toilet lid down, and put out a water bowl with fresh water for your dog to drink from.

Now that the experts have weighed in, I get it. Yucky behaviors are, well, still yucky, but at least they make more sense. Understanding why your dog does certain things makes them easier to accept and prevent.

Remember that even though dogs and humans have a special bond, we are not the same species. It's important to respect the nature of your dog.

Still, you might want to keep a bottle of doggie shampoo handy, like I do. Just because I have a better understanding of why my dog, Lily, rolls in stinky things, it doesn't mean I have to tolerate the smell. After all, it's still yucky! 🍌

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Joanne Lukens writes for children's magazines when she is not bathing her dog, Lily, or mending her chewed socks. She lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

## Fantasies of Feces

Rolling in poop is one thing, but dogs who eat it could have a serious condition called **coprophagia**. This can cause them to develop parasites and other diseases. If your dog regularly eats her own poop, or that of another dog or animal, you should take her to be checked out by a veterinarian. Often, dogs who eat poop have nutritional needs that are not being met and may require a change of diet or a dose of doggie vitamins or medication.

For others, poop may be a treat that has become a habit, like eating too much candy. In that case, dog training can help break the cycle. Either way, eating poop is unhealthy for your dog and it can make you sick, too. Many parasites can be transferred from canines to humans.

Though you love your dog, try not to kiss her on the mouth, and always wash your hands before you eat. If you pet your dog and then pick up a sandwich or cookie, you could end up with parasites, too.





# My Dog Stinks!

**H**ave you ever snuggled your pooch in a loving embrace, only to find yourself sickened by an awful odor? You reluctantly take another whiff and try to determine the source, but instead, a wave of nausea overwhelms your senses. Meanwhile, your dog sits panting or happily wagging his tail, oblivious to your disgust. If you have found yourself in this situation, you are not alone; many dog owners experience this smelly problem.

According to two leading veterinarians, Dr. Carol Osborne of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Dr. Kristen L. Nelson of Scottsdale, Arizona, the root of the stench could be a natural part of your dog's body. Here are some common reasons why your dog might reek.

## MUTT NEEDS A MINT

Bad breath is the result of gingivitis, a type of gum disease caused by poor dental hygiene. Swollen gums and tartar buildup cause bad breath, and if left untreated, cause tooth and gum infections, receding

Experts explain  
possible reasons  
for your dog's  
bad odor.

By  
Donna W.  
Martin



Putrid pups who play in funky stuff need regular baths to keep away that yucky smell.

Though it looks gross to humans, dogs love rolling in mud. It's like a mud bath!

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gums, tooth loss and more serious health problems, such as heart and kidney conditions.

If your dog has gingivitis, a veterinarian will need to clean his teeth and treat any infections. To avoid bad breath, Dr. Osborne suggests brushing your dog's teeth regularly. Oral sprays, chews or regular veterinary dental appointments are alternative cleaning methods for dogs who dislike having their teeth brushed. If your dog is receiving proper dental care and his breath continues to smell, it could be a sign of diabetes or kidney disease.

## FUNKY EARS

Those things on each side of your dog's head (his ears!) could be letting off an obnoxious odor.

■ **ear glands:** Ear glands produce earwax, which sometimes gives off a mild odor. Keep your dog's ears clean by mixing a solution of ½ cup water and ½ cup vinegar. Use cotton balls or a towel with this solution and wipe his ears to take away the odor.

■ **ear infections:** If your dog has an ear infection, his ears will smell musty, and he will require an immediate

treatment of antibiotics from your veterinarian. Ear infections are painful and they itch, causing dogs to shake their heads and rub their ears on the floor. Keeping the ears clean and dry will prevent ear infections from recurring.

## ROTTEN ROLL

Dogs have a built-in instinct to roll around in rotten materials, such as road kill, stinky mud and the feces of other animals, especially rabbits.

Dogs do this to protect themselves from the sun, fleas, mosquitoes and other bugs in the summer. Dogs also have a natural instinct to hunt, and use rolling to hide their scent from potential prey.

## LIFE'S A GAS

Gas (also known as flatulence or farting) typically occurs because of indigestion. If your dog eats something that does not agree with him, or eats food that is too rich for his stomach, he will have gas (think again before giving him food from the dinner table). Cereal-based foods are particularly common for causing gas.



DIANE LEWIS





It's not your dog's fault if he stinks; it just means he needs a little extra care from you!

Sometimes, changing your dog's diet will do the trick; however, Dr. Osborne notes that if farting continues to be a problem, it may be that your dog suffers from stomach or intestinal problems and will have to visit the veterinarian.

Dr. Nelson adds that if your dog gulps his food, he's also gulping air, causing bacteria to grow in the intestines, which produces gas. She suggests putting your dog's food in a large bowl with several large rocks that are too big for him to swallow. This will cause your dog to eat slower and will prevent gulping, because he will have to eat around the rocks.

## DINGY DOGGIE

Dogs who are not groomed properly — especially long-haired breeds like the Shih Tzu and dogs who like to be outdoors — will have body odor just from being dirty. For example, dogs with long hair and thick coats may have problems with poop sticking to their rear ends. If the hair is not cleaned and clipped away, infections can occur.

Longhaired dogs who get wet are especially prone to becoming dirty and getting an infection, because the skin stays moist under the hair, breeding bacteria and germs.

## SWEATY PET

Dogs have sweat glands on their nose and paws. Sweaty paws smell like cheese puffs, popcorn or chips. Regular baths will keep your dog clean and free of odor. For longhaired breeds, Dr. Nelson suggests keeping the hair on the footpads clipped short to reduce odor.

Dogs also secrete odors, called pheromones, from their sweat glands. Pheromones are chemical signals that dogs use to communicate with each other. Pheromones have a mild odor, and regular baths will help keep them under control. Dr. Osborne suggests rubbing a dryer sheet over your dog between baths to get rid of the stink, making sure to avoid sensitive areas, such as your dog's eyes and behind.



## ICKY EPIDERMIS

Odor-causing problems with the skin (epidermis) arise from allergies, overactive glands — which make the skin oily — and infections. All of these conditions require veterinary treatment. Dr. Nelson prescribes antibacterial shampoos for mild bacterial infections and uses antibiotics, creams and whole-body treatments for more severe infections. Routine grooming and care will help prevent skin problems, especially in breeds that have folds in their skin, such as Pugs and Bulldogs.

## STINKY FROM BEHIND

The anal sacs are scent glands that are found on each side of a dog's anus. They produce a thin yellow or grayish liquid with a foul, musty odor that is used to mark a dog's territory. When the glands are functioning properly, the anal sacs empty during a bowel movement. However, if the glands are not working properly, the anal sacs do not empty

and become impacted and enlarged. In severe cases, the sacs become ulcerated or abscessed and require surgery and possible removal.

It is common to see butt scooting in dogs with anal sac problems. This is a painful and very smelly condition. Although owners may learn to empty their dogs' anal sacs, Dr. Osborne suggests leaving it to a veterinarian to prevent injuring the dog.

**T**here are many reasons why your dog may stink. Dr. Osborne and Dr. Nelson agree that proper hygiene and care are the best prevention of dog odors. They believe it is important to examine your dog on a regular basis so you can identify his natural odors and easily detect unnatural scents when they occur. By detecting problems early and getting your dog proper treatment, you improve his quality of life and lessen his chance of developing more serious, life-threatening health conditions. 🐾

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If your dog reeks from the rear, it could be a glandular problem.

# ALPHA DOGS

## Norwegian Elkhound

**Home:** Norway

**General:** I am an ancient, dignified breed — my ancestors were guard dogs and hunters for the Vikings many, many centuries ago. I really wish I could have taken a ride on those Viking boats during a thunderstorm. What a fun adventure that would have been!

