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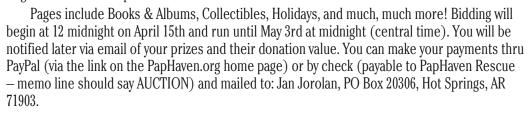
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PAP-OF-THE-MONTH: SAMMI & ZAZA



ammi – you're looking at a potiental agility champion! This girl has springs for legs and can run like the wind. Sammi was surrendered to PapHaven because the former owner had a new baby and she became too

demanding and jealous. Yes, Papillons can be demanding, but this girl wants it all. She loves to play with the other dogs, running, chasing, and playing, but "where's mommy?" She's 1-1/2 yrs. old and about 10 lbs. full of energy. Her foster mom plans to enroll her in obedience and possibly on to agility if she sticks around long enough. If this girl's speed and energy could be focused on agility, she would be fabulous. She reminds her foster mom of a Jack Russell in a Papillon suit. But as Papillons go, in the evening, we all settle down and she's the first one to find a lap to cuddle on.

aZa is a pretty red and white girl (9 yr, 3 months) that LOVES her food. She weighs about 11.9# and needs an active family to help her to regain her girlish figure as she has a tendency to be chunky. She is very sweet



and loves to sit on your lap and give kisses. Barking is not a problem, though she will let you know whenever something is amiss and needs your attention. Occasional accidents do occur, but have improved significantly. ZaZa has probably never had toys, and is just now learning how to play (She is not always sure what to do with toys). Chew toys are a must!! Even though she has had some teeth pulled, she loves pig ears, nylabones, and rawhide and will spend a significant amount of time gnawing away. She is very passive, so other animals may try to take advantage of her if not monitored. She is good with other dogs, but doesn't believe that cats exist, although she does like their food!

ARE YOU READY TO ADOPT?

by Melissa Wiley, Tails Magazine

hinking of sharing your life with a furry, feathered, or scaly loved one? Taking stock of your own life is the first — and most important — step to becoming a pet parent. Animal adoption is not for the fickle at heart. It's a long-term commitment that can see you through marriages, babies, and cross-country migrations. So don't give self-examination short shrift. Take our quiz and see if you're ready.

YOUR BEST FRIEND IS COMING OVER WITH HER DOG BEAU FOR A VISIT. AS SOON AS YOU OPEN THE DOOR, BEAU JUMPS UP AND PUMMELS YOU WITH SLOBBERY KISSES. YOU:

- ☐ A. Laugh. Doggie kisses are the bee's knees!
- ☐ B. Wipe the drool off your face and wait for Sally to take charge of the situation.
- C. Recoil in horror.

SUNDAY MORNINGS FIND YOU:

- ☐ A. Cheerful, energetic, and right in sync with the early morning dog walkers.
- ☐ B. Engaged in unapologetic bed hugging.
- ☐ C. What mornings? Saturday night's carousing means you don't see daylight until 1 p.m.

WHEN PET-PARENT FRIENDS ARE LEAVING TOWN AND NEED A SITTER, THEY:

- ☐ A. Don't even have to call. Your pad is their personal *Camp Bow Wow*.
- ☐ B. Know they'll hear some grumbling if they ask you, but have you on their list.
- □ C. Can't reach you. You know what's coming and monitor the caller ID like a private eye.

THE FURNITURE IN YOUR HOME:

- ☐ A. Has many marks of "character" from friends' pets, and that's perfectly fine with you.
- ☐ B. May not exactly be magazine material, but serves its purpose with a certain flair
- ☐ C. Might as well be your pet it's that precious to you.

CHECK THE ANSWER KEY ON PG. 8

TYPICAL WORK SCHEDULE:

- ☐ A. Varies so little you're known at the local coffee shop as Ol' Reliable.
- ☐ B. Allows for some flexibility, but it's nothing to write home about.
- ☐ C. Has nothing typical about it. Dolly wasn't singing about your life when she wrote "9 to 5."

WHEN YOU LOCK EYES WITH YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AT THE ATM, YOU:

- A. Quickly lose track of all the numbers, then head for the nearest four-star restaurant.
- ☐ B. Feel reassured, but still proudly consider yourself a bargain shopper.
- ☐ C. Immediately start hyperventilating.

ALLERGIES ARE TO YOUR FAMILY AS:

- ☐ A. Fur is to a hairless cat.
- ☐ B. Ketchup is to eggs (works for some, not for others).
- \square C. Wet is to a dog's nose.

