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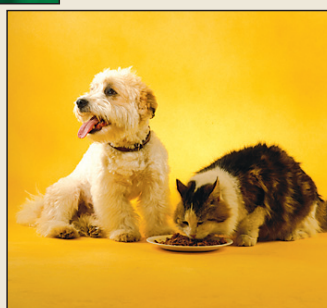
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# What is the right type of pet for your family?



behaviors. In such instances, an older established animal may be a better fit, especially if you can devote the time to retraining the animal to your preferences. If you already have pets, you'll need to find one that's compatible with your existing animals.

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation says to carefully consider if you can provide the amount of attention your pet will need. Different species and breeds require various amounts of care. A ferret or hamster may be self-sufficient most of the day, while a boisterous puppy will not be. People who travel frequently or are out of the house most of the day will have to keep this in mind as well.

Affordability is another factor to consider. Assess whether you have

the money necessary to offer shelter, recreation, medical care, food, exercise, and socialization for this particular pet. If you cannot budget for a pet that has a lot of needs, look for one that has relatively inexpensive care requirements, like a fish.

Remember that some animals can live many years, while others have a relatively short life span. Factor this into your decision as well. Once you make the commitment to the pet, it's unfair to surrender an animal simply because you failed to recognize the time and energy required to take care of it.

For more assistance choosing a pet, speak with a trusted veterinarian or animal expert about the traits of certain animals and breeds up for consideration.

**W**elcoming a pet into one's life can be a rewarding experience. Pets promote compassion and discipline in their owners, and their companionship can be incredibly rewarding. They also can be helpful tools for teaching children responsibility.

Pets require commitment, patience and financial investment. Potential pet owners also need to understand just what they're getting into when they decide to bring a pet home. Certain animals require a greater level of attention than others, and some pets might not be the right fit for all involved. After all, a pet is not a temporary playmate, but a long-term family member who will require considerable love and attention.

Prospective pet owners should consider various factors to help them find the pet that suits their families.

Decide if you want a young pet or prefer an older animal, each of which has its advantages and disadvantages. While puppies and kittens can be attractive, they require extra time and care upon being welcomed into a home, and that can be rough if young children are in the home and not accustomed to pets and their unique





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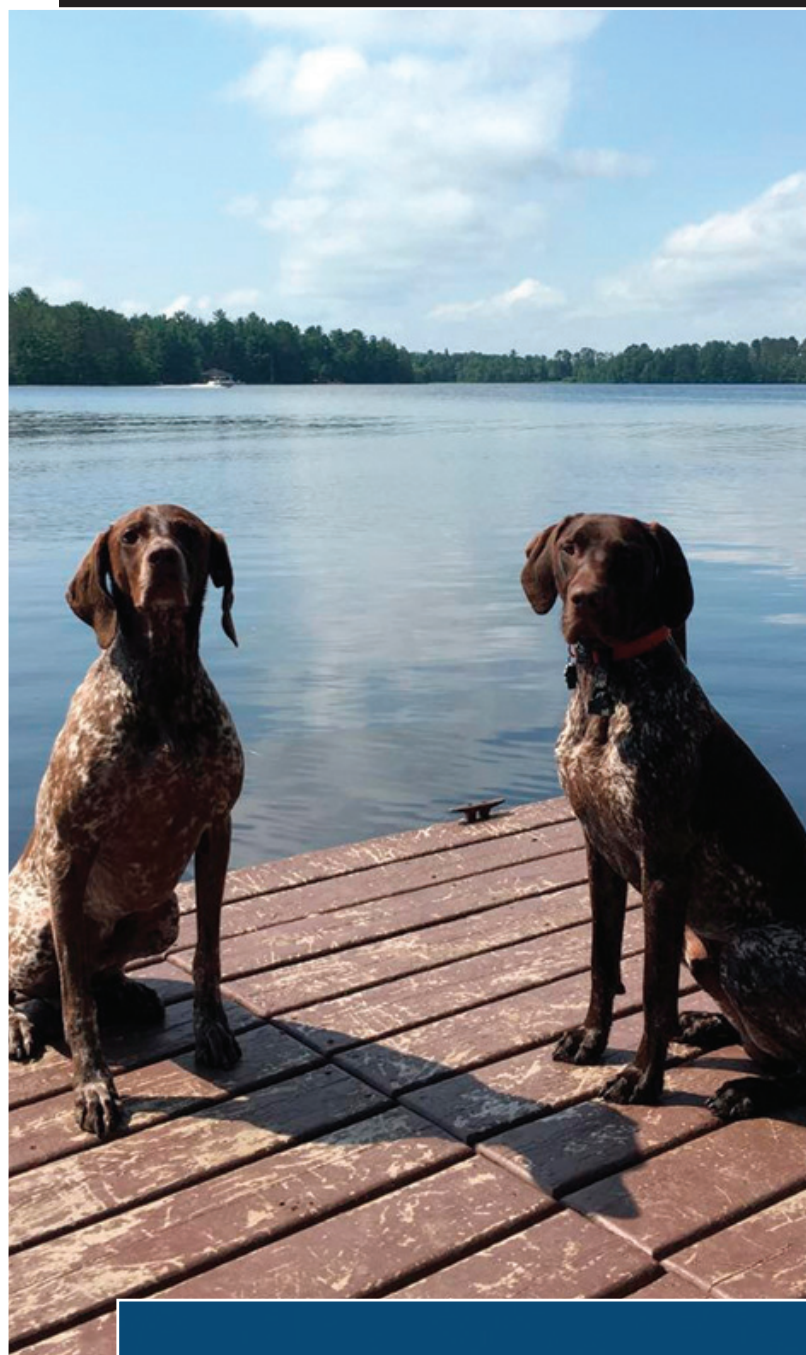
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# Signs of separation anxiety in dogs



