

Chessie Peeks

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Chessie Rescue of WI wishes all of you
Happy Holidays and a very prosperous
New Year!



This was a hard year for Merl and me. I had a scheduled shoulder surgery in February. Three days after my surgery Merl fell in the driveway and broke his hip. This put him in the hospital for a week and the nursing home for 2 months for recovery/physical therapy and left me home alone to take care of dogs, not being able to use my left arm. Katie and Willie went to stay with Chris in New London, and Chelsea went to stay with Steve and Karen in Menomonee Falls. That freed me up to be able to at least manage to take care of the others. Merl had more ups and down -the last having a tumor (benign) removed from his bladder in June, and then a 12 day return to the hospital in July with a severe kidney infection and kidney failure-which reversed itself as he got over the infection.

Willie decided he did not like being away from his mommy I guess-as he began getting into more and more trouble -so he finally came home, which made him happy. However, after a couple days at home he began to act strangely and had the symptoms of bloat, so I got him to the vet ASAP. When we got there, he was x-rayed, and a strange thing showed up-something with lines going from top to bottom of his stomach-a puzzle to us all. While he and I waited in the waiting room for blood test results, he opened his mouth and threw up a "small basketball". Geez, we were all amazed-it was like the spew from the Exorcist movie. He still wasn't acting right, so we did another x-ray-this one showed something round in the stomach---Yikes! Something more in there??? So they said to leave him and they would get peroxide down him and make him throw it up. Well, this is Willie

WEBSITE: We have a new website address: www.crrrow.org. Check it out

Many Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers.

Special Thanks to Pet Supplies Plus of Appleton and Wolf River Veterinary Clinic of New London

Check out our new t-shirt designs in our online store. <http://www.cafepress.com/chessierescue>

We would love to have you send us some great photos of your Chessies that we might be able to use on items in our online store! You can email or send them to Sue.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Milwaukee-- Great Lakes Pet Expo Feb 6th

WBAY Pet Expo-- Green Bay March 26,27,28

Washington County Pet Expo Sept. 11,12 (pending)

We are also at PetSuppliesPlus in Appleton on certain Sundays-check our web site for dates and times.

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So, nothing came up and he had to have emergency surgery that after noon-the squeaker from the basket ball was trying to get thru and couldn't-and he also had 2 tops from large Kongs down there. He finally recovered, but he never did learn his lesson-as even with a more secure fence around the garden-he got all

In June I drove to Hayward to pick up 3 six week old Chessie/Lab mix puppies-all little girls-it was the poor Chessie mom's third litter and she was only 3 yrs old. The pups were adorable and all found good homes-they were such good little puppies-they were a lot of work, but were a lot of fun also. Rescue donated a spay for the mom and also for a 1 year old that they had kept from the second litter-who had been hit by a logging truck and could not walk well. It would not have happened if left to their own means-and more litters would have been devastating to either dog. We had a great time at the Great Lakes Expo in Milwaukee the end of January. It is always a fun time. In March we did the 3 day WBAY TV Expo for the first time ever---It was a really good money maker and we were soooo busy. Our booth was right at the end of the Dock Dogs, so lots of people hanging around. The August Expo was a big flop-it was the first time at a new venue-but the new time of year was bad-it was a 2 day one that used to be in Oshkosh in March-was a big disappointment. The Badger Kennel Club Expo last November in Madison was great-lots of people. We are hoping for a good 2010, and we wish everyone a happy and healthy 2010 also.

TOP 12 THINGS YOUR DOG WOULD SAY IF IT COULD TALK

12. But it SMELLS like food.
11. The cat did it.
10. What say we all drive down to Dairy Queen?
9. Explain this 'heat' thing again.
8. Mind if I sit there?
7. You gonna eat ALL of that?
6. I don't smell anything.
5. Could I see the menu?
4. FETCH THIS!
3. Next time, I pick the bitch!
2. This isn't a mess, it's ambiance!

And THE number one thing your dog would say:

1. You are going to cut off my WHAT??!!

**Welcome to new foster volunteer Pam.
Pam has taken new rescue Lula into her home.**

EXERCISE FOR OLDER DOGS

Old dogs can still play like puppies. Don't give up on exercise and games just because you have an older dog. A regimen of regular exercise will keep your dog fit and healthy. Here are five great ways to exercise your older dog.