YOU JUST PARTED WAYS FROM YOUR PARTNER OF TWO YEARS. A FRIEND SUGGESTS ADOPTING A DOG TO EASE YOUR BROKEN HEART. YOU:

- □ A. Remind yourself that your next main squeeze could have a pet allergy and volunteer at a local shelter instead.
- ☐ B. Take the long way home past the dog park to scope out like-minded potential mates.
- C. Head straight to *Petfinder.com* and surf for cuddly cuties. A new pet is as good as a tub of ice cream.

WHEN YOU LOOK OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW, YOU SEE:

- ☐ A. Sprawling backyard, white fence, and all.
- ☐ B. Your neighbor's brick wall.
- ☐ C. What window? I live in a box.

THE MOST FITTING HALLOWEEN COSTUME FOR YOU WOULD BE:

- ☐ A. A washed-up nightclub singer you do the same gig night after night.
- ☐ B. An ambulance driver. Your hours are set, but when you're on, you're moving.
- ☐ C. A cowboy. You're only at home when roaming from town to town.

DOG OR CAT NOT YOUR CUP OF TEA?

dopting a canine or feline friend is a big commitment that not everyone can handle. There are a variety of pets who require less time and energy than dogs and cats but who can still bring the joy of pet parenthood.

- An aquarium makes a fun addition to any home and is relatively easy to maintain.
- Rodents from hamsters to rats to rabbits and everything in between – make great first pets for older children.

Your new friend doesn't have to be furry at all — there are plenty of avian and reptile rescue groups that can help you find your new bird, lizard, snake, turtle, and more.



ADOPT A SENIOR PET!

uppies and kittens are adorable — no doubt about that. But the little ones require a lot of time, effort, and patience. Adopting an older animal companion comes with many benefits, and we say just as much cuteness. So what makes adopting a senior pet the smarter choice? According to the founder of *Lucy's Senior Pet Adoption Program at the Animal Rescue Foundation of Southeastern Pennsylvania (ARF-SEPA)*, you should consider a senior pet if:

- You want to save the life of a pet at high risk of being euthanized for space reasons in public shelters.
- You can provide a good home, whether the pet is with you for a few short months or years.
- You can support the geriatric health and behavioral needs of a senior pet.
- You're ready to teach yourself and others about second chances at love.
- You're ready to get more love than you can ever give.

In addition, older pets are often already housebroken, they can tell the difference between a shoe and a chew toy, and their personalities are already developed – meaning what you see is what you get. Visit www.pap haven.org today and see who's waiting to come home with you!

PLEASE! Feel free to cross-post our news!

SPRING IS JUST AROUND

THE CORNER

e mindful of your pets and what you plant in your garden ... it can be the difference between life and death! As we all prepare for the replanting of flower beds, planters, and hanging baskets, the contents of these can be as important as keep

of these can be as important as keeping pets away from the gardening chemicals!

Are you aware of which plants are harmful if ingested? Do you know which mulches to avoid? OR, how you can rid your yard of weeds and not harm you pets?

Our little friends are nosy! No doubt about that! And they love to sniff around to see who has been there or what might smell "good enough to eat." But, unfortunately, dogs and cats are very similar to children ... they put things in their mouths without thought for their own safety. While something

might smell good, that doesn't mean it's good for them. There is a preliminary list of spring plants (on pg. 3) that should be avoided.

NATURAL

WEED KILLER RECIPE

One gallon of white vinegar
1 pound of table salt
2 tablespoons of dish washing liquid
(not dishwasher detergent)

Dissolve salt in vinegar, add dish soap (helps the mixture cling to the leaves) and mix well.

Spray weeds thoroughly. Be careful not to get on any plants you want to keep. (this stuff really smells and is sticky).

\$AVE CA\$H ON PRESCRIPTIONSS oes your pet take prescription medication on a daily basis? Are you looking to possibly save some cash on the price of those drugs? WalMart (http://www.walmart.com/catalog/catalog.gsp? cat= 546834&fromPageCatId=5431) and Target (http://sites. target.com/site/en/health/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-004319) are currently running programs for the uninsured. As many as 300 prescription drugs are being sold for \$4 each. In some cases, you can get a three month supply for as little as \$10! Speak to your vet about taking advantage of this program for your pet – neither store cares if the meds are for your animal! If your vet will write you a prescription, you can possibly have it filled at either store. Maybe you can save of little cash and still take good care of your animals at the same time!