**D**ogs are loyal and beloved companions that make great household pets. When leaving for work in the morning, dog owners may lament that they can't take their furry friends with them. But it turns out those dogs might be even more upset that they can't follow their owners out the door each morning.

Separation anxiety is a significant issue that can affect any breed of dog. According to the ASPCA, separation anxiety is triggered when dogs become upset because they've been separated from their guardians, such as in the morning when owners leave for work. Separation anxiety is a very difficult problem for dogs, creating a sense of distress that can pave the way for destructive and potentially harmful behaviors.

Dog owners may wonder what they can do to soothe their dogs' anxiety so they can be left alone without experiencing the fear or distress associated with separation anxiety. Learning to recognize the symptoms of separation anxiety is a great first step in that healing process.

### URINATING AND DEFECATING

Some dogs urinate or defecate when left alone, even if they're potty trained. This is a sign of separation anxiety. The ASPCA notes that dogs that urinate or defecate in the presence of their owners are probably not suffering from separation anxiety but a different issue, and such behavior should be discussed with a veterinarian.

### BARKING AND HOWLING

Dogs experiencing separation anxiety may

persistently bark or howl when separated from their guardians. Neighbors may complain that dogs continuously bark throughout the day, which can signal to owners that their dogs are experiencing separation anxiety. The ASPCA notes that barking or howling is typically only triggered by being left alone.

### DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIORS

Destructive behaviors when left alone, such as chewing on objects, door frames or window sills, is a telltale sign of separation anxiety. Some dogs will dig at doors and doorways, perhaps in an attempt to escape the home and follow their guardians out the door, or destroy household objects, including furniture. These destructive behaviors not only aggravate owners, but they also pose a significant injury risk to dogs. Dog owners typically do not witness the destructive behavior, which can cause injuries like broken teeth, cut and scraped paws and damaged nails.

### COPROPHAGIA

Some dogs defecate and then consume all or some of their excrement when left alone. This is all called coprophagia and likely won't occur when owners are present.

Dogs that act up when owners leave home aren't being destructive for the sake of being disruptive. In fact, these dogs are often suffering from separation anxiety, the recognition of which can be the first step toward helping dogs overcome this troubling condition.



# Before getting a pet families need to first do research

Parent needs to work with child to understand responsibilities

**By Karen Stokes**

Special to Conley Media

Most children love to have a pet but the challenge lies in motivating them to help care for and choosing the right pet.

Andrey and Marina Meyer were 7 and 5 years old respectively when their parents gave them a dog, a Newfoundland named Sabaka.

"I researched best dogs for children and the Newfoundland kept coming up hands down. They are gentle giants," said their mother Shelly Meyer.

"My kids started caring for her as soon as we brought her home. Their responsibilities include watering her, walking and brushing her and clean up after playing with her."

Khris Erickson, education director at Humane Animal Welfare Society in Waukesha, believes that the ability for a child to care for a pet has to do with the individual child's maturity.

"A lot has to do with the parent monitoring the child and the child's ability to be responsible



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*For home with small children, cats with an outgoing personality would be a better fit.*



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*The Meyer family, Larry, Shelly, Sabaka, Andrey and Marina.*

and work independently," said Erickson. "I recommend the parents and the child do some research together to fully understand the needs and costs of owning the pet."

Erickson suggests that a good first pet for a child should be something that wouldn't need a lot of care.

"I personally really like guinea pigs," said Erickson.

"They don't need a lot of exercise, they don't need a lot of space and they're socially friendly animals."

Erickson explained that puppies and kittens may not be the best fit for young children and temperament is important in choosing a pet.

"If you get a dog that's about 2 years old, by then they developmentally become the temperament they are going to keep for life," said Erickson.