Light Walks Great for Dogs With Arthritis

Walking is always a good choice. Even with arthritis, dogs can walk for a good distance. Be aware of your distance, however, and don't overtire your dog. If possible, spend some time walking on grassy, uneven turf. This provides a lower-impact walk and may improve her balance. If your dog begins to limp or show signs of pain, let her rest. Don't force your dog to walk if she is in obvious pain, but encourage activity as much as possible.

For dogs suffering from paralysis or severe hip dysplasia, dog carts can restore some mobility. Properly fitted, many dogs are able to continue their daily walks. Other walking aids include a sling-like device that can assist your dog as she goes up and down stairs and ramps that allow easier access to your car or truck.

Giving Your Dog Something To Retrieve

Fetching does not have to involve long throws or fast running. A gently rolling ball can entertain an older dog, and this game can be played indoors. Be sure you use a ball that is large enough to prevent choking. In a Labrador Retriever-sized dog, a tennis ball may be too small. Pet supply stores carry oversized balls for larger dogs.

Tug-O-War Instills Confidence

Tug-O-War is not recommended for young or aggressive dogs, but in a gentle older pet, this game can instill confidence and strengthen their teeth, gums and jaw. Do not yank or tug forcefully, and let her win sometimes! Look for a dental-friendly rope toy at pet supply stores. They provide a minor flossing action when your dog chews.

Swimming Minimizes Pressure On Joints

For the pain of hip dysplasia, dogs often find swimming to be very soothing. Water reduces the painful pressure on the joints and allows a freedom of movement that is impossible on dry land. If your dog is not used to swimming, ease her into a shallow area. Often a lake or pond is preferable to a swimming pool. The slippery surface of man-made pools can frighten some dogs. Enter the water with her if possible. Most-but not all-dogs can swim. Some very chest-heavy dogs like Dobermans may not be able to swim safely.

Some Vets Offer Water Treadmills

Some veterinary clinics or grooming centers offer water treadmills. These devices allow your dog to walk naturally while being supported by the natural buoyancy of water. Originally used for surgical rehabilitation, they are being used more often for exercise in older or arthritic dogs

We do not have to wait for Heaven, to be surrounded by hope, love, and joyfulness. It is here on earth and has four legs!

DOGS LIVE HERE

If you don't want to be greeted with paws and swinging tails
don't come inside because dogs live here.

If you don't like the feel of a cold nose or a wet tongue,
don't come inside because dogs live here.

If you don't want to step over many scattered toys,
don't come inside because dogs live here.

If you think that a home ought to smell of perfume,
don't come inside because dogs live here.

If you don't mind all of this,
You will be instantly loved when you come inside,
Because dogs live here.

Author Unknown

Available DOGS:

CHELSEA: Age 6 Chelsea has been waiting for her new home for so long now. Chelsea is a great Deadgrass Chessie-she has a birth defect in which her tongue is too long to fit in her mouth-but she is a sweet deserving girl. She is so good in the house and she gets along great with her Chessie foster sister. She loves to go for rides, she loves kids, and is good with everyone. She gets so excited and is a great roo-er you know of someone looking for a great girl, she is waiting for her home.



RAINBOW BRIDGE: GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. 2009

Lilah, adopted in 1999

Sophie, adopted in 2004

Honey, adopted in 2005,

Blind Buddy a friend of Chessie rescue

Bella, adopted in 2004,

Rainey- volunteer Patti's Chessie

Goober-honorary Chessie -our web master Patti's Chow Chow

Dog Word Search Puzzle

E V E N T H O U G H D O G S V
 B A Y P P U P R Y G R E A T L
 R Y R I N G A P P S E A R A N
 E T R A I N I N G K C E G T H
 E E U Y A I R E I L D R E N L
 D T F I C G A W L A O I N O E
 S P A D O G S H O W S N Y A A
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BARK	PET
BONES	PLAYFUL
BREEDS	PUPPY
DOG SHOWS	SLOBBER
FRIENDLY	TAIL
FURRY	TRAINING
GROWL	WAGGING
LEASH	WALKS
LOYAL	WET NOSE
PAWS	WHIMPER

DOGS ADOPTED THIS YEAR:

Bella: One of the 3 puppies, Bella went to a home in Sturgeon Bay area. She now has a human sister and brother to play with.

Lucy: One of the 3 puppies, Lucy went to a home in Hartford area. She has a Cock a poo sister to play with.

