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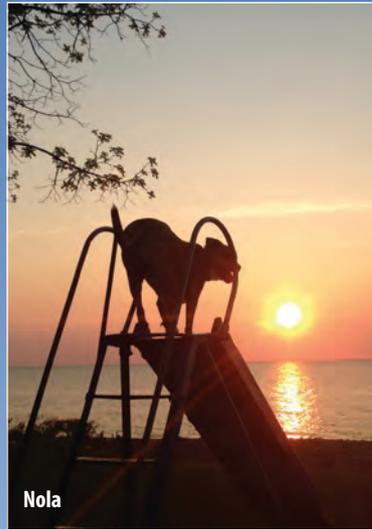
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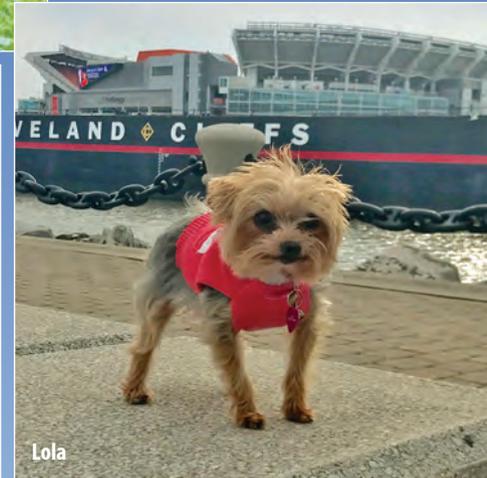
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FALL IN THE CLE...

The days are shorter, the weather is crisp and football's back in the CLE! We sat down with the biggest dog lover in the NFL, the Cleveland Browns' own Danny Shelton, to find out more about #55's life with his very own "dawg" pound.

And speaking of football, as the tailgating ramps up, we've got some do's and don'ts on keeping Sophie safe during your Sunday watch parties.

Fall also means the kiddos are back to school, so we're sharing some tips for helping your pooch beat the back-to-school blues.

Speaking of schooling, have you ever thought about becoming a puppy raiser? It's a real thing, and we take a look at why some pet parents are willing to volunteer their time to give back to the visually impaired.

Fall also means two of the largest and most popular dog events are coming-- Love-A-Stray's Big Splash and Rescue Village's Woofstock. We've got the scoop on what you need to know before heading to these popular and pawsome dog-friendly events.

Rounding out our September issue are our usual suspects: Pick of the Pack, Ask the Trainer and Dogs of the CLE (did your pup's pic make the cut?).

Grab a sweatshirt and your pooch, and enjoy early fall in the CLE...and go Browns!

It takes a pack!

Karen Mark



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Browns nose tackle Danny Shelton, #55, sat down with CLE DOG recently to talk football, fiancé and fur kids in this month's issue. Read more about this 2015 first round draft pick and the Furry Sheltons on page 10. Photos by Greg Murray, Greg Murray Photography.

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ASK THE TRAINER

BY NATALIE OKAL

Q. "How do I handle a reactive dog in public situations?"

A. In my experience, I have noticed that reactive dogs tend to display more reactive behaviors when they are placed under stressful situations with other dogs, kids, motor vehicles, balloons, loud noises and the list goes on. Unfortunately, the only way for our dogs to overcome these stressful situations is if we, as their owners, help our dogs better understand their world through training, socialization and constant communication.

For the past few years, I have rehabilitated my nervous, anxious and fear-aggressive Pit Bull Terrier, Chewie. With the use of basic obedience, socialization and communication, Chewie has come from lunging and biting people and other dogs, to now living with constant interaction of new places, situations, people and other dogs. Her natural personality of being nervous and anxious will probably never change, but as her owner, I have taken it upon myself to give her the tools she needs to feel more confident within her surroundings.

If you own a dog that has trouble in stressful situations and reacts with behaviors like lunging and jumping at the end of the leash, while barking

or growling, or displaying any mixture of these similar behaviors, a good way to subside these fear responses is to redirect your dog's attention to focus on something else. The "redirection" can be as simple as changing direction with the way you are walking, the use of a treat or toy, by throwing out a series of basic obedience commands or with the help of a training tool to help regain your dog's focus. No dog is the same; they are all different just like you and me, so when dealing with these situations, please remember to stay as calm as can be, and do not get discouraged. If the situation continues to escalate, please stop what you are doing and contact a professional trainer for proper guidance or to establish a training regiment.