"Looking for a cat, look for one that's more outgoing, a shy sensitive cat is not a cat that would be happy in a home with small children."

This summer, kids 7-14 have an opportunity to learn about pets and pet responsibility at HAWS Kids and Critters Summer Camp. For more information and to register go to <https://hawspets.org/kids-camp-waukesha/>

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## Understanding feline diabetes



**Cat owners who suspect their cats  
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can be very effective and restore  
quality of life to cats.**

common among felines than type 1, occurs  
when glucose levels are high because the  
cells are not responding to the insulin in an  
appropriate way.

### **WHAT ARE SOME SIGNS THAT MAY INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF FELINE DIABETES?**

Diabetes deprives the body of a necessary  
energy source, so when cats are suffering  
from diabetes, be it type 1 or type 2, weight  
loss is likely to occur. That weight loss  
occurs because cats' bodies will turn to  
sources other than glucose for energy. In  
these instances, the body breaks down fats  
and proteins, resulting in weight loss. The  
CUCVM notes that this weight loss occurs  
even though cats' appetites increase.

Excessive thirst and urination is another  
potential indicator of feline diabetes.  
Cats' bodies respond to elevated levels of  
glucose in their blood by excreting excessive  
amounts of the glucose in their urine. That  
high concentration of glucose in the urine  
pulls excessive amounts of water into the  
urine. According to the CUCVM, this results  
in increased urine volume, increased urinary  
water loss, a higher likelihood of dehydration,  
and an increase in thirst.

Some cats experience nerve damage in  
their hind limbs as a result of feline diabetes.  
However, the CUCVM notes that this is a  
rare occurrence.

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**D**iabetes is a condition most often  
associated with humans. But this  
potentially debilitating disease can  
even affect pets, including the family cat.

Feline diabetes can greatly affect cats' quality  
of life. The Cornell University College of  
Veterinary Medicine estimates that between  
0.2 and 1 percent of cats in the general  
population suffer from feline diabetes. While  
that's a low number, the potential dangers  
faced by cats with undiagnosed cases of  
feline diabetes makes it imperative that cat  
owners understand this disease and how to  
recognize it.

### **WHAT IS DIABETES?**

The cells in a cat's body require sugar in the  
form of glucose for energy. Glucose in the  
blood requires the hormone insulin, which  
serves as something of a key that unlocks the  
doors to the cells, making them capable of  
employing the glucose for energy. The insulin  
attaches to the cells and lets the body know  
when to absorb the glucose. That process  
is essential for muscle function. When a cat  
has type 1 diabetes, glucose concentrations  
are high because of a decrease in insulin  
production. Type 2 diabetes, which is more



# Homemade treats and toys for dogs and cats

## Ways to entertain and feed pets that don't break the bank

**By Dave Fidlin**  
Special to Conley Media

While nutrition and vet visits are front-and-center on pet owners' priority lists, pampering four-legged friends with toys and treats is also desired for many an animal lover.

For some dog and cat owners, pampering with toys and treats is tackled at home, with a little creativity and ingenuity, in the hopes of saving money.

Websites, such as Penny Hoarder, are among the resources that have available a number of suggestions for homemade treats and toys, many costing no more than a few dollars.

Hose tossing rings, seat belt buddies, rope tugs and bouncy socks are among some of the items Penny Hoarder's staffers have assembled on their list of low-cost toys that can be made at home.

Carol Sumbry, a certified behavior consultant and dog trainer with the Elmbrook Humane Society, said making treats at home, rather

than in the store, not only is typically less expensive — it's also healthier in most instances.



"There's a lot of things you can do with both treats and toys, and you definitely don't have to break the bank," said Sumbry,

who offers a twice-monthly \$30 seminar on practical tips pet owners can use at home at Elmbrook.

which might sound unappealing to humans, but is typically a delectable delicacy for our less finicky canine companions.

"But every dog is different," Sumbry said. "There are recipes out there, though, and in many cases, these treats are healthier than what you'd find in the store."

Another tip Sumbry offers up, which is especially meaningful in the upcoming warm-weathered months is making frozen treats with a few simple ingredients that dogs and cats alike enjoy. Flavored tuna cubes and frozen pops are great for both animals.

"Studies show licking is a calming behavior for them," Sumbry said, pointing to another added benefit.

Whether they are made at home or purchased in the store, Sumbry said giving dogs and cats assorted treats and toys as rewards is a great way of reinforcing positive behavior — particularly if it is done habitually and immediately after a desired task.

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# What to know when considering an exotic pet

Unusual animals have challenges, but can be rewarding

By Dave Fidlin

Special to Conley Media

For many animal lovers, it's an intriguing concept. But it's also something experts say should be done with careful thought, research and consultation.