POISONOUS PLANTS

ABDOMINAL PAIN / DIARRHEA:

American yew Apricot, almond Balsam pear Black locust Buckeye English holly English yew Horse chestnut Japanese plum Mock orange

Western yew

Peach, cherry

Privet

Brunfelsia China berry Coriaria Moonweed Water hemlock

DIARRHEA/

VOMITING:

Bittersweet woody Castor bean Cylamen Daffodil Delphinium Fox glove Ground cherry Indian turnip Larkspur Poke weed Skunk cabbage Wisteria

HALLUCINOGENS:

Loco Weed
Marijuana
Morning glory
Nutmeg
Periwinkle
Peyote

MOUTH IRRITATION:

Arrowhead vine Boston ivy Caladium Drunk cane Emerald duke Pathos Philodendron Red princess Schefflera

SKIN IRRITATION:

Chrysanthemum
Creeping fig
Poinsettia
Pop mum
Spider mum
Weeping fig

VARIED EFFECTS:

Buttercup

Dutchman's breeches

Jasmine
Lupine
Matrimony vine
May apple
Mescal bean
Mushrooms
Poison hemlock
Rhubarb
Spinach
Tomato vine

ABDOMINAL PAIN, CRAMPS, DIAR-RHEA. HEART/RES-

PIRATORY, KIDNEY PROBLEMS, POS-SIBLE TUMORS, &/OR VOMITING:

Amaryllis
Asparagus fern
Azalea

Bird of Paradise Cocoa Mulch Creeping Charlie Crown of Thorns

Elephant ears Fungus/mushrooms Glocal ivy Heart ivy

Kalanchoe Oleander Pot mum Rhododendron Sago Palm Spider mum Tulip/Narcissus bulbs

Umbrella plant

Yew

IF YOUR PET INGESTS
ANY OF THESE,
SEEK IMMEDIATE
VETERINARY CARE!

RACHAEL RAY'S POTTED CARROTS, SWEET POTATOES, & CHICKEN

Rachael Ray on 03/04/08

Serves 4

Check with your pet's doctor before feeding any human food. Pets can't digest the same things as humans and your vet is the best person to help you decide if this recipe is right for your pooch.

INGREDIENTS

- Three chicken breasts (6 oz. each), cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken thighs, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
- 4 cups chicken broth (32 oz.)
- 1 cup apple cider
- One bag baby carrots (16 oz.)
- 1 fresh or dried bay leaf
- 4 peppercorns
- 2 whole cloves
- Salt

PREP



Combine the chicken broth, bay leaf cider cloves

leaf, cider, cloves, and peppercorns in a large pot; cover and bring to a boil. Lower the heat, add the chicken and vegetables, and simmer until tender, skimming if necessary, for about 20 minutes. Remove bay leaf, peppercorns, and cloves and discard.

Season to taste with salt. Let the dish cool slightly before serving to pets.

BOOK REVIEWS -

"WE'RE ALL EARS!"



THE ULTIMATE DOG TREAT COOKBOOK

Homemade Goodies for Man's Best Friend by Liz Palika

With 50 canine-tested, vet-approved recipes, this Cookbook has something for every canine taste. Includes recipes for Birthday Blueberry Pupcakes, Halloween Treats, Frozen Magic Meatballs, Peanut Butter-Honey Nut Cheerios Balls, Taco Treats, and more. There are even delicious doggy delicacies for pets with special needs.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Liz Palika has authored more than 40 books and won two prestigious *Maxwell Awards* from the Dog Writers Assn. of America. Her work has been published in a variety of top magazines, including the *AKC Gazette*, *Dog World*, *Dog Fancy*, *Newsweek*, and *The Saturday Evening Post*.

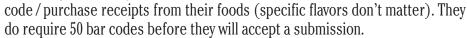
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Who's who?

hat began after a discussion with several members has helped us to better know our colleagues. Not to say that we all need "intimate details" about each other's lives, but even a little knowledge helps us know each other better!

WHO'S NEXT ...

i! I'm Peggy Pendill, and I'm a Foster Flunky.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. where the houses are row homes, sidewalks are cement ... where you walked several miles to school, a typical large city, very different from where I live since leaving the big city. So how did I get to rural Maine?

