

Pets without Parents

614.267.PAWS

www.PetsWithoutParents.net



Benelli was left at the pound just a day or so after she'd given birth to 3 little ones. PWP rescued them all. Benelli has a wonderful temperament. During all of the chaos, she was trusting and loving to all people she came in contact with. What an amazing mama!

Maybe it's time for my breakfast... Me luv my Primal Beef Grind with a drizzle of freeze dried fish!

the Dog Works
DogWorksCATS2.com
195 THURMAN AVE. GERMAN VILLAGE

PARK YOUR PAWS DOGGIE DAYCARE
4366 INDIANOLA AVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43214 • (614)262-PAWS

OPEN 7 DAYS!
FULL AND HALF DAYS AVAILABLE!
NOW OFFERING GROOMING!

www.PARK-YOUR-PAWS.org

BEECHWOLD VETERINARY HOSPITAL
Beechwood Vet Hospital, Inc
4590 Indianola Ave.
Columbus 43214
614.268.8666
www.beechwoodvet.vetsuite.com

Riverside Animal Care Center
6924 Riverside Drive
Dublin, Ohio 43017
614.766.1222
www.riversideanimalcare.vetsuite.com

ART for ART's Sake
ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM

Sunday, October 30th
@ 1:00 - 4:00 pm

barcelona
restaurant & bar

The event will once again feature live music, appetizers, sangria, and a silent auction of incredible artwork - as well as other wonderful gift ideas, trips and more added this year!

www.PetsWithoutParents.net

Thanks For The Memories

The scene is straight out of a Lassie classic... the front door swings open... your faithful companion bounds across the room, jumps up and gives you a big "welcome-home" kiss on the face. Awwww - cue the cheesy background music. Cut.

In reality - you just went out to get the mail, and have been gone for about 30 seconds. Every dog owner has experienced this phenomenon

with our dog's memory, or "lack-of", when it comes to short term, and how long we've been gone. Scientific studies on dog memory have led to as many questions as it has answers (in my opinion). Most research indicates that a dog's short-term memory is about 10-20 seconds long (which explains the "getting the mail" scenario). It also explains the reasoning behind a major potty training rule. The one where you should not scold a dog after the fact, because he will not associate the scolding with his poor choice in potty locations. He will, however, associate the scolding with YOU, and pooping in general (nice work).

However, just last night, Izzy found a toad in the backyard and followed the poor guy with her nose in his butt all the way to an escape route in the corner of the fence. When I let her out this morning - first thing she did was run to the corner of the fence to find her little friend. So, what's that all about? Is that short-term memory... long-term... medium-term? I guess dog memory can best be understood (at least by me) as primarily *associative* versus *real*. A dog remembers people and places based on associations he has with those people and places. Pretty simple. Lets say I always put on the same coat or hat, and take my pup for a walk. They soon begin to react with the same excitement for the walk because I have put on my coat or hat. This will last for years, unless a new association to these items is established. Now, this association can work as a positive, or a negative memory. I am sure many of you who have adopted pups from less-than-ideal conditions can attest to the fact that they carry some pretty harsh memories with them. Noises, smells, household items and even places can strike fear in their hearts for years. But, we also know that the negative can be made positive with a lot of love, and a lot of patience! You can slowly (and patiently) assign a new "positive" memories to the broom in your hand, the car, or the deep sound of a man's voice.

In keeping with the idea of associative and real memories, many experts say that "time" is something that humans made up (hours, days, months, etc), and that animals strictly live in the present. They lack the sophisticated abilities it takes to perceive time, and any related sequence of events. Humans can consciously and willingly think back to specific memories and anticipate events. Animals cannot. So, how can dogs impeccably predict the arrival of their owner from work? Noisy muffler? Maybe. More likely - an "internal clock" is at work. The fancy term is *circadian oscillators*, which are daily fluctuations in hormones, body temperature and neural activity. This helps them prepare for their food to hit the bowl, or for their mom to get home from work. Rather than knowing how much time has passed, they react to a biological state they reach at a particular time of the day. Same time, every day. I used to think Jordie was an Oprah fan - she would fight for a seat on the couch every day to watch her. Now, I come to find out she will watch anything in that 4pm time slot! Sorry Oprah (*I still miss you*).

