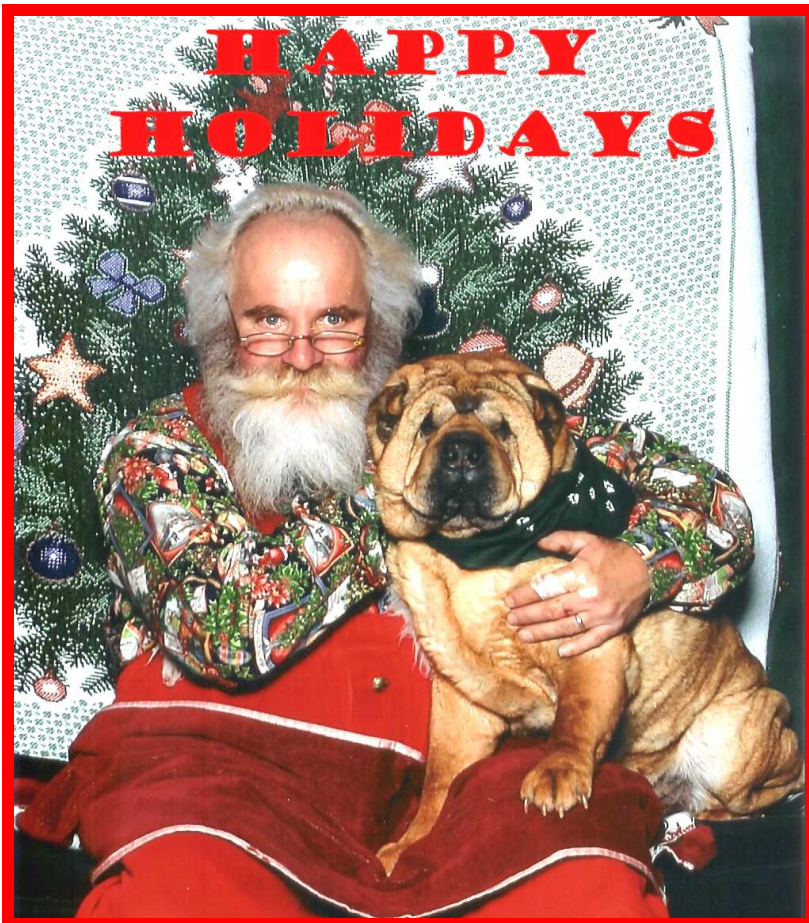


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Why Did God Make Dogs?

Author Unknown

I don't think it was accidental, so why do you suppose hounds are around?



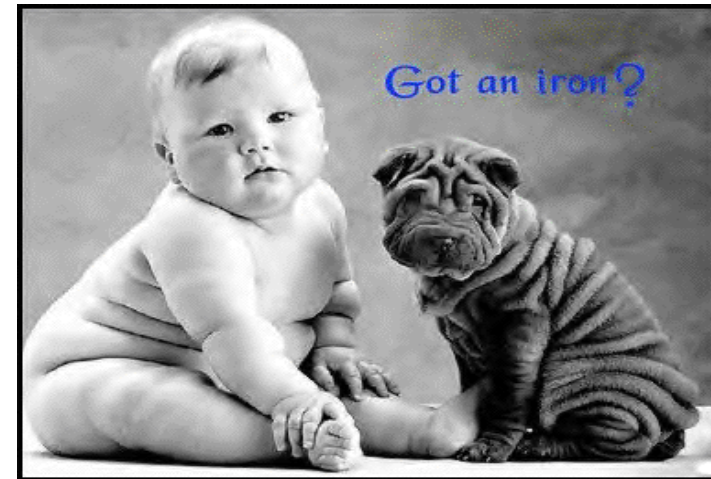
Teri Coffey and Hanna

Recently, I watched an elderly woman trying to recover from a stroke. Her brain was damaged, and her arm was weak, so her therapist brought, of all things, a dog to help out. Instead of completing monotonous drills, the elderly patient threw a bright red Frisbee across the room, and the dog bounced over, picked it up, and brought it back, his eyes begging, "Throw it again, please!" And she did, over and over and over, forgetting that she was actually working quite hard.



