



What's New?

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Exercise your Brain with Puzzles

The rainy season of Spring is here, and many of us that are "stuck inside" resort to spending time conquering Crossword, Word Search, and Sodoku puzzles.



According to a recent survey done by Ipsos*, 48% of adults enjoy puzzles and puzzle games. 59% of people said that it was relaxing, and 42% felt that a puzzle was giving their brain a boost.

Cognitive benefits of these puzzles include: Problem Solving Skills, Improving Memory and Reasoning, and your Mood.

Did you know that there is a myriad of interactive puzzle games that exist for dogs?

According to Iheartdogs.com, there are 8 reasons why your dog should try interactive puzzles: 1. Food dispensing puzzles are great for sensitive tummies. 2. Puzzle toys provide exercise (chasing puzzle around). 3. Puzzle toys help alleviate boredom. 4. They are also great distractions for dogs with anxiety. 5. Food dispensing puzzles help with weight management. 6. They keep puppies out of trouble. 7. They prevent

dementia in older dogs. 8. They're fun!

I purchased a feeder puzzle similar to this one for Merlin:



I've found that it's a great way for him to use his brain to uncover treats or kibble. He loves it! Food is his favorite reward!

Link to puzzle game I got for Merlin: <https://www.chewy.com/nina-ottosson-by-outward-hound-worker/dp/186159>

*Ipsos is a reliable market research company in the U.S. and Canada

Reminder: If schools and businesses are closed to due inclement weather, so are we! In the event of closure, all scheduled services will be cancelled and re-scheduled for another day. Thank you for understanding this policy.

Schedule



More people are escaping Wisconsin now, so April is pretty much booked!

Reminder: We are closed Mother's Day weekend to spend time with family.

May and June have plenty of openings, however, the 2nd week and weekend of June is partially booked - with limited spots available that weekend. (6/17-6/19).

Big Cedar Pet Care's Pet of the Quarter

Meet Poppy! I started walking Poppy in early November, 2021. She is a sweet rescue puppy that I tagged as a natural bird dog right away. Her dad is already working with her to hone her natural hunting skills. She is growing to be a fine young dog, and I love to witness her learning about the world while we are out walking. She's attracted to anything that flies...but like most dogs I know, she doesn't like crows!



Poppy

Her mom Jennifer (Tilly) says: Poppy is a sweet loving girl that came all the way from Texas. She loves to run after a ball in the yard and loves to play with other puppies in the snow! She's also extremely lazy for a puppy... likes to snuggle by the fire and sleep all day, but also loves her daily walks!! She likes to chew on everything, we've gone

through multiple remotes, blankets, and socks since her arrival... we're ready for the puppy stage to be over!

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Rescue Dog of the Quarter - Elliejay

Meet Elliejay! She is a Great Pyrenees mix from Georgia. She is about 1 year old and 55 lbs. She loves playing with other dogs, kids, and got along with the cats in her former foster home in Georgia. She is house and crate trained and working on leash manners. Fenced in yard required. She is use to 2 long walks every day, along with playtime in a safe, fence in area. A home with a friendly dog and active

family would be great for her! She is currently looking for her furever home through Tailwaggers in Grafton. You can learn more about this sweet energetic dog here:

<https://www.petfinder.com/dog/ellijay-54995259/wi/grafton/tailwaggers-911-wi297/>



Rescue Cat of the Quarter - Jay

Say Hi to Jay! He is a domestic short hair that is about 9 months old. He may be a little shy at first, but would love it if there was another friendly kitty or even a dog in the home. He has good house manners and loves catnip! He has never lived in his own home. He can be adopted through Sandi Paws Rescue in Fond Du Lac.

You can read more about this lowkey guy here: <https://www.petfinder.com/cat/jay-55019684/wi/fond-du-lac/sandi-paws-rescue-wi464/>



Pro Training Tip - Recall (Part 1 in series)

This quarter's training tips comes from You Tube's **Robert Cabral Dog Training Videos**. Robert Cabral has worked with thousands of dogs, including titled and training for obedience and protection, as well as family dogs. Quote from Robert's YouTube introduction: "Through Bound Angels I instruct animal shelters, SPCA's and humane societies nationwide on canine behavior theory, behavior assessment, dog playgroups and more. This instruction and knowledge of canine behavior and my rehabilitation techniques have saved countless thou-

sands of dogs from shelters nationwide, often giving them their only chance at adoption.

A perfect recall is necessary, and can/will save your dog's life!

Mr. Cabral's method starts small. You want your dog to want to be near you for fun and rewards. His method to train a perfect recall is:

1. Have a treat ready and call your dog to you.
2. When dog gets near you, throw the treat behind you, between your legs.
3. When dog has treat in mouth, have him sit in front of you. Release.
4. Allow your dog to relax, walk away, etc.

