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Help Your Dog Rediscover His Inner Puppy

Improvements in medical care and diet have given our canine senior citizens more energy and vitality than ever before. With a little extraattention you can keep your dog's inner puppy alive for years.

First, forget the old adage "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Your dog's innate desire to work, play, and receive praise assures that he not only can learn new skills, he'll enjoy the process. Try to teach him new games and practice new tricks regularly—mental stimulation is good for your older dog and will keep him young.

Diet and exercise: The "inner puppy" pleaser
A recent study by the U.S. National Institute of Aging on a test group of older dogs concluded that a diet fortified with vitamins, fruits, and vegetables, along with regular exercise, was enormously beneficial in maintaining youthful qualities.

Obesity and inactivity are the enemy of older dogs and can lead to serious health problems and premature aging. Be sure to speak to your veterinarian about an enriched diet than can keep your older dog lean and healthy, as well as a daily exercise program that's appropriate for his condition.

The benefits of good old fun

Nothing brings out the puppy in an older dog like playtime. Don't let your senior get lazy. Here are some tips for keeping him up and running:

• "Fetch!" never fails to get a dog's attention. But as he slows down, you'll want to keep the ball closer, and if he has difficulty running or jumping, roll the ball on the ground instead of throwing it.

• When vigorous play is no longer possible, try a quieter "hide and seek" game. Show your dog his favorite rawhide chew or treat, then hide it nearby. He'll love using his sense of smell to find the reward and win your praise.

• If your dog enjoys tugging games, be sure his older teeth can take it. Often, switching from a braided rope to a softer, squishier, more pliable toy can protect teeth and extend the fun of tugging games.

While regular activity is excellent for older dogs, always keep a close eye on him for signs of pain or fatigue. With a little rest, he'll

Dogs and humans: Research finds chemistry and gaze deepen the bond

When they look into the eyes of their human companions, dogs have perfected that "you are everything to me" gaze that makes the human brain flood with oxytocin, the hormone of love, nurture and parenthood, a new study finds. (Mikako Mikura)

By MELISSA HEALY contact the reporter Biology Scientific Research

We love our dogs and they love us, unconditionally. For humans, oxytocin seals the deal As they joined human social groups as companions, did dogs hijack the chemical bond between parent and child?

The long, loving gazes; the ritualized, often high-pitched, expressions of affection; the heroic self-sacrifice one would readily endure for the other: What is it about the bond between human and dog that is not like the relationship between parent and child?

Now comes evidence that when our dogs gaze into our eyes with that "you are everything to me" look, our bodies -- and theirs as well -- are flooded with oxytocin, the hormone of love, nurture, mutual trust and, above all, bonding that forms between a parent and child.

After testosterone rush of hunting, men's 'love hormone' surges upon return home

In a new study, Japanese researchers observed the interactions of 30 dog owners and their canine companions, and found that the more that the owners and their dogs gazed into each others' eyes, the more concentrated was the burst of oxytocin both human and canine produced. And, they found, the more we humans return a pet's gaze and the greater the resulting surge of oxytocin, the

more emphatically we believe that ours is the best dog in the whole wide world (yes, she is ...).

When the same researchers rigorously measured the spontaneous interactions between wolves and the animal management professionals who had raised, fed and played with them, they saw neither the mutual gaze (not surprising, since wolves generally lock eyes with other wolves as a threatening gesture) nor the surge in oxytocin.

In a separate experiment, the researchers administered dogs a supplemental dose of oxytocin before a half-hour session of interaction between dog and owner. Among female dogs the increase in oxytocin boosted the number of times the dog locked eyes with its owner, which in turn set off an increase in oxytocin released in the dog owner's blood. The same response was not noted in male dogs.

The new research was published Thursday in Science magazine and conducted by researchers at Azabu University, Jichi Medical University and the University of Tokyo Health Sciences, all in Japan. In addition to two mutts, the study's canine participants included five golden retrievers, three Labrador retrievers, three miniature schnauzers, three standard poodles, two miniature dachshunds, two Shiba inus, two toy poodles, and one border collie, one boxer, one flat-coated retriever, one German shepherd, one Jack Russell terrier, one miniature bull terrier, one papillon and a Shetland sheepdog.

