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President's Corner:

It's wonderful that spring is finally here. Usually this is when we have our specialty show, but since so much work went into holding Nationals here in Denver, we decided to hold off on having a show this

year. We will resume with holding our local show next year.

We finally collected all the money that we earned from our show, so our treasury is in good shape. It seems a little bit strange to not be working on our next fundraiser though.

The CSPCA has a matching program going on this year. For any donations made to the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust or to the Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Trust, the CSPCA will match those donations until they get to the maximum of \$2,500 per trust. If you were considering making a donation, now might be a good time so that your donation counts for twice as much.

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If anyone has any particular program that they would like to have at our summer picnic, please let me know as soon as possible, so that I can work on seeing if I can arrange it.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone for supporting our club in all the different ways that you have. For all of those that have worked our booths, we couldn't have done it without you. For those that have helped with rescue in any way, your contributions are greatly appreciated. For those that support us by simply renewing their memberships, you help to make our club what it is.....a truly wonderful club. Thank you all! *Alice Fix*

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Dr. Vidt's Corner:

Allergic Skin Disease

Shar-Pei seem to have a predisposition to allergic skin disease. This can be allergic inhalant dermatitis ("hay fever"), food allergies, contact allergies, flea bite hypersensitivity or any combination of these. An important distinction here is whether the itching, chewing and scratching is seasonal in nature.

This usually coincides with the hay fever season in people. Diagnostics may include skin testing, RAST testing, elimination diets, and skin biopsies. Treatment for "hay fever" can include hyposensitization injections, use of fatty acid supplementation in conjunction with various antihistamines, and use of corticosteroids. Treatment for food allergies is elimination of the offending substance from the dog's diet I currently use Hill's Z/D Ultra™ as my hypoallergenic diet of choice with an initial 6-8 week trial period.

Many clients are concerned about the use of steroids for control of allergies in the dog. Certainly this is a major concern although the duration of steroid use in allergic dogs is usually several months only during the allergy season. The risk can also be reduced by using alternate day therapy. I've seen few dogs with long term consequences of steroid therapy. The most serious problem I've seen (rarely) is iatrogenic Cushing's disease with muscle weakness, increased water consumption/urination, pot-bellied appearance, thin skin and comedones (black heads). These are usually Shar-Pei on long-term steroids due to continual allergic disease or dogs on daily steroids to control their itching. I have also seen anterior cruciate ligament rupture in dogs on steroids – coincidental or due to steroid effect on the ligament? The most important thing has to be the quality of life of your dog during the time he is with you. Whatever works best and makes the pet comfortable is the main concern.

I often will advise a prednisolone trial in dogs with suspected allergic disease which has not responded to other therapies such as antibiotics,

antihistamines, fatty acids, etc. This involves giving an initial prednisolone acetate injection followed up with a decreasing schedule of prednisolone tablets for 1-2 weeks. If this trial results in a dramatic decrease in scratching, chewing and licking then prednisolone should be continued on an alternate schedule. Certainly this trial is done under veterinary supervision and advice.

www.drjvw.com

***Editors Note:** A wonderful shampoo for itching dogs or dogs with skin issues is Xymox shampoo. You may be able to get it at your vet's office or you can order it from the internet. This shampoo is made with all natural ingredients and has a wonderful smell, unlike some of the other shampoos for the skin. The nice thing about this shampoo is that it treats bacteria skin infections as well as fungus infections. You simply shampoo your dog twice with this shampoo. There is no need to make the dog stand there for 10 minutes to let the shampoo do it's work. There is no need to wear rubber gloves when you use this shampoo either. You shampoo the first time to clean the skin, and then you shampoo a second time so the shampoo can do it's work. I highly recommend this shampoo, and would recommend that you try this shampoo first before any of the others to see if this would work for your dog.*

Foxtails Are Dangerous To Dogs!



When dog owners talk about "foxtails," they are actually speaking of the

seed portion of the foxtail grass. Once foxtail grasses dry out, the seed detaches easily and sticks readily to clothing and fur. Foxtail seeds can enter a dog's body in a variety of ways and once they enter, they act like an animated fishhook: the seed continues to move forward through the dog's body, and because of tiny barbs, cannot move backwards.

