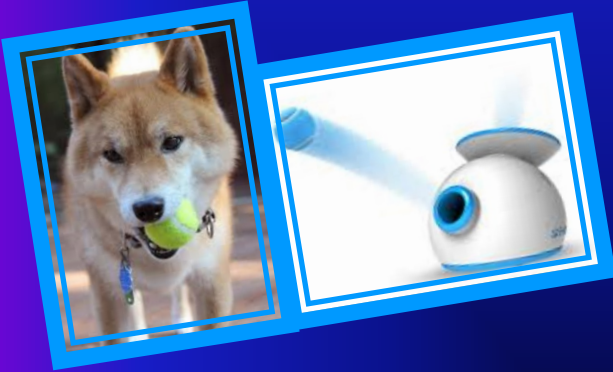


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Throwing dog ball machine



Letter to the editor



All different kinds of stuff in
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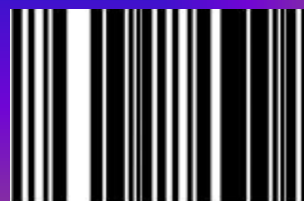


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A Badgers Life

Out in the beautiful wildlife are so many fascinating different animals. Today I chose to talk about none other than the American Badger, and no sir I'm not talking about Bucky.

Characteristics

American Badgers have very flat bodies, with short legs, and a sort of triangular face, and a pointed nose. They tend to have brown and black fur with white around their cheeks. They also have small ears, and sharp claws.

The Badgers Life Cycle

The American badger mates between July and August. The female badger gives birth around March. The mothers tend to have from 1 to even 5 babies.

Area

Around the U.S. the American Badger can be found from the western coast to many other states like Texas, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Ohio, and Michigan. Also quite fascinating is that the American Badger can also be found in some regions in Canada.

Behavior

Dens and burrows are an essential part of the well-being of the American badger's life. A badger usually has lots of different dens and burrows. They use them for sleeping, hunting, storing food and for the mother giving birth. A badger could possibly change dens every day, except when it has babies. Badger dens have one entrance with a pile of dirt next to it. When a badger is threatened, it will often back into a burrow and bare its teeth and claws. That way it will plug the entrance so the predator doesn't get in. The badger is well-protected from predators. The American badger has a very muscular neck, with loose fur to protect it when its taken by a predator. This gives the

badger time to claw and bite then predator. When a badger is attacked, it also uses its voice. It makes sounds like hissing, growling, squealing, and snarling kind of noises. But for the most part the American Badger is well protected.

Habitat:

The American Badger lives in open areas like plains and prairies, and possibly farmland or the edges of woods.

I think now you have learned a lot more about our states animal the American Badger. I hope you have enjoyed!

By Payton Brennan



Running Like a Chicken With Its Head
Cut Off

By Sierra Hurlbutt

We've all heard the phrase, "Running around like a chicken with its head cut off." Well my family raises meat chickens and our butchering is always quite an experience. Let me share with you a recent experience that will forever last in our family's memories.

It all began one cold, cold winter day. We had been raising our chickens for ten weeks and they had reached 12 pounds and were ready to be butchered. A day before we going to butcher, my aunt came over and we were talking to her about chickens. Then my little sister said that we were going to butcher chickens tomorrow. My aunt screeched, "OH NO!!! Don't butcher them." So we had to wait.

A week later, my aunt came over to get a truck that my dad was working on. She came in to have a cup of coffee and my family was talking about chickens. My other little sister said, "We are going to be butchering chickens tomorrow." Again my aunt screeched, "OH NOO!!!! Don't butcher them. They are too cute." So again we had to wait until she was gone.

So the next day we were about to butcher our chickens. We had to get the boiler out, a board out for plucking feathers, and a second board for cutting. This is where the excitement began.

The first thing my dad had to do was cut the chicken's head off. Typically, after this a butcher would hang the chickens upside down before the next step. However, on this particularly cold day my decided to set the chicken down and let it run around with its head cut off. I found it to be hilarious. I was laughing "my head off." The chicken ran around in circles. It was going crazy and running really fast. After about 30 seconds it started to slow down. Eventually, it looked like a robot dying--slows down and then all of a sudden just flops over.

