

Shelter hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Our foster cats and kittens can also be seen at the following locations:

Petco adoption center, Talmadge and Monroe, daily during regular store hours; and **Pet Supplies "Plus"** stores in the Toledo area every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For current adoption showing information, check the Toledo Blade classifieds every Friday and Saturday.

Visit Us Online:
www.maumeevalleysaveapet.org
(and on Facebook and Twitter)

Phone: 419-537-9663

e-mail: mvsap@att.net

If you are moving, please send your new address to:

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet
5250 Hill Ave.
Toledo, OH 43615

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet is a member of Community Shares of Northwest Ohio and the Better Business Bureau.

Help Save a Life - Become a Member.

YES! Here is my tax-deductible donation.



- Precious Angel: \$100
- Patron: \$50 Supporting: \$35
- Family: \$25 Individual: \$15
- Senior: \$10 Other: \$ _____

I AM PAYING BY:

- Cash Check Money Order

Note: Use this form for new memberships only. Current members will receive a renewal notice prior to their membership expiration date.

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

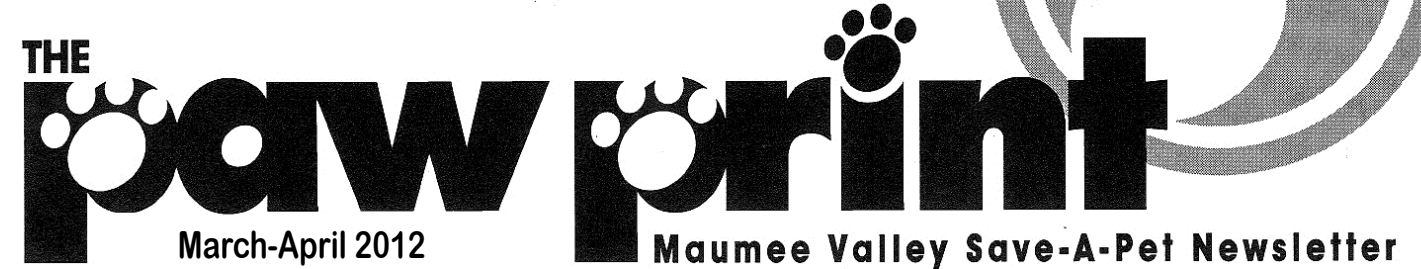
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Two Ways to Plant Your Spring Garden and Help Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet

Schneider Landscaping Offers A Percentage of May Plant Sales to Us!

Our 2012 Paws for Plants Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th from noon to 4 pm at our shelter at 5250 Hill Avenue. We'll have a variety of annual and perennial plants, flowers and herbs, springy crafts and garden items, as well as a bake sale.

If you have plants, crafts, or items to sell that you'd like to donate or if you'd like to donate baked goods for our bake sale, please call the shelter at 419-537-9663.

And if you can't visit us at the plant sale or don't find that perfect plant at our sale, cruise on over to Schneider Greenhouse and Landscaping, 841 N. Westwood to select from flower flats, hanging baskets, perennials, trees, shrubs and evergreens. Those of you who saw the beautifully planted, hand-crafted rustic bench that owner Ron Schneider donated to our Plant Sale last year are familiar with the top-quality, beautiful and hardy plants that Ron sells.

Ron Schneider has generously offered to donate a percentage of sales during the month of May to MVSAP. Just present the letter that will be included in your next newsletter or available at the shelter and we'll receive credit. Have friends and family who want to shop? Feel free to copy the letter for them.

IMPORTANT! Kroger Community Rewards Program Re-Enrollment Time!

It's time again to re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, which runs from April 1 to March 31 each year.

The current year of MVSAP's participation in the program comes to a close on 3/31/12. That means that all of you participating in this program to benefit MVSAP must re-enroll beginning April 1st to continue earning rewards for us. **In just three quarters in the program, we've earned almost \$2,000** so we hope that all of you will opt to re-enroll after April 1st.

To do this, just visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on Ohio, then click on Re-Enroll. If you're not yet enrolled, wait until April 1st, go to the website, click on Ohio and then on "sign-up". All enrollments must be done online. If you don't have a computer, all county libraries have computers available to the public. You will need an email account, which you can also sign up for on the library computer at one of the websites that offers free email accounts, like yahoo or gmail.

NOTE: The scan bar option for enrollment has been eliminated.