Bob Watson taking Lacy on a boat ride

What possessed God to make dogs anyway? Certainly there are exceptions, and certainly people can breed dogs to bring out the worst in them, but in general, there is nothing more selfless, loving or patient than a dog. Mistreat it and it comes back to you anyway. Ignore it and it never gives up hope that you will be its friend again. Make it wait days to go play, and it will still be ready. It offers you friendship and companionship and in return asks only for food, water and an occasional scratch behind the ears.



Max and owner



Gene Young with Coco and Star



Alice Fix with MeMe, Johnny and Fluffy



Mayah and Erin Codd's baby



Sydney and Shay hanging out with Samson

Car Restraints



Pat Stotts and Elite's Dustin 'M off Truwest Style out for an adventure

Road trip! Even the pets are going! You pack up the minivan - luggage, coolers, maps, family - Rover jumps into the back seat, and the kids take turns holding Sheba on their laps. Everyone's seat belt is fastened, Rover's tail is wagging, and Sheba has rumbled into a contented purr. All ready to go, right?



Pat Grossman and LuvPats Double Xcell out for a ride

No! All passengers should be restrained while traveling in a car (or any vehicle), including pets! Three-quarters of occupants ejected from vehicles during an accident are killed, and seat belts are the most effective means of preventing fatalities or serious injuries.

An unrestrained pet is not only in danger, he's also dangerous. In a 30-mph crash, a child that weighs 15 pounds can generate an impact force of more than 300 pounds. This means that a 60-pound dog, in a similar crash, will hit a windshield, seat back, or another passenger with a force of 1,200 pounds! And even if miraculously not injured, an unrestrained, frightened pet can hamper efforts of rescue workers at the accident scene.

Even if a pet doesn't directly interfere with the driver, a dog or cat moving about in a car can cause a big distraction. You may remember hearing on the news how novelist Stephen King was struck by a van while walking a country road. King was badly injured, and the driver said it happened because "he was distracted by his dog."



The Humane Society of the United States advises the safest place for a traveling pet is either properly restrained in the back seat or cargo area or (in the case of cats and very small dogs) placed in an appropriate pet carrier. Carriers are important for cats. Often, with a well-behaved cat who likes riding in the car, the owner assumes it's just fine to put the cat in the back seat and go. But cats have been known to crawl on laps or

perch on shoulders and peer into your eyes. They also like to curl up around feet - a disaster on the driver's side. When that 18 wheeler cuts you off, you'll want to stomp on the brakes, not on Fifi!

Pet-Special Restraints

Although keeping a pet harnessed or contained for safety is important, don't use standard safety belts on your pets. These belts are designed for the human body and could cause severe injuries to the pet. But the good news is that there are now many restraint devices designed specifically for pets.

A company called Ruff Riders provides different varieties of safety harnesses-like the basic model for about \$40 and an outdoor "desert" model that includes packs for food and water for about \$70. Either also doubles as a walking harness and comes in sizes to fit dogs from 7 to 160 pounds. The company founder worked with an orthopedic vet, and several years of research went into the final design of their canine seat belt called The Roadie. This is a very sturdy, well-designed harness.



www.ruffrider.com

Dog with Roadie Elite Harness

Saab automotive company offers a complete line of pet travel gear. The complete lineup includes not only safety harnesses for dogs but other protection and convenience items like a travel bowl for food and water, a gear bag (with a compartment to hold a gallon of drinking water), and a book that lists "pet friendly" lodging throughout the United States. Check with your local Saab dealer or call (800) SAAB-USA.

At www.pet-expo.com , you can find safety harnesses for dogs of all sizes and car seats for smaller dogs. For the traveling kitty, there are soft-

sided and hard-sided carriers. There's even a budget cardboard model for the cat (or very little pooch) who rarely travels by car.



Kwik Klip Harness



Auto Cruiser Elevated Car Seat For Pets

Not Just Smart - It's the Law!

Ever notice when you enter some states that you'll see large signs saying "Buckle up; it's the law!" In California, that law now applies to pets as well. The California "tether law" provides for fines of not less than \$50 for people who are driving with animals that are not restrained. And in some states, like New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, dogs are banned from pickup trucks (with the exception of certain working dogs). More and more, people are beginning to understand that restraints for pets are essential for the safety of all the passengers - human and animal. Restraints also help a pet feel more secure while traveling, especially when you have to make some quick turns or maneuvers. Now, is everybody buckled up or in their carriers? Let's hit the road!