It's most common for a foxtail seed to enter a dog's body through the skin, nose, ears, paws, genitals, and eyes. Cases have even been reported of foxtails being lodged in male dogs' urethra. One vet I spoke to mentioned how a foxtail seed found in a dog's lung was believed to have entered initially through the dog's paw! Foxtail seeds are tenacious, and can be deadly.

Foxtail seeds are relatively small, so detecting them once they enter a dog's body can be difficult. Vets usually rely on telltale symptoms such as head-shaking, paw licking, swellings on the body, or sudden and continuous sneezing. Foxtail seeds in the ears, nose, and eyes are very serious and can ultimately be life-threatening if they are not treated promptly.

To prevent foxtail injuries:

- If possible, avoid foxtail infested areas – especially during the dry season.
- Thoroughly brush and inspect your dog's coat if it has been romping through tall, mature grass. Run your hands over their coat and look for foxtails. Dogs with long hair are particularly susceptible to foxtail seeds.
- Look into your dog's ears. If your dog has floppy ears, lift each ear and inspect.
- Immediately examine your dog's paws (in-between toes and paw pads), neck (under the collar), tail/anus, and underarm areas after walks in areas with foxtails. Remove any foxtails that are sitting on the fur.
- If you believe your dog has a foxtail seed lodged somewhere in its body, get to a vet IMMEDIATELY. The longer you wait, the deeper the foxtail will travel, the more damage it may do, and the more difficult it will be to treat.

The oldest dog died at the age of 29



Another problem associated with deforestation.

“Dogs need to sniff the ground; it’s how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard.” – Dave Barry

Did You Know That ...

In Sterling, Colorado, it is unlawful to allow a pet cat to run loose without a taillight.

Another misworded ordinance is this one from Arvada, Colorado: “If a stray pet is not claimed within 24 hours, the owner will be destroyed.”

Best Dog in the World

By T'Mara Goodsell

One's first love is always perfect until one meets one's second love.
~Elizabeth Aston



Years ago, I owned the very best dog in the world. I was a child when we got her. She was a graceful brown hound, a foundling who taught me that our pets are not purchased, but ordained.

She romped when I did and knew how to smile in that funny way that only some dogs have. She grew up with me, always there when I needed her. My grown hand still remembers the sleek bump on the top of her head and that gentle divot just past

her nose that fit my index finger just perfectly. She passed away during one of my college vacations. My heart broke then, and I knew that there would never be another dog like her, and there hasn't been. I was sure that I could never love another dog as much as I'd loved her.

Fortunately, I was wrong about that part.

My next dog came into my life when I was married. My husband traveled for a living, and I was often lonely. This dog grew into a lumbering Wolfhound and Sheepdog mix who taught me patience. He was a large, grizzled sentry, that dog. He rarely left my side until the children were born, and then he became their guardian, too. I can still feel that swirl of fur along his back and the weight of his chin when it rested in my lap.



When he passed away, my heart broke. As much as I had loved that childhood dog, I had been wrong. This was the very best dog in the world. There would never be another dog like him, and there hasn't been. I was sure I would never love another dog as much as I'd loved him.

I was wrong again.

We got the next one, a loping black Lab-and-Terrier mix, when the children were little. He taught me the importance of adapting. He was everyone's dog from the beginning, and that was just as it should be. When he played tug of war with the children, he dragged them across the kitchen floor as they shrieked with laughter. He always seemed to sleep in the room of the child who needed his company the most..

These days his face is expressively gray, and he spends more time with me since the almost-grown children aren't around so much. The other day my oldest, home from college, played tug of war. We all laughed—just a little—as the dog was gently pulled across the kitchen floor.



He is, of course, the very best dog in the world. I will never forget that exquisitely soft tuft of fur behind his ears or the tickly feel when he nuzzles. There won't be another dog like him.

And that's okay, because we will never be at this point in our lives again.

Sometimes I've wondered why two species that get along so well should have such different life spans. It just doesn't seem right. And then I wonder if that's part of the lesson: To teach us that love itself

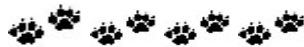
has a spirit that returns again and again and never really dies.



Rusty Watson photo by Louise Watson

It's amazing, in a way, how they bring to our ever-changing lives exactly what it is that we need at the moment. They make room for one another, this family of dogs who has never even met. And they fit—into our families, into our lives, into our memories, and into our hearts—because they always have been and always will be the best dogs in the world.

To the world you are a rescue person.
To the rescued dog you are the world.