While dogs and cats are at the top of the pet pyramid, animal aficionados frequently opt for other less common creatures great and small. They are commonly referred to as exotic pets.

As a broad, all-encompassing category, exotic pets include a number of different animal types. Ferrets, hedgehogs, potbellied pigs and spiders are a small sampling of some of the disparate animals that fall into the exotic category.

Depending upon the specific venue, pet shops across Waukesha County carry a small, or large, array of pets deemed exotic.

For instance, Friends of Nature — which has multiple locations, including one in Menomonee Falls — largely specializes in traditional pets.

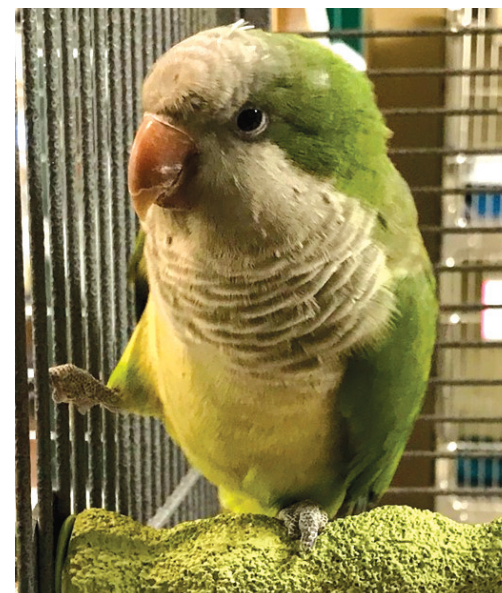
"We have one bearded dragon and two leopard geckos," owner Lynn Wilde said, illustrating the exotic pets she had available at her Menomonee Falls shop in early June.

Troy Andersen, owner of LC Pets in Hartland, said he has amassed knowledge over the years of caring for exotic pets. He previously owned a 20-acre exotic ranch in Eagle.

Whenever the topic of exotics comes up, Andersen said would-be pet owners should take a number of issues into consideration — some more obvious than others.

"Baby exotic animals always look so cute and tiny, but can grow into quite large animals," Andersen said. "Do you have the space when the animal is full grown?"

Understanding the exotic pets trajectory in life from infant to adult is important, Andersen said, for a number of practical reasons, including the eventual cost of feeding the pet and annual vet bills.



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*This is Mojito, a Quaker parakeet up for adoption at HAWS. In mid-June he was on hold to get adopted.*

Another important consideration that does not always factor into decision-making, Andersen said, are municipal ordinances. He said he encourages people considering exotic pet ownership to check with city, village or town officials about what's on the local books first.

"Many exotic animals are impulse buys or status purchases that happen without any thought going into the well-being of the animal," Andersen said. "A lot of these exotics get let go into the wild when the owner realizes they cannot be taken care of properly."

For pet owners interested in making the serious commitment, Andersen said owning an exotic pet can be rewarding.

"Don't get me wrong — owning exotic animals is great, as long as you have the knowledge and experience with them," he said.





# Raising pet chickens can be rewarding

## Fresh eggs add deliciousness to breakfast

**By Karen Stokes**

Special to Conley Media

Loulou Goulee grew up on a farm near Boston where they raised pigs, cows and chickens. Moving to Milwaukee she wanted her 6-year old son Jackson to experience what she did growing up.

Goulee has owned Carrot Bomb Catering for seven years. Her yard has a huge garden full of fresh green vegetables and colorful plants and flowers with a chicken coop in the back. Not a typical yard in the city.

“Growing up on a farm and now in the city I really like to have that balance between country and city,” Goulee said. “Raising chickens gives you that type of feeling.”

According to the US Department of Agriculture, nearly 1% of all U.S. households reported owning backyard fowl and 4% more planned to start in the next five years. That’s over 13 million Americans raising poultry.

Raising chickens can be rewarding but there’s a few things you’ll need to learn. First, you must have a permit to raise chickens in your backyard. Every city has different ordinances. For example, in New Berlin and in the Town of



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*Above: Residents in Milwaukee can only have four female chickens and no roosters. Each municipality has its own rules. Below: Jackson Goulee playing with pet chickens in his Milwaukee backyard.*

Waukesha roosters are not permitted.

“In Milwaukee, you need to have a permit and get an OK from your neighbors; you can only have four chickens and you can’t have any

roosters because they’re too loud,” Goulee said. “It’s a fairly easy process but a bit of paperwork.”

Raising chickens is fairly easy, according to Goulee. Keep the coops clean, feed them, change their water and bring them snacks.

“They love mealworms, popcorn and watermelon and in the summer when they’re dying of heat we give them frozen corn,” Goulee said. “Chickens are awesome forgers constantly scratching and digging out worms and bugs. Their eggs are amazing when they eat their natural diet; the yolks are bursting with color and nutrition.”