Natalie Okal, a graduate of National K-9 University, is Owner and Master Trainer of Axel's K9 Training, and has been training and working with dogs

for over 10 years. Her pack consists of a black Labrador Retriever, Cash, 5, trained in everything from basic obedience to therapy and service work; brindle Pit Bull Terrier, Chewie, 8, who is advanced obedience trained and still working on intense socialization; and red brindle Pit Bull Terrier, Rudy, 1, who has started service dog training.

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DOGS IN THE CITY

BY AMANDA ROUSH, BELLA & MIA
from *Dog Life in CLE*



Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is an annual festival in Germany that runs from mid-September through the first weekend of October. Cleveland has its own tradition of an annual Oktoberfest held during Labor Day weekend at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds (this year it's from September 1-4). This festival has the largest glockenspiel in the U.S., and includes activities such as polka music and dancing, weiner dog races, keg tapping, a parade, and of course, a large consumption of German bier and food! And if that weren't enough, the Cleveland Oktoberfest is a dog-friendly event! Bella had the pleasure of going last year, and we'll be introducing Mia this year.



Hofbräuhaus



Can't make it to the Cleveland Oktoberfest? Downtown Cleveland has a German restaurant and bier hall, called Hofbräuhaus, that is modeled after the one in Munich, Germany. They brew the bier there according to the German Purity Law, using only hops, malt and water. The large patio is dog friendly, so you can grab a stein and probst with your dog, too!

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..... PICK OF THE PACK

BY JENNIFER BAKER

RAW FEEDING: THE ENCORE

Due to overwhelming interest in last month's raw feeding article by Rob Hyde, we're diving deeper into the topic, specifically the types of raw products available. If you're willing to think outside the bag or the can to offer your dog minimally processed food that tastes great and has better nutrition, think raw. With the various types of raw food available, commercially, it just may be easier than you think...

FROZEN

Frozen raw comes in nuggets, patties or bars. It is thawed in the refrigerator, as needed, and is nutritionally complete. The nuggets are perfect for small dogs, while the patties and bars work best for bigger dogs. At the Grateful Dog Bakery, we carry Northwest Naturals and Primal frozen varieties. Both companies have an FDA-level facility, meaning they meet the standards for human food processing. The downside to the frozen varieties is you do have to remember to thaw the food in advance, and depending on the quantity you buy, it can take up some freezer space.



FREEZE-DRIED

Freeze-dried raw foods have had the moisture removed in a process using cold temperatures. It is still a raw food because no heat is applied. This is a very convenient way to feed raw, as you simply crumble the nuggets, add warm water and wait 10-15 minutes for the food to rehydrate. This is a great choice for small dogs, but can be expensive for larger dogs. Freeze-dried also works well as a topper for canned or dry food, and this is an economical way to add a little bit of raw to your dog's diet. Primal and Northwest Naturals both have a freeze-dried option for their foods. It's the same formula as their frozen raw, with the moisture removed..

DEHYDRATED

This category hits a bit of a gray area. Dehydrated food is heat processed, so they aren't actually considered raw. But the temperature used is so low that the natural proteins and amino acids aren't destroyed, so it's still a minimally processed food. My favorite companies in this category are The Honest Kitchen, Sojo's and Grandma Lucy's. All start as a dry oatmeal type consistency, and once rehydrated with water, look a lot like wet oatmeal. You can see pieces of veggies and meat, and they still have their natural color. These companies also have a premix variety, with no meat added. These formulas are great for people who want to add their own protein—meat, fish or eggs can be used. This is very helpful for a dog that needs a low-protein diet.



GOAT'S MILK

Another way to add some raw to your dog's diet is frozen, raw goat's milk. We carry two varieties: Primal Raw Goat Milk with turmeric and honey, and Answers Pet Food's fermented raw goat's milk.



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Cleveland Browns defensive lineman Danny Shelton

has his own dawg pound. And they greet him at the door with slobber kisses after a long day on the gridiron. His 4-pack of pooches, affectionately called the Furry Sheltons, means everything to him and his fiancée, Tamara Mariano.

This Dawg Loves Dogs!
Get to Know Danny Shelton

By Karen Uthe-Semancik



MONI



MOJO



JUICY



JUJU

The Furry Sheltons are: Moni (Pit Bull Terrier), Juicy (Husky), Mojo (Husky/Malamute) and baby Juju (French Bulldog). So, let's meet the 4-pack...