FALLEN ANGELS:

**SHENANIGAN'S T STORM MAIA,
CGC**

Maia was owned by Kristin Reynolds. She was Kristin's first Shar-Pei but will not be the last one. Her stay on earth was not long enough and she will be missed greatly. At least she has left a legacy so some part of her will live on.



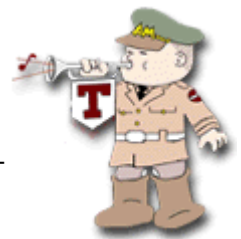
A Pet's Ten Commandments

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.



Dues Notice

Our treasurer, Louise Watson should have sent out the dues notices by the time you get this newsletter. If you owe dues, they are due to be paid by May 1. If you did not get a dues notice, then you probably joined after November 1 and aren't due to renew. If you have any questions, call Louise at 303-772-7325.



How to Stop Your Dog From Begging

by Donna Gundersen

As a poodle breeder, I'm no stranger to being surrounded by a pack of dogs gazing at me with that overwhelmingly adorable yet pathetic stare that pooches tend to display either at the dinner table or any time a morsel of food should appear. It's important to keep in mind that even if a dog is not jumping and whining, that loving stare is considered begging."



Begging is a learned behavior which is usually unconsciously reinforced. Many of us see our pets as members of the family, so it's extremely natural for us to want to share with them. Although it gets annoying to have a pet begging at the dinner table, we have a tendency to block it out and let it continue. One minute we might yell, "Stop begging!" at the guilty dog, but the next minute we feel bad and feed him something. This is exactly where the problem begins.

The moment you give in and offer your pet even a morsel of food, you're reinforcing begging behavior by teaching the dog that if he hangs in there and has the patience to wait, he will be rewarded with a taste. Dogs can be very patient: some will jump and whine and carry on, but many will just sit, stare and wait.

Dogs are pack animals, and in their natural habitat the social order would be ranked in a hierarchy with the leader of the pack – known as the "alpha dog" – dominating. Pet owners should be aware that "the pack" instinct remains intact even in domesticated



dogs, and that they must take on the alpha role in order to discipline their pets. Once you firmly establish that role, you can more easily take control of bad habits.

So how do you stop the begging? The easiest way to stop your pooch from begging is to not let it begin in the first place. If you are bringing a new pet into your home, establish rules and stick to them, eg don't let that cute little face get the best of you. It's natural to want to spoil a new pet, but instead of table scraps give him food and treats formulated specifically for him. If your toddler wanted to eat a puppy treat, you would redirect him to an appropriate snack. Do the same for your pup. Some human food can even be harmful to dogs.

If your pet is already begging it will be harder to break the habit, but it can be done. Start by feeding your dog at the same time you eat your meals and removing him from the kitchen or dining room while you eat to eliminate temptation. Before you sit down to eat, put your pet in another room where his food has been set up. He might resist at first, but if you stick with it, you will establish habits that will make dining much more pleasant for both of you.

If you want to stop the begging for good, eliminate human food from your pet's diet entirely. When you are snacking, avoid sharing with him no matter how much you want to and give him a doggy treat instead. It will satisfy him, and it's much healthier in the long run.

<http://www.pawnation.com/2010/03/01/how-to-stop-your-dog-from-begging/?icid=blogtab1>



Neurological Disorders with Dr. David Brewer

Genome Barks from the AKC Canine Health Foundation

This podcasts are posted on the internet and you can hear the whole interview yourself by going to the link at the end of the article. This is my summary of what the podcast has to say.

Dr. Brewer is at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. He says that if you suspect that your dog might have a neurological disease, the pet owner should look for any changed from normal behavior. Some changes could be episodes of seizures, changes in behavior, or any balance or coordination problems that had not be seen in the dog previously.

Some dogs suffer from epilepsy which is simply repetitive seizures. Idiopathic there is nothing structurally wrong or and disease that is causing the seizures. The dog is just predisposed to seizures.

The options for treatment are the older most commonly used anti-seizure medicines like phenobarital and postassium bromide. There are more novel and newer drugs that have been used for the last 5- 10 years, and they are becoming more popular.

For people that have used medicines and their dogs have not responded, sometimes there is surgery that can be done to help. Cornell is also experimenting with deep brain stimulation. Two electrodes are inserted in the brain to help stabilize electrical activity with the goal of reducing seizures. Right now they are experimenting with humans using this process and it is showing promise.