After graduating from high school I met my husband Dick, married, and started our family. This year we will be married 43 years; we are blessed with 2 children, Donna & Christopher, 5 grandchildren, and, of course, 3 papillons.

My husband worked for 3M and his job kept us on the move to Maine, Connecticut, back to Maine, Minnesota, California, and lastly, retiring to Maine. We both have a great desire to be on or near the water and have always enjoyed boating. When our children were growing up, we spent a lot of time sailing Scorpio, our 27ft sloop. First on Sebago Lake, then the New England waters and finally out of Alameda and the Pacific. Later in life we traded the sail for a power boat. After a few years we gave up the motor and now we Kayak.

I also very much enjoy gardening. It's such a thrill for me to see such a beautiful flower come from planting one seed. I sew, quilt, and dabble in making stain glass pieces. I also love to travel.

Our home is located on the Kennebec River in Dresden, ME. Our Kayaks sit on the river's edge so that whenever we get the urge we can slip into the water and enjoy the serenity and peace of the river while we watch the fish jump and the eagles flying above.

Through the years we have always had a cat and a dog (large breeds) running about our house. Our last dog, Max, was a German Shepard, a gentle giant. After 13 years, age started to take away his ability to get up, walk or run. Max loved taking long walks, hiking through the woods, and running on the beach as well as playing hide and seek and he was great at it. Then one day we had to make that



very hard decision, a very, very sad day for all of us.

We waited a couple of years, then started talking about another dog. This time we were thinking a small breed. I only knew of the Papillon breed through The Westminster Dog Show and want-

ed to find out as much as I could about them. After doing some research, we decided that this would be the perfect little dog for us.

Christmas, 2006, my husband located and purchased the cutest little female tricolor Papillon. I named her Pixie and that is when it all started.

After Pixie was with us for a while, I joined an online Papillon group. The members were so knowledgeable and friendly. In no time I was thinking about getting a friend for Pixie. I believe they are like potato chips, 'YOU CAN'T HAVE JUST ONE.' I posted my desire for another Papillon, not knowing a thing about rescue groups. Well, was I surprised; they are out there and are helping so many unwanted animals find their forever home.

One day while posting, I received an email from someone named Bonnie:-) (who I soon discovered was Bonnie Bias). She reminded me about a puppy mill bust that had taken place a few months back in a town not far from our home. I checked it out and found out the dogs were being released by the state and the Humane Society, would be putting them up for adoption. After checking with the Humane Society I was told they had several Papillons. The next day my husband &

I drove to the shelter to see the dogs. The Paps that were there were already spoken for, but they did let me know they still had more Paps to be released, including several puppies.

My heart broke seeing all those poor



The Pendill Girls — Peggy, Pixie, Spice, & Sugar

dogs in cages just waiting for someone to come along and take them home — to give them the love they deserve. I kept Bonnie updated on my search. Bonnie thought that the PapHaven Rescue might be taking a few of the papillons to find them a home. She suggested I immediately fill out and submit all the proper applications — just in case — so I did exactly that.

Soon I received a phone call from Mary Fournier. Mary had taken 5 of the paps and was now searching for their forever home. We scheduled a home visit, which went well, and Mary thought we'd make a very good match. Honey (now Sugar) and Spice came to live with us on Dec. 23 and things haven't been the same since.

They are the sweetest dogs, besides Pixie, I have ever met. Spice is very out going, loves all people, and is the true meaning of a lap dog. Sugar is very cautious, does not like sitting on a lap or being picked up, but will snuggle by my side while on the couch. They have come so far since coming to live with us and we feel so blessed to have them in our pack. We still aren't sure if the girls are litter mates or mother and daughter. What we do know, is that they were together in a small cage their entire lives and separating them would have been both difficult and cruel.

My thanks to Bonnie Bias, Sharan Cole, Mary Fournier, and everyone at PapHaven Rescue for bringing Sugar & Spice into our lives and for everything you do for this wonderful breed.

THE END

Peggy, Dick, and the girls keep us posted about their wonderful corner of the world in their blog "Living the Kennebec" at http://livingthe kennebec.blogspot.com/. The Pendills are also available to chat on Facebook!



BE A WELL-EDUCATED OWNER

TEAR STAINS

ritten by Bobbie Linden, Bhe-Jei Maltese – part of this article originally published in the AKC Gazette article.