From TakeYourPet.com November, 2008 issue

"Buckle up; it's the law!"

Manuka Oil for Natural Animal Skin Care



Manuka Oil is a special type of tea tree oil that is 30 times more effective than regular tea tree oil, according to an independent study. It is an essential oil won from the Manuka bush (*leptospermum scoparium*) that grows in New Zealand. The indigenous people of New Zealand, the Maori, knew for a long time of the health benefits of the Manuka bush. That is how the European settlers learned about this mysterious plant. Captain Cook himself named the Manuka tree “tea tree” because the native Maori made a tea out of the leaves that resembled green tea in taste and bitterness.

Essential Manuka Oil from New Zealand has powerful antibacterial, antiseptic, antifungal and antiviral properties. It also acts anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and anti-parasitic. It penetrates into the deeper layers of the skin. It can reach areas that other skin care products cannot reach.

Manuka tea tree oil added to pet shampoo is used for dog flea treatment. It can also be applied after a dog tick removal to help avoid a tick bite infection. Manuka tea tree oil has been successfully used to treat atopic dermatitis in dogs.

It can also be used as a natural animal skin care product for minor surface scratches, abrasions, rashes, cuts, insect stings, bites and other minor skin blemishes. Manuka Oil can also be used for many general skin problems in dogs and other animals.

You can use Manuka oil in canine ears for infection...Several drops [5-6] daily...You will notice improvement in a day or so. It's even been used in rabbit ears with good results.

Although often provided in 100% strength, people with sensitive skin should use it in diluted form. It can be mixed with another oil, such as almond oil. If a skin reaction occurs, discontinue use. It has been reported that allergic contact dermatitis to tea tree oil is commonly seen by Australian dermatologists [*Medical Journal of Australia, February 21, 1994;160: p.236*]. In addition, avoid contact with the eyes and remember to store any product out of the reach of children.

Why Dogs and Cats Are Better than Kids

From Petplace.com Editors

Dogs and cats are better than kids because they:

1. Eat less.
2. Don't ask for money all the time.
3. Are easier to train.
4. Normally come when called.
5. Never ask to drive the car, they don't wreck the car and they don't raise your automobile insurance rates.
6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends.
7. Don't smoke or drink.
8. Don't have to buy the latest fashions.
9. Don't want to wear your clothes.
10. Don't need a 'gazillion' dollars for college.
11. Don't mind a bit when you pass gas.
12. Don't roll their eyes and say "oh Pleeeese".
13. Don't play weird music at top volume.
14. Don't have to get a baby sitter when you go out.
15. They do not answer back.
16. They listen no matter what you say!
17. You don't have to spend hundreds of dollars for Christmas and birthdays.



SAFE PLACE

Colorado pet rescue - for pets whose owners are terminally ill.

PO Box 38202
 Colorado Springs, CO 80937
 (719) 359-0201
<http://safeplaceco.org/>

Safe Place cares for pets when a terminally ill owner no longer can. Safe Place was incorporated in 1996 as a 501(c)(3) charity and serves people and pets living in El Paso and Teller counties.

Safe Place ensures that animals find loving homes. We require all adoptive families to complete a questionnaire, spend time with the animal, and allow a Safe Place evaluator to perform a home safety assessment. If for any reason an adoptive family is unable to continue providing care for an animal, Safe Place will find another home for their pet.

All Safe Place animals receive a medical and behavioral evaluation before adoption. All vaccinations are up to date and pets are neutered or spayed before placement. We are committed to finding loving homes for animals in our care, but we can not accept an animal that we will be unable to place. This includes animals who are medically fragile or aggressive.



Think you can identify different breeds of dogs? This dog is named Trooper and he has been DNA tested by his owner. Make your guess as to what 3 breeds are in this dog. Answer is on page 24.

Photo provided by Good Samaritan Pet Adoption Center

<http://www.goodsamaritanpetcenter.org>

Top Ten Reasons Why It Costs More To Get Your Pet Groomed Than Your Own Hair Cut!

10. Your hairdresser doesn't wash and clean your rear end.
9. You don't go eight weeks without washing or brushing your hair.
8. Your hairdresser doesn't give you a sanitary trim.
7. Your hairdresser doesn't clean your ears.
6. Your hairdresser doesn't remove the boogies from your eyes.
5. You sit still for your hairdresser.
4. Your haircut doesn't include a manicure or pedicure.
3. Your hairdresser only washes and cuts the hair on your head.
2. You don't bite or scratch your hairdresser.
1. The likelihood of you pooping on the hairdresser is pretty slim.