**Body type:** I have a solid, sturdy build.

**Activity level:** high

**Who I'd like to meet:** Leif Ericson, the truest Viking of all; the soldiers at Buckingham Palace in England (my guarding skills outshine theirs any day!)

**Favorite thing to wear:** A Viking helmet, of course!



**Favorite song:** "Ride of the Valkyries" by Richard Wagner. Though this classical piece is not about Vikings, I blast this song on my iPod every time my owner takes me to agility practice.

**What you didn't know about me:** Even though I am a courageous hunter, there are times when I enjoy staying in and playing with my kid owners.

### Latest blog entry

As soon as my owner unlocked the gate this morning, I bolted into the field and ran to my favorite spot — a huge rock where I get a nice view of the land and can spot elk a mile away. Unfortunately, I now live in Pennsylvania and have yet to spot an elk.

**Current mood:** brave



## Norwich Terrier

**Home:** United Kingdom

**General:** I'm one of the smallest working terriers out there. Some say I resemble a fox because my eyes are black and beady. I'm known for being a fierce rat trapper; sneaky vermin can't get past me!

**Body type:** I'm short and stout, but I'm no teapot. I have pointy ears and a rough coat that is weatherproof. I'm almost invincible!

**Activity level:** high. I'm always out and about, looking after my owner and making sure he doesn't get into trouble.

**Who I'd like to meet:** the Orkin man (I must uncover his secret to getting rid of those pesky rodents), soccer star David Beckham, Scooby-Doo (I'd like to teach that dog how to be brave, like me)

**Favorite movies:** *Ratatouille* (that doesn't mean I'm a fan of rats, though!), *Bolt* (I really, really, really, really, really want my owner to buy a T-shirt for me with a huge lightning bolt on it. I hope he gets the hint.)



**What you didn't know about me:** I may be small, but that doesn't stop me from excelling in sports. My little legs were made for powerful speed.

### Latest blog entry

After rally practice, I came home and snuggled with my owner on the couch. After we rest up, we're going on a jog around the park. Today has been perfect. The only bad news is that I still can't find my favorite chew toy. Hmm. I think I smell a rat.

**Current mood:** energetic



# ALPHA DOGS

## Old English Sheepdog

**Home:** England

**General:** I am very fluffy, scruffy and always ready to play. I was originally bred to “drive” sheep, cattle and other animals to market (but not in a car! By “drive,” I mean “move,” of course).

**Body type:** large and muscular. Think The Rock (aka Dwayne Johnson), but with way more hair.

**Activity level:** high

**Who I'd like to meet:** Hello Kitty. She looks like she'd be nice!

**Nicknames:** Bobtail, Bob, Billy-Bob, Bob-Bob-Bo-Bob-Bananafama-Fo-Fob-Me-My-Mo-Mob-Bob

Hey, who turned out the lights?



**What you didn't know about me:**

My best friend is a reindeer named Rudy. We met when I was assigned to herd him.

**Latest blog entry**

Rudy is having a hard time fitting in at his school, because some other mean reindeer just keep laughing at him and calling him names. They never let poor Rudy join in any of their games. I told Rudy he should switch to my school, and we could play together all the time!

**Current mood:** friendly



## Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen

**Home:** France

**General:** I was bred to hunt small animals in the rugged terrain of Vendéen, France, and I — being the fearless, bold hunter that I am — never disappoint. I'm also known for my stylish good looks because of the way my mustache, beard and eyebrows are so elegantly tousled.

**Body type:** I am short and compact, but not fragile — I am sturdy, tough and strong as an ox! (Thank goodness I don't smell like one.)

**Activity level:** high. I'm alert, always on the lookout and ready for anything.

**Who I'd like to meet:** Alexander Dumas, author of *The Three Musketeers*. I'd ask him to write a book about me, the courageous hunter! My mustache would be my

C'est la vie!



trademark. *Oui! Oui!* (That's “Yes! Yes!” in French.)

**Favorite movies:** *Star Wars* (I like to pretend my pointy tail is a light saber), *Wall-E* (there should be more Wall-Es in the world!)

**What you didn't know about me:** I am adventurous, independent and I like to meet new people. I greet everybody with a friendly, “*Bonjour!*” (That means “Hello!” in French.)

**Latest blog entry**




I spent all day exercising. I worked out all four legs, so now they're stronger than ever. Let's see which animal tries to outrun me! Now, back to exercising. One ... two ... three ... Oops! In French! *Un ... deux ... trois ...*

**Current mood:** alert



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		Happy birthday, Superman!				

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# ALPHA DOGS

## Plott Hound

**Home:** I originated in North Carolina, which makes me a Southerner at heart.

**General:** I am intelligent and always on the lookout for whatever my owner wants me to hunt 'cause I aim to please. I have a powerful sense of smell, so when I hunt, boy, do you see a whole 'nother side of me! I'm aggressive and fast as lightning, which is the only way to be if you want to catch wild boar and bears. Stick with me, an' you'll always have somethin' to eat.

**Body type:** I'm pretty tall, and I have a lot of muscles, too; muscles that would put Arnold Schwarzenegger to shame.

**Activity level:** high

**Who I'd like to meet:** Arnold Schwarzenegger and Hulk Hogan (we could have a bona fide bodybuilding contest, yessiree!)



Tee hee! This grass tickles!

**Favorite song:** "Bad to the Bone" — I enjoy good ol' fashioned blues an' rock 'n' roll

**What you didn't know about me:** My name comes from the Plott family who brought my ancestors from Germany to North Carolina and mixed them with bear-hunting dogs.

**Latest blog entry**

I was out on a hunt today, sniffing some trees, when ... sniff sniff ... wait ... I smell something. Gotta go! Baaaad to the bone...

**Current mood:** alert



## Pointer

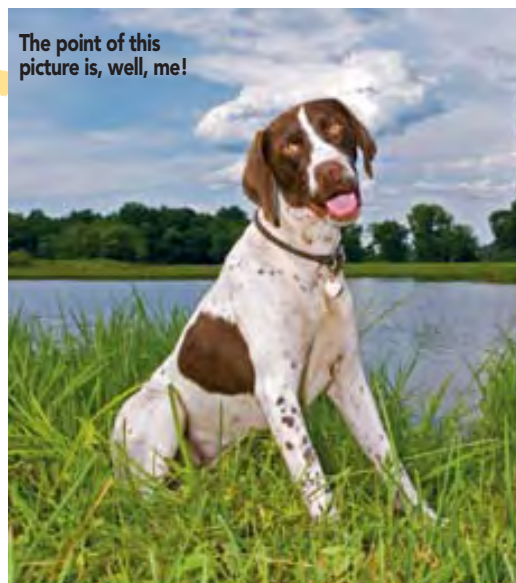
**Home:** Spain

**General:** I am quite an aristocratic dog. Not to brag, but if you go to an art museum and see an old painting with a dog in it, he's probably one of my great-great-great-grandparents. Pointers show up in a lot of artwork because we're so ridiculously good-looking (not to be vain or anything; it's the truth).

**Body type:** medium-sized, lean and slender. Overall, I'm a real work of art.

**Activity level:** high

**Favorite pastimes:** organizing my owner's handkerchiefs, pointing at things, rearranging paintings of myself on the wall, pretending to play chess



The point of this picture is, well, me!

**Favorite TV show:** I don't have a silly television. In my spare time, I like bird-watching and listening to opera music.

**Favorite pizza topping:** Ten words — Why eat pizza when you can eat caviar and biscuits?

**Favorite joke:** Knock knock? Who's there? Pointer. Pointer who? Orange you glad I didn't say banana?! [Pointer really doesn't know how to tell a joke — Ed.]

**Latest blog entry**

I sat at the park today and watched pigeons for three hours. Then, I went home and moved my ball toys to where the rope toys are, and the rope toys to where the balls used to be. It's been a good day.