Moni started it all as Shelton's first dog on his own. Her name means "the truth" in the Samoan language. (Shelton's middle name is Sailieupumoni, which means search for the truth.) Moni is also his Emotional Support Animal (ESA), and served as a comfort to him during a family tragedy. Moni is loyal and loving, and often travels with Shelton to ease stress. He takes every opportunity to educate people about both the Pit Bull breed and ESA.

Juicy is the second girl, and she's named for the store Juicy Couture, which is where Shelton and Mariano met. Juicy has an independent streak, and according to



Shelton, "is the only dog to give us a hard time." (All of his dogs are trained and boarded with Lorenzo's Dog Training Team, who he says is the best in the business.)

Mojo came next, and he's what the couple calls its "surprise puppy." The first boy in the pack, he was plucked from an unexpected litter back home in Washington. He's the largest of the 4-pack, and trained as a protection dog "who loves to do his job." Mojo also loves mom the most, according to dad.



Juju is the baby. The couple always knew a small dog would be a perfect fit for the pack. Shelton says Juju follows Mojo around like a little brother does, and wants to be just like him. Like his big bro, Juju is a "mama's boy." (Juju was also part of Shelton's engagement present to Mariano when he popped the question.)

"My dogs are like my kids. I love being able to experience everything with my little family," says the Browns' 2015 first round draft pick.

And he means everything. From soaking up the football atmosphere in Cleveland (he has sneaked Mojo and Juju into the Browns facility during off season) to involving the boys in his proposal to Mariano (they were all dressed in matching tuxedos), Shelton is definitely an active dog dad.

And that includes his fur kids' health and wellbeing. Shelton has aligned himself with some of the best brands in the business--the Honest Kitchen healthy pet foods company and Petplan pet insurance--to help give his "little family" the best of everything.

"I finally decided to stop being stubborn after having to pay an incredible amount of vet bills by myself. Knowing that Petplan can help pay up to 90% of the vet bills, I feel more comfortable going to the vet and knowing Petplan has my back," says Shelton.

Socially speaking, Shelton is top dog, also. He works with Truth Orange to spread awareness about the ill effects of secondhand smoke on pets, and visits local animal shelters. In fact, after football, he hopes to immerse himself even more in the dog world.

"I do want to start a foundation or shelter for dogs in the future," says the Browns' #55. "I feel that it's very important to give back to the community, and for me that means making time to visit and drop off gifts to the local dog shelter. Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter has helped me to get involved with meeting some cool dogs with very special stories. Every chance I get to help out at the shelter and promote or help adopt a dog, I am all for it because it's an opportunity for me to learn and become a better dog person."



"We love the football atmosphere in Cleveland, and we love being able to experience everything with our little family. Cleveland feels just like our home," says Shelton.

Danny Shelton and Tamara Mariano are planning for an early 2018 wedding, and CLEDOG wishes them all the best. No doubt there will be 16 paws in attendance, and we can't wait to see photos from the big day. You can follow the Furry Sheltons @the_furry_sheltons.

Safe Tailgating Tips

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Football fare is nearly irresistible for dogs--especially when sitting at eye-level--but, unfortunately, furry fans who intercept game day grub are likely to catch more than they bargained for. Petplan encourages would-be revelers with pets to think carefully before serving the following:

Brew-hoo: Just like people, some animals have a taste for beer. But think twice before pouring your pet a pint: even a nip can cause fatal respiratory depression.

No bones about it: Chicken wings have especially fine bones, which can splinter easily and puncture the GI tract. Besides, the sauces are virtually guaranteed to cause an upset stomach.

Not fun-ion: Onion rings are doubly dangerous: onions in any form are poisonous to pets and fried foods can cause diarrhea.

(Don't) pick 'em: Toothpicks make a nice presentation for cubed meats, cheeses and other appetizers, but can cause severe and potentially fatal damage to pets' GI tracts if swallowed.

Aw, nuts!: Many nut varieties have a devastating effect on dogs' nervous systems. Walnuts and macadamias are especially toxic and can cause vomiting, paralysis and even death.

SOME GAME DAY TIPS

1. START WITH A GAME PLAN

For some pets, the temptation may simply be too great. If that's the case, seek alternative arrangements before hosting, or consider leaving your pet at home, if attending.