Cold Nose Facts

November 2, 2008 by [wendtworth](http://www.wendtworthcorgis.com)
<http://www.wendtworthcorgis.com>

Dogs are truly amazing creatures! Here are a few anatomy and health facts about our four-legged friends that might surprise you:

Sweat glands in dogs are between their paw pads.

Dogs are left or right 'handed,' just as humans are.

A dog's normal body temperature is between 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

Dogs trained to guide the blind cannot tell a red light from a green one.

They watch the traffic flow to tell when it is safe to cross.

One of the top canine health problems in the U.S. is overweight dogs.

Dogs instinctively turn around before they lay down because in the wild this action turns long grass into a bed.

The gestation period in a pregnant female dog is normally between 61 and 63 days, but can vary between 58 and 68 days.

Dogs have twice as many muscles for moving their ears as humans.

Puppies have 28 teeth, while adult dogs have 42 permanent teeth.

A dog's heart beats 70 to 120 times per minute, while a human heart beats 70 to 80 times per minute.

The hearing range of a dog is ten times farther than a human's hearing range.

Dogs share nearly 90% of the same genetic content that humans do and they inherit many of the same diseases.

Dogs do not have an appendix or a collarbone.

A dog's nose has over 200 scent receiving cells, 44 times more than humans.

Dogs don't see the colors that humans do but instead see muted colors and many shades of gray.

Most dogs are lactose intolerant.

The Bloodhound is the only animal whose (sniffing) evidence is admissible in an American Court of Law.

A dog's nose is kept moist by fluid from a gland inside his nose. This moisture helps them detect odors.

Dogs and humans are the only animals with prostates.

The average dog's mouth exerts 150 to 180 pounds of pressure per square inch. Some dogs can apply up to 450 pounds. In comparison, a

six-foot alligator exerts a force of about 1,540 pounds between its jaws. (Hint: Don't let your dog chase alligators!)

Natural Health Care for Your Pet

Sam, my lovable Golden Retriever, has been my constant walking companion for 12 years, but his arthritic hip often flares up these days. When that happens, I give him flaxseed oil to reduce his inflammation and then make an appointment with his chiropractor, who knows how to soothe his pain with massage and acupuncture.

Am I barking up the wrong tree? Apparently not. Consumers are increasingly interested in natural modalities for treating their pets' ailments. And, as with human treatments, natural treatment options may be more effective than drugs or surgery, have fewer side effects and are often less expensive than mainstream medicine options (few have pet health insurance, so this is important). Evidence of this trend was seen at this year's annual conference of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), at which several seminars on CAVM (Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine) treatments were offered. I recently chatted about this with Sam's doctor, Jeff Feinman, VMD, a veterinarian and certified veterinary homeopath in private practice in Weston, Connecticut.

GOOD FOR MAN & MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Dr. Feinman told me there are several reasons for the growing interest in this topic -- most notably, much of what's good for us is good for our pets as well. He said that conventional veterinary medicine sometimes cannot achieve the same results as CAVM. This may be especially true for chronic diseases that are increasingly common among pets, for some of the same reasons as in humans -- like poor diet and suppression of symptoms without treating root causes -- along with others that are animal-specific, such as over-breeding.

CAVM, which encompasses acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy, nutrition, herbal medicine and other modalities, can be used in conjunction with conventional therapy to achieve optimal pet health, taking the best of what each has to offer. CAVM is especially helpful for prevention. "Most disorders can be prevented by reducing the risk factors associated with the disease process using good nutrition, homeopathic

stimulation of healing, proper supplementation, dental care, grooming and exercise," Dr. Feinman said.

Following are some of the more popular CAVM treatments and some resources for more information and expert referrals in your community.

HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Dr. Feinman uses homeopathy to treat a variety of chronic pet illnesses including allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, ear infections, inflammatory bowel disease and thyroid disease. Since homeopathy triggers the body's natural healing process, "you cure the disease, not just treat or ease the symptoms," Dr. Feinman explained. He illustrated the effectiveness of homeopathy with a heartwarming case: "A client brought in a young puppy that became paralyzed after he received his puppy vaccinations. I gave him a homeopathic remedy and two days later the paralysis was gone." The Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy is the only organization in the US that provides certification in homeopathy to licensed veterinarians (www.theavh.org).

CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE

Dr. Feinman uses his expertise in chiropractic medicine "mainly for muscular and skeletal issues, arthritis, disk disease and problems associated with injuries that cause limping," he said, while the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) notes that it can also be used to heal or help chronic internal medicine disorders in all kinds of animals, as well as for allergies. The AVCA trains both licensed veterinarians and chiropractors in animal chiropractic medicine (www.avcadoctors.com).



ACUPUNCTURE



Acupuncture is among the most widely utilized and effective CAVM modalities in the veterinary world, especially given the widespread musculoskeletal problems such as hip dysplasia, arthritis and disk disease that can result in chronic pain. Acupuncture can also be helpful in treating your pet's gastrointestinal issues, respiratory problems and urinary disorders, as well as for immune system issues. The International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) is the only international organization that trains and certifies veterinarians who have completed an intensive course and passed a rigorous examination in acupuncture (www.ivas.org).

NUTRITIONAL THERAPY

Generally speaking, pets who are fed the right kinds of specially formulated pet foods don't require nutritional supplementation -- but if your dog or cat has a chronic condition, such as eczema or arthritis, vitamins and minerals can be helpful. Examples of dietary supplements that Dr. Feinman prescribes include (but are not limited to) multivitamins, glucosamine, cranberry, Echinacea, omega-3 fatty acids, milk thistle, vitamin C, cat's claw and cod liver oil. "I advise using fresh food instead of processed food, and use nutritional therapy in the form of proper diet and supplements, but I try to avoid using anything that might have a strong drug effect," said Dr. Feinman.

A word of caution regarding dietary and nutritional supplements for pets: A new National Research Council report, requested by the Center for Veterinary Medicine of the US Food and Drug Administration, concluded that there was inadequate data to clearly define a safe upper limit for lutein, evening primrose oil or garlic, three supplements often used for pets. The committee added that current regulations addressing animal dietary supplements are in a state of disarray. Discuss with your veterinarian which brands of supplements and what doses your pet should be given. Be sure to keep the doctor informed of alternative therapies you're using, since they can potentially interfere with prescribed treatment or medications. It's best to use supplements recommended by a trusted holistic vet or nutritionist.

QUESTIONS TO ASK A HOLISTIC VETERINARIAN

If you're considering using a holistic veterinarian, Dr. Feinman suggests a few screening questions.

- **What certification do you have?** "Some holistic vets practice many modalities," said Dr. Feinman. Beware the "jack of all trades, master of none." He explains that people should look for vets with certification in the modality they are interested in pursuing, for example, homeopathy.
- **What training have you received? From where?** Find out how much experience and training the veterinarian has in the technique and its principles, and what successes have been achieved in similar cases in the past.
- **What is your objective when treating your patients?** Look for a doctor who emphasizes overall health rather than just treating the current complaint.

"The best veterinarians have a broad view of health and disease, in which they try to achieve balance on all levels rather than just trying to 'fix' a problem," said Dr. Feinman. Those who practice holistic veterinary medicine generally bring such a perspective to treating our four-footed friends.

Source(s):

Jeff Feinman, VMD, CVH, is the first certified veterinary homeopath in the state of Connecticut, whose veterinary practice integrates holistic modalities such as clinical nutrition and homeopathy. www.homevet.com.

<http://www.bottomlinecrets.com> November 13, 2008



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Opportunities to Volunteer

We will need all the volunteers that we can for our Aspen Gold Specialty show in September, 2009. We are looking for volunteers that can:

- Check names off a list
- Make change
- Sell items and raffle tickets.
- Organize our raffle
- Carry things from one place to another.
- Set items out on a table.

If you are willing to do any of those things, we could use your help. In exchange, you will get the opportunity to see all the best examples of our breed on display. In most cases, you will have the opportunity to not only see them in person, but in most cases actually touch them.

We will accept any amount of time that you can afford to give to us. No volunteer will be turned down. If you would like to help please let us know.

Gadget Converts Woofs into Words

By [Irene Tham](#)

Staff Writer, CNET News

Dr. Dolittle might not have been able to get animals to talk so that other people could hear them, but perhaps Japanese toy maker Takara can.

