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"That's the one!" we said to each other.

My husband, Antonio, and I had been discussing getting a dog for quite a while but had only recently decided to actively start looking. Eva Burrell Animal Shelter (EBAS) was a natural choice; my parents are actively involved with the shelter so we already knew all about their emphasis on quality of life for the animals.

Tito stole our hearts the moment we met him. He was playful, intelligent and cute. We played a rather one-sided game of fetch (in Tito's favor) and quickly fell in love.

We filled out the application as soon as we got home. We had grown up with dogs in the family but making the leap to full-time dog caretakers was a different story. We spoke with the shelter manager, Patricia, to talk through our lifestyle, home environment, needs and wants in a dog. Since we spend a significant amount of time at my parents' house, it was also important for any new dog to get along with their dog (another EBAS alum, Buddy). Although he fit our lifestyle, Patricia advised us that Tito was a nervous boy and suggested training, socialization, and plenty of patience to build his confidence. He had spent time in a large shelter downstate and been moved to EBAS due to their specialized, dedicated focus on the animals.

Our application was reviewed and accepted so we brought Tito home and he quickly settled in to our home in Marquette. Outside the house, however, he seemed overwhelmed by new experiences – the many people on the bike path, traffic outside of our house, construction noises! Within a week, we had an appointment booked with an excellent local trainer. We spent the first session with Tito shaking and cowering on my lap, frightened by the new people and unknown environment. Not long after, I booked a "happy visit" with our local fear-free vet. Again, Tito spent the entire visit quivering on my lap or between my legs. We booked him for his evaluation at doggy daycare, and when I picked him up, I received the report of an extremely nervous boy.

I would lie if I didn't say the beginning was tough. At home, Tito was the smartest, sweetest dog I had ever met and completely comfortable with my husband and me. We were quickly building a very strong bond with each other. We

believed in Tito. And so, we kept taking him to those visits with the trainer, doggy daycare, and the vet. We celebrated the small victories – accepting a treat from a new person, a shy lick, and even timidly allowing himself to be petted.

We will tell you, it was worth it. Recently, I picked up Tito from daycare and he was in the arms of a staff member, enthusiastically licking her face and wagging his tail. *That's our boy!* I thought proudly.

While Tito was making great strides with the people he saw regularly, he was still anxious in many other scenarios. We felt Tito could benefit from a canine companion.



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## In Memory

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## Fall Fun Festival and Craft Fair

EBAS hosted 24 tables of crafts and the local Toys for Tots at the Manistique VFW for our annual Fall Festival on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Although the weather was chilly for early October, lots of kids turned out with their families to paint pumpkins and make scarecrows. The crafters came ready to sell their unique homemade wares including jewelry, blankets, glow-in-the-dark artwork, jelly, interesting home items and more. Veterans from Toys for Tots were on hand to give out lots of Halloween candy buckets, costumes and scary stuff to the kids. We enjoyed scrumptious, homemade cookies and breads from the bake sale, and two lucky people won the incredible U.P. basket and kitten basket raffles.



### Wish List . . .

Homes for our Pets Volunteers High Efficiency Laundry Detergent Unscented Dryer Sheets Unscented Lamb and Rice Dry Dog Food **Rescue Disinfectant** Purina All Stages Cat Food (Complete) Baby Food- Chicken, Turkey, Beef only Canned cat food – Pate Peanut Butter Canned Pumpkin – plain Yogurt – plain Chicken or Turkey broth sodium free Canned Chicken Dried Treats Gift Cards Share our Facebook Posts Your encouragement Reams of Paper Paper Towels Salt free canned green beans Lysol laundry sanitizer 13-gallon size Trash Bags

## Thank you for your Support!

With this decade fading quickly and 2019 coming to a close, we want to take a moment to thank you. We are awed by all you have allowed us to accomplish. We can't do what we do each and every day without your support. Each post shared, each kind word spoken, each fundraiser attended, your donations along with adoptions, mean we are able to continue because we have an amazing team of believers. Our volunteers astound us, our supporters answer our call 365 days a year, and we are humbled! We hope each of you feels our appreciation and knows that you are not taken for granted.