**Current mood:** contemplative



# ALPHA DOGS



MARK FAYROFT

## Pomeranian

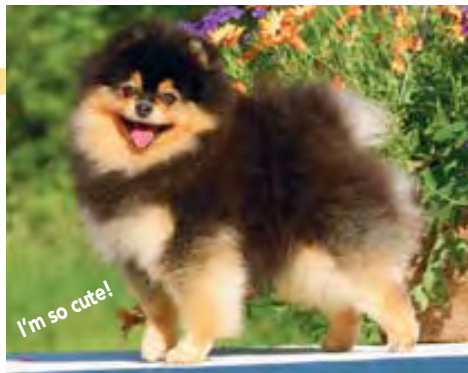
**Home:** the Pomeranian province in Germany and Poland

**General:** Just call me the Jenny Craig of dogs. I should start my own weight-loss clinic! My ancestors were shepherders and weighed more than 30 pounds, but over time, they got smaller and Poms now weigh only about 4 or 5 pounds. Our most famous fan was Queen Victoria of England. She liked Poms because we're very smart, lively and curious.

**Body type:** small with a thick double coat. My owner calls me "Pom" for short, which makes sense because I look like a cheerleader's pom-pom.

**Activity level:** moderate

**Favorite food:** low-fat bratwurst, low-sodium sauerkraut



**Favorite movies:** Gimme a P! Gimme an O! Gimme an M! Gimme an ... Oh, forget it. Can you tell my favorite movie is *Bring It On*?

**What you didn't know about me:** I may be tiny, but I'm a

darn good watchdog! All that cheering has given me strong vocal cords and an awesome bark!

### Latest blog entry

I spent the afternoon translating American cheers into German. Tomorrow, I'm going to practice cheering. It'll come in handy next time the neighbor's Volpino Italiano dog comes over. His owner says we look alike, but I'm much cuter!

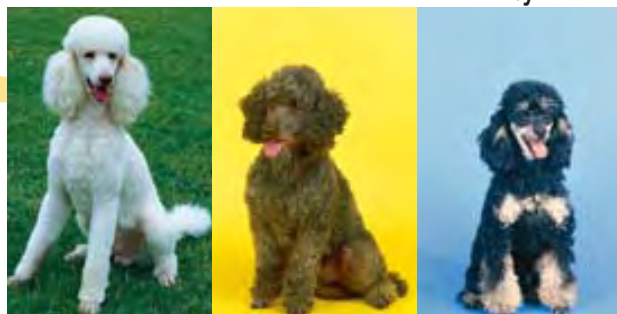
**Current mood:** spirited



Standard

Miniature

Toy



## Poodles

**Home:** Germany

**General:** The three of us are very intelligent and have a keen sense of fashion. We come in a trio (Standard, Miniature, Toy), but we all have different personalities and like different things. For instance, Standard likes wearing Gucci pants, Miniature likes Gucci dresses and Toy likes Gucci shorts. See, we're as different as can be!

**Body type:** Standard's the tall one; she's over 15 inches tall at the shoulders. Miniature is between 10 and 15 inches, and Toy is under 10 inches. Toy is usually the one wearing high heels to make herself feel taller! Oh, and we all have a dense, curly coat that can be clipped in different ways: in a show coat for fancy days or in a pet clip for normal days.

**Activity level:** very high. We need lots of energy; we just had an all-day shopping spree. It was fun but our dogs are barking!

**Who we'd like to meet:** Calvin Klein, Donatella Versace, Tommy Hilfiger.

Oh, and Georgette the Poodle from Disney's *Oliver and Company*. (We'd like to meet a cartoon Poodle!)

**What you didn't know about us:** Our name comes from the German word "*pudel*," which means "puddle" in English! We like it when it rains; it gives us a chance to wear our new Burberry rain boots!

### Latest blog entry

When we were at the mall today, Standard couldn't decide between the blue Doggles or the green Doggles, so instead, she bought a red rhinestone collar. It matches her toenails!

**Current mood:** fashionable



JERRY SHULMAN



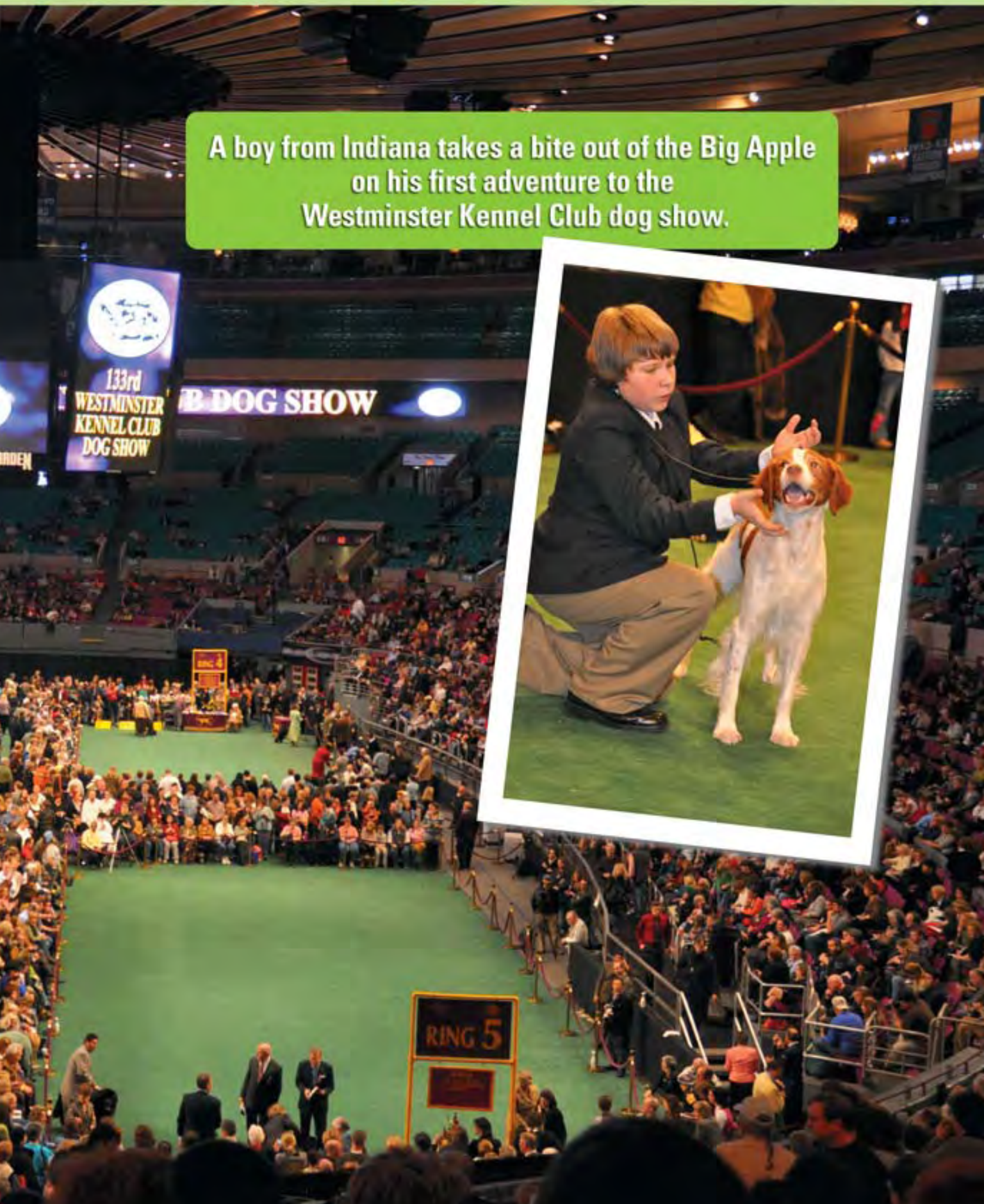
Photos and article by Joan Hustace Walker

# Showing up at Westminster





A boy from Indiana takes a bite out of the Big Apple on his first adventure to the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.





