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ON THE COVER:



ON THE COVER

I (Rula) got to spend some time with the Sunday Afternoon Dog Volunteers. Michelle and Kristinn have been volunteers at C.A.R.E. for a very long time and can handle our special dogs. We are very lucky to have them.

From left to right, Diego Moyers, Michelle Champagne, Rula Urso, Kristinn Green. Front our sweet Annie.

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President Joann With

Spring is typically a period of transition at the shelter as we say goodbye to our snowbird volunteers and look forward to student volunteers when the school year ends. This year, however, presented us with a new challenge as two of our employees are leaving us as well. Both have finished their studies and are leaving for future adventures.

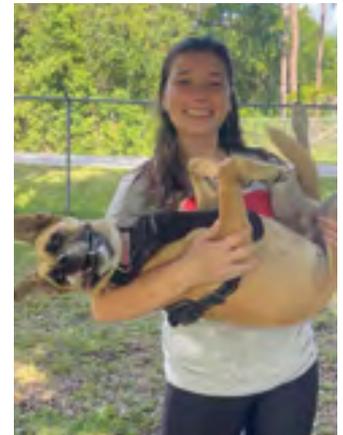
We came to know Micah Dugan when he began accompanying his father who was the DJ for our Boo Bash fundraisers. I believe Micah was 12 years old at the time. Micah began volunteering in 2021 and was hired as a Kennel Shift Lead two years later while he attended USF. Micah was subsequently promoted to Kennel Shift Lead/Maintenance. He also served on C.A.R.E.'s Emergency Response Team during hurricane season. Micah is leaving us to follow in his father's footsteps by joining the Coast Guard after graduation and a trip to Japan. It's been a pleasure having Micah with us, and he will be greatly missed.

Jessica Howsare joined us in 2020 as a kennel volunteer and was hired as a Kennel Shift Lead in the summer of 2022. From the get-go Jessica was always on the move. Once the kennels were cleaned and the dogs' morning routine completed, you would find Jessica washing dishes, folding laundry, pulling weeds, organizing the storage shed, and much more. Jessica always let the volunteers choose first when selecting a favorite dog to spend time with because Jessica is at the shelter five days a week and volunteers typically only one. After graduating from USF, Jessica went on to the School of Nursing and graduation had her leaving us at the end of April. Jessica hopes to become a pediatric nurse. We will miss Jessica's bright smile and positive attitude and look forward to her volunteering as her schedule permits.

Congratulations Micah and Jessica.



Micah holding Jessie



Jessica holding Annie

30 Fun and Fascinating Dog Facts

Source <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/dog-facts/>

1. The Labrador Retriever has been on the AKC's top 10 most popular breeds list for longer than any other breed.
2. A dog's nose print is unique, much like a person's fingerprint.
3. Forty-five percent of U.S. dogs sleep in their owner's beds.
4. Speaking of sleeping ... all dogs dream, but puppies and senior dogs dream more frequently than adult dogs.
5. Seventy percent of people sign their dog's name on their holiday cards.
6. A dog's sense of smell is legendary, but did you know that their nose has as many as 300 million receptors? In comparison, a human nose has about 5 million.
7. Rin Tin Tin, the famous German Shepherd Dog, was nominated for an Academy Award.
8. Dogs' noses can sense heat and thermal radiation, which explains why blind or deaf dogs can still hunt.
9. The French Bulldog was first named the most popular breed in 2022.
10. The name Collie means "black." (Collies once tended black-faced sheep.)
11. Yawning is contagious — even for dogs. Research shows that the sound of a human yawn can trigger one from your dog. And it's four times as likely to happen when it's the yawn of a person your pet knows.