2. WATCH THE TURNOVERS

When begging doesn't work, dogs may resort to linebacker tactics: playing smart and aggressive. Encourage guests to minimize the risk of fumbling food by sitting at a table or using snack trays.

3. THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSE

Go for the extra point by keeping pet-friendly snacks handy for hounds with hungry eyes. Better yet, go for two with pigskin-themed pet treats!

4. DON'T LEAVE IT ALL ON THE FIELD

Keep an eye on unattended plates and cups, and make sure to clean up promptly. Even if they're blocked at the line of scrimmage, sufficiently motivated dogs will run the end-around without a second thought.

"Tailgates and football parties can be fun. But between talking, watching the game and having drinks, it can be easy to lose track of your pet," says Petplan Veterinary Manager Elyse Cannon. "This is one case where an ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure."

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SEPTEMBER'S BIGGEST DOG EVENTS

By Ann McDonald of *Dogs in the CLE*

September is one of the best months for dog lovers. Not only are we through the sweltering dog days of summer, but it's also the month for some of the biggest dog events in CLE. From dog swims to 5Ks, September is a great month to get out and enjoy Cleveland with your dog.



Big Splash Dog Swim

Saturday, September 9, Noon-5 p.m., Avon Lake Municipal Pool

As pools close there will be several dog swim events held around Cleveland, one of the biggest being Love-A-Stray's Big Splash dog swim at Avon Lake Municipal Pool. This is always a fun event. Your dog can have a blast swimming while you support a local, all-volunteer rescue group.

The event includes raffles, dog contests, professional photos, dog-related vendors, and food and treats for dogs and humans. Definitely don't miss out on the dog contests! There will be 13 categories of competitions at the event from 1-4 p.m. I still laugh thinking of the dog bikini contest I saw there a couple years back. Professional dog photos will be taken by The Big Picture Photography, and Grateful Dog Bakery will provide homemade dog treats.

New this year, you can pre-register for this event online. Preregistration will give you early access to the event at 11:30 a.m., plus a deluxe event towel. Cost is a \$15 donation per handler/dog team, \$5 each additional dog or human. Go to loveastraydog.com/events to register or find out more.

Woofstock Dog Festival

Sunday, September 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,
Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field

Another fun event to check out with your dog this month is Rescue Village's Woofstock. You can register online as an individual or as a team to raise funds for the Geauga Humane Society's Rescue Village and participate in this fun, dog-friendly festival. Admission to the event is a \$25 donation and gets you a t-shirt and free parking.