The findings -- "that humans may feel affection for their companion dogs similar to that felt toward human family members" -- are likely to be greeted by dog lovers with a shrug and a knowing nod.

But these findings and their implications actually help solve a perplexing evolutionary mystery: How did two species from very different branches of the evolutionary tree come not only to cease mutual aggression, but to live together, read each others' facial cues, and love each other with a ferocity that often mimics the relationship between mother and child?

The study's results suggest that dogs and their humans grow to love and protect each

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 Donna Mullen has had Schnauzers for 45 years, first Giants and 15 years ago, Miniatures. She also had Standard Poodles for 25 years as well. She has 30 years of breeding, 10 years in Conformation, and 10 years in Obedience and now Agility. She says she has bred 2 litters in the past 5 years. she owns her own pet sitting business, and is an instructor of clicker training and puppy socialization. She also trains dogs for show and performance. Donna says she is interested in our Newsletter, public awareness, membership, Obedience and Agility.

Beverly Barrone
Sponsors: Joan L. Huber Florence Wallace

Beverly states that she had several schnauzers purchased from Carol Somers many years ago. She went many years without dogs while she raised her family, but now that they have grown up, she decided it was time to get involved with schnauzers again. Since June of 2012, she has added 5 boys to her home, 2 are champions now, and the others are involved in agility and barn hunt. She states that she does not breed her dogs. Beverly is a member of the Kalamazoo Kennel Club and stewards at their shows. She says that she is a very organized person, and would love to be involved in any capacity the club needs.

Its a sad day today, as my good friend of 35 years, **Joan Williams** and coowner of Ch. Repitition's Jolee's Springtime in April, died today. She was 81 years old. She is survived by her wonderful husband Rolee.. and her three daughters Karen, Elizabeth and Jenny. She and Rolee have been married for 61 years. I will miss her bright, cheerful, attitude, and demeanor. She has provided good homes for my Teddy, Annie and now April.

Kurt Garmaker

The Nominating Committee

will start meeting soon! If anyone is interested in serving on the AMSC Board, please let me or anyone on the committee know.

The committee consists of
 Amy Gordon, Chair
 Juanita Ainsworth
 Julie Cooper
 Terrie Houck
 Brooke Walker
 Thanks
 Amy Gordon

Great Western

It's time to start thinking about the Great Western Terrier Association events –

Queen Mary Park – on the water in Long Beach, California:

Fri – June 19th – many Terrier specialties

Fri – June 19th – Terrier ONLY Obedience and Rally trials

Sat – June 20th – Terrier only conformation

Sun – June 21st – Terrier only conformation

Canyon RV Park, Anaheim, CA – just north of the 91 Freeway at Gypsum Canyon Road:

Mon – June 22nd – 2 Earthdog Tests, possible racing, catered dinner

Tues – June 23rd – 1 Earthdog Test

The Premium has been posted in the files section of the Earthdog_fanciers list – or contact me direct and I'll be happy to send it to you. At this point, I only have the earthdog premium, not the conformation, obedience, or rally premiums.

We are contracted for sufficient rooms at the Homewood Suites of Valley Forge

681 Shannondell Blvd.

Valley Forge, Pa

(610)539-7300

AMSC block of rooms

Back by popular demand the Saturday night get together will once again be held at the host hotel. More to follow

BOND...cont'd from

through a positive-feedback loop that is mediated by the same neurochemical -- oxytocin -- that jump-starts the bond between infant and mother, that cements mutual trust between lovers, and that transforms men from solitary hunters to loving protectors of kith and kin.

The authors of the new study suggest that over eons of co-evolution, dogs likely insinuated themselves ever more deeply into human society by "co-opting" the behavior and the neural machinery that draw humans together in tight pair-bonds.

Comments

I had to stop reading when I read there was 30 subjects in the "scientific" research. I expect more than junk science from the Los UC Santa Barbara anthropologist Adrian Jaeggi, who was not involved in the current research, called the hormone's role in forging the human-canine bond "an excellent example of how physiological mechanisms can get tweaked by natural selection to serve novel social goals."