Spinal problems can also cause neurological problems. Spinal surgery can be done to correct malformations to the spinal cord and neck which can cause abnormal neurological signs.

Surgery is usually indicated in dogs with rapidly progressing symptoms in young dogs after medicine hasn't worked.

Breeders should prevent breeding of animals with neurological problems. If an animal has a neurological disorder, it should be taken out of a breeding program.

http://www.akc-akcchf.libsyn.com/index.php?post_id=601871

Editor's Note: I read on a health list that if your dog suffers from seizures, you should keep vanilla ice cream on hand for them. Giving them just 2 teaspoons of the ice cream just after a seizure can help restore their system back to normal more quickly. The people that I know that have used it swear it really works. Some people add Rescue Remedy to the ice cream which can be found at health food stores.



Some of our Guardian Angels have found that a Rescue Remedy Sundae can be helpful following a seizure. The Rescue Remedy Sundae is made by putting a little Rescue Remedy on a small amount of vanilla ice cream as soon as a dog is safely able to eat following a seizure. If your dog does not respond to Rescue Remedy you can use plain ice cream. You should use a good all-natural, preservative-free ice cream, such as [Häagen Dazs](#) and please only use vanilla. It takes only a

very small amount – too much can do more harm than good. For dogs under 50 pounds, a teaspoon or two is plenty; 50-100 pound dogs can handle about one or two tablespoons; and dogs over 100 pounds can have a scant ¼ cup.

The reason behind this is that blood sugar levels often drop drastically before or during seizures and the ice cream will bring the blood sugar level back to normal. The way it works is the sugar in the ice cream will bring the blood sugar level back up to normal while the butter or fat holds the sugar in suspension so that it doesn't cause a sugar rush which plain sugar or honey or molasses would. Bringing the blood sugar level up too quickly is not good which is why we recommend ice cream. Also, bringing the blood sugar level up to normal can help to prevent additional seizures. Low blood sugar itself can cause seizures. If your dog has very obvious pre-seizure behavior and you give a little ice cream before a seizure happens, this can sometimes stop the seizure altogether. Please be sure to thaw the ice cream a bit by letting it sit out on the counter or “zapping” it in the microwave briefly – you don't want to chill your dog too much or have him gulp down frozen ice cream.

http://www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/ice_cream.htm

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Walking the Dog

A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane.

Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board In 50 minutes.



Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by Name, said, ‘Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?’ The blind lady replied, ‘No thanks, but maybe Buddy would Like to stretch his legs.’

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Guide dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses..



People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story... Have a great day and remember...

THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR.

A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!!!

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**Do you know what kind of dog this is?**



*(See page 24 to find the answer.)*

### **Anal Gland Problems**

by Dr. Roy Nielsen, Jr.

Anal gland disease is by far the most common problem affecting a dog's rear end! It has no age or sex predisposition, but it may be more common in some smaller breeds.

Dogs have two anal glands. If you look at their anus as a clock face, then they are located just below the skin at the five o'clock and seven

o'clock positions. Normally you will not be able to see these glands.

If they get impacted or infected, then you will probably see them as a small swelling in those positions.



Anal glands are similar to scent glands. In dogs they produce an odor that identifies the individual, marks the stool, and establishes their territory. This is why dogs tend to greet each other by sniffing at the rear. These glands pretty commonly either get impacted, or more seriously get infected. Impacted glands are overfilled and distended. They become

painful and itchy, and most commonly dogs will be seen scooting their butt on the floor trying to express them. Your veterinarian will manually express them and relieve the pain, but it is likely that they will get impacted again months or years later.

If a gland stays impacted for too long, it may get infected. Bacteria make their way into the swollen gland, producing an abscess which eventually ruptures through the skin. They will ooze a bloody, smelly, puss like fluid. These dogs need to be treated with antibiotics and to have the abscessed gland flushed out thoroughly. The best prevention is to have your veterinarian express the gland empty as soon as your dog starts scooting. This can become a chronic problem and sometimes the glands need to be surgically removed.

If you see scooting or swelling around the rear end, take your dog to your veterinarian. While it is rare, dogs can get tumors in this area, which resemble anal gland abscesses. It is important to catch these early!