After it died we finished the butchering process. We boiled it. Then I had to pluck the feathers. Plucking the feathers is hard work because there is like a million feathers. In the end, we butchered approximately 25 chickens. We only watched the one chicken run around with its head cut off, but it was magical.

My aunt came over and asked, "How are the meat chickens doing?" We had silence at that moment and looked at each other like "What should we say?" Finally, my sister who was walking out of the hallway into the kitchen, and I said, "Selena did it!" My sister was confused, so was my aunt. My aunt said, "What's going on?" And I said, "Selena did it." Then my aunt said, "It's okay, don't be afraid." Finally, I confessed and said, "That we cut their heads off and watched them run and around." And the whole family bursted out laughing.

The magical, fantastical white meat!

MINI LOVE

I have pretty awesome pets. Not just any kind of pet either. I have 2 miniature horses! Now we know a horse for being very big and tall, but mine are the size of a big dog. I will be telling you about my one miniature horse Tiny Tillie and the time I brought her home in the back of our van.

Now I got my miniature horse Tiny Tillie 4 years ago. The story is quite hilarious so I must tell you! We were at my Aunt Gail's house sometime after Christmas I think. We had heard that Linda in Pulaski was selling minis just close to Green Bay. We wanted to get a new mini because our other horse we had even before I was born died from a bellyache and we were heartbroken. So we went to Linda's miniature horse farm to look for a new one. We were at shock, so many miniatures that were ever so adorable. We had I think about 6 choices. My sister and I got to choose one that looks like a perfect fit. It was honestly love at first site! I was like "I want that one!" I chose her because she was short and the most adorable one in the stalls. Linda immediately said "When she gets older she's gonna be a great carter like her Mom is," and honestly she wasn't lying (later I will tell you.) For the winter months we kept her at Linda's and waited till the summer to bring her home. But every day I was so excited to bring her home as my own. She brought such joy to our life. Every time we came and saw her at Linda's we would take her for walks, which was a funny thing in itself. I was 8 years old, oh man I feel old. Back on topic, I was 8 years old and little. She seemed a little scary to me. Every time I walked her she would buck up and kick just for the fun of it for no particular reason, I mean it was nothing harmful just her having a lot of fun. But I was scared of that, but as I look back it was quite hilarious! So finally my wait was coming to a halt! I was so

excited. What seemed to be really cool was that we would be taking Tillie home in the back of our van. I mean taking dogs in the car is completely normal but certainly not horses! Tillie was so tiny considering that's why she got her name but still a horse in the back of our car seemed cray cray! So the day came and we had to put a tarp down in the trunk because if so if she got excited and needed to take a dump it would be there for her. We drove there and were very anxious. Would she be scared to drive in the car, would she be a crazy maniac? Who knows! We grabbed Tillie and got her cute little butt in. We closed the trunk and were thinking "Oh My Gosh." How would she act? Would she be naughty? These are the questions that haunted us! We started moving, whew she hadn't moved yet! My sister and I were in the back comforting her, making her feel good. We were just trying to keep her feel comfortable when we were alerted by a LOUD WHINNY! It was so loud my sister and I and my mom were so alarmed. Tillie whinny's like a pig squeal because it's so loud and high pitched. It's adorable but man is it loud! We heard that whinny about 3 more times until we arrived home in New London. We pulled into the grass and opened the trunk. Oh my, when was she gonna whinny was our question. We had our neighbors there to meet her and they fell in love with her. She jumped out and saw Lucy our Appaloosa and Tony our Halflinger and let them hear her loud whinny. It was so adorable. Lucy and Tony became good friends with Tillie. This is the story about the time we brought my miniature horse home in the back of my car!

-By Payton Brennan



Allergic to My Best Friend

By Greg Hall

Several years ago, while at a doctor's, I learned that my best "non-human" friend who had caused much joy and happiness was also causing me to sneeze, cough, and get a stuffy nose. The doctor's test proved what I was hoping wasn't the case; I was allergic to my dog, Ember.