Rob waits for the judge's directions with other Brittany handlers in the show ring.

**F**lash back a few months to Feb. 9, 2009. It's a cold Monday afternoon in New York City, but you'd never know it at the 133rd Annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show. It's time for the Junior Showmanship competition, which judges how well entrants (girls and boys between the ages of 9 and 17) handle their dogs in the show ring. This year, 122 of the top junior handlers in the country are hoping to win the coveted title of "Best Junior."

Rob, a 14-year-old from New Castle, Indiana, is one of these top handlers. Standing in a navy blue

blazer, tie and khaki dress slacks, Rob appears calm as he waits for his exhibitor's number with his dog, a Brittany spaniel named Baxter. He has been assigned the number "5."

Unfortunately, since no one is assigned numbers one through four at Westminster, if you're given number five, "You're the first one in line," Rob explains.

When competing in Junior Showmanship, it's always better not to be first in line. The first person in the ring doesn't know what the judge expects from each handler — in particular, what pattern the judge will ask the handler to "gait" or trot his or her dog around the ring.

"The pattern could be straight out and back," Rob says. "It could be a triangle or it could be an L-shape." Sometimes, a Westminster judge has even thrown junior competitors for a loop — literally — by asking them to move their dogs in a small circle.

## GETTING THERE

Of course, Rob didn't come to Westminster to be psyched out by a simple number. In fact, he is pretty much prepared for anything. Rob has been handling dogs since he was 6 years old.

"My mom signed me up for a 4-H class," he says. His first partner was with Missy, the family's Shih Tzu. And, although Rob disliked obedience training (he still attained a Companion Dog title with Missy!), he found he really liked conformation events, including junior handling.

At 10 years old, he started competing in junior handling events at American Kennel Club dog shows with his own dog, Baxter. In order to compete at Westminster, junior handlers must win 10 "open" (advanced) classes against other juniors their age. In 2007, Rob won nine classes, and was one win short of being invited to Westminster.

After being so close to qualifying, Rob's 2008 goal was to earn his entry





# Junior-to-Junior



Junior handler Grace Walker (14) catches Rob backstage at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show, and asks him a few questions about his experiences.



**Q:** What kind of bait [a treat used to get the dog's attention] do you use?

**A:** I usually use liver for Baxter, which I buy from a friend of mine at the show.

**Q:** How did you like being the first person in the lineup for Junior Showmanship?

**A:** I actually liked it better being first, instead of in the middle or at the end, so I could control the speed when the juniors went all the way around.

**Q:** Do you like New York City and how you can take your dog practically anywhere?

**A:** No, I don't care too much for the city. I like to be in a small town. And also, just getting across the street with Baxter was a problem. Baxter was trained to hunt birds, and he was really interested in the pigeons (which are all over New York City)!

**Q:** How do your friends react when they find out you handle dogs?

**A:** I tell my close friends and they're cool with it. Others I don't tell, because they wouldn't understand.

**Q:** Do you work for a professional handler?

**A:** Yes, I have been assisting for around six months to a year now.

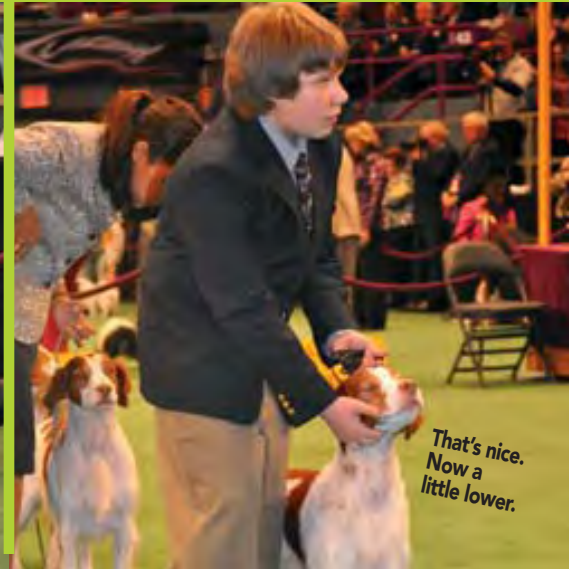
to Westminster early in the season. "I got my tenth win in June 2008," he says. But then life threw him a curve ball: In August, his father was seriously burned in a fire, requiring months of costly hospital care. Though Rob had qualified for the big dog show, the family could no longer afford to send him and his dog to Westminster.

Then help came from an unusual source: dog owners. Rob's mom, Lora, says that when Rob's dad was in the hospital recovering, "some of our local dog club members offered to help us out by getting the kids





Um, you're facing the wrong way!



That's nice. Now a little lower.

school supplies, since school was starting in a few weeks," she says.

The local dog club told the Brittany-L List (an online forum for people who own Brittanys) that they were collecting money for Rob's family. "They got such a large response that they were able to do much more," Lora says. "I still cry every time I think about all that they did. Some didn't even know us!"

The money that poured in from dog owners, friends and family paid for Rob's entry fees for the show, airplane tickets, a hotel room in New York City and a car ride for Baxter from Indiana to the hotel in New York City (so the dog didn't have to ride in the cargo hold of an airplane). Everything was set: Rob and Baxter were going to Westminster!

## IT'S SHOW TIME

Flash back to Feb. 9. Exhibitors' numbers are being called for Westminster's Junior Showmanship class, and Rob is first. After posing for a photo with the class, the judge divides the juniors into four sections, so he can work more easily with the handlers in the ring. Rob is, of course, in the first section.

The competitors are asked to gait their dogs once around the large ring.

Hundreds of spectators roar enthusiastically as the juniors run by. ("I'm used to maybe two or three people cheering," Rob says of the experience.) Rob is then asked to "stack" (pose) his dog for the judge. The judge checks Baxter's teeth, and feels his shoulders and back. Stepping back, the judge then asks Rob to gait his dog in a triangular pattern.

To the casual observer, Rob and Baxter perform flawlessly (and the crowd loves them); however, Rob has a more critical take on his first performance at Westminster: "I moved out a little fast and Baxter broke gait [galloped instead of trotted]," Rob explains. "Then, he got a little in front of me at the first turn." With Baxter in front, Rob couldn't turn smoothly to his left at the first corner of the triangle. "I had to step back and turn him," says Rob, which broke the smoothness of the pattern.

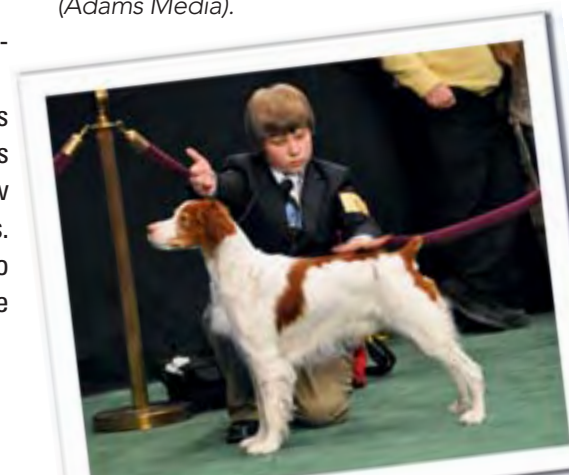
After all the juniors from Rob's group gait individually, the judge walks up and down the line, examining how the handlers are posing their dogs. The judge then asks the juniors to move their dogs one more time around the ring — this time together.

While the people in the large crowd enthusiastically cheer for their favorites, the judge makes his selection — one, two, three, four handlers ... but sadly, Rob is not one of the finalists. At least, not this time.

"I was a little nervous," Rob admits, "and I made some mistakes." Despite having only spent a short amount of time in the ring, Rob says it was worth it, and, given the opportunity, he hopes to do it all again. In fact, he's going to start in just a few days. "I'm going home on Wednesday, and then I'll be at a show on Saturday," he reports.