There are predators that can cause harm and learning how to protect your chickens is important.

“Raccoons, possums, foxes and larger rats will mess with your chickens if not drag them away, even with a 6-foot fence,” Goulee said. “When they’re hungry, predators will do just about anything. A lockdown set up for ‘the girls’ at night is a necessity. You need to keep an eye on them in the day too.”

Goulee doesn’t use meat from her chickens for the catering business.



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*Jackson Goulee adores his pet chickens, chases them, and has fun with them.*

“It’s hard to raise something, care for it, then butcher it. We use the eggs for personal use, the chickens are strictly pets,” she said.



## Did you know?

### Though they might be most often associated with dogs, ticks can affect cats as well.

According to Blue Cross for Pets, cats are most likely to encounter ticks if they live near areas with lots of deer and sheep or in regions where other wildlife, such as hedgehogs and rabbits, are present. While ticks are active throughout the year, cats are most likely to encounter them between spring and autumn. That’s due in part to the climate during these seasons, which tends to be warmer and therefore more inviting to cats, compelling them to spend more time outdoors than they do in winter. Ticks, which are egg-shaped, are big enough to spot, so cat owners should conduct a careful examination of their cats’ fur each time they come into the house after spending time in the yard. Blue Cross for Pets notes that ticks feel like small bumps on a cat’s skin. Ticks are most likely to attach themselves to particular areas of a cat’s body. These areas include the head, neck, ears, and feet. Routine brushing, especially whenever cats come inside after time spent outdoors, can help cat owners spot and remove ticks from their cats. It’s important to recognize that indoor cats are not invulnerable to ticks, as other pets and humans can track ticks indoors. Periodic inspections and brushing of indoor cats’ can protect them from ticks and the diseases ticks carry.



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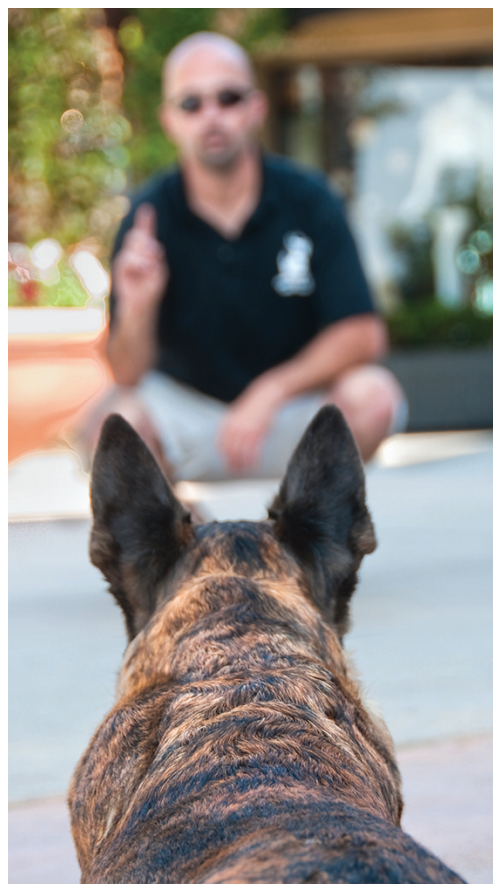
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# The benefits of working with animal trainers



one dog will not necessarily work with another. Trainers recognize this and have an array of techniques within their arsenal, making them capable of addressing and correcting any type of behavior.

### TRAINERS CAN RECOGNIZE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AFFECTING PETS THAT OWNERS MAY NOT SEE.

Pet owners may think their homes are pet-friendly or conducive to housebreaking pets. But trainers may see things the untrained eye won't. Anything from the location of a parrot's cage to the designated litter box area for a cat can affect pets' behavior, compromising pets owners' efforts to housebreak their animals. Trainers can recognize potential problems that may have relatively simple solutions.

### TRAINERS TRAIN OWNERS AS WELL.

Trainers won't just work with pets, but also with pet owners. Obedience trainers will work with pets to teach them how to behave while also teaching owners various ways to positively reinforce the animals. This is a great way for owners to get hands-on experience and learn proper obedience training techniques, which are not always as easy to learn as owners may think.

Animal trainers provide an invaluable service, helping pets and their owners learn to coexist peacefully and happily.

**P**ets bring new energy into a home, making them welcome and enjoyable additions to a household. All that energy can be tough to manage, and pet owners, particularly those who have added puppies to their family dynamic, may wonder how they can corral their pets' energy long enough to teach them some rules and instill some healthy habits and behaviors.

Animal trainers can be just the thing pet owners need if they're struggling to get their pets to adapt to their new homes. Some pet owners may be able to go it alone, but there's no denying the effects skilled animal trainers can have on pets. The following are a handful of ways pet owners and their pets can benefit from working with animal trainers.