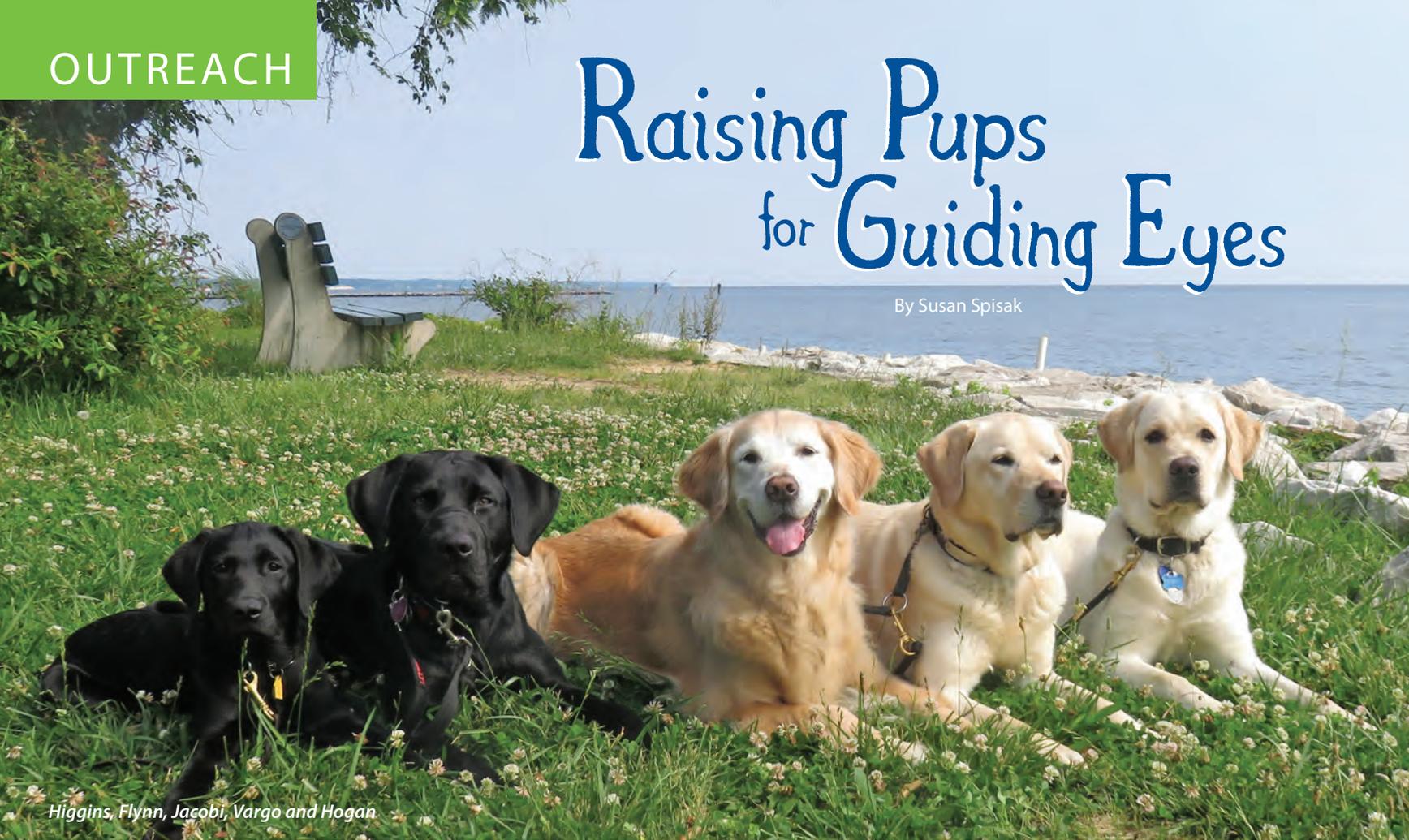
This year the event moves to a new location, the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Hunting Valley. This year's festival is expected to be bigger than ever, and event organizers are inviting all attendees to take part in the first-ever Parade around the Polo Field and "Best Look" Contest. You are encouraged to come to the event in costume and/or decorate a float or wagon for your dog to impress the panel of celebrity judges. The parade will start at the beginning of the event, and prizes will be awarded for the winners in the "Best Group," "Best Individual" and "Most Creative" categories.

In addition to the parade, Woofstock includes dog games and contests throughout the day, local vendors selling merchandise along Vendors Row, food trucks, and of course, adoptable dogs, since that's what it's really all about. Visit geagahumane.org/woofstock for more information or to register.



Raising Pups for Guiding Eyes

By Susan Spisak



Higgins, Flynn, Jacobi, Vargo and Hogan

"I can honestly tell you that this is the most humbling and rewarding experience of my life," said Amanda Solak of her adventure as a rookie Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) puppy raiser for the Cleveland West region. Even though she treasures being a wife, mother, dog mom and career gal, she wanted "more to her story," and raising the now 1-year-old black Lab, Axel, fits that bill. As far as required outings with Axel—her three active sons help out there. They have a fur cheerleader at their baseball and basketball games, and he's a hit with all attendees.

Solak admitted it's challenging and training is intense. And while she's going to be sad when it's time to say goodbye, she knows it is best. "His future is bigger than me."

Selfless volunteer raisers like Solak are essential to this nonprofit. After local pre-placement classes, each raiser is assigned and responsible for a GEB-bred Labrador Retriever or German Shepherd puppy from about two months of age until they're 14-18 months old. They teach social skills and house manners, attend training classes with their charge, insure the pup has five weekly public outings and follow organizational guidelines to nurture a successful guide dog.

After puppy raising, the dog (with raiser transporting if they wish) returns to the GEB Training Facility in Yorktown Heights, NY, for his

In-For-Training (IFT) test, which is an indicator of training aptitude. If he's successful, he may be chosen for the breeding program or will go on to formal guide dog training. Upon graduation, he's matched with a "handler," a visually impaired or blind individual. For dogs that don't pass their IFT or are released during formal training, they may be offered to other service dog operations for an alternate career, or in some instances, their raiser may adopt them.

"There's just something so fulfilling about it. It's just rewarding."

