



# *Eva Burrell Animal Shelter*

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## **Puzzle Pieces**

Getting acquainted with newly arrived cats and dogs at the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter is much like trying to assemble a jigsaw puzzle. One might think it's easy. But, seldom is the case when only a 100 piece "puzzle" finds safe haven at the shelter. Usually it's more like a 1,000 piece puzzle without the box or the picture. Pieces are scattered, or maybe even lost . . . like trust.

Abandoned or stray animals present only basic clues – species, size, color. Pets surrendered to the shelter may offer a bit more information depending on what the owner chooses to reveal. Cats and dogs transferred from cooperating shelters may come with a few more "pieces" such as observed behaviors and basic vaccinations. Our job is to find the missing pieces. Our goal is to complete the puzzle. How do we do that?

First and easiest the four corners come into focus. Species, size, color and gender are obvious. We then discover border pieces by observing teeth, coat and paws condition, appetite, friendliness. A knowledgeable guess at breed yields more clues – instinctive aptitudes like herding, hunting, guarding or breed characteristics like pointing, digging, chasing and swimming.

Once the border is established, we begin to search for more pieces. Some are delightful discoveries. It's always good when a shelter dog or cat is housebroken or uses the kitty pan. Whew! Even better when a new shelter waif is friendly and responds favorably to staff and volunteers. Hooray! Some, especially the dogs, demonstrate good manners and know basic commands. Jackpot! Health, age, weight add more pieces to the puzzle. Over time, as we become more familiar with the animal, pieces of personality appear.

Unfortunately, some pieces are in the wrong "box." Mostly these are unwanted behaviors such as tearing apart toys or blankets, grabbing treats, jumping on people, hiding, fear. We discard such pieces and replace them with those that are a better fit. Anxiety and lack of training are the most likely causes of undesirable bits of behavior. Knowledgeable folks at EBAS provide positive alternatives and training in various ways depending on the situation. When the piece finally fits, we celebrate with praise and rewards. It's a great day (and we have *lots* of great days) at the shelter when a cat or dog offers the desired behavior. Recently, Remi, a young rambunctious yellow lab, learned "sit" and "down." He's so proud of himself . . . and so are we. Opie no longer tugs at his leash or throws himself on the ground in a tantrum when not allowed to wander his own way. Ah . . . success.

Often times we have to add pieces to these 4-legged puzzles. Manners are major pieces. But more importantly, the kindness, the consistency, the attention, the training and patience help restore the worn and ragged pieces of confidence and trust. And how rewarded we feel when these amazing animals tap into their potential and become exceptional! All because we helped fit the pieces together. Midnight Joy, a poorly treated pit mix, emerged as the EBAS ambassador. Chance, an almost dead golden retriever, recovered and excelled as a therapy dog. Lovey, an abandoned cat, provides devoted companionship to an elderly woman. Gomer, suddenly uprooted from everything he knew and loved, inspires us with his ridiculously happy acceptance of life's ever changing circumstances.

The last piece of the puzzle is you – the person or family who invests their heart by adopting a rescue animal. Only then is the puzzle complete.

## EBAS Adoption by Donation

The Eva Burrell Animal Shelter is excited to share the news about their pilot program "Adoption by Donation" running from January through December 2019. Believing that every day can be a wonderful day for adoption, we stand firm in our commitment to our 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 to not 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." We believe that we must be forward thinking and willing to try new and progressive ideas. Our standard of care for our animals will not change or diminish, neither will our requirements for adoption. We believe adoption of shelter animals is about finding good, loving, forever homes. We know we have a wonderful team of supporters who will continue to believe in and support our goals.

## In Memory

**\*Morris\*** – Debbie Finton

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A Friend

**\*Gimli\*** – Anonymous

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Anonymous

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Family

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Pete Jacobs

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Douglas Troyer

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and Patricia Calhoun

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Smiley-McDonald and

Scott McDonald

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Barnes

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Michael Lafoille

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Maria McDowell

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Debelak

**\*Molly\*** – Nan and Autumn  
Seaton

**\*Marley\*** – Patricia Newby

**Andrea Colwell** – Ron and  
Ruth Annelin

**Roberta Swanson** – Ruth Ann  
Johnson

**\*Shadow\*** – Shelter Friends

**Andrea Colwell** – Sherry  
Koschmider

**\*Sadie\*** – Susan Anderson

**\*Toonie\*** – Tom and Carla  
Flodin



## Happily Ever After

*a Happy Tale/Tail from Dawgs Adapt*

Dawgs Adapt, an inmate dog training program at the Alger Correctional Facility initiated by the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter, has many happy tales/tails to tell. The inmate dog handlers benefit, as do the dogs, the shelter and the public. Handlers enjoy canine companionship, realize respect and develop useful skills. Dogs learn manners, obedience and even a trick or two. The program allows the shelter to accommodate more animals, and safe, well-mannered dogs are returned to the public.



A dog handler who was part of the program a few years ago developed a special bond with his assigned dog, Valerie, a sweet young pit bull. He hoped very much to be able to adopt his dog when paroled. Staff at the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter worked with the inmate and his family to make this dream come true. EBAS transported Valerie to Kalkaska where family members picked her up and assumed temporary care until her handler was released from prison. Paroled in 2017 and happily reunited with his dog, this former inmate now works in mechanical installations. Most days, Valerie accompanies her fella to work. As you can see, she has a great life and even has special car to ride in behind the Harley!