### ANIMAL TRAINERS CAN ADDRESS ANY TYPE OF BEHAVIOR.

According to the Animal Behavior Institute, trainers who work with dogs, cats, parrots, or other companion animals must have a thorough and detailed knowledge of animal behavior. Pet owners who have successfully housebroken puppies in the past may think they can do it again with relative ease, but no two puppies are the same. Techniques that worked with





# Parrot fever and the threat it poses to humans



The bond pet owners have with their pets is strong. Pets bring a lot into a home. The opportunity to care for a pet can provide fulfillment and joy, and the unconditional love pets give to their owners can improve their owners' moods. Like their owners, pets are not immune to illness, and some of these illnesses can even be passed from pet to owner. Pet owners may assume diseases can only be transmitted via pets with whom they have routine direct physical contact, such as cats and dogs. But other pets, including parrots, can transmit disease.

**Parrot fever, sometimes referred to as “psittacosis” or “chlamydia psittaci,” is a bacterial disease that can be passed from certain birds, like parrots and parakeets, to humans.**

The bacteria behind parrot fever commonly infects birds. While it's unlikely that this bacteria will infect bird owners, it's possible. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people can become infected with parrot fever as a result of breathing in secretions of psittacine birds, such as parrots and parakeets. Birds may or may not exhibit signs that they've been infected with the bacteria, so bird owners may be vulnerable to the disease without even knowing their birds are sick. Birds shed the bacteria behind parrot fever in their droppings and respiratory secretions. When these secretions dry, small dust particles, including the bacteria, can get into

the air. When humans breathe in these dust particles, they may then become infected with parrot fever. It's possible that birds can spread the infection through biting or beak-to-mouth contact, but the CDC notes that such instances are rare. And while it's possible for the bacteria to be spread from one human to another, that, too, is unlikely.

### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Parrot fever typically causes only mild illness. The potential indicators of parrot fever are different for birds than they are for humans. The CDC notes that signs of parrot fever in birds are non-specific, and birds infected with the bacteria may exhibit no symptoms at all. If they do exhibit symptoms, they may include poor appetite, inflamed eyes, difficulty breathing, and/or diarrhea. Humans exposed to the bacteria behind parrot fever may begin developing symptoms within five to 14 days after exposure. The most common symptoms are fever and chills, headache, muscle aches, and dry cough. These symptoms also can be a result of other illnesses unrelated to birds, so bird owners should consult their physicians if any appear and inform their doctors that they have a bird at home. This may lead doctors to conduct tests designed to detect parrot fever. Antibiotics are an effective and common treatment for birds and bird owners affected by parrot fever. And while infection is often mild and harmless, bird owners should keep an eye out for symptoms to ensure the health of their birds and themselves.



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# My puppy has worms; *now what?*

**B**ringing a new puppy home can be an exciting time that's full of challenges. Change also is part of welcoming a new puppy into the family.

Puppies rely on their owners to meet all of their needs, and it can take weeks for a pup to acclimate to a new home and adapt to a routine.

New puppy parents may be surprised to learn their puppy — particularly one rescued from a shelter — has parasitic worms. This is a common occurrence. According to a report published in the journal *Animals*, the prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites in shelter dogs is typically higher than in owned dogs. This is due to the combination of daily admissions of dogs from diverse backgrounds and the difficulty of preventing environmental contamination with infectious parasitic developmental stages. Shelters provide favorable conditions for the establishment and spread of GI parasitic infections.

Worms are transmitted in various ways, and many result from pups walking through the infected waste of other dogs. Some dogs ingest contaminated feces or develop infections after being in an environment where there is a buildup of waste and poor sanitation. The American Kennel Club says worms also can be passed from an infected mother to her unborn puppies in-utero or through nursing.

By and large, worms are not something that should be terribly concerning. With the right treatment and preventative care, most parasitic worms, like roundworms,

hookworms, heartworms, and whipworms, can be treated effectively. However, if left untreated, worms can compromise the health of a puppy, potentially contributing to anemia, low weight/poor growth, diarrhea, and inflammation.

#### **SOME SYMPTOMS OF WORMS INCLUDE:**

- pot belly appearance
- vomiting
- coughing
- weight loss
- diarrhea
- abdominal pain
- visual confirmation of worms in stool

A veterinarian can walk new pet parents through deworming their young dogs. Medications produce results in a matter of hours and will immobilize worms in the digestive tract before they're soon expelled. It may take a few treatments to get a handle on the problem. In addition, vets will likely want to examine stool samples on an ongoing basis to ensure all immature and fully formed worms are gone.

To prevent future outbreaks, clean up pet waste in the yard frequently and administer a monthly heartworm medication with a generalized deworming agent for other parasites.

Learn more about worms and new puppy care at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).