Please help us to continue to earn money while you shop by enrolling, or re-enrolling, in the Kroger Community Rewards Program after April 1st.

DISCUSSION OF BYLAW REVISIONS AND MEMBERSHIP VOTE ON THOSE REVISION AT THE MAY 9TH, 2012 MEETING.

HELP WANTED!

VOLUNTEERS needed for our shelter.

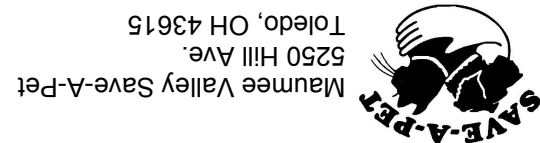
Duties include: sweeping, launder bedding & towels, clean litter boxes, pet feeding & general cleaning chores. Hours available: Mon-Sat 10 am -2 or 3 pm-5 pm. Must be dependable & reliable.

If you love animals, help us keep their shelter home clean & comfy. If interested, call 419-537-9663 & leave message for Lisa.



Mark your calendar:
April 1 - renew Kroger Community Rewards participation
May 9 - MVSAP members' meeting
May 19 - Paws for Plants Sale
June 1 - Carruth order deadline

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Donations/Memorials

Membership Renewals:

Mary Schwartz
Debra and Joseph Baum
Therese Luchsinger
Ron Schneider/Schneider Landscaping
Joan and Gary Parker
Rich and Susan Fitzpatrick
Sue and Mike Cray
Joan Katafias
Deborah Lengel

Donations:

Jeffery and Beth Daschner
Phil and Barbara Stuhltrager
James Liptack
Cathy Schaupp
Ann Marie Poisguy
Don and Patsy Albright
Lauri Perkins/Donations from the Lohberger Family
New Neighbors League of Toledo
Diane Czerniak
Elizabeth Duffey
Tamara Lamont
Dr. R.M. Kendrick
Ann and John Meier
Mike and Audrey Sherman
Kim and Kay Hyde
Bruce Hammond/Cherie Jo Williams
John and Carol Schade
Darla Koepke
Linda and Edward Costell
Cynthia Spitler
Debra Veeck
Pat and Dan Vanslambrouck
Rachel Janney
Birch Haven Kennel canister
Walt Churchill's Market canister
In Touch Therapy canister
Let the Fur Fly canister
Petco canister
Pet Finatics canister
Pet Supplies "Plus" canister
Riviera Salon canister
Sears Outlet Store canister
That Special Woman canister
Vito's Pizza canister
Lee Williams House of Meats canister

Petco Foundation

Tree of Hope

In Honor of:

Nancy Koepke in honor of Darla Koepke's birthday

Misty's Second Chance Fund:

Marian Culver

Honey Fund:

Marion Deck
Laura Gerdenich
Sandra and Alan Koester

In Memory of:

Bev Wright – on the anniversary of her passing, by Brian and Charlene McMullen
Thomas Baskeyfield – Toni Baskeyfield
Diane M. Nelson – Allison Johnson; Timothy and Amy Huffman

Pet Memorials:

Beloved dog Sam Linver – Lori and David Friedes
Nikki – Keith and Robin Kruse
Boo – sweet, sweet foster cat of Marti's - Janet Kulakoski

Dog and Cat Food and Supplies/Misc. Supplies:

Gary and Joan Parker - cat food, cat rescue donation
Barb and Larry DeVries - cat food, cat beds, dog supplies
Julie and Ken Stojak - cat toys
Yvonne Hengy
Petco Monroe/Talmadge store
Bunny and Alan Ashby - Panera gift card for staff thank-you
Lisa LeFevre
Tamara Lamont
Patty Miller
Pet Supplies "Plus" Airport/Reynolds store - cat food
Kathy Gast - medical supplies
Eddington family - dog supplies

Antique Mall Donations:

Vivian Jachimiak
Julie and Ken Stojak
Nancy Mitchell
Melinda Nappenbach
Gale Bishop
Dave and Robin Gomer
Janet Delikat

Correction: Bette Woolley's name was misspelled in our last issue. We regret the error.