He needs to start working on his 10 wins in order to qualify for the 2010 Westminster Dog Show, after all!

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# Riddle?

## Me This

To uncover this silly dog riddle, you'll have to solve the puzzle below. First, solve each clue and write the letters on the blank spaces. Then, move each letter to the same-numbered square in the puzzle. A black square means the end of the word. The filled-in puzzle will spell out a riddle that will stump all of your friends! Answer appears on page 63.

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This dog has a powerful nose (clue: Basset)

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A "hello" sign (clue: you also can find one in the ocean)

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Opposite of "freeze" (clue: rhymes with "treat")

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A noble title (clue: rhymes with "fluke")

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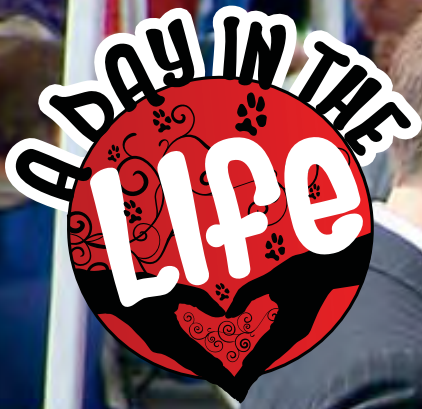
A delicious "French" food

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For the members of the **United Kennel Club's Total Junior Program**, it's all about good sportsmanship and having fun.

# Where a Kid Can Be a

# Competitor



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- Love dogs?
- Enjoy competing?
- Want to make new friends?

By  
Meredith  
Wargo

Then check out the United Kennel Club's Total Junior Program!

The UKC is the largest all-breed performance-dog registry in the world. The club started in 1898 and today, it registers dogs from all 50 states and 25 foreign countries. Several years ago, the UKC started a junior program to encourage kids between the ages of 2 and 18 to become more involved in the world of dogs.

## FROM HEADS TO TAILS

The Junior Program consists of conformation and performance events. Conformation, or showmanship, is a competitive event in which a judge evaluates each dog in terms of how he matches a perfect example of his breed. Judges

Josh (opposite page) and Autumn (above right) love going to dog shows with their dogs.

COURTESY OF ROB BROWN

The UKC's Junior Program gives kids the chance to practice their skills in conformation (pictured here and below) and agility (right).



COURTESY OF SARA NUGENT



COURTESY OF MARK STURTZ

consider the dog's appearance, temperament and movement. Junior handlers are evaluated on their ability to present their dogs for conformation judging, their general dog knowledge and their knowledge about the specific breed of dog they're showing.

Performance events include obedience, agility and weight pull activities. Juniors may compete with different dogs in conformation and performance events.

A handler earns points by placing in an event. Each year, points are totaled and the junior handlers are ranked. Only the top-ranked kids from all over the country compete in the finals at Premier, which is held each June in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

## TOTAL JUNIOR, TOTAL FUN

Josh, 15, of Camano Island, Washington, had never thought about showing dogs. It wasn't until he got an American Eskimo Dog and the breeder suggested that the family show the purebred that he became interested. "I was hooked from the very first showing!" Josh says. "All I can tell other kids is to just try it once."

Josh started in the Junior Program when he was 11 years old. His family owns four American Eskimo Dogs and one American Pit Bull Terrier. All five dogs compete in events.

"In addition to conformation, I compete in the weight pull category with Repo, my pit bull," Josh says. At weight pull events, dogs are placed in harnesses and must pull weighted carts a certain distance. The cart operates either on wheels or on a rail system. Dogs of all sizes can compete in this event. Points are given based on how much weight a dog can pull and by the proportion of his body weight to the amount of weight he actually pulled.

To help Repo train for this competition, Josh attaches a dumbbell weight to his harness, which the dog drags on the ground. "It's like getting a dog to work out," Josh explains. "Dragging a weight on the ground is a lot harder than pulling a weight on wheels. It helps condition him for the actual event."

When Josh first started showing dogs, he attended local events in his area. Now, he travels to other states for regional competitions. "Being in the Junior Program is not just about winning," Josh says. "It's more about learning an experience and getting better at it."



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COURTESY OF SARA NUGENT



One of the many benefits of the Junior Program is learning more about dogs.

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### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Fifteen-year-old Jill of Battle Creek, Michigan, started showing dogs nine years ago. Her family owns and shows several Samoyeds. "The Junior Program is a great place for kids to learn more about a particular breed of dog," Jill says.

Jill practices with her dogs several times a week, both at home and through her 4-H club. "My family shows all of our dogs in conformation, but just a few of them in the performance events," she says. "Crystal is my main show dog and I'm training her for obedience and agility events."

Jill explains that when training dogs for conformation, it's best to start when they are young. "When you train dogs for performance, though, they should be a few years old so they don't damage any bones that are still growing," she says.

Several things can affect a competition. "We all have our good days and bad days," Jill adds. "I can be off or my dog can be off on any particular day. It's important to remember that the Junior Program is about showing up and having fun."

### COONHOUNDS ARE COOL!

For 13-year-old Autumn of Bedford, Pennsylvania, the Coonhound Youth Program has become a sibling tradition. Autumn has been showing Coonhounds for five years. She learned about this sport from her older sister, who saw the movie *Where the Red Fern Grows* and wanted to show Coonhounds. In turn, Autumn shared her love of the program with her younger sister, who also now shows. "My 10-year-old sister gives me a lot of competition!" Autumn says.

The Coonhound Youth Program is separate from the Junior Program. There are no performance events in this program. "At showmanship, they call your name and you take your dog around the ring," Autumn says. "There's a bench that you put your Coonhound on and set him up a certain way so he can be judged against breed standards."

The Coonhound Youth Program also encourages kids to participate in the UKC Coonhound hunting events. Hunting with hounds is a tradition that is still very popular in the United States. These events provide Coonhound owners the chance to show off their dogs' natural abilities. Hunting events are designed to resemble actual hunts, but the taking of game is strictly prohibited.

Autumn's family owns six Coonhounds. She works with her dogs several times a week to get them ready for competition. During the summer, she takes them swimming to build up their muscles. In the winter, she runs them 2½ miles up the mountain on which her family lives. Her dogs also practice sitting on a bench for the actual showmanship judging.

All of Autumn's hard work paid off when she won Youth Nationals in 2008 with her dog, Angel. For Autumn, the best part of being in the club is getting to meet so many people. "No matter what the outcome, everybody knows you're out there trying," she says.

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*Meredith Wargo is an award-winning freelance writer in Houston, Texas.*

## Getting Started

To learn more about the United Kennel Club's Total Junior Program, visit the UKC's website (with your parents' permission, of course!): [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)



“ I love the process of expressing the **true personality of a dog** through photographs.”



Writer Camille Garcia (left) visited photographer Pam Marks (right) for this article.



# Vogue, Spot, Vogue

By Camille Garcia

Pet photographers teach dogs how to say "cheese."



**"Brrrr! Wheeee! Ahaaa! Ooooh!"**

If you were walking past Paw-Prince Studios in Woodland Hills, California, and heard those noises coming from inside, you might think something was wrong. But how else would *you* get a zippy Miniature Schnauzer named Maddie to pose prettily for the camera? Wacky noises are one answer. Bribing Maddie with doggie treats is another.

## SAY "FLEAS!"

It only takes one treat. Maddie stands almost perfectly still with her head cocked to one side, her tail wagging eagerly as she waits for the cookie that professional pet photographer Pam Marks holds in her hand.

It's the moment Marks has been waiting for. Her camera shutter clicks, the studio lights flash and an image of Maddie standing against a bright blue backdrop appears on Marks' camera screen.

"Aw, that's cute!" Marks exclaims. One good photo goes a long way in the pet photography business. After all, it's not easy getting a dog to stand still.