<http://www.revivalanimal.com/store/pg/1975-Anal-Gland-Problems.aspx?a=REV100126PD3>

### **Dogs and Music**

Some people leave the television on for their pets when they leave the house or apartment. This makes the pet feel that they have company while the owners are gone. While I was looking for something else on Amazon the other day, I ran across this CD for dogs.

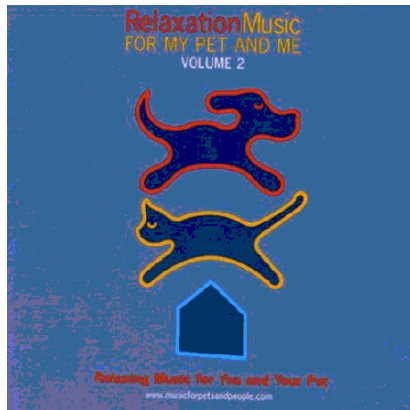


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**Dogs Likely Evolved From Wolves in Mideast**

Traci Watson Contributor

**AOL News**

(March 17) – If you have a basenji, Chinese Shar-Pei or Chow Chow snoozing at your feet, you’d better pamper your pet. You’re living with blue blooded canine royalty.

Those three are among the most ancient of dog lineages, according to a new study of doggie DNA. They have heritages tracing back for centuries – even millennia – and also show the greatest genetic similarity to wolves of all of the breeds studied, the research found.

In what is sure to be a controversial claim, the study also concludes that the dog was probably domesticated in the Middle East, not, as other research has indicated, in China and nearby countries.

According to a new DNA study, the Chinese shar-pei is one of a handful of dog breeds that share the greatest genetic similarity to wolves. These puppies were displayed for sale in Havana, Cuba, in 2006.

The genetic makeup of dogs sends “a very strong signal for origin in the Middle East,” says study leader Robert Wayne of the University of California, Los Angeles. “This really contradicts the prevailing notion that dogs originated in East Asia.”



Javier Galeano, AP

To determine the origins of modern dog breeds, Wayne and his team compared the DNA from 912 dogs with the DNA from 225 gray wolves from around the globe. Experts agree that thousands of years ago, the fierce and independent gray wolf somehow evolved to give rise to the first domestic dogs.

Many of the dog DNA samples came from the pageant queens of the dog world. As dogs were being primped to enter U.S. show rings, the scientists brushed the inside of their mouths with a swab.

Nearly all modern strains of dog have much stronger genetic ties to Middle Eastern wolves than to wolves in Europe or East Asia, Wayne and his colleagues found. That suggests that Middle Eastern wolves were the founding fathers of today’s parade of pooches.

The study also found a handful of pedigrees that stretch back further than the rest. Historical and cultural evidence has painted the basenji,

Chow Chow and Shar-Pei, among others, as ancient breeds. His DNA evidence backs that up, Wayne says. His team’s roster of ancient breeds also includes the Afghan Hound, Saluki, Akita and Samoyed.

Asian and European wolves also contributed to today’s breeds, but the main center of domestication was in the Middle East, Wayne says.

One of the scientists whose research points to Southeast Asia as the birthplace of the domestic dog disputes Wayne’s interpretation of his own data.

“Their data clearly says there were two flows of genes from wolves into dogs, one in the Middle East and one in China, and that’s the same thing we find” in a different form of DNA, says Peter Savolainen of the KTH-Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. He says the new study didn’t examine enough Asian dogs and used a DNA study method that would have biased the results. Wayne disagrees with Savolainen’s assessment.

“I hope it doesn’t become a big fight,” Wayne says.

Whatever the dog’s origins, Wayne points to a remaining puzzle: not where but how wolves were transformed into dogs.

The dog was domesticated earlier than any other kind of animal, earlier, even, than agriculture. Dogs weren’t developed for eating, herding or protection.

“One can’t imagine why you’d pick a large carnivore for the first domesticated species,” Wayne says. “You have to feed them meat. ... And they potentially attack children and even adults. And what functions they provide, I don’t know. My own dog, a Boston terrier, never provided that much of a function, except affection.”

The study was published today in the online version of the scientific journal Nature.