I caught up with other area raisers and was struck by the diversity of ages and lifestyles. But their attitudes were consistent with Solak's—they all love raising GEB puppies, and are thrilled to be giving the gift of independence and freedom to the sight-impaired.

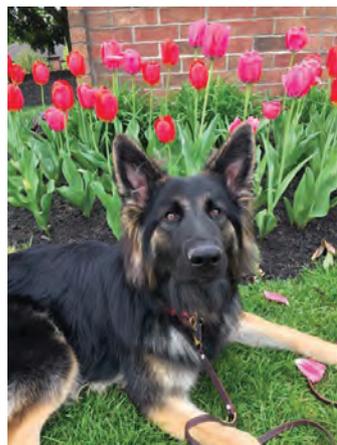
Jeanne Dregalla is passionate about GEB—she's raising her 25th and 26th pups concurrently. She's co-raising an 11-month-old yellow Lab named

Hogan with part-time raiser Larry Dean, and she's also raising Higgins, a 5-month-old black Lab. Dregalla and Dean meet daily to build both pups' confidence levels (a necessary quality for a guide dog), by utilizing positive "relationship-centered training."

Dregalla, who was the original volunteer region coordinator from 2001-2011, said that training guide dogs was a childhood dream, so raising pups is fulfilling that desire. Her favorite part of raising? "The

dogs. The individual dogs I meet.”

Newbie Kalyn Moore, 10, said raising a pup is fun and a great opportunity. Her friends at Troy Intermediate School in Avon Lake think it's cool that she's raising the now 8-month-old yellow Lab named Clark. The tween even showed off Clark's obedience skills at her school's talent show last year. Her parents and paternal grandmother help with her duties--they drive her and the pup to classes, and to retail and grocery stores for outings. Moore's confident that Clark will pass his IFT, and she plans to raise another pup in the future.



Liddy

Macy Nauman is a veteran raiser and a recent The Ohio State University graduate. While attending OSU, Nauman and two other Columbus raising families, weary of the weekly drive north for classes, were given the okay to initiate a Guiding Eyes at Ohio State club as an offshoot of the Cleveland West region, and it's taken off, now included on the university's student activities list.

Liddy, an 11-month-old black and tan German Shepherd, is Nauman's seventh pup. She adopted two of her GEB dogs who were released from the program due to medical issues. Nauman laughed when asked why she still raises. "It's addicting." She said that she's been lucky to stay in touch with the handlers who've been paired with "her" pups, and added, "There's just something so fulfilling about it. It's just rewarding."

Kim Delfing told me that raising GEB pups has always been on her bucket list. She and husband, Ken, looked into the program years ago, but realized the timing was off. Once Delfing's husband retired, all bets were off. She chuckled and said



Axel

she was still working, so he did more than 50% of the work on their first "one and a half" dogs. She retired halfway through the raising of their second dog, a black Lab named Velita, who graduated and was matched with a handler.

The couple is now raising a 5-month-old black Lab named Jessa. For



Kalyn Moore with Clark

Jessa's outings, they've ridden the RTA rail downtown, taken her on a ferry to South Bass Island and dined with her in new spots. Delfing says raising keeps them off the couch.

She says they hear the same tiring question, "How could you give this dog up?" Her answer is spot on. "We are doing this as a gift for someone else. This is our opportunity to give back...We get enjoyment out of it, and then we cry at the end...it's just a given."

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLUES

By Dr. Nicole Kovacic
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Hi! My name is Onyx. My friends Skylar and Leila and I have been having so much fun this summer. We run around each day playing tug, swimming in the pool and rolling on our backs in the grass. But one day, I was in Skylar's bedroom sniffing around when she asked me to help her pick out a back-to-school outfit. I didn't really know what that meant until she told me more. It sounded like we wouldn't be able to sleep in, swim or have any more fun.

Fast forward a little bit, and Skylar and Leila have been back to that place called school for a couple weeks now. Turns out, they are making me feel extra special even though we aren't doing our regular digging in the mud.

Before they leave in the morning, I get a walk around the block. As Skylar walks out the door, she gives me a special treat. Sometimes she puts peanut butter in this rubber tube thing. It is kinda hard to get my tongue in



Skylar, Onyx and Leila

there, so it keeps me busy for a while. After I am done with that, I like to watch all the different animals on the bright box as I lay on the couch. I also have this new necklace. It smells like my mom when I was a puppy. Leila told me she got it for me at the dog doctor, and it helps me not miss them so much when they are away.