Mark Your Calendars (In Pencil!) – Tentative Plans for MVSAP Rummage Sale Underway

It's time to start your spring cleaning – we need everything you, your friends, your coworkers, and your great Aunt Sadie have for our huge Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet Rummage Sale. Dates haven't been firmed up quite yet but we're looking at drop offs beginning in late May with the sale during the second or third week of June and we're hoping to have the same excellent location as last year. But hold your horses (and your lamps, books, clothes, and knick-knacks) for now – details to follow in the next newsletter/mailling. So PLEASE save that "stuff"!

You Can Help Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet ...

... By Going Online and Shopping

Search and shop online and raise money for Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet to help our dogs and cats!

Just type in **www.goodsearch.com** and enter Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet in the "Who Do You Goodsearch For" box. Each time you search, money is generated for MVSAP.

And while you're online, go shopping and make even more money for our cats and dogs! Go to **www.goodshop.com** or **www.igive.com**, and type in "Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet". When you shop at one of more than 1,000 participating stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!), MVSAP will earn a percentage of the purchase price – at no cost to you!

You can also show love to our cats and dogs by shopping at **adoptashelter.com**. Every purchase made at any of 400-plus participating stores earns a donation to MVSAP. No extra fees or registration (and wracking your brain to remember a password) required.

... By Buying an Item from Our Wish List

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet foster homes and shelter are always in need of supplies to keep their cats and dogs happy, healthy and well-fed. Here are some of the items on their wish list:

- dry or canned cat and kitten food
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- clumping cat litter
- pet dishes/bowls (stainless steel, glass, ceramic)
- kitten/puppy milk replacer, nursing bottles
- gift cards to Pet Supplies Plus, Petco, or The Andersons, gas cards
- small and medium pet carriers
- fleece or wool blankets (new or gently used)
- pet beds
- litter pans and scoops
- toys for kittens and puppies
- collars and leashes
- large plastic garbage bags
- paper towels
- liquid laundry detergent
- fabric softener sheets (not liquid)
- dish soap
- hand sanitizer
- Clorox wipes
- mops and buckets

Our shelter also needs:

- postage stamps (for membership renewals, etc.)
- copy paper (8-1/2 x 11)
- pens

Please bring your donations to our membership meetings, any adoption showing, or to our shelter.

... By Volunteering

MVSAP is looking for volunteers to help our foster and shelter cats and kittens at the adoption center in the Petco store at Monroe and Talmadge. Volunteers spend just one hour a week filling food and water bowls, cleaning litter boxes, wiping down the cubicles (all supplies are provided by Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet) and grooming and playing with the cats and kittens. If you are interested in helping, please call Cindy at 419-340-6998.

We also need volunteers at our shelter to socialize our cats and dogs, along with other chores. Please call 419-537-9663 and leave your name and phone number.

... By Recycling

Don't know what to do with the empty ink and toner cartridges from your printer? Donate them to Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet! We take them to a local office supply store to be recycled, and we receive store credit to purchase office supplies, such as mailing labels and other office supplies (so more of your donations can go to help our foster and shelter cats and dogs).

All brands and sizes of cartridges are accepted.

Take the cartridges to one of our adoption showings or to our shelter. Turn your trash into cash for MVSAP!

... By Donating to a Special Fund

- **The Honey Fund** - Encourages adoption of older cats and dogs through a reduced adoption fee.
- **Misty's Second Chance Fund** - Provides for unusual veterinary expenses for cats and dogs taken into our foster homes and shelter.
- **Spay/Neuter Fund** - Every month, Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet approves the spaying/neutering of feral, stray or low-income-owned cats and low-income-owned dogs, paid for with grant money and your donations, earmarked for the spay/neuter program.
- **Vet-a-Pet Fund** - Provides veterinary care to the animals of financially challenged members of the public.

Be sure to indicate on the "memo" line of your check to which fund (or funds) you are contributing, and mail to Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet, 5250 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43615.

... By Going Krogering

By your participation in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, MVSAP receives a portion of your purchase total. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com, click on Ohio (or Michigan), then click on Re-Enroll, or Sign-Up if you're a new participant. You'll need an e-mail account which is offered free of charge by websites like yahoo and gmail.