Marks, the owner of PawPrince Studios, has been in the business for 15 years. She used to be a nurse, but the opportunity to photograph pets turned out to be too irresistible to pass up.





"I've been a dog lover since the age of 10," Marks says. Her love for dogs, combined with her knack for photography, paved the way for a challenging new career.

The then-untrained photographer taught herself everything she needed to know about photography and how to turn it into a successful business. Today, Marks has hundreds of clients, and her photographs have appeared in magazines, books, posters, calendars and greeting cards.

Although she is a dog lover, Marks welcomes animals of all sorts into her studio, which makes her job all the more interesting. "It's like having an extended pet family," she says, adding that her favorite part of the job is "all the kisses on the nose."

Jean Fogle, a pet photographer from Fort Valley, Virginia, couldn't agree more.

Pam Marks (pictured left) took this Boston Terrier's photo, and we turned it into the cover for our August/September 2008 issue!

"What isn't there to like about a job where you get to be outdoors, meet plenty of great dogs, and best of all, get those sloppy puppy kisses?" she asks.

Fogle started out as a garden photographer, but her love for dogs took her in another direction 12 years ago when she began photographing her Jack Russell Terrier, Molly.

"Soon, my photo files began to fill up with puppies instead of peonies," she says.

## TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Fogle says that one of the most important things for a pet photographer to have is a good sense of humor. During

a photo shoot a few winters ago, she crouched down to take photos of five Rottweilers running in the snow. "Afterwards, my husband said I might want to throw my jacket in the wash," she recalls. "Apparently, one of the Rotties came behind me and peed on my back. I guess he thought I was a fire hydrant!"

Potty accidents and playful pounces are just part of the job. A good pet photographer can deal with these random occurrences (and worse!), and be just as playful.

"It helps if you can make weird noises, don't mind getting down on your hands and knees, carry plenty of treats and have tons of patience," says

## Professional Advice

If you're itching to get your paws on a camera and snap photos of adorable pets, take some advice from these *Dogs for Kids* contributing photographers.

◆ **Get Some Class.** "Major in photography in college and take some business classes," advises photographer Jean Fogle. "Learn about marketing and business so you actually can make a living."

◆ **Practice, Practice, Practice.** "Never quit," says photographer Mark Raycroft. "Work at becoming better. Feed off your success, and put your disappointments behind you."

◆ **Learn from Others.** "Photography is both technical and creative," says photographer Laurie Meehan-Elmer. "Study other photographers and artists to see what's possible, and learn how they do what they do."

◆ **Keep Your Eyes Peeled.** A dog's persona is all in the eyes, which is one feature photographers pay special attention to, according to Pam Marks. "The eyes are the psyche of the dog," she says. "I'm always looking for a dog with life in his eyes."

Fogle, adding that love and friendliness are definitely must-have traits for any pet photographer.

"Dogs can feel positive energy and will respond to it," says Mark Raycroft, an animal photographer in Ontario, Canada. Like Marks, he also has a load of funny noises to get a dog's attention.

The trick is getting just the right noise for a dog. Or, in Maddie's case, a tempting snack is the trick to getting her to simmer down and look at the camera.

But some pet photographers, like Laurie Meehan-Elmer from Seminole, Florida, don't mind having a little bit of controlled chaos on-set.

"With pets, you can't have a clear plan," says Meehan-Elmer, who also has two assistants who are animal behaviorists to help her during the shoots. "You have to adapt to them, not the other way around. The key to a successful pet shoot is to never force anything. I like dogs to be dogs."

She does, however, pay close attention to a dog's behavior to make sure he is relaxed and having fun.

## STRIKE A POSE

Marks begins Maddie's photo shoot by letting the Miniature Schnauzer get used to the studio. Maddie's owner stays nearby to keep her calm. Once Maddie settles down, Marks snaps dozens of

Mark Raycroft (pictured below right with his German Shepherd Dog, Ranger), has taken photos that have ended up on our covers and in our posters (below left).

photos, changing the background and trying out props, including a watering can, which Maddie doesn't like at first. It takes some coaxing — and a few more treats — to get Maddie to stand near it long enough to take a photo.

On a typical day, Maddie's hour-long photo shoot is only one of several Marks will do. Some photo sessions might be outdoors, which is a perk Raycroft takes full advantage of.

"I have one of the best jobs in the world," he says. "I book my own schedule and work outdoors with cool animals and people who enjoy the experience."

Raycroft has been photographing animals for 20 years. He began his career as a freelance wildlife photographer by capturing images of bears, caribou, deer, elk, moose and some wild canines (aka wolves). His photos have appeared in a multitude of publications.

One day, Raycroft decided to photograph his German Shepherd Dog, Ranger. "My dog was one of the most photogenic German Shepherds I've ever seen," Raycroft says. Ranger started appearing in calendars, and soon, Raycroft was receiving requests to photograph other dogs. Now, he travels across North America, camera in hand, to photograph all sorts of animals.

"I enjoy working and communicating with animals," Raycroft says. "It's always a fun challenge to interpret their personalities, so that each animal's individuality shines in photographs."

For these four pet photographers, inspiration comes from being able to capture a dog's character in a photo.





Photographer Laurie Meehan-Elmer (pictured right) and her husband, Dr. David Elmer, write the "What's Up, Doc?" column in each issue of D4K. Laurie has scored several covers of our sister publications, too, including many of the Popular Dogs Series titles (above left).

"I love the process of expressing the true personality of a dog through photographs," Meehan-Elmer says.

**THAT'S A WRAP!**

An hour later, after lots of treats and flashing lights, Maddie calls it quits (but not before Marks can squeeze in one more picture of Maddie on her owner's lap).

Once Marks' clients leave, the camera is put away and her next task is choosing the best images of the bunch, which she will then edit, touch up and give to the clients.

All four photographers agree that after a long day of photographing and playing with dogs, sitting at the computer is not the best part of the job, but they do have a business to run.

"For every hour spent in the studio, there are about eight hours of work in the office," Meehan-Elmer says.

In the long run, knowing their photos will make pet owners happy is the biggest reward of the job.

"The excitement of viewing images, interacting with dogs, sharing the photos with clients and seeing the clients' reactions keeps me inspired," Meehan-Elmer says.

If you want to photograph dogs, you're in for a treat. "They're simply fun to be around," Meehan-Elmer says. "I never get tired of them. They keep me going even if everything else is going wrong. It's hard not to have a good time."

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Camille Garcia is an editorial intern for Dogs for Kids.



Jean Fogle and her Jack Russell Terrier Molly are Dogs for Kids royalty. Jean wrote and took pics of Molly for her long-running "Tricks for Treats" column!



# The Write Stuff



Here are the winners of our “Authors Wanted” creative writing contest.

In the February/March 2009 issue of *Dogs for Kids*, we asked our readers to write stories about their adventures with their dogs. The response was more than we could imagine! We loved reading the more than 100 responses we got. Some were funny, some were dramatic, and all were clever and a joy to read.

We narrowed it down to our top 11, and then the real work began. How could we choose one great story over another? They were all super! We tried rock-paper-scissors to no avail. Inka-dink didn't work, either. Eeny, meeny, miney, moe? Nope, still no winner.

Would it be *The Chihuahua Spy* or *Kung Fu Dog*? Maybe *Sahara's Rescue*? Or *An Adventurous Day with My Dog, Mandy*? What about *Police Dog Jolly*? Decisions, decisions. We still couldn't decide!

Finally, we did a secret ballot and the unanimous winner was ...