While everyone seems to process time and memories differently, the key to a human's memory is always our ability to remember events in a particular order or sequence. We are also able to predict things - the sun will come up tomorrow, everyone I know will give me a birthday card with a funny dog on it, and so on... While the experts say that dogs can not assimilate these same ideas, I like to think they can. Every time we get within 5 minutes of Apple Valley Lake, my dogs are up and pacing in the car with little whimpers of excitement. Can they smell a lake? Do they see a lake? Perhaps that's all. But why would that alone make them so excited? Or, like me, do they remember **this lake**, and the last time we were here? The water was just right, there was a cool breeze, we played Chuck-it, and swam, drank some beer... I think they do! (*except for the beer part*) Who cares if we all get to that memory a different way, real or associative, its OUR memory. And, its wonderful because we shared it together. So, to all my pups - current and past - thanks for the memories! Let's make more - the mail is here!

- Laura Reding, editor and memory maker



BARKIN' FOR BATTEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

Join us and other dog lovers for a day filled with family & canine fun, while helping us raise money for the fight against Batten disease - that affects our children... and our dogs!

Please visit www.barkinforbatten.com for event details!

cdi
color design innovations inc

graphics • marketing • printing • websites

614.794.4379

www.CDI-Columbus.com

4588 Kenny Rd • Suite 100-B
Columbus, OH 43220

barcelona
restaurant & bar

263 E. Whittier • German Village
www.barcelonacolumbus.com

Reflections of Spain

good DOG art.net

GAIL KELLE DESIGN

Pet Butler
America's Pet Waste Cleanup Service™
1-800-PET BUTLER.com

Jamison & Associates, CPAs
Gail L. Jamison, CPA

6115 Maxtown Road
Westerville, Ohio 43082

(614) 794-1771
www.JamisonCPA.com

IS YOUR RESCUE PET KINDA CUTE... OR ARE THEY CALENDAR-CUTE!?

Its time for the 5th annual PWP Calendar Contest!

For contest details, please visit our website...
www.PetsWithoutParents.net

PAWS & THINK

Happy Tails...

Miracles do happen! It's been almost two years since I first met the dog that almost everyone at the shelter knows as Miracle. Back then, she was a member of the infamous pit bull walking gang that included Xavier and Stella. Before that, she came to the shelter after escaping from a cruel owner and then been rescued while running down I-71 dragging a heavy chain around her neck by two off-duty firemen. Her back leg was so badly injured, the staff feared amputation may be the only hope. Since, she has been enjoying the house life, snoring on the couch and barking in her sleep, and has traveled the country from shore to shore, hiking in the mountains and swimming in the rivers and oceans, all while dragging her once injured leg along for the ride. After 18 months as her foster, I decided to adopt this great girl on August 7th 2011. For all her friends, dog and human, she will remain a regular visitor to the shelter. Thank you for giving her a second chance at life and love!



IZZY SEZ...

During the summer - when lots of fruits and veggies are in season - my Mom likes to add a little fun to my diet. We have a lot of yummy things growing right in our yard & garden. Depending on the tastes and tummy of your pup - some yummy and safe foods you might want to try are: apples, oranges, bananas, watermelon, carrots, green beans, cucumbers and zucchini. With all of these - you will want to keep them free of seed and stems. Some foods you will want to avoid in the summer (and always) are peaches & plums (the pits are very toxic - so better safe than sorry) and grapes (or raisins). Also, a little avocado is okay... but too much can be a bad idea. For a complete lists of foods that are not safe - check out the aspc.org website. Enjoy the rest of the summer - and the seasonal "yummies" that come with it!

ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND WE GO

There are actually a few theories on why dogs turn around three times before sleeping, including genetics, instinct and general comfort. Like many other domesticated animals, dogs still retain many of the traits found in their undomesticated ancestors.

In fact, modern dogs are believed to be 99% identical genetically to their common ancestor, the wild wolf. Wolves living in packs exhibit many of the same behaviors observed by owners of domestic dogs.

One reason dogs turn around three times before bedding down is because that's what feels right instinctively. Ancestral wolves traveled in packs for a number of reasons, primarily to hunt animals larger than any one wolf could kill on his own. When pack animals lie down to rest, they instinctively form a tight circle to take advantage of their neighbor's body heat. Perhaps dogs turn around three times before bedding down today because the practice has become ingrained after thousands of years. When wild packs of dogs turn around three times in the wild, they may be establishing their territory and orienting themselves within the circle.

Another reason some experts believe dogs turn around three times is to trample down the area for comfort. A pack of wild dogs may decide to bed down on a grassy field, for instance, so the individual dogs turn around three times to force the tall grasses down. Any other hazards or obstructions may also be uncovered when dogs turn around three times. This trampling behavior is often observed in domesticated dogs who use padded dog beds or when sleeping outdoors.

In warmer temperatures and climates - wolves also do this to "rough" up the top layer of dirt, and expose the cooler ground beneath. I know I have seen my dogs attempting this very move during the summer months - usually in my flower beds!

Whatever their reasons may be - instinct or insanity - it always makes me smile!