My doctor concluded that I had an oversensitive immune system and that Ember's dander caused my body to overreact and treat it as if it was a bacteria or virus. My doctor went on to correct a common held misconception that dander is the underfur of a dog and informed me that dander was in fact flakes of dead skin. I had thought that the shedding fur was what caused people to react. In addition to this "dandruff", the proteins found in dog saliva were causing me problems. What to do next?

At this point, my family and I were not willing to consider getting rid of Ember as was suggested by my doctor. Eager to find alternative solutions to my problem, I began to talk with others and surf the internet for possible answers. I found several suggested solutions ranging from medicine to purchasing air cleaners. Of all the suggestions I found, here were the ones that my family decided to try.

Increasing baths - According to a 1999 study in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, washing your dog with allergen-reducing shampoo for five minutes

cuts the dog's allergen levels by about 85 percent. Ember has never been one to get overly excited about bathing, so she didn't necessarily like increasing this one. We did find that this in fact did help.

Sleeping solo – Another suggestion that my family was willing to try was having Ember sleep someone other than our bedroom. For as long as I can remember Ember always slept aside our bed. Ember has gotten a tad more stubborn over the years and needed retraining regarding not napping on our furniture and in my bed. I can't report back on how successful this has been yet because as the saying goes "It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks."

Medications – Since we decided we did not want to get rid of Ember, I decided to schedule a second appointment to discuss using medications to control some of my symptoms. I learned of numerous persons that found using medications with the previous mentioned strategies lessened the impact of the allergic reaction.

Hypoallergenic dogs -

In my research I had also read much about certain breeds of dogs having lesser volumes of dander thus reducing the impact. As interesting as this sounded, a dog swap was really not an option at this time. Perhaps this would be something we consider in the future years.

All in all, I was happy to find out that there were some options for me to try that meant I would not have to say goodbye to one of my best friends.



Dear reader,

Thank you for reading [Power to the Pets](#). This is about taking care of animals and how to be good to animals. Different kind of animals like dogs, cats, pigs, horses, cows, etc. need different kind of care.

This magazine is not as easy as it looks! Like you always have to be on the people who write the articles and the people who have ads.

The struggles I had were find people to put in my magazine. Most people have people and they don't need any body to write for them because they already have everything they need to get. My other struggle was trying to get it all done in a small time period.

Well this magazine is about mostly animals but also about dog abuse and how to stop it. Also is about how to take care of animals, and how it is better to save animals then then let them get hurt, and stop puppy mills.

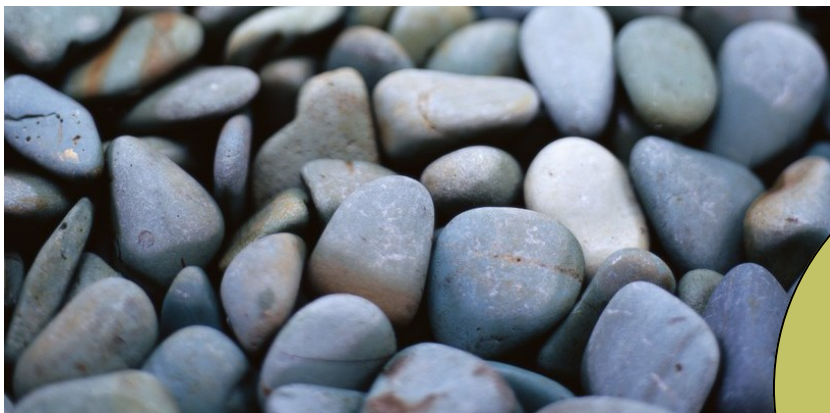
Puppy mills are the worst place for a puppy to be born. Puppy mills are basically where they breed mama dogs way past the limit and sell sick dying puppies that don't make it to shelters because they die in the puppy mill or at the people houses who bought them. Really it is sad. One day when im old enough I am going to be a vet/rescue. I will take down every puppy mill there is save most the dogs who are health enough to save.