12. The Dandie Dinmont Terrier is the only breed named for a fictional person, a character in the novel "Guy Mannering" by Sir Walter Scott.
13. Dogs curl up in a ball when sleeping to protect their organs — a holdover from their days in the wild, when they were vulnerable to predator attacks.
14. The Basenji is not technically "barkless," as many people think. They can yodel.
15. The Australian Shepherd is not actually from Australia. In fact, they are an American breed.
16. ... And the Labrador Retriever is originally from Newfoundland.
17. Human blood pressure goes down when petting a dog. And so does the dog's.
18. There are over 75 million pet dogs in the U.S. — more than in any other country.
19. A person who hunts with a Beagle is known as a "Beagler."
20. Dogs are not color-blind. They can see blue and yellow.
21. All puppies are born deaf.
22. Dalmatians are born completely white. They develop their spots as they get older.
23. Dogs have about 1,700 taste buds. We humans have between 2,000 and 10,000.
24. When dogs kick backward after they go to the bathroom, it's not to cover it up, but to mark their territory, using the scent glands in their feet.
25. A study shows that dogs are among a small group of animals who show voluntary unselfish kindness towards others without any reward.
26. The Norwegian Lundehund is the only dog breed created for the job of puffin hunting.
27. Greyhounds can beat cheetahs in a race. While cheetahs can run twice as fast as Greyhounds, they can only maintain that 70 mph speed for about thirty seconds. A Greyhound can maintain a 35 mph speed for about seven miles. The cheetah may start out first, but the Greyhound would soon overtake them.
28. The Bloodhound's sense of smell is so accurate that the results of its tracking can be used as evidence in a court of law.
29. According to Guinness World Records, a Great Dane named Zeus is the world's tallest male dog. Zeus is 3 feet, 5.18 inches tall.
30. What about the shortest dog? According to Guinness World Records, the shortest dog ever recorded was Pearl the Chihuahua. She measures 3.59 inches tall.



Denise Cavanaugh

Denise Cavanaugh is a cattery volunteer who is here every Wednesday morning at 7 AM.



Tina Junk

She very efficiently handles our early morning shift on Fridays. We can always count on her to keep our kitties happy and loved.



Cliff

Cliff is a long term dog volunteer who gets and receives love from all of our dogs but our "Special" dogs love him the most! He is here Tuesday and Thursday mornings to help in any way he can to take care of all of our dogs.



Lisa Holthaus

Lisa Holthaus is one of our Wednesday afternoon dog volunteers. Lisa has been diligently working with ALL of our dogs and has gained the respect of all of them.



Grace Lehnick

Grace is a Friday afternoon dog handler.

*Thank you
we appreciate it!*



Prrrrrrr-fect for a family

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▲ Guinness

Guinness (Mainly White Fur) is a sweet boy who loves attention and playing. He loves to play around and paw at his toys. He also loves to snuggle and will hang out with you. He is vaccinated, microchipped, and neutered.

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▲ Rheingold

Rheingold (Mainly black fur) is a stunning young male cat. He has a quiet, calm energy, which makes him a perfect companion. He is a bit shy but will warm up to you and greet you. He is vaccinated, microchipped, and neutered.



▲ Mango

Mango (White chest) is a beautiful girl. She is sweet, calm, and friendly. She is outgoing and loves to hang out with other cats. She is always the first to greet people. She is vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed.

Community outreach



C.A.R.E. volunteer Lisa Holthaus & Host Amy Harris

BINGO for C.A.R.E.

Southshore loves BINGO, especially when it benefits our local animal shelter. Salty Shamrock hosts the event that draws 150-180 people. Our February and May 1st event was a lot of fun. Great prizes, raffles, and 50/50. So stay tuned for our next BINGO event !



Marilyn Enge, C.A.R.E. Outreach Coordinator Cheri Schumacher, Karen Begg

The Kingspoint Michigan Club

The Kingspoint Michigan Club celebrated St Patrick's Day together and selected C.A.R.E. to receive their Care & Share donation. With the generous donations from the club and Linda McKinley a check was presented for \$620 to support the mission of working to re-home cats and dogs.

Kings Point Baby Boomers present Charity Fashion Show for C.A.R.E.

More than 150 women attended this event to enjoy the fashions provided by Janet Carr More and Accessories from Sarasota. This was a wonderful way to see the latest and to purchase their favorites seen during the fashion show.

And the best part, they donated to C.A.R.E. to support the cats and dogs in the shelter waiting for their new homes.