<https://youtu.be/jdbZErtB9Ok>

5. Repeat steps 1-3 "a thousand times" until your dog realizes that coming to you is the best thing - treats and fun!

Sounds easy, doesn't it? Depending on your dog, it may take a while to get a good recall, so practice, practice, practice! Increase distance between you and dog once he repeats good recall. If there are too many distractions outside, try recall training indoors first.

Recall training with distractions available next quarter.

Tails and Trails

Spring has sprung and we all want to get back outside! Trail walking during spring has it's challenges. - from muddy trails, to new wild animal parents protecting their young and nests. Please be wary of fledgling birds and baby animals scurrying across your path. Your dog will most likely see them before you do! Please keep a tight grip on your leash for all animal's safety!



Always carry water for both you and your dog. Spring is the time to have extra water on hand for washing off muddy paws before going home. Keep old towels in your car for this purpose!

MARY'S TIP:
Using a portable camping shower is a great way to quickly clean up after trail walking.

The use of state and county trails require their respected park stickers that need to be affixed to your vehicle. You can purchase state and county annual stickers by following these links:

<https://yourpassnow.com/ParkPass/wi> for Wisconsin State Parks (vehicle admission sticker) see

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/admission> for state parks info

https://www.washcoparks.com/parks/passes/annual_pass/ for Washington County Parks (vehicle admission sticker)

The state and county parks offer "free days" a few times a year, so be sure to check the state and county parks sites (or better yet, get on their mailing lists), and take advantage of the "free days".

We love the Cedar Lakes Conservation trails! More info on the trails here:

<https://www.conservecedarlakes.org/activities-events/trail-maps/>



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Loving care when you're not there. Big Cedar Pet Care comes to your home, where your pets are most comfortable, to provide the loving care they deserve. Whether we drop in to visit your pets for 30 or 60 minutes, or walk your dogs in your neighborhood or on the trails, you can rely on us for your pet care needs. Trusted, insured, Emergency Pet Care & CPR certified, as well as educated in pet behaviors, training, and nutrition; Big Cedar Pet Care constantly strives to be the best. From kittens and puppies to senior pets, Big Cedar Pet Care will customize the care that you want for your pets.

Are you happy with our services? We would appreciate it if you could leave us a review here:

<https://g.page/r/CZq1EMKbyP-3EAg/review>



*****If you need daily dog walks or visits, please ask about our Barker's Dozen Special: Buy 12 Walks or Visits, get the 13th FREE! (some restrictions apply)*****

Merlin's Musings

Hi, I'm Merlin, and I'm One year old now and love my home! My mom founded and manages Big Cedar Pet Care, LLC in West Bend. I'm still learning a lot about my home town and pet related products.

Have you been to West Bend Elevator?

<https://www.wbelevator.com/retail-store/>

Not only can you get quality food for your pets and farm animals, you can get quality seeds for your bird feeders!

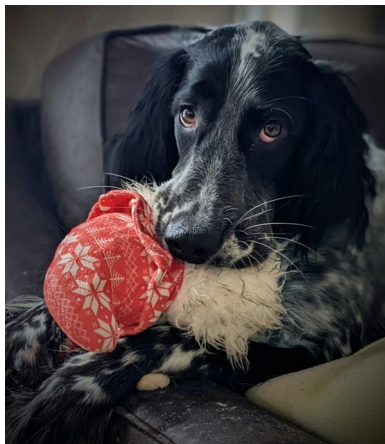
You can also get commercial chemical pond products, and fertilizer and weed control. There are many related items, as well as pet toys in their store! They are located at: 3434 County D (Hwy 45 & D) in West Bend.

Do you need a quality pad for your pet kennel? Thanks to my mom's client Michelle, I know about Primo Pads!

Check them out here:

<https://www.primopads.com/>

Primo pads are tough enough to withstand even the most destructive dogs. They are custom made for your crate, and you can get the lock down system for free!



Merlin

Some of my mom's dog and cat friends go to Tille Lake Veterinary Clinic in Jackson for their veterinary needs.

<https://www.tillielakevet.com/>

Their services include:

1. Pet wellness and vaccination program to prevent illnesses
2. Kitten, Puppy, and Senior care
3. Pet surgery including spay/neuter
4. Pain Management
5. Dentistry, with in-house lab.

Their staff includes Dr. Jennifer Stephanie, DVM. Medical Director/Practice Owner. Dr. Chantal Murack, Associate DVM, Amber K, CVT Practice Mgr/Owner; as well as other veterinary specialists.

They are conveniently located just west of Hwy 45 & 60. W227N16825 Tille Lake Court in Jackson. (by Culver's).