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Layla has energy to spare. She'll need someone who'll give her lots of their time and attention to burn off this gal's energy. She is smart as a whip and loyal too. She's a 2 1/2 year old boxer mix. While Layla will be a challenging dog, she has a huge amount of love to share too.



**ALL I WANT THIS HOLIDAY IS... A FOSTER HOME!**

The holiday season is tough for dogs & cats at the shelter... please consider fostering a pet for a week or two. Give them a break - give them some love. You may be surprised just how much you get in return! Contact your favorite shelter for more information today, and make this the best holiday ever!

## Taking Happiness to a Whole New Level!

By just being their furry, adorable, lovable selves, dogs help us feel treasured and joyful. This not only boosts our quality of life, it raises the oh-so-important question: What have we done for THEM lately? Of course we provide food, medical care, a home, grooming, toys, and other stuff... but what do we do to increase their happiness quotient? Here are a few ways to improve to quality of our dogs' lives...



**1. Turn up the dial on the exercise meter!**  
Dogs adore activity - hence the craziness most display at the mere whisper of a possible w-a-l-k. An extra-long hike, joining you on a run, or a few short outings in addition to those daily walks are sure to be a hit! Look for a place your dog can enjoy a safe off-leash romp, which will make the experience even better.

**2. Fight boredom.**  
Give your dog more mental exercise with mind-engaging activities such as enrichment puzzles, new toys, learning new skills and tricks - or even just visiting a new place. As much as they love routine - mixing it up a little can be fun for them as well!

**3. Give them a hand.**  
Most dogs learn visual signals faster than verbal ones. When training, communicate more clearly by using hand signals along with words. It may speed up the process, or at the very least - leave you with some fun party tricks you can show off to your friends!

**4. Rub them the right way.**  
Most dogs, like most people, adore a good massage. It not only promotes relaxation, healing and bonding, it feels sooooo good! Older pups especially will benefit the most.

**5. Stop and smell the world.**  
Dogs need to be dogs, and that means allowing them time to explore the world's wonderful odors. Personally, I forget this when we are on our daily walks - pulling them away from a good tree stump because I am ready to move on. Remember - its their walk too... and that includes some sniff time!

**6. Free them from fashion.**  
I am a huge advocate of dogs having collars and tags on in the house, just in case they slip out the door. With that being said, consider removing your dog's collar at night or while they are sleeping on the couch by you during movie night. They will enjoy the freedom as much as we do when we take off our belts, watches, earrings, etc. Plus, the noise of jingling tags bothers many dogs; to reduce it, tape your dogs tags together or try a soft pouch designed for that purpose.

**7. Feed them well.**  
While the debate about canine nutrition rages on, most people agree that a variety of food, especially if it is healthy and fresh, has many advantages. Carefully consider what you feed your dog, do some research, cook your own treats... have fun with it. Ask your vet if you have specific questions, or need information on food restrictions.

**8. Keep them tidy.**  
Good grooming is essential! Dogs are most comfortable when their coats are orderly and free of mats that tug on their skin. Removing tangles in the "posterior region" allows them to potty more easily, and short toenails allow for movement and comfort. Long toenails are one of the main reasons for foot problems in dogs - an easy fix for a groomer, vet tech - or you. No matter how darling you think your dog looks with fur hanging over their eyes, a non-Beiber look that allows for unobstructed vision is a better (and safer) choice.

**9. Play it up.**  
Make play dates for your dog with other nice, well-socialized pups. Or, find an off-leash dog park in your area - there are so many in the central Ohio area.

**10. Sharpen your focus.**  
Dogs value the time we spend focused completely on them, and that's easiest to do without anyone else present. This quality is especially important in multi-dog households.

Improving your dog's quality of life is the gift that keeps on giving!  
Play, love, laugh... enjoy!

(source: The Bark Magazine; Karen B. London, PhD)

### Lots to do with the pups this month... I am so Thankful!

- Sunday, NOV. 14th, ART FOR ART'S SAKE (Silent Art Auction), 1PM-4PM.**  
Please join us for this annual event featuring works of art by local artists. Once again, this will be held at the Barcelona Restaurant, 263 E. Whittier in German Village, ticket price includes sangria, appetizers, music and fun. This event benefits Pets Without Parents - check our website for details!
- Friday, NOV. 19th, BarktoberFest, Beer Tasting & Silent Auction 7-11pm**  
Enjoy an evening of great food and yummy beer @ Gordy's in Westerville - featuring Great Lakes Brewery selections. Something for everyone at this fun silent auction - Ticket price includes food, fun and four, 12 oz beers. Benefits CHA Animal Shelter!

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## WHEN LOVE BECOMES LOSS

NO ONE WANTS TO THINK ABOUT THAT DAY... WHEN YOU LOSE A VERY SPECIAL PART OF YOUR FAMILY. THAT DAY CAME FOR ME THIS MONTH, WHEN MY SWEET STELLA CAT PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A VERY SPECIAL GIRL, AND I FEEL BLESSED THAT SHE LOVED ME BACK. MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW WHAT MY PETS MEAN TO ME, AND I HAVE THEIR SUPPORT. FOR MANY PEOPLE THOUGH, THIS DIFFICULT TIME IS MAGNIFIED BY THE FACT THAT THOSE AROUND THEM DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE BOND, AND THE ENORMOUS LOSS WHEN THEY ARE GONE.