Editor's note: Obviously, this story discusses a different breed of dog than ours! That being said, any help and assistance we can find to keep our beautiful furry-faces clean and stainfree is good for me! AS ALWAYS, discuss pet health issues with your vet BEFORE attempting to "cure them at home!" Pictured below is Crystal Lenahan (as our model).

BACKGROUND & CAUSES

Perhaps one of the most frequent questions I am asked about Maltese at dog shows

is "what do you do to keep your dog's face so white?" My answer is always multiple in nature.; it includes the multiple causes of tear staining, including excessive tearing, genetics, health and diet, fleas, what the prevention is, and what can be done about it when you have it. But remember the bottom line is



...you must understand tear staining and have it under control or removing it will do no good — it will only come back and may be worse!!!

EXCESS TEARING - RED YEAST

Most veterinary eye specialists believe the actual cause of tear staining is excess tearing. When the face hair is wet from excess tearing it is the breeding ground for bacteria and yeast. One of the most common yeast infections is *Ptyrosporin* or Red Yeast which causes a deep reddish-brown stain. Low-grade bacterial infections in the tear ducts are also common and may cause excess tearing and staining.

BLOCKED TEAR DUCTS

If you have a Maltese with excessive tear stains and tearing a visit to your veterinarian may be needed. It is not unusual to find that your Maltese may have completely clogged tear ducts which need to be irrigated by your vet. A veterinary opthamology specialist that I discussed tear-staining with also indicated that as many as 20 percent of small dogs, such as Maltese, may be born with lower tear ducts that are physically closed. These may need to be surgically opened.

EAR INFECTIONS??

Many times a rampant ear infection can be the cause of excessive tearing and staining. Care needs to be taken that when your Maltese is bathed the ears are dried after the bath. When your Maltese is bathed make sure a good cleansing product that will leave the ears dry is used. Scraggly hairs in the ears should also be removed by plucking or using a forceps to gently pull the hair out. Frequent cleaning with a product such as *Nolvasan Otic* can go a long way to insuring clean ears and a white face. There are several good products

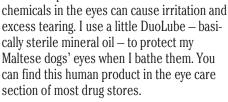
to use for ear infections – see the "Cures" section below for these.

IRRITATION & ALLERGIES

Eliminating excess tearing is one of the best ways to stop staining. Owners should pay attention to the hair around the face and prevent hair from falling into the eyes, causing irritation and infection.

Maltese can be susceptible to allergies so watch the environment

your Maltese is in. I have heard from other Maltese owners whose dogs previously had sparkling white faces and overnight tearstained when in a hotel room with a friend who smoked. It also is important to be extra careful when bathing your Maltese. Shampoo and other



My vet believes that many times a "subclinical" allergy so something as simple as a type of food can cause an allergy which is an inflammatory reaction. This can change the pH fluid in your dog's systems causing excessive tearing and potentially allergies.

WATER

The water in many areas has a high mineral level. If your pet drinks from a water dish and your local water has a high mineral con-

tent you may find the entire face and beard stained. I have solved this by training all my dogs to drink from a water bottle. This also keeps the face dry. I start training puppies to drink from a water bottle when they are weaned. Alternatively, a Maltese can be placed on purified or commercial-bottled water.

FOOD & TREATS

Diet can play a significant key role in tear staining. I find that feeding a dry kibble that is natural with no additives, preservatives, or food color in it seems to aid in maintaining white stain-free faces. Many commercial dog foods contain beet pulp which can cause staining of the face and beard. I also keep my show dogs' facial hair in wraps so that their food does not come into contact with their hair. If facial hair is not wrapped it needs to be washed on a regular basis to removed any left over partially digested food.

FLEAS

Another potential source of tear-staining is fleas. If you read the directions on most flea shampoos they suggest starting the shampoo with the head. Why — because fleas need moisture to survive and get this from the dogs' tears/eyes. Naturally, this can cause an irritation in addition to red stain from the

fleas' left-behind feces (which contains digested blood). Another problem that comes with fleas is ear mites. These are carried by the fleas. Ear mites can cause severe ear infections and as a result tear-staining. Fleas require a pro-active approach to keep under control.

CURES FOR TEAR STAINING

Before a pet-owner attempts to remove the tear-staining from a dog's

face it is most important to have eliminated the source of the staining. Otherwise it will just come back and many times it will be worse than before. Once the source of excessive tearing/staining is found a pro-active program to remove the staining can begin. After insuring that health, irritation, environment, water, and diet issues have been eliminated as a source of excessive tearing you can begin to think about removing the tear staining.