Donation Canister Locations

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet would like to thank the following for letting us place donation canisters in their businesses:

Birch Haven Kennel & Grooming

birchhavenkennels.com
734-856-PETS (7387)
5277 Section Rd., Ottawa Lake, Michigan

Walt Churchill's Market

waltchurchillsmarket.com
419-794-4000
3320 Briarfield Blvd., Maumee

Walt Churchill's Market

waltchurchillsmarket.com
419-872-6900
26625 Dixie Hwy., Perrysburg

In Touch Therapy Center (massage therapists)

intouchtherapycenter.com
419-475-2440
4354 Monroe St. (near Cheltenham), west Toledo

Lee Williams House of Meats

houseofmeats.com
419-698-2731
2521 Starr Ave., east Toledo

Let the Fur Fly Pet Salon

419-578-7301
2423 N. Reynolds Rd. (between Central and Bancroft), south Toledo

Luckey Farmers

luckeyfarmers.com
419-874-3525
11330 Avenue Rd., Perrysburg

Pet Finatics

419-724-2277
3150 Navarre Ave. (near McDonald's), Oregon

Petco

petco.com
419-472-3810
Talmadge and Monroe, next to Toys R Us

Pet Supplies "Plus"

petsuppliesplus.com
419-472-5505
4115 Talmadge Rd., across from Franklin Park Mall

Riviera Salon

419-260-1591
1519 Eleanor Ave., west Toledo

Sears Outlet Store

419-874-4847
27322 Carronade Dr., Perrysburg

That Special Woman (mastectomy and chemotherapy boutique)

thatspecialwoman.net
419-536-6206
2461 N. Reynolds Rd., south Toledo

The Villager Beauty Salon

419-878-6686
29 S. Third St., Waterville

Vito's Pizza

vitos.com
419-729-5353
5145 Summit St., Point Place



Beauty



Hershey



Lizzie



Piazza

Meeting Dates and Times

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet holds its members' meetings at our shelter at 5250 Hill Ave. (west of Reynolds behind the UT/MCO Credit Union) at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet Officers:

President - Lori Friedes
Vice President - Janet O'Brien
Treasurer - Marlene Rex
Secretary - Carol Furfaro



Quote of the Month

Non-violence leads to the highest ethics, which is the goal of all evolution. Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages.

-- Thomas A. Edison

Springtime Safety Tips for Pets

Spring has sprung, and with the change of season, our thoughts inevitably turn to Easter celebrations, spring cleaning and much-needed home improvement projects. But the new balmy weather can prove not-so-sunny for curious pets—or their unwitting parents. Before you embark on seasonal chores or outdoor revelry, take inventory of potential springtime hazards for your delicate, furry friend. To help you out, our ASPCA experts have come up with a few seasonal tips that will help prevent mishaps or misfortunes.

Here's a sneak peek at Springtime Safety Tips for Pets:

Easter Treats and Decorations

Keep Easter lilies and candy bunnies in check—chocolate goodies are toxic to cats, dogs and ferrets, and lilies can be fatal if ingested by our feline friends. While bunnies, chicks and other festive animals are adorable, resist the urge to buy—these cute babies grow up fast and often require specialized care!

Buckle Up!

Dogs love good weather, too! But allowing them to ride in the beds of pick-up trucks or stick their heads out of car windows is downright dangerous. Abrupt stops or turns can cause major injury, or worse! Pets in cars should always be secured in a crate or wearing a seatbelt harness designed especially for them.

Home Improvement 101

Products such as paints, mineral spirits and solvents can be toxic to your pets and cause severe irritation or chemical burns. Carefully read all labels to see if the product is safe to use around your furry friends. It may be wise to confine your dog or cat to a designated pet-friendly room during home improvement projects.

Ah-Ah-Achoo!

Like their sneezy human counterparts, pets can be allergic to dust, plants and pollens. Allergic reactions in dogs and cats can cause minor sniffing as well as life-threatening anaphylactic shock. If your pet suffers from a springtime allergy, please visit your veterinarian.

(From the ASPCA website)

Paw Laws

Where there's a will, there's a way of life for your pet ... long after you're gone. Talk to an attorney about setting up a will, which protects your dog, cat or other pet if you happen to pass away before he or she does.

Establish a trust that designates someone to care for your pet and provides the finances for lifelong care after you die. You can designate a specific amount to be spent monthly or annually, or just leave it up to the executor's discretion. You can also specify that any unused balance of the trust be donated to a favorite charity (editor's note: like Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet).