Chloe-renamed Grace: One of the 3 puppies, went to a home in the Kimberly area. She has a Flat Caoted Retriever brother to keep her in line.

Sam: Went to a home in the Green Bay area. He now has a young Chessie sister to wear him out.

Callie: Went to a home in Bruce's Crossing, MI Callie is the new princess and has all of the attention to herself.

COCO: Went to a home in Racine to be a sister to previously adopted Miranda.

Katie: Went to live in Illinos

Key Facts about Canine Influenza (Dog Flu)

Questions & Answers----CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

What is canine influenza (dog flu)?

Dog flu is a contagious respiratory disease in dogs caused by a specific Type A influenza virus referred to as a “canine influenza virus.” This is a disease of dogs, not of humans.

What is a canine influenza virus?

The “canine influenza virus” is an influenza A H3N8 influenza virus (not a human influenza virus) that was originally an equine (horse) influenza virus. This virus has spread to dogs and can now spread between dogs.

How long has canine influenza been around?

The H3N8 equine influenza virus has been known to exist in horses for more than 40 years. In 2004, however, cases of an unknown respiratory illness in dogs (initially greyhounds) were reported. An investigation showed that this respiratory illness was caused by the equine influenza A H3N8 virus. Scientists believe that this virus jumped species (from horses to dogs) and has now adapted to cause illness in dogs and spread efficiently among dogs. This is now considered a new dog-specific lineage of H3N8. In September of 2005, this virus was identified by experts as “[a newly emerging pathogen in the dog population](#)” in the United States.

What are the symptoms of this infection in dogs?

The symptoms of this illness in dogs are cough, runny nose and fever, however, a small proportion of dogs can develop severe disease.

How serious is this infection in dogs?

The number of dogs infected with this disease that die is very small. Some dogs have asymptomatic infections (no symptoms), while some have severe infections. Severe illness is characterized by the onset of pneumonia. Although this is a relatively new cause of disease in dogs and nearly all dogs are susceptible to infection, about 80 percent of dogs will have a mild form of disease.

How does dog flu spread?

Canine influenza virus can be spread by direct contact with respiratory secretions from infected dogs, by contact with contaminated objects, and by people moving between infected and uninfected dogs. Therefore, dog owners whose dogs are coughing or showing other signs of respiratory disease should not participate in activities or bring their dogs to facilities where other dogs can be exposed to the virus. Clothing, equipment, surfaces, and hands should be cleaned and disinfected after exposure to dogs showing signs of respiratory disease.

Dog Flu Continued:**Is there a test for canine influenza?**

Testing to confirm canine influenza virus infection is available at veterinary diagnostic centers. The tests can be performed using respiratory secretions collected at the time of disease onset or using two blood samples; the first collected while the animal is sick and the second 2 to 3 weeks later.

How is canine influenza treated?

Treatment largely consists of supportive care. This helps the dog mount an immune response. In the milder form of the disease, this care may include medication to make your dog more comfortable and fluids to ensure that your dog remains well-hydrated. Broad spectrum antibiotics may be prescribed by your veterinarian if a secondary bacterial infection is suspected.

Is there a vaccine for canine influenza?

Yes, an approved vaccine is available.

What is the risk to humans from this virus?

To date, there is no evidence of transmission of canine influenza virus from dogs to people and there has not been a single reported case of human infection with the canine influenza virus. While this virus infects dogs and spreads between dogs, there is no evidence that this virus infects humans.

However, human infections with new influenza viruses (against which the human population has little immunity) would be concerning if they occurred. Influenza viruses are constantly changing and it is possible for a virus to change so that it could infect humans and spread easily between humans. Such a virus could represent a pandemic influenza threat. For this reason, CDC and its partners are monitoring the H3N8 influenza virus (as well as other animal influenza viruses) along with instances of possible human exposure to these viruses very closely. In general, however, canine influenza viruses are considered to pose a low threat to humans. As mentioned earlier, while these viruses are well established in horse and dog populations, there is no evidence of infection among humans with this virus.

My dog has a cough what should I do?

Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian so that they can evaluate your dog and recommend an appropriate course of treatment.

Where can I find more information on canine influenza virus?

More information on canine influenza in pet dogs can be found in this article: [Influenza A Virus \(H3N8\) in Dogs with Respiratory Disease, Florida](#) in Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.

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