Tetracycline — I have found success in eliminating tear staining by putting my dog on a ten-day course of low-dose chlortetracycline or tetracycline. Occasionally this may need to be repeated. However, I do not use this in

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puppies that have not yet cut their adult teeth. Tetracycline has been shown to cause teeth which have not erupted to permanently stain yellow.

Delta AlbaPlex – An antibiotic of the tetracycline class, Delta AlbaPlex also contains a low level of steroid (not enough to

I AM AN ANIMAL RESCUER

I am an Animal Rescuer
My job is to assist all creatures
I was born with the need to fulfill their needs
I take in new family members
without plan or forethought
I have bought dog food with my last dime
I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand
I have hugged someone vicious and afraid
I have fallen in love a thousand times and
I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body

I have 'animal friends' and
'friends who have animals'
I don't often use the word "pet"
I notice those lost at the road side
And my heart aches
I will hand raise a field mouse
And make friends with a vulture
I know of no creature unworthy of my time

We may be master of the animals, But the animals have mastered themselves Something people still haven't learned

War and abuse makes me hurt for the world But a rescue that makes the news gives me hope for mankind

We are a quiet, but determined army And we are making a difference ever day

There is nothing more necessary
than warming an orphan
Nothing more rewarding than saving a life
No higher recognition than
watching them thrive
There is no greater joy than
seeing a puppy play
Who only days ago, was too weak to eat



I am an Animal Rescuer My work is never done My home is never quiet My wallet is always empty But my heart is always full!

In the game of life, I have already won!

cause Cushing's Syndrome). A veterinary specialist in Opthalmology recommended this product to me for tear staining as the steroid will help eliminate inflamation that goes along with excessive tearing, thus allowing the antibiotic a chance to work.

Gentian Violet Flush — One of the best products I have found to deal with "gunky ears" (and in my personal opinion one of the biggest causes of tear-staining) is Gentian Violet Flush. Yes, this is purple but it does not stain the coat. The place to buy this is from Belcher Animal Clinic, Clearwater, FL; 727-536-6548; email <code>kesacocker@aol.com</code>. Using this over about 2 weeks will clear up most ear problems and many times solve a tear-staining problem.

TYLANIM – TYLAN is the brand name for Tylosin, a veterinary antibiotic. This is used primarily to treat respiratory disease caused by Mycoplasma gallisepticum. Many Maltese people have found that this product can also have some beneficial effect in controlling tear-staining in Maltese.

Flagyl – Flagyl (Metronidazole) is an anti-diarrhea medicine commonly used in dogs to treat yeast or Giradia infections causing irritible or inflammatory bowel syndrome. This can also be very effective in the treatment of tear-stains, particularly when the staining is the result of red yeast. This is given for 2 weeks. You will need to see your vet to have this prescribed.

Lincocin — Maltese not responding to tetracycline may respond well to Lincocin. The typical dose of this for a Maltese is 50 mg twice a day.

Otomax or Gentamicin sulfate –

Yeast infections in the ears may also be a frequent culprit of tear-stain; this generally responds well to OTOMAX (gentamicin sulfate) or liquid drops.

Xonodine Solution — Manufactured by Veterinary Products Laboratories, this product available from your veterinarian is a polyhydroxydine solution with Iodine as the main active ingredient. It does work well with fungus infections such as yeast in the ears. Also good as a topical for cuts and abrasions to prevent bacterial infections.

AK-TROL — Another useful product is AK-TROL, which is a human prescription eye drop containing neomycin, polymyxin B, and dexamethasone. AK-TROL is also available in an ointment form. Your vet can prescribe this for your Maltese and it can be used before the adult teeth are cut if needed.

TUMS – Tums is primarily a source of Calcium, known as an antacid formulated as 500 mg Calcium Carbonate. Giving your dog 1/2 of the fruit-flavored variety twice a day will help change the pH of the tears. This will change the tears' environment and can help make it hostile for the continued growth of yeast and bacteria. Some Maltese exhibitors also use TUMS with success to control excessive tearing before shows. There are other brands of 500 mg calcium carbonate that may work as well.