HISTORY OF DOGS

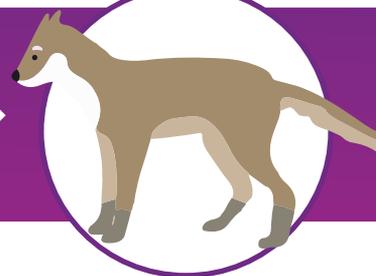
60 million years ago

The Miacis animal existed in the Palaeocene epoch era. It looked like a weasel and had much shorter legs and a smaller brain than modern day dogs. It also had the typical distinctive carnivore teeth but walked on the soles of its feet.



35 million years ago

This was the next stage of canine evolution. The Leptocyon animal existed during the Oligocene epoch era and was more fox-like in its appearance and walked on its toes, enabling it to sprint quicker and easier.



14,000 years ago

The oldest fossils agreed to be associated with domestic dogs were found alongside human remains. This supports the idea that dogs were domesticated by this point and lived closely with humans, being treated as more of a pet than an animal to be feared.



30,000 years ago

Dogs became domesticated by living in close proximity to humans. Although some wolves were scared of humans, others were more friendly and interacted with humans and ate their scraps of food. When they gave birth they passed on these friendly traits and even their appearance began to change.

11,000 years ago

Towards the end of the last Ice Age, five ancestral lineages had diversified from each other and were represented through ancient dog samples which were found in the Levant, the Republic of Karelia, Lake Baikal, ancient America, and in New Guinea.



18th century

During the Victorian era, kennel clubs and dog shows standardised dog types into different breeds, with lots of new dogs being bred purely for their appearance. This has led to hundreds of different breeds.



20 million years ago

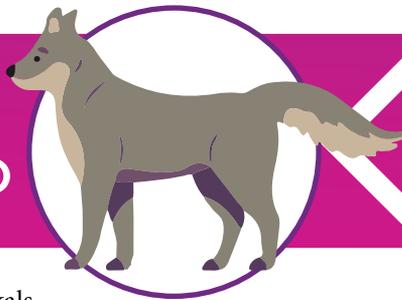
These 'bear' dogs existed around 20 million years ago. They looked like a basic dog but had a bigger brain and were more intelligent. They also had a better memory making them more likely to remember family members.

16 million years ago

Tomarctus inhabited most of North America. This early type of dog had a long tail which enabled it to balance, sharp claws to take down prey while hunting, and an appearance resembling the modern day dogs of today. As bear dogs started to disappear, Tomarctus further radiated to initiate a line of dogs which filled the hyena-like fruit eating and bone-crushing niches.

1 million years ago

Then came wolves and jackals. This animal was the beginning of the early wolf and could be found in Eurasia. All modern day dogs are descendents of the Grey Wolf from the Chihuahua to Great Danes.



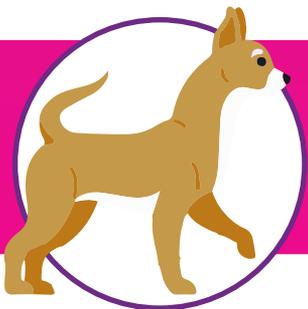
5-7 million years ago

Then came wolves. These animals developed the advantage of walking on four hind toes allowing them to chase their prey more effectively. By being light on their feet, they can stalk and pounce on their prey.

PRESENT DAY

Through thousands of years of coevolution, dogs are great companions for humans and are a true best friend. They share every part of our lives, and where you find humans, you will find a dog. It's difficult to think they were once our arch enemy!

Dogs can also understand human responses, commands, and body language as a result of existing closely with us for so long.



Looking for a **dog-gone** home

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Stanley ▲

Stanley (Black fur with white patch on chest) is the sweetest puppy! He loves everyone. He knows the command sit and walks well on a leash. He loves to play and cuddle and can be calm when needed. He is about 13 weeks old now. He is vaccinated and will be neutered and microchipped as part of his adoption.



Rocco ▲

Rocco (Light brown fur) is sweet boy with the biggest smile. He loves getting attention and belly rubs. He warmed up to all the volunteers quickly. He is very sweet, loving young guy who will quickly become your best friend. We estimate Rocco is 2 years old. He has lots of energy and loves to play with his toys.