Present in both species (and many others), the oxytocin system appears to have been repurposed to help establish and regulate a budding relationship that brought benefits -- and costs -- to each species, said Jaeggi, who has studied the rise and fall of oxytocin in Amerindian hunters of the Amazon.

Stanford University neurobiologist Robert M. Sapolsky, who also was not involved in the current research, said the new research highlights the power and versatility of oxytocin as an instrument of evolution. Across many species, the neuropeptide plays a key role in mother-infant bonding. But its influence didn't stop there, he said.

Hormone oxytocin jump-starts maternal behavior

"Evolution is a tinkerer, and when a small subset of species came up with the novel business of forming monogamous pair-bonds, the oxytocin system got co-opted to fuel the bonding," said Sapolsky. "And when humans and dogs came up with this even stranger, more unique relationship, it looks like oxytocin got co-opted for that as well."

Indeed, oxytocin's impact may help explain a variety of cross-species attractions, Sapolsky added, and why "looking at cute puppies and cute babies activates the same reward system in the brain."

Evan L. MacLean and Brian Hare, who research animal cognition at Duke University, called the study "the strongest test yet of the idea that humans and dogs are locked in an oxytocin feedback loop" in which sustained eye contact between man and beast plays a key role.

The findings, Hare and MacLean write in an editorial for Science, "suggest that dogs have taken advantage of our parental sensitivities -

- using behaviors such as staring into our eyes -- to generate feelings of social reward and caretaking behavior."

That striking similarity may go a long way toward explaining why and how oxytocin could be useful in the treatment of a wide range of neuropsychological problems, including autism and post-traumatic stress disorder, Hare and MacLean write.

Service dogs, which are bred and trained to develop powerful bonds with their owners, are increasingly used by patients with both disorders, with positive results. It's probably no coincidence, Hare and MacLean suggest, that supplemental oxytocin is also showing promise as a treatment for PTSD and autism, where it appears to help reduce anxiety and build social skills, respectively.

Until the links between dogs, oxytocin and people are borne out in bigger studies with more diverse populations, wrote Hare and MacLean, the study's authors "have provided more evidence that when your dog is staring at you, she may not just be after your sandwich."

Bouquets & Biscuits

***SOUTHCROSS GROUND RULE DOUBLE, BN, RN, NA, OAJ, OF** (GCH CH Southcross Bad Moon Rising x CH Southcross She's Got A Way) completed the requirements for her Open Jumpers With Weaves and Open FAST titles on 5/2/15 at the Wisconsin Rapids agility trials placing First in both runs. Sparrow was bred by Sonny Lelle and is owned and trained by Lynn Tamms. Running with Sparrow is always a wild ride

From Front and Finish to Sharon Bloss:

I wanted to let you know that your Miniature Schnauzer, **MACH2 Southcross Gold Dust Woman VCD2 BN RN MXG MJG T2B**, (CH Ruedesheim's Tycoon II x CH Classic Southcross Eclipse CD, RN) took top honors and received more points than any other dog in our 2014 Open A rating system. Based on our First & Foremost point schedule your dog beat the second place dog by only one point. It's been a long time since the tabulations came in so close. It sincerely is an honor, as nationally, no other dog performed better in the Open A class than yours. As so many breeds in obedience are Goldens, Border Collies, and the like, we especially like to honor the other breeds who do well. You should be proud of your accomplishment!

Thank you and congratulations! Stevie is owned and shown by Sharon Bloss, bred by Sonny Lelle..

Breaking NEWS!!!!!!

The AMSC will be having a SPECIAL Anniversary at the Montgomery County Kennel Club show!!

It will be the AMSC's 200th Specialty!!!

Let's support the AMSC and recognize and congratulate the hardworking club on this great milestone with an ad in the MCKC catalog!!