Missing Link – This is an all natural powder that you mix into the animal's food. It comes in a dog formula, dog/cat formula, and a formula for horses as well. It works especially well with Maltese that may have an allergy problem causing the excessive tearing / staining. It is a fatty acid supplement (Omega 3) and in addition to helping the tearing staining it's good for your dog's health. Some have reported seeing results in 1 week to 1 month period of time.

Colloidal Silver – This is a product that is again placed in the eyes and works much like an antibiotic. I have not personally used it but know of others who swear by this.

White Vinegar — A teaspoon of white cider vinegar can be added to your dog's drinking water to control new tear stains. It may take a while for your dog to "decide" to drink this water so start with a little less and gradually increase the amount of vinegar. Vinegar works much like TUMS in that it can change the pH of the drinking water.

OTHER STAINS

Okay, I know this article is about tear staining, but I have so many people ask what to do about urine and other types of stains on paws I decided to include this "fool proof" formula.

It is not unusual for Maltese to stain yellow on their feet from urine, mud, and other things. A good formula to remove this color is one made of 50 percent liquid *Woolite* and 50 percent human hair peroxide (20 volume); dilute this 50 percent with water and a little conditioning shampoo. Shampoo this mixture into the stained portion of the coat and let remain for 3 to 5 minutes. Wash out; shampoo and condition as normal.

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THE TOP 10 SMARTEST DOG BREEDS IN THE WORLD

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hat are the smartest dog breeds in the world? We all love our dogs, and most of us believe our own dog must be the smartest ever. But is your dog's breed known as one of the smartest? We've compiled a list of the top 10 most intelligent dogs ever. If your dog isn't on this list, don't despair. Because sometimes, having a dog with very high intelligence can have its drawbacks. For example, if a highly intelligent dog is left at home alone all day, they can get bored and become destructive and/or neurotic. On the other hand, a dog with limited intelligence can be left at home all day, and not even realize you're gone until a few minutes before you arrive home! Note: This list should not be confused with the top 10 easiest to train dog breeds.

#10 AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG

The Australian Cattle Dog is a very active breed. They need to be exercised on a regular basis, both mentally and physically. As they were originally bred to herd cattle in Australia (hence the name), they are freethinking, resourceful, and very protective of their property, including people!

#9 ROTTWEILER

The Rottweiler, #9 on our list, has a fearsome reputation that is largely undeserved. The Rotti is only average in intensity, and makes a great family dog. The Rottweiler is Not only intelligent, but extremely courageous (one of the best guard dogs) and reliable.

#8 THE PAPILLON

Does this dog scare you at all? Well it should, because Papillons are actually a lot tougher than they look! Some would characterize Papillons as a little moody and aggressive, but they are simply very possessive of their masters and "home turf." It may surprise some that the Papillon is considered one of the most affectionate dogs. Another very intelligent dog, and very easy to train.

#7 LABRADOR RETRIEVER

An extremely loving, affectionate, and patient dog, the Labrador Retriever is one of the most popular breeds of dog in the world. They love to work, and need a lot of exercise. Without proper exercise, Labs have been

known to develop weight problems. Because of their good nature, and love of children and other dogs, they are a very popular family dog.

#6 SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

Many Shetland owners swear that their dog has nearly human intelligence! Shelties were originally bred to herd hundreds of sheep and cattle, requiring great concentration and, of course, intelligence. They can be a little wary of strangers and children, but are very loyal and affectionate within their own family. In fact, the Sheltie very much craves human companionship.

#5 DOBERMAN PINSCHER

Dobermans are an extremely loyal, assertive, and fearless breed. They have incredible stamina, and love to work (they are one of the top 10 best guard dog breeds) Although known as a dominant breed, Dobies can vary greatly as far as temperament goes. Some can be quite docile, and even work as therapy dogs in hospitals! Dobermans can be great family dogs too, if trained properly from an early age. Although not vicious, you can count on a Doberman to aggressively protect its master if necessary.

#4 GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Consistently ranked as the most popular breed of dog, the Golden Retriever personifies everything we love about dogs-loyal, loving, patient, great with children and eager to please. With such great intelligence, it's no wonder that Golden Retrievers excel in obedience competitions and at performing tricks. It should be no surprise that the Golden ranks highly on our list of top 10 most affectionate dogs.