[http://www.aolnews.com/science/article/dogs-likely-evolved-from-wolves-in-middle-east-researchers-say/19404288?sms\\_ss=email](http://www.aolnews.com/science/article/dogs-likely-evolved-from-wolves-in-middle-east-researchers-say/19404288?sms_ss=email)

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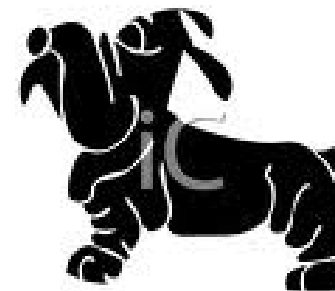
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**TODAY'S PET TIP**  
**Nail Trimming Problem**

Did you overdo your dog's nail trim? Bleeding toenails can often times be remedied with some household ingredients. A small amount of flour packed onto the end of the nail will often quell the bleeding.

Also try rubbing a bar of soap on the end of the nail for the same effect. Nothing, however, beats having a stash of styptic powder, which you can buy at your local pet store or at your vet's office.

**I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY !**

Author Unknown

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.



As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and

made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

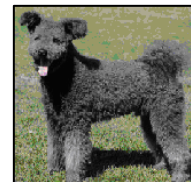
A tear fell down her cheek, and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened, and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one. I rescued a human today.



I saw this man's art and thought it was cute. He has many other designs in doormats, etc.



<http://www.mccartneysdogs.com> Enter Shar-Pei under the breed



**Do you know what kind of dog this is?**

The dog is a Pumi.

It is newly recognized by the AKC

**Did You Know?**

- The Pumi has been assigned the Herding Group designation.
- The Pumi has been recorded in the Foundation Stock Service since 2001.
- Country of origin is Hungary.

- Today the Pumi is the most popular of the Hungarian herding dogs in Finland. The first Pumis were imported to Finland in 1972.
- There were over 2000 registrations in Hungary in the 1990's.
- The name "Pumi" is first mentioned in 1815, describing a kind of sheep dog.
- Pumis are very active, lively and energetic, always alert and ready to work with cattle and pigs as well as sheep.

### How Often Should You Bathe A Pet?

Bathing your dog or cat is an important part of pet ownership. Regardless of your pets' breed and coat type, shampooing promotes cleanliness and a healthy skin and coat. Frequency of bathing varies greatly between breeds and individual pets, and how often your pet should get a bath depends on the needs of your own dog or cat.

On the flip side, while dogs do require routine baths to stay clean and healthy, they fortunately are a little more accepting of the process than cats. Regular bathing of all dogs, despite coat length or type, helps to keep the coat and skin healthy. Most dogs do not require frequent bathing (once a month or less!), but brushing in between bath times helps to keep them clean, removing dead hair, dirt and other debris from the coat.

How often you should bathe your dog depends greatly on your dog, his activity level and breed. The best way to tell if your dog needs a bath is through your nose- if your dog has that "doggy odor" than it's probably time for a bath.

Some dogs require more frequent bathing as a matter of cleanliness, but as a generally rule, most dogs should not have a bath more than once a month. Some breeds prone to oily skin, such as Cocker Spaniels and Shih Tzu's, may require baths every 2-4 weeks, while thick coated dogs, like Chows and Huskies may only need a bath a few times a year.

Unlike human hair, dog fur is not suitable for constant bathing, and repeated washing will strip the skin of its natural, protective oils. The loss of these oils can cause your dog to scratch, irritating the skin, and, yep- making the dog stink, causing him to be bathed even more frequently. While over-bathing can be a vicious cycle, there are some

things you can do to make sure that bathing doesn't create a problem for your pet.



For the average dog, bathed once a month or so, human shampoo can usually be used without ill effect. Dog skin is more sensitive than human skin, and using shampoo designed for people can cause a pH imbalance in the skin, leading to excessive dryness. Any dog being bathed more frequently than once a month should always be washed in a dog-specific shampoo.

A quick trip to your local pet store, and you will find a variety of shampoos for every possible need your dog may have- formulated to help combat itchy skin, fleas and ticks, doggy odor, excessive shedding, coat color enhancers, and everything in between. Not all soaps are created equal- if you have questions, consult your veterinarian or groomer for their recommendations on a good shampoo for routine use.

There are some cases where your dog may need baths every few days for a time, such as for treatment of skin infections, fungal infections and other skin and coat problems. Your veterinarian may prescribe a medicated shampoo, designed to help combat the underlying skin problem. It is important to follow your veterinarians' instructions carefully in these cases, because often the medicated shampoos must be lathered onto the dog, and left in place for several minutes for optimal effect.

If your dog is prone to skin problems, talk to your veterinarian about your current grooming regimen, and see if adjustments should be