Each night before bed, we get to go for another walk. I love sniffing along the way, and it helps me unwind after a long day. My friends told me I get to go to a doggy camp tomorrow for the day. I will get to play with other dogs and new toys. I guess this school thing isn't as bad as I thought it would be.

As we can see with Onyx, extra walks, special treats, a DAP collar and doggy day care are all ways that helped her through the transition. These, along with extra cuddles can help with the back-to-school blues.

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DOG SWIM-September 5 from 5-7 p.m. at Foster Pool, 14532 Lake Ave., Lakewood. Join Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park (FLDP) for the 13th annual Dog Swim to benefit FLDP. \$8 for one dog, \$7 for each additional dog.

PURR-MIER ADOPTION EVENT & FUNDRAISER-September 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Premier Toyota of Amherst, 47190 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. Free adoptions, refreshments, raffles and more. Pet-friendly event. All proceeds benefit Friendship APL. Visit premiertoyota.com for details.

BIG SPLASH-September 9 from Noon-5 p.m. at Avon Lake Municipal Pool, 32850 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake. All communities welcome! This dog pool party is a ton of fun with the entire pool reserved for the dogs to swim. For a donation you will have access to many fun things to do including raffles, 14 different contests with trophies, food and vendors! New this year, online VIP pre-registration available, or register day of event at the door. First 300 registrations receive a gift. Please visit loveastraydog.com for all the details.

LAUGH YOUR TAIL OFF-September 9 from 6-9 p.m. at St Lad's Pavilion, 4221 Clinton Ave., Lorain. Join Erie Shores Humane Society and Storm's Angels Rescue for a night of comedy. Event includes dinner, drinks, raffles and laughs. \$30/person; \$50/couple. Tickets at ereshoreshumanesociety.com

WOOFSTOCK 2017-September 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field. Come on out to the biggest outdoor, dog-friendly festival and FUN-draiser in Northeast Ohio. Bring your pup out to the Polo Fields for a day of dog games and activities, shopping on vendors' row, music, raffles, special guests and much more. Go to geaguhumane.org to find out more.

STYLE MUTT 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY-September 16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Style Mutt, 3525 Warren Road, Cleveland. Help celebrate their 10-year anniversary with food and specials. Visit stylemutt.com for details.

LAS @ BIG TRUCKS-September 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Avon Lake Safety Center, 32855 Walker Road, Avon Lake. Love-A-Stray will have a table at this fun event and some adoptable dogs. Attendees can get free food and check out the AL firehouse and police station, as well as climb aboard many vehicles such as fire trucks, SWAT vehicles and helicopters! No cost to attend. Go to loveastraydog.com for more info

ADOPTION EVENT-September 16 from 2-4 p.m. at PetsMart, 521 Golden Gate Plaza, Mayfield Heights. Be an angel and adopt your next best friend from Storm's Angels Rescue. Visit stormsangelsrescue.org for more info.

DINE TO DONATE-September 17 from 4-8 p.m. at Chipotle at 7683 W. Ridgewood in Parma. Bring a flyer (available at the Shelter, 6260 State Rd or on the website www.parmashelter.org), or just tell the cashier you're there to support this cause and 50% of your food sales will be donated to the Parma Animal Shelter.

DOGFEST WALK'N ROLL-September 24 from 1-4 p.m. at Uptown Park, 50 Public Square, Medina. Walk and roll around Medina Square. Raffles, music, activities, tattoos, face painting and more. Proceeds benefit Canine Companions for Independence. Visit support.cci.org to learn more.

WORLD ANIMAL DAY- September 30 from Noon-3 p.m. Friends of Lakewood Dog Park and Inn the Dog House will hold a pet food drive to benefit My Best Friend's Bowl, a Lakewood non-profit. There will be a pet blessing performed by Deacon Danny Bryan at 1 p.m. and dog-related vendors.

BARK FOR BREWS-September 30 from 1-4 p.m. at Railroad Brewing Company, 1010 Center Road, Avon. Bring your pup to the brewery and join Love-A-Stray and Railroad Brewing for a pint of dog-themed beer, or try your luck at raffles and giveaways. There will be food available from a local food truck. Proceeds benefit Love-A-Stray. Visit loveastraydog.com for more info.

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