***Copper's Changing World*** by Naomi H. from Denver, Colorado. Congratulations, Naomi! Her story,

## Honorable Mentions!

***The Chihuahua Spy***  
by Kelly H. from New Haven, Missouri

***Getting a Dog***  
by Ashley F. from Toronto, Canada

***Jasper the Black Dog***  
by Jessica R. from Perry, Michigan

***The Missing Rudder***  
by Caroline S. from Melbourne, Florida

***Kung Fu Dog***  
by Micaela T. from Joplin, Missouri

***An Unexpected Visitor***  
by Alexandra C. from Simcoe, Canada

***Hey There, Delilah!***  
by Alesi F. from Union Mills,  
North Carolina

***Sahara's Rescue***  
by Brooke W. from Waverly, Iowa

***An Adventurous Day with My Dog, Mandy***  
by Emily K. from Omaha, Nebraska

***Police Dog Jolly***  
by Savannah D. from Newton,  
North Carolina

along with an awesome drawing of Naomi and her dog by D4K's illustration director, Thomas Kimball, appears on the next page. We hope you enjoy her story as much as we did! Naomi will receive \$50 and other assorted prizes for her winning contribution.

Oh, yeah. The 10 honorable mentions? Those stories are posted on our website, [www.dogsforkids.com](http://www.dogsforkids.com). Each of the honorable mentions will receive a copy of the recently released DVD *Space Buddies*, courtesy of Disney, and the box-office smash *Hotel for Dogs* (released on DVD April 28), courtesy of Paramount Home Entertainment.



**Congratulations to all the winners**, and thanks to everyone who participated. To see pictures of some of the talented people who participated in the contest (plus their dogs!), turn to the poster page in the middle of the magazine. They certainly are a great group of up-and-coming authors. We look forward to seeing their bylines in the future!

# Copper's

By  
Naomi  
H.

## Changing World

### "COPPER."

Copper heard the voice of his master call him. He jumped up from where he lay and ran to his owner, Naomi. Since she had gotten her new job, Naomi had become more tired-looking every day. Her eyes were partially closed and the smile on her lips was plastered on.

"Hello, boy," she said, rubbing his head and scratching his ears. He followed her around the house as she went to her bedroom and flopped on the bed.

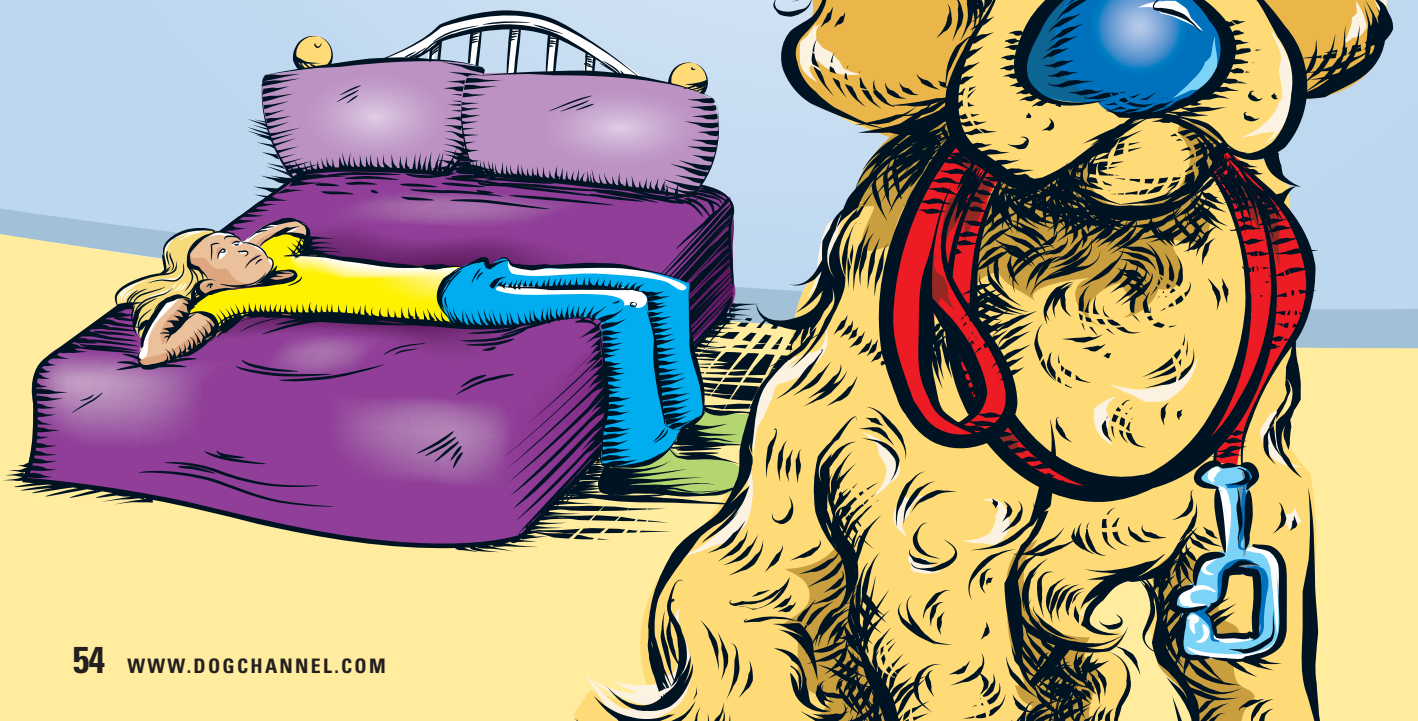
"Roof," Copper barked as he watched Naomi slowly falling asleep.

"Maybe we can take a walk later," she said in an exhausted voice. Copper started whining, but in a

few minutes Naomi had drifted off to sleep. This scene continued to happen every day, and Copper soon got used to it.

### COPPER TAKES CHARGE

One day, Naomi came home looking more tired and more exhausted than ever before. And the smile that was usually plastered on her lips wasn't even





there. When she walked in the door, she didn't call for Copper. And when he came to greet her, she walked right past him. As he followed her to her bedroom, Naomi slammed the door. Copper realized it was time for a change. He knew just the thing.

Naomi opened her bedroom door. Copper lay at the doorway. When she came out, he looked up at her with hopeful eyes. He barked, then started running. Naomi sauntered into the kitchen where she found him. He barked again and led her to her library.

"What is it now, Copper?" Naomi asked in an annoyed sort of voice. He pushed open a door in the wall and bounded through.