#3 GERMAN SHEPHERD

German Shepherds are extremely intelligent, courageous, and have a very strong protective instinct (they're one of the best guard dogs). As long as they are trained in obedience from an early age by a loving but firm hand, they can be great family dogs, and excellent with children. Because of their intelligence, a German Shepherd needs a purpose or job in life to be truly happy. This intelligence, coupled with their courageous nature makes German Shepherds excellent police and search dogs.

#2 POODLE

Yes, the Poodle is at number two. The standard Poodle is highly intelligent and one of the easiest breeds to train. They love to be around people, and really hate to be left alone. Some standard Poodles are good guard dogs, and some can even be trained as hunters! Overall, Poodles are a sensitive, pleasant and happy breed.

#1 BORDER COLLIE

Like many intelligent breeds, the Border Collie needs a job to do. If they don't have a purpose in life or some kind of job, they will not be happy. Border Collies should definitely not be left at home alone all day, and if they are, they can become quite destructive. They need constant companionship, praise, and extensive exercise. So if you work and live in the city, a Border Collie probably isn't the dog for you! Because of their legendary intelligence, Border Collies set the standard in competitions for such skills as agility, obedience, and of course, sheepdog trials.

ARE YOU READY TO ADOPT?

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YOUR ANSWERS:

Mostly As: Congratulations! You are ready to adopt. Run, don't walk, to your nearest shelter. The Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago describes you, the responsible adopter, as someone "with the patience of a saint" who acknowledges that an animal has his or her own culture and who strives to understand that culture. You have realistic expectations of your future animal companion's behavior and also have the time, money, and energy for permanent pet parenthood.

Mostly Bs: Permanent pet guardianship is not for you at this time. Consider being a foster parent or adopting a lower-maintenance pet, such as a guinea pig or a lizard. Okura recommends volunteering at your local shelter or rescue.

Mostly Cs: Don't even sneeze in the direction of a shelter — go straight to puppy cam. According to Okura, you fall into this category if you think that having a pet will fill a void in your life. The decision to adopt a pet needs to be based on more than emotion. All pets are an investment of time and money as well as love.

TRISH (FORMERLY TASHA) AND HER MOMMA, KAREN HILDEBRAND

HELLO EVERYONE!

hank you so much for sending us your newsletter. Your work is truly appreciated and I am sorry I didn't get in touch with you sooner to *Thank You*.

Sorry if I didn't sound energetic and awake (to the person who phoned the other day about our adoption). My husband and I both were having colds and flu. We are getting better now, but when I answered the phone it took me a minute to think who I was talking to. Believe me, I love to talk about Trish and our other dogs.

They are like our kids, which makes our human kids jealous sometimes, but they are grown! I have never loved a dog more than I do Trish, and this says a lot, because I truly love animals. She sleeps either with her head on my pillow right beside my face, or sleeps ON my pillow with her head on top of my head!!! She loves to go places with me in the car, loves going for walks, loves being a lap dog, and enjoys being part of a pack with our



The Hildebrand Girls - Trish, Tina, & Karen

other two dogs (Tina, 4yr. Chihuahua, and Chico, 10 yr. Pomeranian).

These three are a close-knit little group. It took a little while for this to happen after we got Trish, but she is a very friendly little girl and will only fight back if she's pushed to defend herself. Our Chihuahua soon learned to respect her — which is exactly what needed to happen. And now they are best friends, and all enjoy playing with toys. It took Trish quite a while to figure out what to do with a toy!

Then she began to really enjoy it! We were so happy for her. They all three are very well housetrained. My husband enjoys them

as much as I do. It did take some time for Trish to make up to him after getting her. He was patient and it worked!

We watch Victory Stillwell on *Dish TV* on working with and training dogs. Also, we watch all of the *Dog Whisperer* shows. These, plus books and videos on dog taining, have helped us ease through any problems we might have had. Once in a while they still want to bark at the doorbell (you can bet the Chi starts it) but it isn't a major problem.

Last summer, Trish had a couple of molars surgically removed at the advice of our Veterinarian (we go to Madison Animal Clinic). Next week I

am taking Tina the Chi for the same surgery. Of course, all of our dogs get monthly treatment for heartworm and flea prevention.

We have both retired now and have more time than ever to enjoy our little dogs! I have more time to take them for walks!!!!

I do want to keep in touch with you all at PapHaven. I do so enjoy the Newsletters and other information on your web site.

Thank you all so much for all the work you do and for all of your caring!

Sincerely yours,

Karen Hildebrand (Joplin, MO)

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