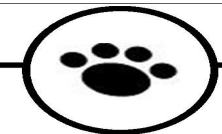
(Reprinted from 50 Simple Ways to Pamper Your Cat, by Arden Moore)

Stewie Still Missing

Former shelter dog, Stewie, who escaped from his adopters in late January in the Secor/Laskey area, is still missing. Stewie is a little shy but he loves kids and has been sighted at McGregor School. We hope that by the time you read this Stewie will be safely back home, but just in case, we're including his picture. If you're in that area and see Stewie, please catch him if you can, but if not, call the shelter (419-537-9663) and let us know the location where he was spotted.



Stewie

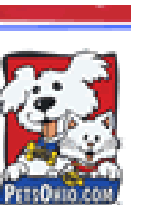


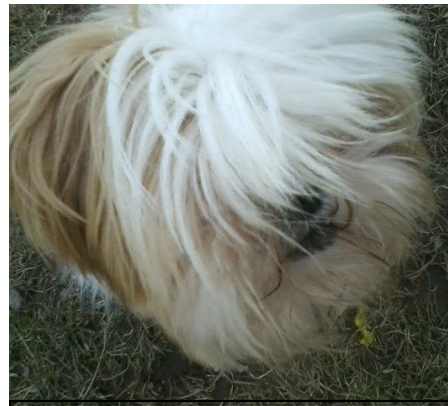
License to Love

Is it time to renew your Ohio license plates? Why not show everyone your love of animals by ordering "pet license plates"?

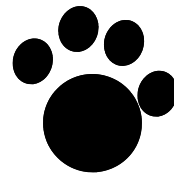
The "pet plates" cost \$25 in addition to standard license fees. By state law, \$10 of the fee goes to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and \$15 goes to the Ohio Pet Fund. Proceeds from the sale of the plate are used for the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats to curb Ohio's pet overpopulation. Funds are used to educate the public about the proper veterinary care of those pets.

For information, log on to www.PetsOhio.com. To purchase the pet license plate, log on to OPLATES.com (click on "buy the plate"), call 1-800-589-TAGS, or visit any Ohio deputy registrar's office.





Dusty, a senior Shih Tzu

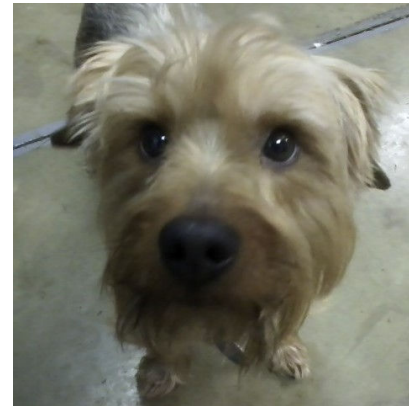


Carruth Spring Sale!

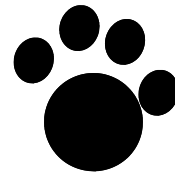
There will be another sale of lovely Carruth items - just in time for weddings, graduations, or no occasion at all! As always, MVSAP receives 40% of all sales!

You can choose items in a brand-new catalog available at our shelter, by going on our website and looking at the items for sale, or by calling 419-474-0417 to have a catalog sent to you.

The deadline for ordering is June 1st. To place an order or for more information, please call 419-474-0417 and leave a message.



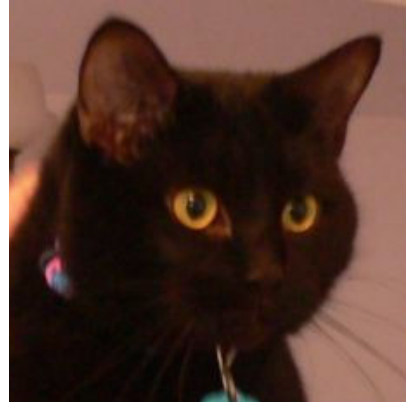
Melvin, a 2-year-old Yorkie



New Arrivals!

The MVSAP shelter has six new dogs, transferred from the Lucas County Dog Warden. Check our website for photos of our latest canine pals, and then come to the shelter and fall in love!

- Peep - 1-2 year-old male - Pomeranian-Chihuahua mix
- Thelma - 3-4 year-old female - Shepherd mix
- Ryder - 1-2 year-old male - Basenji-Labrador mix
- Spot - 1 year-old male - Spaniel mix
- Bindy - 3-4 month-old female - Dachshund
- Blarney - 2-3 year-old male - Spaniel mix



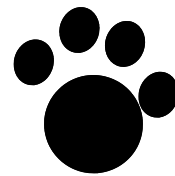
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Kennedy



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How Dogs Keep Kids Fit and Trim

By Emily Main

Dogs are man's (and woman's) best friend, not just because they provide us with companionship, but also, studies show, because they get us off our bums and moving—which keeps our hearts healthy and our waistlines from ballooning. It turns out the family pooch can also be a powerful tool in the battle against childhood obesity. A new study published in the *American Journal of Public Health* finds that children with dogs get more physical activity than their petless peers, and overall, they move more, whether they take a dog for a walk, toss him balls, or simply spend a few minutes rolling around with her on the floor.