From editor in chief Hailey Bush

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Breaking News Santa Goes to the Dogs



Santa is overwhelmed by work and looks for family time! Santa has spent most of his life traveling around the world giving presents to kids. When he isn't traveling, he is supervising the elves in the workshop and training the reindeer. Santa is ready to move on! Santa has chosen a group of dogs to take over his responsibilities. He believes that dogs are the perfect replacement because of their ability to be quiet, their personalities and their loyalty to children.

Dogs are good at sneaking up on people because of their bodies. They are generally short and can therefore hide in small spaces. Dogs feet have pads that make them quiet because their feet make little noise when they walk on the floor.

Dogs have a personality that will allow them to replace Santa because they like to be around people. Dogs are loving. Dogs like to greet people. Dogs like to cuddle or be touched. Dogs like to make people happy.

Dogs are loyal to people and children because they will try to find you when you or they are lost and they will always be there for you whenever you need a friend. They are with you in time of need.

This report thinks that doges will have some problems being Santa. The dogs want to play with cats. The dogs might want a nap after all those milk and cookies. The dogs are not strong enough to carry all the present and their ability to get down the chimney.



Dogs love car ride so I think they will love the sleigh ride. Dogs also will stick their heads out of the window or the side of the sleigh. dogs will make sure there is no crumbs left.

Thanks Your
Writer,
Siri Claybaugh



Tips to adopting your first puppy

By: Mikayla Wollner

Things to Buy Before or Immediately After the Adoption:

Food, bowls for water and food, a leash, collar, and bedding. You can acquire bedding by visiting several garage sales. What works best are baby blankets, or thin blankets which can fit in the washing machine. Often cast-off, bulky comforters can be cut into quarters.

The first day home

Keep your new dog on a leash. Show him where his water and food dish are kept. Show him where he is to sleep. When he is indoors be sure and keep him confined with you, taking him outdoors at frequent intervals to relieve himself. Take him to the same spot each time and praise him heartily when he goes. Until he learns this new routine he will have to be watched closely. If there is an accident in the house please do not assume he is not housebroken. He must get accustomed to his new home and his new routines. However, loudly say "NO!" and take him outside immediately. You must catch the dog in the act if the correction is to be effective. NEVER hit your dog if an accident occurs. Praise, not punishment, is the key to a well behaved pet.

Period of adjustment:

The first couple of weeks you and your pet are "getting to know one another". He doesn't know why he has come to your home nor what is expected of him. Please be patient with him and anticipate problems before they occur. Don't leave tempting shoes, clothing, or children's toys within reach of your dog. If he is left out in your backyard while you work, please understand the first few days will be rough on him. Try to leave the home with as little fanfare as possible. Tearful goodbyes do nothing but add to your dog's anxiety.

Things to Watch For:

When he's first settling in, your dog may experience shyness, anxiety, restlessness, excitement, crying or barking. He may exhibit excessive water drinking, frequent urination, or diarrhea. His appetite may not be good. If any of these symptoms last more than a few days, call your veterinarian.

A New Member of Your Family:

Within a week or two, your dog will have settled into his new home and his new routine. Some will take a little longer. Very few are unable to adjust at all. In most cases the dog will be a well-adjusted member of the family within a month. And well worth it, it will be. In fact, you will probably have trouble remembering when he wasn't one of you.



How to take care of your pets

Dogs

Take your dog outside and play fetch or go for a walk. If you play with them and take them for walks then your dog will stay fit. Make sure your dog gets enough food and water. You should buy them treats to give them when they are good or to help teach them tricks. Buy bones and chew toys to keep them entertained and most importantly give them lots of attention.

Cats

Don't forget to clean the litter box or it will start to stink. You should get your cats good food and sometimes even wet cat food. You can get them toys to play with for entertainment.

Fish

Make sure you keep your fish tank clean because, it does get very dirty. When you feed your fish be careful so you don't over feed them.

You need to take care of your pets and make sure they have enough food. Pets are a lot of work but you need to make sure they have what they need. Pet need food, toys, attention, and a lot more things.

You can also get a lot more pets like hamsters, lizards, bunnies, and more. You need to do different things for different animals though. Be careful when you get an animal.

Taking care of pets is a lot of work so make sure you do the work.

By: Drew Holm