Full page \$75

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AMSC Referral Application

The AMSC Board has been discussing the process for updating the Breeder Referral system for the new webpage. There will be a map, that when clicked, will list names for that area. The referral page will have a "due diligence" clause and a link to our AMSC Code of Ethics. New verbiage follows:

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club has a listing of members who have agreed to and signed the AMSC's Code of Ethics. This listing should be used for reference only and due diligence is your responsibility. Note: the AMSC does not guarantee the health or services provided by any member and does not assume any liability regarding agreements provided by the consumer and the AMSC members listed within. Buyers should use utmost care before making a decision to purchase a dog. This listing does not bind the AMSC nor does it guarantee or accept any liability or responsibility for the quality, health, or temperament of any dog. NO warranty is to be assumed or implied by this publication by inclusion or omission as it pertains fitness of merchandise or integrity, by any AMSC member on this list.

Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct

- Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club strive to:

1. Comply with the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club (AKC), the Constitution and By-laws of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC) and the Code of Ethics.
2. Conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on themselves, the breed, and the AMSC.
3. Exhibit good sportsmanship and good will at all dog-related events.
4. Make no false or misleading statements concerning the Miniature Schnauzer breed or other breeds or breeders.
5. Be responsible dog owners, treating their dogs humanely and providing them with adequate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, exercise, grooming and the socialization and training necessary for them to be good family companions.
6. Make every effort to learn about the structure, anatomy, action, inherited traits and behavior of the dog, especially where such learning applies to the Miniature Schnauzer.
7. Use the official standard of the breed when evaluating and breeding their own stock, and encourage its application in judging.
8. Participate in efforts to assess and improve the health of the individual dog and of the Miniature Schnauzer breed, including, but not limited to, participation in valid, reliable and responsible testing for hereditary diseases, providing samples and information for development of hereditary disease tests, and sharing health information with other AMSC members. Be honest, factual and not misleading or fraudulent in any written or oral statement about dogs and breeding programs, whether about their own dogs or those of others.

BREEDING

Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, as guardians of the breed, strive to breed

conscientiously, taking responsibility for the lives they produce, including responsible placement of all puppies produced by any breeding, to ensure the safety and well-being of the individual dogs and of the breed.

1. Educate themselves to recognize the correct conformation of the Miniature Schnauzer, familiarizing themselves with the AKC breed standard and representative dogs, prior to breeding a stud dog or a brood bitch.
2. At all times breed for the improvement of the breed as exemplified by the AKC standard.
3. Breed only animals that are in good health and who are physically and temperamentally sound.
4. Strive to produce puppies of such quality that they will serve to improve and complement the breed and avoid breeding individual Miniature Schnauzers known to have, or are strongly suspected of having, a serious inherited disease or defect that will likely be passed on to offspring and that, if inherited, would significantly affect the quality of life of any offspring that would be produced.
5. Represent each puppy sold as accurately as possible.
6. Share information gained through breeding with other Miniature Schnauzer owners.
7. Act as a mentor to persons with whom they place puppies and encourage an open dialog for the life of the dog.

REGISTRATION AND SALES OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

1. Sell each puppy or adult with a written health guarantee, a three-generation pedigree, a record of immunizations, care and feeding instructions, and registration papers where applicable.
2. Inform the buyer of the characteristics of Miniature Schnauzers, and make available to the novice the benefit of his advice and experience.
3. Sell any companion puppy or companion adult having a known hereditary health defect only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.

If a puppy is sold as a companion animal, it may be sold one of two ways:

1. On a Limited Registration.
2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract between the breeder and the buyer.

The breeder shall remain responsible for the welfare of every dog he breeds, sells or places. This means making himself available to aid the new owner if and when the need presents itself. If in the future the owner is not able to keep the dog, the owner should be instructed to contact the seller and the seller will have the responsibility either to take the dog back or find it a new home.

The breeder will not sell or dispose of any dog through pet shops, wholesalers, commercial dealers or paid agents.

HERITABLE DISEASES/CONDITIONS

1. Make a determined effort to have all

breeding animals tested for the presence of all heritable diseases or conditions known to afflict Miniature Schnauzers and not breed those discovered to be affected.