We look forward to 2020 and though we know it will have its challenges and rewards, the one thing you have taught us is that you will stand with us to celebrate and cheer and support.

Thank you! Have a wonderful holiday season and here is to another decade and all that it brings.





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# Thank You!

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### **Two Peas in a Pod** – *continued from page 1*

Our wish list was specific: similar age and size – since Tito was building a reputation as an energetic playmate; confident and outgoing – a role model in the areas Tito was still working on. Since Tito had been the perfect fit for our household, it wasn't even a question that we would look to EBAS for our next rescue dog.

That's when we heard about Lana, a blue heeler mix with no known background. We planned a few visits and were impressed with her sweet yet confident personality. We organized a session with Trina, the trainer who



works with the shelter, in order for Tito, Lana, and my parents' dog, Buddy to meet. Lana was waiting to get spayed, so we organized more sessions. Each time we saw Lana she had learned more and more from Trina. She snuggled up with us and we knew we had found the perfect companion – for all of us. She displayed all the confidence and friendliness in the situations that gave Tito anxiety. On the flip side, she was still more of a puppy with all her excitement, and working hard to find her manners. She was grabby with food – likely a result of previously not having a reliable source of food – and based on her behavior, most likely had not lived indoors before, so we knew there would be an adjustment phase.

We brought Lana home and took the two of them for a walk. We were amazed – they settled into stride right away and almost immediately I realized that Tito was not even paying attention to all the other people on the bike path. Instead, he was looking to his new sister, who was leading the way confidently ahead. Thanks to EBAS having been so accommodating with our multiple visits, we were fortunate that the two pups settled in quickly together at home. Lana exuded confidence on our walks and Tito quickly followed suit. Meanwhile, Tito taught her "indoor manners" around our home. We had bought an extra bed for Lana, but within days, the two were snuggling together on the same bed (in between all sorts of playing, that is). "Two peas in a pod", we kept saying. Lana had found her home. She loves to be petted endlessly and locks eyes with a stare so intense like she is thanking us for something she had never experienced before.

We fell in love all over again.

Lana, of course, loved going to the trainer, doggy daycare, and the vet right from the start. Tito still will probably never be the type of dog who runs up to greet strangers, but everywhere we take him now-adays people remark how much more easygoing and confident he is when Lana accompanies him.



Being understanding and patient about Tito's personality really helped.

Tito and Lana are two dogs from two different backgrounds but each one has benefited tremendously from the other, and each was given a second chance thanks to the amazing work of the team at Eva Burrell Animal Shelter. We are so happy to have found each other, thank you!

Kristina Behrens & Antonio Adan



#### Have you lost a pet or found a stray?

Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Sheriff State Police (906) 341-1000 (906) 341-2122 (906) 341-2101

Mstq. Public Safety WTIQ Radio Thompson Vet. Clinic

(906) 341-2133 (906) 341-1490 (906) 341-2813

# Veterinary Hospice Care And End of Life Care

Coping with the loss of a pet is one of the most difficult experiences a pet parent will face. Whether due to your best furry friend approaching his golden years or being diagnosed with terminal illness, it's important to calmly guide the end-of-life experience and minimize any discomfort or distress. As your pet's health declines, you may elect to care for your pet at home with the supervision of a veterinarian, or you may decide to end his suffering with euthanasia.

In your attempt to help make your pet's final days peaceful and dignified, you need to ask yourself and your veterinarian a very important question: Is your pet in pain? When dogs and cats are suffering, they may not show outward signs that we normally associate with pain like whimpering or crying. Sometimes an animal will continue to eat or drink in spite of pain or disorientation. Some physiological and behavioral signs that your pet might be experiencing pain include excessive panting or gasping for breath, reclusiveness, reluctance to move, food pickiness or excessive clinging behavior.