Sienna ▲

Sienna (Brown Fur with white patch on chest) is such a great puppy. She is under one year old and is very sweet. She is good with other dogs and loves to play and go for walks. She is very nice when meeting other people. Sienna is spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and ready for adoption.



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Annie ▲

Our sweet Annie is still up for adoption. She has the biggest smile and biggest heart. She is playful, smart, and energetic. She loves walks and playing outside in the yard and playing ball. She is dog selective but has a healthy respect for cats. She would do great with a family that is active and has a fenced yard and no other dogs.



Become a volunteer today and make a difference in a shelter pet!

COME BE A PART OF THE *Story* CONTACT

Tracheal Collapse and Coughing

By Audrey Guida, DVM

Tracheal collapse is a disease that concerns a dog's windpipe or airway that causes them to have a loud, dry hacking cough. The trachea consists of C-shaped rings of cartilage that hold open the trachea. Over time or with age, those rings can soften (called tracheomalacia), and cause the C-shaped rings to widen and flatten. When this happens, the membrane over the top of the rings stretches out, and becomes loose. With breathing in and out, the membrane collapses, tickles the trachea, and causes the dog to cough. Sometimes it can even sound like the dog is trying to cough something up.

More often than not, toy breed dogs like Poodles, Yorkshire terriers, and Pomeranians are affected by tracheal collapse. Usually, the disease manifests around middle age, but it can occur at any age.

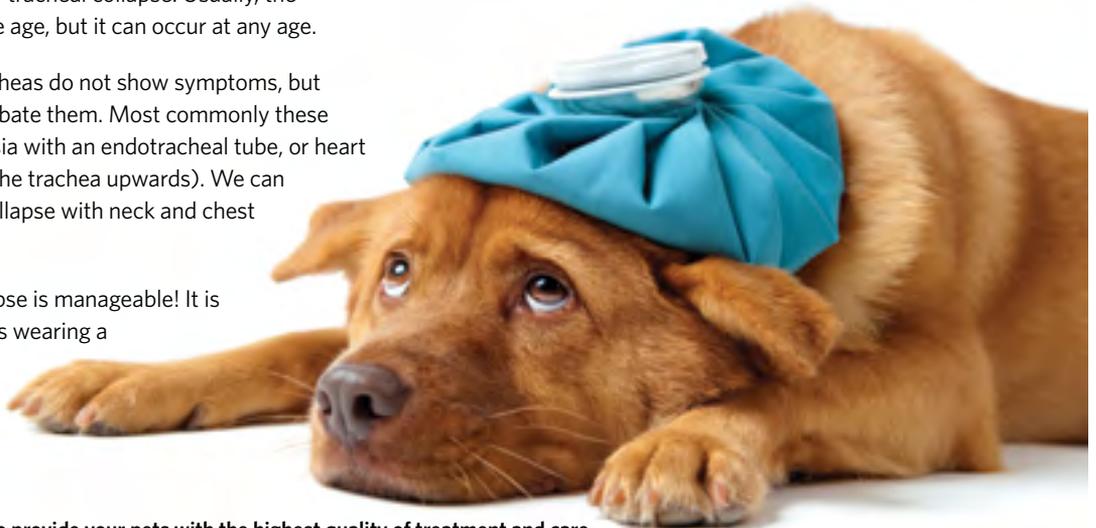
A lot of dogs with collapsed tracheas do not show symptoms, but there are factors that can exacerbate them. Most commonly these factors include obesity, anesthesia with an endotracheal tube, or heart enlargement (the heart pushes the trachea upwards). We can sometimes diagnose tracheal collapse with neck and chest x-rays, but not always.

The good news is, tracheal collapse is manageable! It is important to make sure the pet is wearing a harness and not a neck lead, as pulling on a leash around the neck can worsen coughing. If the pet is overweight,

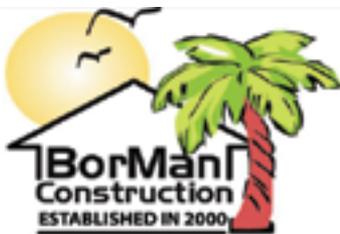
weight loss will be helpful. Cough suppressants or steroids are very useful in controlling coughing too.