2. Send a report of the adverse test results to the AMSC Health Committee.

APPLICATION FOR REFERRAL LISTING IN AMSC WEBPAGE

As an AMSC Member, you are expected to abide by our AMSC Code of Ethics when dealing with each other and with the public, and you are expected to provide factual information about Miniature Schnauzers. Any Miniature Schnauzer placed or sold is expected to be clean, free of parasites, healthy, well socialized, and honestly represented which includes any relevant health risk. You are expected to be honest and competent in services such as grooming or training that you provide. Any complaints against you or the services that you provide related to this Referral listing will be investigated by the Ethics Committee, and negative findings may result in your listing being revoked.

Please list my name for Puppies/Adults (P), Rescue (R), Information (I), Grooming (G), Training (T)

Circle as many as you like

Please print name, address, phone, email

Name: _____

Address: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Phone: _____

CellPhone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

I have read and agree to the AMSC Code of Ethics, and I agree to the foregoing.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Breeder Referral application will be required to be renewed annually. To keep the map up to date, we will need to renew each listing every year. You may list as a breeder, as a groomer, as a trainer, or for MS information only if you are willing to help people but aren't active in any other category. If you want to be included, you must copy/print out this application, agree to the Code of Ethics, and snail-mail or email the signed copy to Carole Weinberger. bandsmanms@gmail.com or 5897 Buford St, Orlando, FL 32835. Deadline

It's Not What's Wrong With Dog Showing... It's Who's Wrong!

– April, 2015

By Marlene Groves

Dog showing is an interesting sport, or game, or as many call it, a fancy. It brings together a melting pot of people who are rather obsessed with dogs and in particular their breed and their dogs. It showcases fabulous dogs and you get to meet friends who share your crazy passion. It sure is something which can be tons of furry fun!

But then there is the other side, you know, the darker side of things; bringing out the cruel and unkind and for whatever reason this part of the fancy is gaining momentum and ugliness. Lately I keep hearing, "it is not what is wrong with dog showing, but who is wrong". Imagine if you will a ring full of dogs and someone outside the ring, rambling off ugly comments about a dog (yours or anyone's), or adults glaring at another competitor, or some of the yelling matches we have all witnessed. This is not a fantasy world, it's a sad reality; and it really needs to stop!

So ask yourself, what to do? Most people say nothing or do nothing when they witness poor behavior, and to them I say, you know the phrase if you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem (yep, I think it applies).

There are Codes of Ethics in the AKC and in each Breed Club; there are Codes of Ethics in the various Professional Handlers Associations. But are they helping or being enforced? In my personal opinion, I am thinking not so much.

Now I will take this to another level, and that is when "adults" target or aim their cruelty toward our "youth". Think it does not happen, well, think again. Then apply it to your child, your grandchild, or to yourself as a young child. We need to encourage every junior (and new person) that even tries our sport or is remotely interested. So ask yourself, are you an encourager?

Personal story number one: I was at a dog show out of my area, ringside at juniors, and there were a few "adults" tearing down an out of town "junior" (not mine). Sorry, people, but don't go there or act like that with me around. I turned to both these "adults", and said, yes this "junior" is from XYZ, as am I, and this "junior" is a fabulous handler with a fantastic dog". This stopped the conversation, or at least stopped it around me. Good Lord! Am I the only person who thinks, and knows, this is wrong!

Personal story number two: At a local fun match where a "junior" was showing and she took breed and went on to the group. An "adult" competitor was ringside haranguing the "junior" and her dog. What she did not know is that the junior's mother was in earshot. Honestly, the junior's parents nearly pulled her

from this sport of dog showing that she loves as they do not want her subjected to these types of "adults" (bullies) and their ugliness. Again, this is beyond ridiculous; it's completely unacceptable! But it is tolerated by the masses, including professional handlers, especially if someone has a large wallet or a top dog.

We are all told you need "thick skin" to be in this sport, but really? Why? Are we just giving these people a "free pass" to practice ugly behavior?



And then, of course, there is social media, where dog clubs, including most national breed clubs and the American Kennel Club don't think unsportsmanlike behavior in these formats is under their control or influence in essence giving people another free pass to berate and belittle someone. Hmm, are these things not "unsportsmanlike behavior"? We all know they certainly are!