The company on Thursday unveiled a gadget called Bowlingual, which scrutinizes and translates a dog's barks into expressions such as "I've had enough" or "I'm a little bored, let's play."

The gizmo was tested on a dog at the Tokyo Toy Show, an annual event featuring electronic games, collectibles and dolls from all over the world. The four-day event ends Sunday.

Bowlingual consists of a wireless microphone, which is attached to a dog's collar, and a terminal that analyzes and matches each "woof" with a set of preprogrammed phrases.

According to Takara, the device detects feelings--including happiness, frustration and sadness--and displays the associated expressions on the terminal's screen. Bowlingual can also be used to record a dog's mood throughout the day when owners are away from home.

A prototype of the device was unveiled last August with the intention of helping dog owners better comprehend their pets.

Bowlingual has a recommended retail price of \$100 (12,800 yen). The company could not confirm commercial availability.

It's not known whether Takara is adapting the device to be used with cats.

CNET Asia's Irene Tham reported from Singapore.

<http://news.cnet.com/2100-1040-908909.html>

What Will They Think of Next?



The Deco Doggy Chair
\$217.99



Cup Cake Dog Bed
\$75.00



Chinese Dog Bed
\$650.00

<http://www.londoncaninecouture.com>



Collapsible Travel Tube
\$189

Keep your pet safe in the back seat of your car with this smart travel tube pet barrier. Constructed from claw-proof, waterproof heavy gauge fabric, it features a mesh top, a zipped flap door, and is size-adjustable.

Can be attached to rear headrests with included straps/snap clips. Collapses down to 2" for easy storage when not in use. Also works as a convenient travel crate. Pet barrier in silver/black. 24" dia. x 47"L fully-opened, 39"L two-thirds-opened, 23"L half-opened. Imported.

http://www.orvis.com/store/productchoice.aspx?pf_id=9T1X&dir_id=1633&group_id=10576&cat_id=10577&subcat_id=10578



Paw Rinsing Bin
/Dog Foot Bath

\$298.00

Tent Sale: \$134.40

Get rid of the dirt, sand, mud, and whatever else your dog brings in on his paws and underside, before it gets on your floors and rugs. This is one dog bathing accessory that's easy to use; just fill with about 4" of water and have your dog walk through or sit down. Solid high-quality rot, mold, and mildew resistant eucalyptus wood tub with waterproof silicone-sealed interior. Dirty water empties out through drain spout. Easy to store. Suitable for dogs up to 90 lbs. Dog foot bath in natural.

Dog bathing accessory measures 5½"H x 30"L x 30"W. Imported.
http://www.orvis.com/store/productchoice.aspx?pf_id=17RHfs&dir_id=1137&group_id=1829&cat_id=13640&subcat_id=13243



Nola Designer Dog Bowl
Lg 10" bowl- \$44



Freshwater Pearl Dog Necklace
\$44- \$84

<http://www.thepamperedpup.com/>



Dr. Vidt's Corner

COLCHICINE

Colchicine has been proposed as a treatment for amyloidosis in animals. It has been used in man to prevent amyloidosis in Familial Mediterranean Fever. It apparently blocks the synthesis and secretion of serum amyloid A (an acute -phase reactant protein) by the liver thereby preventing the formation of amyloid-enhancing

factor and preventing amyloid deposition. To be effective it must be given early in the course of the disease and it will be ineffective once kidney failure has occurred.

Effects of colchicine:

1. Increases collagenase activity.
2. Anti-inflammatory by decreasing leukocyte migration.
3. Potent inhibitor of cellular mitosis.
4. Prevents many cellular functions such as degranulation, chemotaxis and mitosis.
5. It appears to block crystal-induced IL-1 generation upstream of inflammasome activation. It is probably useful in autoinflammatory diseases because it blocks IL-1 production caused by NALP3 mutations.
6. Colchicine is able to restore impaired endotoxin homologous tolerance induction via an increase in IL-4 synthesis by monocytes in the period of remission.
7. Colchicine is able to inhibit the periodic changes in monocyte and neutrophil activation to endotoxin, which are associated with the episodic nature of FSF
8. IL-4 stimulates the induction of a monocyte hyporesponsive state in FSF. Colchicine is able to increase IL-4 synthesis in FMF monocytes.