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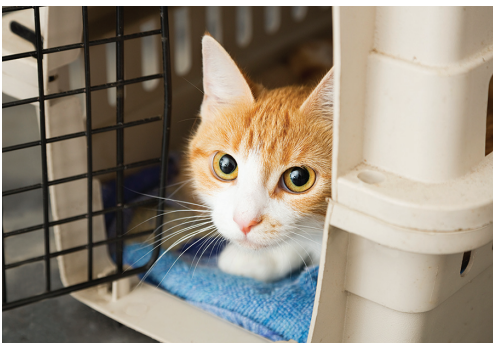
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# Tips for traveling with pets



*A sturdy, comfortable carrier can help keep a pet safe during travel.*



*Many hotel and motel chains now offer pet accommodations.*

Many pet parents choose to include their four-legged companions in their travel plans. Bringing pets along can reduce the hassle of finding a pet sitter or a boarding service. Traveling with pets in tow also can be enjoyable for the entire family, including pets. Perhaps that’s why a recent study from AAA and Best Western International found that more than half of American pet owners take their cats and dogs with them when they travel.

Traveling with pets can be fun, but it means taking some extra steps when planning a trip to ensure pets are safe and content. Before anyone hits the road or soars into the sky, consider these tips.

**ACCLIMATE THE PET TO THE CAR**

Conduct a trial run with your pet in tow to gauge how he or she handles a car ride. Start

with shorter trips and build up. Assess how the pet reacts so you can make adjustments if necessary. Properly restrain pets on car trips. An unrestrained 75 lb. dog will exert about 2,250 lbs. of force in a crash in which the car is traveling at just 30 miles per hour.

**GET A WELLNESS CHECK**

Visit the vet prior to departing, particularly if you will be traveling far or abroad. Pack an updated copy of health and immunization records, as well as proof of ownership of the pet. Some countries require pet passports. Investigate if the destination country requires quarantine of the animal.

**BUY A QUALITY PET CARRIER**

Be sure to have a secure and comfortable pet carrier for your dog, cat or small animal. This can make travel safer for the animal.

If flying, you may need to purchase an airline-approved crate. Mark the crate with identification information and contact numbers.

**PACK A PET-FRIENDLY KIT**

The ASPCA suggests bringing along food, a bowl, leash, a waste scoop, plastic bags, grooming supplies, medication and first-aid, and any travel documents. Pack a favorite toy or pillow. Bring along bottled water as well. Drinking unfamiliar water can upset pets’ stomachs.

**BOOK DIRECT FLIGHTS**

A direct flight reduces the likelihood a pet will be kept on the tarmac or spend even longer times in the baggage hold of the plane. A pets-only airline might be a good choice as well. For example, Pet Airways

offers climate-controlled cabins outfitted with individual crates, and a flight attendant checks on the animals every 15 minutes. After landing, pets are given a bathroom break.

**RESERVE PET-FRIENDLY LODGING**

Many hotel and motel chains now offer pet accommodations. For a fee you can have your pet stay in the room. There may be specific requirements, such as restricting the pet to a crate when unattended.

**MICROCHIP DATA IS CURRENT**

Log into the service that coordinates with the pet’s microchip. Check to see that your address and phone number are current. Consider adding temporary travel contact data so the pet can be reunited with you if it gets lost at your destination.



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# Make barbecues *safer for pets*

## GRILLING

The act of grilling can be hazardous to pets that can't resist the aromas of food cooking. Dogs or cats may be drawn to the succulent smells without realizing that there are hot coals or gas nearby. It may be safer to keep animals leashed or contained until the grill has been extinguished to prevent burns and other injuries.

## WATCH THE LEFTOVERS

As diners finish their meals, they may leave scraps strewn around on plates. The occasional nibble here and there may not be overly problematic, but if a dog or cat gets into a food he or she shouldn't eat, the consequences can be anything from

gastrointestinal distress to severe allergic reaction. Any raw meat or seafood can pose a danger to pets. Other foods that can be toxic for a dog include avocado (and guacamole), garlic, onions,

grapes, peaches, and chocolate.

## NO BONES ABOUT IT

It may be tempting to toss a dog a bone from the grill, but the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention warns pet owners against feeding their dogs or cats chicken on the bone due to the risk of the bone splintering and causing intestinal obstruction. Even large bones can splinter. Owners who want to offer bones to their dogs should consult with a vet about which types of bones are safe, or look for a manufactured bone from the pet store.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Both dogs and cats are sensitive to alcoholic beverages, offers the environmental wellness resource TreeHugger. In addition, the APOP warns that even a few ounces of beer or wine can be poisonous to a dog or cat. Discard half-drained wine glasses and beer bottles promptly.