If you don't like a person, don't get involved with them. TRY to at least be neutral, and not hostile! Another phrase comes to mind, "if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all".

If you don't like a dog, don't breed to it. Try to remember that dog is someone's pride and joy. Maybe it's their first purebred dog or first show dog. And in any conversation about any dog try my 3-2-1 method: find 3 things you like about the dog, 2 things you would change, and then 1, an overall summation. It is much kinder than a petty criticism of any dog, yours or your competitors.

Don't like a judge, or their judging preferences, well you don't have to enter and show under him or her. But on the other hand, you might TRY to share some educational information, or point them to a good breed mentor; or even as hard as it may seem, TRY to understand their logic and/or choices.

Don't like a junior, or maybe you feel entitled to say or do (or allow) things regardless of if it HURTS them. Sorry, this may sound harsh and I don't want it to be, because I am really a very kind person; but I am taking a stand and I say enough already, because YOU, quite possibly, are what is wrong with this sport!

I don't know what I think writing these words will do, but I can HOPE it inspires the good side in our sport start to stand up against the dark side so we can focus on the dogs, on friendship, on fun, and most importantly on helping to propel this sport to be better and better in the future. In my opinion, this means we help all newcomers, we support all juniors, and we stop the ugliness when we see it or hear it. Please don't think it does not apply to you. You are in this sport and if you want to be part of the solution (not part of the problem), stand up and be heard please!

P.S. – I wrote this article just before the 2015 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, and I am saddened to say what I wrote about unsportsmanlike and unprofessional behavior was clearly seen on social media during and after this fantastic show with fabulous dogs. All the dogs in the Best In Show lineup were stunning and deserving! And Judge David Merriam was beyond eloquent, and we definitely need more of that in our sport!

About The Author: Marlene Groves is a retired business consultant. She and her husband raise buffalo (and bloodhounds). Groves is active in several local dog clubs as well as a member of her national & several regional breed clubs along with currently serving as the Vice President of the Rocky Mountain Hound Association and the Secretary-Treasurer for Bloodhound Man Trackers Inc. Marlene is a Lifetime Girl Scout, and the developer of the Girl Scout Dog Show Patch. She participates in conformation, obedience, and rally; and is an avid junior showmanship supporter.

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One Simple Way to Boost Your Bond with Your Dog

Most people can tell you what made them get a dog. Perhaps the family made a conscious decision to adopt a shelter pet or the youngest in the family had grown responsible enough to take proper care of a dog or they were finally ready, after the death of a much-loved former pet, to open their hearts to a new one. These are all wonderful reasons to get a dog. But what is it that really bonds people so closely to the canine companions they choose to bring into their homes? Can a dog actually improve your life? Let me count the ways

Stress Relievers

The caring, affectionate qualities a sweet dog conveys can be worth its weight in gold. The presence of a four-legged friend can also bring a sense of calm in tense situations. Hospitals, schools, and nursing homes often take advantage of these attributes in dogs for patient therapy. Another example is when support staff at Winnipeg's Red River College brought in half a dozen dogs to help relieve student stress during exam time,¹ knowing that having a pup by your side, even for a little while, makes everything seem right with the world.

Exercise Buddies

Most people would agree exercise is a good thing, even if they don't do it regularly. But conscientious dog owners know their four-legged friend needs lots of physical activity, so whenever they take Fido out for a walk, the benefits are doubled. In fact, one study showed people who have a pup that needs walking get twice the exercise compared to those who don't have a dog.² It's important to know exercise helps you both physically, but the activity done together is another added bonus.

They Make You Happy... And You Know It

It's clinically proven: just one look in your beloved dog's eyes is enough to boost your oxytocin, described by Psychology Today as a powerful hormone linked with the bonding that takes place between parents and children, and even couples when they hug or kiss. One study³ determined that the longer a dog was allowed to gaze lovingly in his owner's eyes, the higher the level of oxytocin the owner produced, measured by researchers before and after the interaction. Most dog owners will tell you, even without the studies, that their dog

makes them smile.