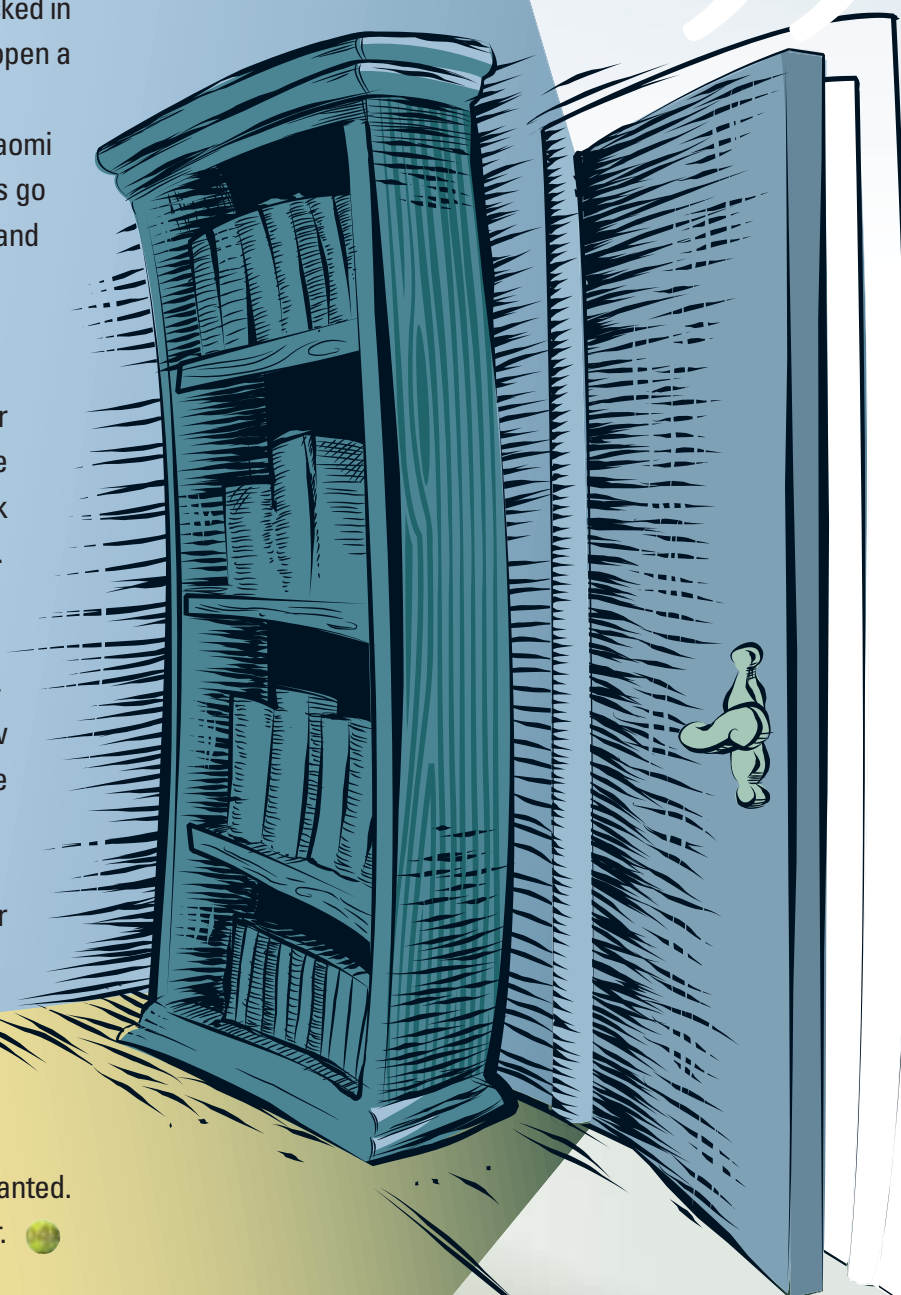
"Copper," Naomi called. Now Naomi was worried. The only thing to do was go in after him. Naomi drew a big breath and stepped through the door.

### **COPPER TURNS GOLD**

When she came out on the other side, she was in another world. There were beautiful green trees with pink flowers in full bloom all over them. There were purple lilies and green grass all along the path. Naomi looked behind her — the door had disappeared. She looked around and saw a beautiful gold dog sitting right beside her. It took her awhile to realize that this dog was her very own Copper.

Copper looked at Naomi for a moment. She didn't look like the Naomi from the other world. Her eyes were sparkling and her bright, pink lips were pulled up in a beautiful smile. This is what Copper had wanted. This was the change he had waited for. 🍀

“**Naomi** took a big breath and **stepped** through the **door.**”



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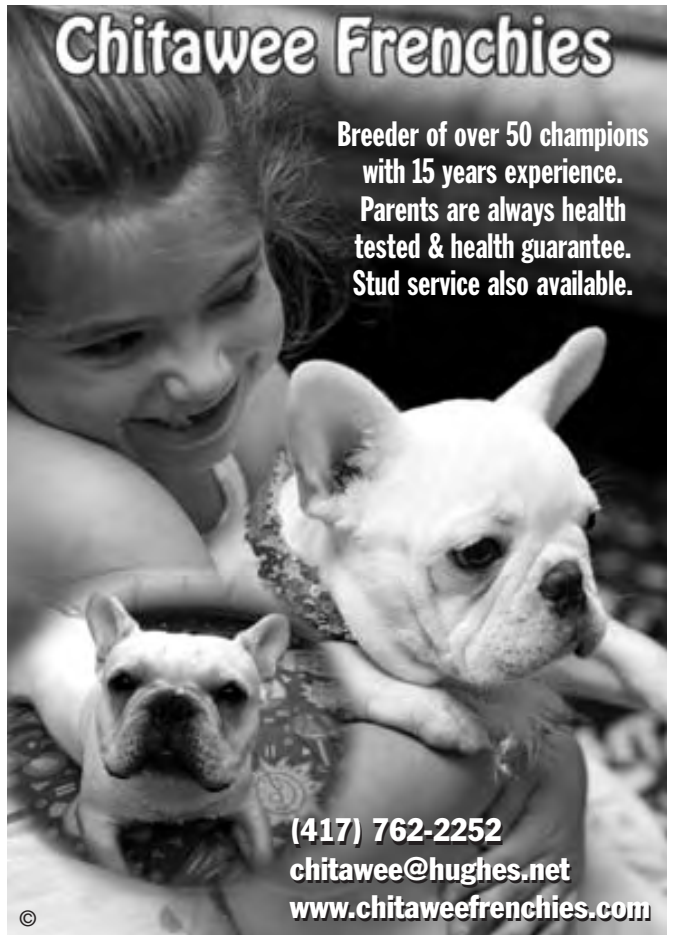


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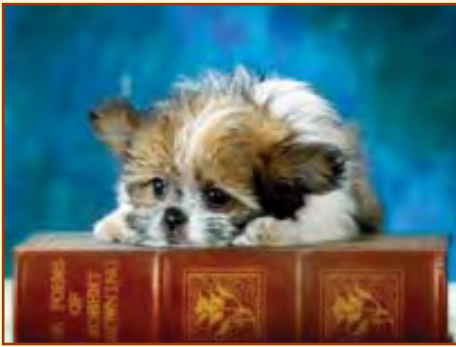
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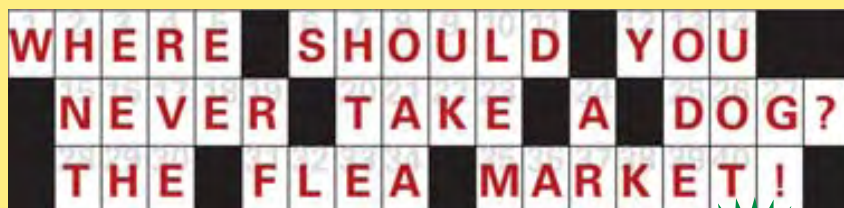
# ANSWER KEY

## Canine Word Scramble

1. American Eskimo Dog
2. Border Collie
3. Miniature Schnauzer
4. Boston Terrier
5. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
6. Doberman Pinscher
7. Yorkshire Terrier
8. Labrador Retriever
9. French Bulldog
10. German Shepherd Dog



## Riddle Me This



1. HOUND
2. HEAT
3. GEMS
4. KOALA
5. FRY
6. WAVE
7. DUKE
8. HERE
9. LETTER
10. 0



# K9 CAPTIONS

FROM THE  
FEB/MAR ISSUE



DWIGHT DYKE/CHIHUAHUAS

Say "queso!"

—Mary Kate from San Antonio, Texas

WINNER!

K9 Caption winners, **Mary Kate** and **Madison**, each win two items from the Toy Box on page 23!

Our four honorable mentions each will receive a copy of *MUTTS Shelter Stories: Love*.



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BULLDOGS

Anna and Robert have really hit it off since they met on BarkHarmony.com  
—Madison from Lincoln, California

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

"Our parents went to Mexico and all we got were these stupid hats."

— Sarah from Medina, Ohio

"Does this hat make me look fat?"

— Colleen from Longmont, Colorado

Spots and Peanut lost the costume contest to a cat.

— Annie from Irmo, South Carolina

FROM THE APRIL/MAY ISSUE

## HONORABLE MENTION

"It's HALLOWEEN, not HULAWEEN!"

— Lauren from Americus, Georgia

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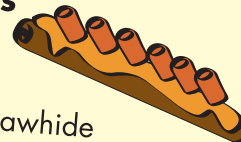
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