## FIREWORKS

If fireworks are part of the festivities, make sure to keep skittish pets away. The loud sounds and brilliant sights can frighten pets, and an animal may dart out of the yard to escape, getting lost or injured in the process.



**W**hen the season for outdoor entertaining arrives, time spent in the yard entertaining friends and family tends to increase. Barbecuing lends itself well to informal warm weather gatherings. While spending time outside, many pet owners like to have their furry companions nearby so they can enjoy the fresh air and fun as well. However, allowing pets outdoors when grilling or entertaining friends requires some forethought to ensure pets stay safe.

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# The benefits of *professional dog groomers*

Grooming is something few dog owners may consider before bringing man's best friend into their homes. But grooming is an important component of dog ownership that keeps pooches healthy and looking their best.

Some dogs are more cooperative than others during grooming sessions. Likewise, some dog owners are apprehensive about grooming their dogs, knowing that dogs can easily be hurt during the grooming process. Professional dog groomers can make grooming that much more comfortable for uneasy dogs and owners while providing a host of additional benefits.

### SAFETY

One of the troubles owners experience when grooming dogs on their own is that dogs tend to move around a lot when getting their hair trimmed. Unlike humans who rest easy in barber or salon chairs and let their hairdressers ply their trade, dogs tend to fidget or move around during haircuts, and even the slightest movement can lead to cuts or scratches that can hurt dogs and make them even more nervous. Professional

dog groomers are well-versed in cutting the hair of fidget-prone pooches and know how to calm dogs so they can enjoy pain-free haircuts.

### NAIL TRIMMING

Trimming dogs' nails serves multiple purposes. Nails that are not trimmed can break, and such breaks can make dogs more susceptible to infection. In addition, nails that are allowed to grow too long can be painful to pooches, pushing the nail into the nail bed and creating pressure on the toe joints. But trimming dogs' nails is not as simple as trimming humans', as dogs' nails contain nerves and blood vessels referred to as the "quick." When the quick is cut, dogs can experience significant pain and even bleed. The potential for that outcome is one reason many dog owners are hesitant to trim their dogs' nails. Professional groomers do this every day without cutting the quick.

### APPEARANCE

Human beings like to look good, and dog owners like their dogs to look good as well. Experienced professional groomers know how to style dogs' hair in ways that make



the dogs look good and feel comfortable. Different breeds of dog require different grooming supplies, and professional groomers will have all the tools necessary for particular breeds.

### LONG-TERM HEALTH

Even the most attentive dog owner may not notice certain signs that suggest a dog may be sick or developing a condition that can threaten its long-term health. Dog groomers

deal with dogs every day and are in a great position to recognize any abnormalities that may be indicative of a larger problem. Owners may not notice rashes, lesions, skin discoloration or lumps right away, but dog groomers, especially those who have groomed particular dogs in the past, may be more likely to notice such irregularities. This can provide an important safety net between grooming sessions and vet visits.

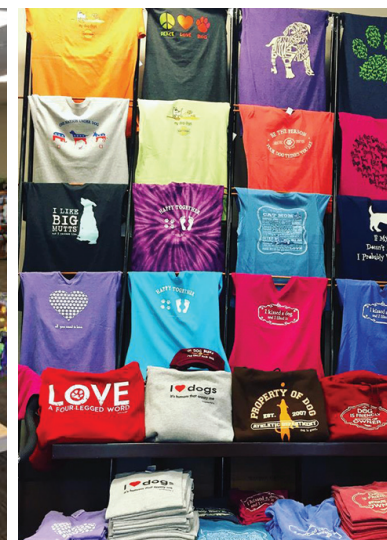
A white, fluffy dog, possibly a Shih Tzu, is lying down on a pink background. It has a small blue bow with white polka dots on its head. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with a black border. Inside the circle, the text "BOOK A NAIL TRIMMING BOOTH FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!" is written around the perimeter, and "Events" is written in the center with two black paw prints above and below it. At the bottom, the text "PET APPROVED!" is written in large, bold, black letters, followed by "CERTIFIED PET GROOMER WITH 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE &amp; AWARD WINNING SERVICE" in smaller, bold, black letters.

A black rectangular advertisement with a white border. At the top, the words "Sexy BEAST" are written in a large, stylized font, with "Sexy" in white cursive and "BEAST" in bold, black, block letters. Below this, the text "CONCIERGE HOUSE CALL DOG GROOMING" is written in bold, black, block letters. Underneath that, "IN HOME NAIL TRIMS FOR DOGS (SMALL ANIMALS AND SMALL BIRDS)" is written in a smaller, bold, black, block font. The phone number "(262) 719-9597" is displayed in large, bold, black, block letters. At the bottom, the text "SERVICING WAUKESHA COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS" and "FIND US ON FACEBOOK! SEXY BEAST LLC" are written in a smaller, bold, black, block font.





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