### HOW LONG BEFORE I GET OVER THIS?

I HAVE NEVER CRIED THIS MUCH WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?

IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO, ESPECIALLY WHEN FRIENDS & FAMILY DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND... CONSIDER ATTENDING THE PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP, HELD...

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## BOCCO'S RANTS...



I bet you didn't know that for a cat... burying poop in a litter box goes waaaaay back! It is an instinct that they are born with and never forget! Even the big, wild cats cover their feces as part of a natural part of survival. The idea is not to attract attention from predators by their individual scent.

# PAWS & THINK

## Happy Tails...

I wanted to first, thank You for giving me the opportunity to become an adoptive parent to one of your rescues. He has been and continues to be a joy and wonderful part of my life. Back in January 2010 I adopted an 8 week old shy puppy named Bobby. He has since been renamed Declan, which is an Irish name that means full of happiness. I was embarking on my first experience as a dog owner and excited, but anxious. Declan is such a good boy and so smart. He took to people and other animals like a fish to water. His sense of adventure continues to astound me and he is never shy around new people, which is shocking because when I picked him up he was so scared and not very outgoing. Declan was superb at being house trained and his puppy classes are no exception either. He is now in the intermediate training class and knows: sit, stay, come, wait, how to loose leash walk, how to heal and walk right beside me, rollover, fetch and the list just continues as he learns. Don't get me wrong he is all puppy and he has his moments when the selective hearing sets in, but he is a wonderful dog! Both Declan and I are so thankful that you brought the two of us together and I spread the word about your organization every chance I get!



## Shelter From The Storm

Pamela Hart and Megan Senatori first met when they applied for the same job. The employer let it slip that they both had almost identical applications by answering the question "What's your dream job?" with the same response, "Open an animal sanctuary." Afterward, Hart tracked down her fellow University of Wisconsin law student and "resume twin" later in the same building where they'd interviewed. They clicked instantly, grabbed some coffee, and daydreamed about what they wanted to do. Those daydreams turned into the non-profit organization, Sheltering Animals of Abuse Victims (SAAV) a Wisconsin-based network of temporary homes, shelters, farms and ranches, all in confidential locations. "Most shelters for battered women don't accept animals for a range of reasons - space constraints, liability issues and allergies. More than half of women in crisis centers who own pets report that their spouses abused or killed their animals. Up to 48% of these victims say they would have fled sooner



if only they'd had a safe place to leave their dog or cat.

What started as a class project for these two women back in 2001, has turned in to foster care and no-cost veterinary care for scores of animals in the Wisconsin area. From cats, dogs and horses to a hamster named Faith. SAAV also works to raise nationwide awareness of the link between animal abuse and domestic violence. Arizona, Oklahoma, West Virginia, and Minnesota recently passed legislation allowing courts to include pets under restraining orders against abusers; in all, 17 states and D.C. have created such provisions since 2006. "We're taking huge legal steps forward in combating animal cruelty," says Hart, now an attorney with the Animal Legal Defense Fund. "Pets are technically classified as property, but we as a society are recognizing they're really members of our families."

(source: Oprah.com, by Susan Hauser)

## Dogwash to Cancer Cure!



One of the most frightening things a dog owner can hear is "it's cancer." Unfortunately, many of us will hear those words, as a staggering one out of every three dogs is expected to get the disease, half of which will die from it. The National Canine Cancer Foundation is devoted solely to funding research for cancer cures, and hopes to change that dire expectation. Throughout November, which is Canine Cancer Awareness Month, the NCCF is hosting a cool fundraiser full of plenty of goodies. Sign up online, give your pup a nice "dog wash" at home, and donors (\$5 minimum) receive a package containing 2 different John Paul Pet shampoos (Paul Mitchell's pet line of products), a can of Halo food - Spot's Stew, 30 days of free pet health insurance through Trupanion, and a pink paw magnet from NCCF. Shelter dogs will benefit too - with a meal supplied by Freekibble.com for every donation! Take photos of your dog during the big wash - and post them online to share. Check out [www.nationaldogwash.com](http://www.nationaldogwash.com) today - and order your own packet! A win-win-win situation for a great-great-great cause!



## IZZY SEZ...

Did you know that pet owners will spend 47 BILLION dollars on their pets this year? C'mon people - where's the love? Seriously though... 43 more shopping days until Christmas, and my birthday is December 29th!  
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**STUFF THE TURKEY, NOT THE DOG!**

Yep, its Thanksgiving! A time to be thankful for all we have, for those around us we love, including our canine friends. Many people share the family feast with their dog in an offering of thanks and love. While it may seem that a little bit of turkey skin here and a little bit of stuffing there wouldn't hurt, we know how quickly the pounds can add up over the holiday season, for us and them!

Pancreatitis is just one of the problems that occur in dogs with a high fat and unhealthy diet. The "typical" pancreatitis victim is middle-aged or older and overweight. It's very often the family has just had a party or a big holiday meal when this disease strikes. So, if your pet is often one that gets a table scrap here, a potato chip there, extra caution should be taken because they may be at risk. So - let's give lots of THANKS - and fewer SCRAPS this holiday season!

source: [www.doghobbyist.com](http://www.doghobbyist.com)