(source: <http://wiki.answers.com>)

Keep The Sting Out of Summer



I don't know about you, but I have been taking advantage of this wonderful weather - and hiking with my pups! However, any time we go to Old Man's Cave in Hocking Hills, my sensitive soul, Jordie, remembers the "Bee Incident". My own memory of the event plays like a summer blockbuster movie - people and dogs running and screaming - stumbling on the rocks - all while the swarm of bees engulfs our crew from below... In reality, everyone got a sting or two, but Jordie took the brunt of the attack - 6 to 7 stings on her belly and face. Poor thing. Till this day - she "hunkers down" whenever she hears a "BUZZ" in the air. We did a pretty good job of "first aid" once we got her back to the cabin, but timing is everything in this case. Now we try to be prepared, and carry a pack. We were about a mile and a half in... and that was a long walk/carry back (especially since we had 2 other dogs with us). So, length of your hike is certainly something to think about. Here are some tips for care: (hint - works for people stings as well)

- Carefully remove the stinger(s) with tweezers,

if possible. (Only bees leave stingers.)

- Make a paste of baking soda and water and apply to the area. (we have them in separate containers in the kit, and mix when needed)
- Apply an ice pack to relieve swelling and pain.
- Comfort the dog until the pain has diminished.

Usually a single sting does not present a serious problem. If the sting is on the nose, mouth or around the head, watch your dog carefully to make sure that any swelling does not interfere with breathing or swallowing. Multiple stings can cause more damage, and may be life-threatening. If you see your dog disturb a hive or swarm of wasps or bees, call the dog to you and run, or, if necessary, pick up your dog and carry it away. Try to put distance between your dog and the swarm as quickly as possible. If possible, give antihistamines to your dog right away. Your veterinarian can give you a supply for your dog's first aid kit, and advise you on dosage and administration - best to consult with them first! Ultimately, don't let the fear of a sting stop you! Bee free - and be prepared!

Eye Know What You're Thinking

Wouldn't you love to know what your cat is thinking? (At least for the 8 hrs each day that they are actually awake!) Well, their eyes are a big giveaway - if you pay attention. First there is the "Fluttering Blink". When a cat greets another cat or a person with slow, lingering blinks, they are communicating affection. Why? Because in the feline world to close one's eyes in the presence of another is the ultimate sign of trust. By blinking slowly at your cat, you are communicating to them that you are aware of their presence and pose no threat. So - the next time your cat blinks at you, be sure to return the gesture! One to avoid is the "Direct Stare". While humans use direct eye contact to show affection - by staring longingly into each others eyes... most cats will



find it threatening. That's why in social settings , a cat usually gravitates toward the one person in the room who is ignoring it! According to Myrna Milani, a vet and animal behavioralist in new Hampshire, the more fearful a cat becomes, the wider its pupils expand. When dilated and wide open, the pupils take in as much visual information as possible. This bug-eyed saucer look signals that the cat is frightened and wants to retreat. In an angry or upset cat, the pupils may become narrowed to focus more effectively on detail.

So next time you are hanging out with your buddy - or meeting a cat for the first time - you can give them a little fluttering blink, and let them know, *that you know*, what they are thinking!

(source: WebMDPets)



"True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it is lost"

- Charles Caleb Colton

(we will miss you Meggie Lu Lu!)



ROCCO'S RANTS...

Hey, did you know that cats wag their tails when we are in a stage of conflict? We want to do two things at once, but each impulse blocks the other. For example: If your cat is in the doorway wanting to go outside, and you open the door to find it raining, the cat's tail will wag because of internal conflict. The cat wants to go outside, but doesn't want to go into the rain. Once the cat makes a decision and either returns to the house or leaves into the rain, the tail will immediately stop wagging.

(source: www.catscan.com)

color design innovations, inc

GRAPHIC DESIGN
PHOTOGRAPHY
WEB DESIGN
MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS
DIGITAL PRINTING
VIRTUAL TOURS

Providing innovative marketing products, services and concepts for that competitive edge

614.794.4379

BC Bailey Cavalieri LLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

David Dye
229.3226
baileycavalieri.com

Local Lawyers
with a
National Presence

Volunteer Connections
Connecting needs, hopes & dreams

Volunteer Connections mission is to connect people who want to volunteer; (once a week, once a month, or whatever their personal goal may be) with a non-profit charity in need of volunteers. It is the goal of Volunteer Connections to "spread the word" about non-profit charity organizations who need help, and direct individuals to these organizations.

Check us out online!
www.meetup.com/volunteer-connections/

just rescue design
justrescuedesign.com

Buy cool stuff, save some lives...
what's not to love, right?

Jordie
is already a fan.

cards, shirts & more!