THE DETAILS: The study's authors had 2,065 schoolchildren wear activity monitors for seven days, tracking each child's average daily activity and the number of steps each took. They compared that data with questionnaires asking whether or not the children had dogs at home. Just 10 percent of the study participants had dogs, but those kids recorded more overall movements, movements per minute, and steps compared with the non-dog owners. They also averaged 10 extra minutes per day of physical activity than non-dog owners, a small amount that nevertheless adds up over an entire childhood.

WHAT IT MEANS: Four-legged pals are great motivators, and not just for kids. Past research has shown that adults with dogs take 25 percent more steps per day than those without dogs. So if you're looking for an exercise buddy, a dog may be the best way to keep you active—and lower your stress levels, teach responsibility, and improve the quality of your diet.

The most important thing to remember when considering the purchase of a dog for your family is whether or not you—the adult—actually wants one, says Nancy Peterson, cat programs manager in companion animals department of the Humane Society of the United States. "No matter how much a child wants a dog, the ultimate responsibility of caring for him is with parents if the child falls behind on some of his responsibilities," she says.

Here are a few other tips for knowing whether your family is ready for a dog:

• **Consider your child's emotional and physical maturity levels.** Peterson says it's hard to make carte blanche recommendations on what age level is appropriate for dog ownership, but she notes that experts generally recommend that kids under 6 are too young. "Children between 2 and 6 years of age are usually very interested in dogs and other animals," she says, "but they may actually be too young to realize this pet is not a toy, that it's a living animal that has needs of his own." A good marker that a child is ready for a pet, she says, is whether she follows through on household chores that you give her. Also pay attention to physical maturity. "If a child can't control his balance or isn't too coordinated, he might fall on the dog," she adds. It's also a good idea to let your kids play with friends' or neighbors' dogs—as long as those dogs are friendly and parental supervision is constant (for both your child's benefit and that of the dog). If your child acts responsibly around the animal—not pulling the dog's tails or ears, not poking fingers in its eyes or mouth, and not playing too roughly—that's usually a good sign that he or she is ready for a pet.

• **Start with an older dog.** Peterson recommends that families opt for older pets, especially if there are young children in the house. "If you have a child and a puppy, you have two kids," she says. Puppies have not yet learned not to bite or scratch, and may jump up on a child innocently and knock him over. Puppies are also prone to having internal parasites, Peterson says. Those are pretty common in both puppies and kittens, she adds, "and because kids put everything in their mouths, puppies aren't a good idea, particularly if you have a very young child in the house." On the other hand, older pets are calmer, and if you're adopting from a shelter, you can usually find one that's been raised around children and is accustomed to all that energy (and may be more forgiving of the occasional tail pull).

• **Adopt from people who know their animals.** Another benefit of adopting from shelters is that you have adoption counselors who are familiar with the individual personalities of all their animals, and can make recommendations for pets that are a good match for your family, says Peterson. "They know the dogs and can make a good match," she adds, which isn't always easy for the rest of us since we're easily swayed by a cute puppy dog face or a particular breed. "We all are drawn to a certain animal because of how they look," she says, "but basing a decision like this, which comes with a lifetime of commitment, on size or the way an animal looks can get you into trouble."

• **Know the difference between "active" and "hyperactive" pets.** Pets are great exercise motivators. But a dog that has boundless energy and appears on first meeting to be a good exercise companion may not ever calm down. "A hyper dog has a general activity level that is always high and can't relax. He's always going," Peterson says. Hyperactive dogs may not make good playmates for kids. On the other hand, active dogs will have enough energy for playtime but know when to calm down, she adds. It can be hard to tell the difference, though, because playing with an animal at the shelter's play yard or taking him home for a few days may not give you an accurate read of his personality. "That's why I say put some trust in the adoption counselors. Ask as many questions as you can," she says.

(Reprinted from the Organic Gardening website)