The most important thing you can do for your elderly pet is to minimize any pain or distress she's experiencing: 1. Consult your veterinarian and treat any health problems, since undiagnosed issues can cause discomfort and rapid deterioration. 2. Surround her with her favorite things, like a warm blanket or a special toy. 3. Provide a warm sleeping spot to avoid pressure sores that can develop in pets with limited mobility. 4. Be certain to check for any wetness or soiling since some older pets may develop incontinence. If possible, purchase a sling or use a towel as a sling to help her get outside to void.

Pet hospice care, aka palliative care, is an option if your pet is suffering from a terminal illness without a possible cure. The goal is to make a pet's final days or weeks more pleasant with the proper use of pain medications, dietary strategies and human interaction. Pet hospice is not a place, but a personal choice and philosophy based on the principle that death is a part of life and can be dignified. When considering hospice care, pet parents should be very careful not to prolong the suffering of pets who are in pain or experiencing poor quality of life.

Veterinarians can teach pet parents how to provide intensive home care to keep an ill pet as comfortable as possible. Hospice care requires an active commitment and constant supervision from pet parents, who work with their veterinarian to make sure their pet's life ends comfortably. If you decide hospice care is the right course for you and your pet, you will become your pet's primary nurse and caregiver, as well as the link between your pet and his veterinarian.

At some point, euthanasia may become the proper choice for a pet who would otherwise continue to suffer. Euthanasia can generally provide a humane and gentle death. Some veterinarians may offer sedation prior to injection of euthanasia medication. Some owners may prefer this and choose to watch their pet relax and sleep peacefully prior to injection of euthanasia medication. Other owners may prefer for the process to proceed more quickly in the best interest of their pet. Either way, the animal experiences no awareness of the end of life. The process is akin to undergoing general anesthesia for a surgical procedure and takes about 10 - 20 seconds.

You and your veterinarian are the best team to decide when the time is right to euthanize. Information from medical tests can often be a guide to help pet owners avoid a delay in the anticipation of grief. In general, if you observe that moments of discomfort outweigh his capacity to enjoy life, it is time to euthanize, even if your pet still experiences pleasure in eating or socializing. If your pet is in pain, your main goal should be to minimize his suffering. If not, then consultation with your veterinarian can help to guide you in this decision. For the most part, animal owners are generally keenly aware of the best interest of their pet and can reach the appropriate decision and time in consultation with their veterinarian.

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### **End of Life Care** – *continued from page 6*

If your pet passes away at home, you may find it necessary to seek guidance on handling of her remains. In some areas, pets can be buried in a special place. In colder seasons this may prove impossible. Many owners elect to have their pet cremated. If so, you may need to decide, if you wish, to keep your pet's ashes as a remembrance. Private cremation is generally available and is an appropriate option in this case.

Dealing with pet loss is a process. There are many forms of grief that are completely normal in the wake of the loss of a beloved furry family member. It can help to memorialize your pet in a way that includes others who cared about him or her. Friends and family can help form a support network. If severe symptoms of grief persist, it is best to consult a doctor about your feelings and ways to cope with this loss. Most university animal hospitals have pet support hotlines available to assist you with your grief.



## A Dog's Plea

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I might lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet, for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements. I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And, my friend, when I am very old, and no longer enjoy good health, hearing and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. I am not having any fun. Please see my trusting life is taken gently. I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands.





### PETIQUE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will be up at Petique in Manistique from November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup>. Pick a needed item, purchase it at Petique and leave it under the tree. Thank you.

### FALL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (or until all the goodies are sold) at the People Store in Manistique. Come early to get your choice of scrumptious home baked goods and candies.



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#### Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Mission Statement

The Eva Burrell Animal Shelter (EBAS) believes that it has the ability and power to effect change one animal at a time. It is our goal to be worthy of their lives, to be enriched by their presence and not to miss the lessons they teach. We pledge to educate, to lead by example, to learn, to help when and where we can, to be diligent in our fundraising, and to be worthy of the trust placed in us.