Colchicine should be used with caution in geriatric or debilitated animals. It should be used in during pregnancy only when its potential benefits outweigh its risks. Colchicine can cause nausea, vomiting and

diarrhea in dogs. It may also cause abdominal pain and loss of appetite. Prolonged administration has caused bone marrow depression in people. Concurrent use with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents is not recommended.

I use 0.6mg. (1 tablet) twice a day in Shar-Pei with FSF, littermates with FSF or in lines with amyloidosis. If problems develop on colchicines therapy I stop the drug for a few days and then reinstitute therapy using a once a day dose or use half the dose twice a day. Once dogs become acclimated to the dog I try going with the full dose. Some Shar-Pei do not tolerate colchicine and can't be on the drug. Also colchicine is used as a potential preventive for amyloidosis. It may or may not have an effect on the frequency or severity of the fever episodes.

<http://www.drjwv.com/faq/?view=8&name=Colchicine>

Editors Note; Dr. Vidt will be at the 2009 National Specialty Show in Denver. We have plans for him to give one or more seminars. If you would be interested in hearing his talk, please keep the week of Sept 27-October 3, 2009 open. When we have a definite schedule, we will let you know.



FALLEN ANGELS

Bailey rescued and owned by Andrew Maxwell. So long our friend. You might be gone, but will never be forgotten.

Goodbye Cocoa. Cocoa was owned by Gene and Linda Young, and will surely Be missed.

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**Answer to Trooper's Breed Question:** Trooper's DNA revealed that he is primarily chow, with Australian Shepherd and Sheltie.  
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A dog's nose is not just used for smelling, but also to keep him cool. That's why a dog pants. The longer the dog's nose, the better his cooling system works.

Dogs Copy Other Dogs' Actions Selectively, The Way Humans Do

Science Daily — A distinguishing feature of human intelligence is our ability to understand the goals and intentions of others. This ability develops gradually during infancy, and the extent to which it is present in other animals is an intriguing question.



Harley Anne Coffey

New research by Friederike Range and Ludwig Huber, of the University of Vienna, and Zsofia Viranyi, of the Eötvös University in Budapest, reveals striking similarities between humans and dogs in the way they imitate the actions of others. The phenomenon under investigation is known as "selective imitation" and implies that dogs--like human infants--do not simply copy an action they observe, but adjust the extent to which they imitate to the circumstances of the action.

In the study, dogs were faced with the task of opening a container with food by pulling a rod. Whereas dogs prefer to use the mouth for this task, a female dog was trained to open the box with her paw. When the other dogs observed the female's action, they imitated it in order to get the food. However, the dogs imitated selectively. They used their mouths instead of their paws for manipulating the rod when they had seen the demonstrating dog using her paw while holding a ball in her mouth. However, when the demonstrating dog's mouth was free, the dogs imitated her action completely and used the paw themselves.

This means that the way the dogs imitate is tuned to the goal of the action. If the dogs perceive the demonstrator being unable to use her mouth, because she holds a ball in it, they choose the easier, more preferred way to achieve the goal. But when the mouth is free, there appears to be a reason for the demonstrating dog not to use her mouth, and so the dogs imitate the action.

The new work shows for the first time that animals do imitate selectively. This reveals a striking parallel between dogs and human infants in that they do not simply "ape" an action, but only do so if it appears appropriate for the goal. In that sense, dogs seem more similar to us humans than are our biologically closest relatives, the chimpanzees, which will in similar tasks always opt for the more effective way of attaining the goal.

A number of such striking cognitive parallels between humans and dogs have been documented in recent years and are presumably due to the long intimate communicative relationships humans have had with dogs during their domestication.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/04/070426145103.htm>



Aspen Gold Specialty
September 27-28, 2009

Judges:
Obedience/Rally
Linda Scanlon

Dog & Bitch Conformation
Matgo Law
(Pending AKC approval)

Best of Breed
Jocelyn Barker

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A note from the Editor:

We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to contribute an article to this newsletter. The Rocky Mountain Wrinkle is a club publication, and as such requires the participation of club members throughout the year. Your participation will help to make this publication meaningful and worthwhile for the membership of the club. All contributions and ideas are greatly appreciated.

Please forward your input for inclusion to the Publisher at the address listed below.

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