Sometimes tracheal collapse can become an emergency. If a dog becomes too distressed, the trachea can collapse enough to prevent proper oxygenation. Tranquilization can help alleviate the stress and reduce the heavy breathing and coughing. Sometimes stress can be too much where the trachea will fully collapse, and if the pet's gums are turning purple or blue, this is an emergency and the dog needs to be seen right away by the closest emergency veterinarian.

Does your dog show signs of tracheal collapse? Talk to your veterinarian today to come up with the best plan for your beloved pet.



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Let's work together to promote your business and further the mission to reduce the number of homeless and unwanted cats and dogs in the Southshore area.



Pet Holidays

MAY

The month of May is a treasure house of special holidays dedicated to our four-legged or chirpy little companions. The month let's dive into special adventures and endless snuggles with our furry balls.

MONTH & WEEK-LONG PET HOLIDAYS

- National Pet Month
- National Foster Care Month
- National Service Dog Eye Examination Month
- Chip Your Pet Month
- Lyme Disease Prevention Month
- Responsible Animal Guardian Month
- Canine Arthritis Awareness Month
- Dog Anxiety Awareness Week - 6th to 12th May
- Be Kind to Animals Week - 5th to 11th May
- National Pet Week - 5th to 11th May
- Puppy Mill Action Week - 5th to 11th May

DAILY PET HOLIDAYS

- May 1: National Purebred Dog Day
- May 3: National Specially-Abled Pets Day
- May 4: Bird Day
- May 5: Mayday for Mutts
- May 5: Cinco de Meow Day
- May 8: National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
- May 10: German Shepherd Day
- May 11: National Dog Mom Day
- May 14: International Chihuahua Appreciation Day
- May 18: World Dog Day
- May 20: National Rescue Dog Day
- May 27: International Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Day

JUNE

June is a special month for pet parents as this is the month when a lot of pets are born making it an ideal time for paw-some birthday bashes. The month also brings an ample number of pet holidays that will give you more reasons to celebrate your furry babies.

MONTH & WEEK-LONG PET HOLIDAYS

- National Adopt a Cat Month
- National Pet Preparedness Month
- National Micro chipping Month
- Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month
- National Foster a Pet Month
- Social PETworking Month
- Pet Appreciation Week - 2nd to 8th June
- Animal Rights Awareness Week - 17th to 23rd June
- Take Your Pet to Work Week - 17th to 21st June

DAILY PET HOLIDAYS

- June 1: International Sheltie Day
- June 4: Hug Your Cat Day
- June 8: National Best Friends Day
- June 11: World Pet Memorial Day
- June 18: Veterinary Appreciation Day
- June 17: National Dog Dad Day
- June 19: National Garfield the Cat Day
- June 19: Take Your Cat to Work Day
- June 19: National Pets in Film Day
- June 21: Dog Party Day
- June 21: National Dachshund Day
- June 23: Take Your Dog to Work Day
- June 24: Cat World Domination Day

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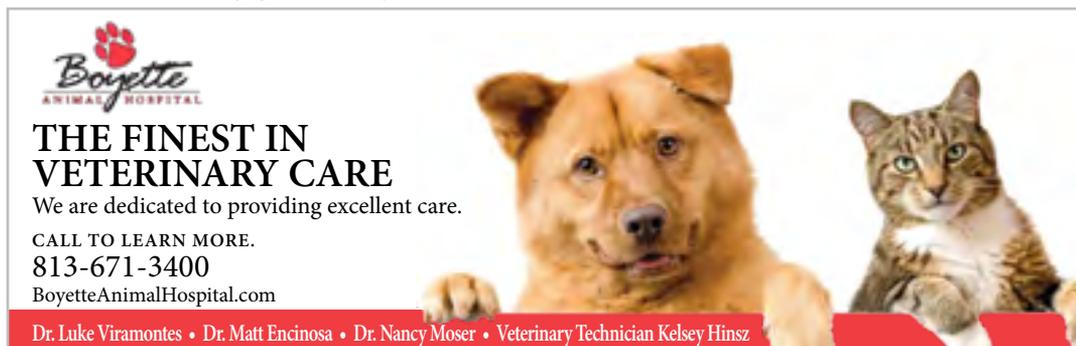
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