Mental, Emotional, and Physical Healers

Dogs don't judge, they don't find fault, and interestingly, people can bond instantaneously with a canine companion in ways they can't with humans, whether they're strangers or friends. A dog's ability to break through emotional barriers has gone a long way toward helping children with autism, and easing the pain of people suffering from PTSD, depression, or disabilities. [Therapy dogs](#) representing numerous groups and organizations, can even merit certifications in related areas of assistance.

Social Ice Breakers

Taking a spin in the park with our best buddy on a leash is a great way to get acquainted with new people and encourage conversation, even if it's just for networking purposes. Ironically, dog ownership has a way of helping others see you in a more human light. It shows you have an open heart, at least for dogs, and presents new avenues for socialization for both you and your pup.

Keeping It Simple

One of the most compelling aspects about dog ownership is that your relationship with her is pure and simple. In return, her love for her chosen human is uncomplicated, unaffected, and real. When it comes to communicating with your best girl Sadie, tweets, texts, and social media will never do; it's got to be one-on-one or nothing. It's a unique bond. Just be sure your connection to Sadie doesn't supersede [human friendships](#).

Animal Magnetism

Hitting the street in the company of a pooch instantly ups your own appeal,⁵ according to a study conducted by Dogs Trust, Britain's largest dog welfare charity. The CEO of that organization actually believes dogs could be considered a "21st century cupid." One reason is because dog owners are perceived as easier to talk to. A whopping 95 percent of study participants said they feel more comfortable approaching someone of the opposite sex

First Aid Kit for Pets!

A fully equipped household first aid kit contains almost all of the supplies you may need for your pets. A simple first aid kit for your pets should include these additional items in a waterproof container:

Tools

- Tweezers
- Small scissors
- Magnifying glass
- Grooming clippers or safety razor
- Needle-nose pliers

Medicine / Medical supplies

- Sterile eye lubricant
- Sterile saline wash
- Water-based sterile lubricant
- Hydrogen peroxide (3 percent)
- Rubbing alcohol
- Styptic powder or pencil
- Insect sting stop pads
- Glucose paste or syrup
- Tongue depressors
- Latex (or hypoallergenic material) gloves
- Gauze sponges (a variety of sizes)
- Gauze roll, 2-inch width
- Elastic cling bandage
- Material to make a splint
- Adhesive tape, hypoallergenic
- Non-adherent sterile pads
- Topical antibiotic ointment
- Antiseptic towelettes
- Household items / Dog Items
- Nylon leash
- Muzzle
- Cotton-tipped swabs
- Towel
- Instant cold pack
- Safety pins (medium size 4)
- Compact emergency "blanket"
- Epsom salts
- Plastic card (such as old credit card) to scrape away stingers
- Baby-dose syringe or eye dropper
- List of emergency phone numbers including those for your pet's veterinarian, an after hours emergency veterinary hospital, and the National Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435) and money to make a phone call.
- Petroleum jelly
- Penlight with batteries (AA)
- Clean cloth

For a complete list of items for your pet first aid kit and detailed information on how to provide first aid for your pets, consult *Pet First Aid* by Barbara Mammato, DVM, MPH, a handbook sponsored by the American Red Cross and The Humane Society of the United States.

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Lone Star MSC of Dallas July 2, 2015
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Sweeps :Polly O'Neal
MSCSC Specialty June 19, 2015
Regular Classes Margo Klinger
Sweeps Carrie Jordan
MSCSC Specialty June 20, 2015
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Milshore MSC July 24, 2015
Regular Classes Carolyn Taylor
Sweeps Janice Wavra

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Great Western June 21,2015
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Sweeps-Shawne Imler
Montgomery Co. Oct.4, 2015
Regular classes: Michae Dougherty
Sweeps:Sharon Edwards
Roving Specialty-Purina Farms Apr.3 2016,
Regular classes, Carol Weinberger
Sweeps-Janet Taylor
Great Western June 26,2016
Regular classes, Linda More
Sweeps-Mary Paisley
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Regular classes: Jon Cole
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