Valerie's fella stated how the program helped change him. "I would say just having a meaningful job to get up to every day was the number one thing. I had always loved dogs and it just felt nice to help them in any way I could. Also, having the dog kept me away from the politics of prison life. I educated myself by reading about 100 instructional books and watching the dog training videos 4 or 5 times each. Helping teach other inmates that wanted to learn about the dogs made me feel like I was helping them, the dogs and myself along the way. I still have plans to work with dogs in the future."



He and Valerie are truly a "Happily Ever After" story. Best of luck to them; both dogs and people deserve a second chance.



The Seventh Annual UP Flyball Tournament was held August 2-4 in Escanaba. 40 dog and handler teams from all over the United States competed, with proceeds benefiting both Delta Animal Shelter and Eva Burrell Animal Shelter.



The Eva Burrell Animal Shelter served delicious Main Street Pizzas by-the-slice at Folkfest in July. Thirsty dogs took advantage of the "watering spot" beside the booth.



July found EBAS hosting a wine and chocolate truffle tasting evening at Mackinaw Trail Winery and Brewery. Gourmet truffles were created to pair with specific red and white wines, and an array of Wisconsin cheeses were also available for the enjoyment of guests.



The UP Film Union gave EBAS the opportunity to operate the concession at the Manistique Drive-in Movie Theater July 27th. Families enjoyed *101 Dalmations* and *Grease 2*. Thank you, mBank, for sponsoring the movies.

## ***Thank You!***

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Pet Parade was held on Friday July 12th and kicked off the start of Folkfest.



## Shopping with Your Computer Makes “Cents” for EBAS

Many of us use our smartphones, tablets and computers to do shopping over the Internet. It’s fast, easy and convenient. But, did you know that you can have much of your online shopping benefit the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter . . . at **NO** additional cost to you?

How does this work? Three popular donation sites you can use are AmazonSmile, GoodShop and iGive. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), [goodshop.com](http://goodshop.com), and [igive.com](http://igive.com). Then register and select the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter as your designated charity.

Amazon has tens of millions of products eligible for donations, GoodShop represents over 3,000 online retailers, and iGive has over 2,100 retailers that will donate to EBAS. All donations are paid by the companies as a percentage of your purchase price, with no additional money from you.

And, try GoodShop’s main web site, [goodsearch.org](http://goodsearch.org), and use it as your main search engine (powered by Yahoo!./). Every time you search the Internet, GoodSearch will pay a penny to EBAS.

It’s a win-win for you and the shelter: you get Internet search results plus merchandise from thousands of top retailers you normally would use, and the shelter gets a donation directly from the companies. As the holiday shopping season approaches (or anytime throughout the year), check out these smart new ways to support our shelter!

### Pet Halloween Safety



1. TRICK-OR-TREAT CANDIES ARE NOT FOR PETS.
2. DON'T LEAVE PETS OUT IN THE YARD ON HALLOWEEN.
3. KEEP HALLOWEEN PLANTS SUCH AS PUMPKINS AND CORN OUT OF REACH.
4. DON'T KEEP LIT PUMPKINS AROUND PETS.
5. DON'T DRESS YOUR PET IN A COSTUME UNLESS YOU KNOW THEY'LL LOVE IT.
5. TRY ON PET COSTUMES BEFORE THE BIG NIGHT.
6. IDS, PLEASE!

PETANTHOLOGY.COM

### Designer Purse Auction

EBAS will be holding its second online Designer Purse Auction. You can help us out by donating your like-new or gently-used designer purses. As with our last auction, we’re accepting all types of designer bags, everything from smaller wristlets and clutches to larger shoulder bags and totes. Just drop them off at the shelter. All proceeds from the auction benefit the cats and dogs at the shelter.

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

Eva Burrell Animal Shelter	(906) 341-1000	Mstq. Public Safety	(906) 341-2133
Sheriff	(906) 341-2122	WTIQ Radio	(906) 341-1490
State Police	(906) 341-2101	Thompson Vet. Clinic	(906) 341-2813

## **What's all the hype about grain-free diets and heart disease?**

Much information has been circulated on the internet and other sources regarding grain-free diets and associated heart disease in dogs. The recent announcement from the US FDA alerting pet owners and veterinarians about reports of Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating pet foods containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds or other exotic ingredients has raised questions among the public.

Over the past 8-10 years there have been increased reports of DCM in dogs that are eating grain-free, exotic-ingredient, vegetarian/vegan, or home-prepared diets. This increase has appeared to have correlated with the rapid expansion in unique and trendy pet foods (boutique diets). While there has historically been some evidence of diet-responsive DCM in some breeds (Golden Retrievers, Cocker Spaniels, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, Saint Bernards), the incidence in these breeds has appeared to increase when eating grain-free, vegetarian/vegan, or exotic-ingredient foods. In other cases, the breeds of dogs developing DCM appear unusual, meaning that the dog does not have a breed history of an inherited type of DCM and/or the dog may be very young.

The reasons why people have increasingly made the switch to boutique diets for their pets are varied but include myths about dogs and grain which spread in much the same way that trends for things such as celery-juice or paleo diets have spread for humans - online, through a mix of self-appointed nutrition experts and mostly well-meaning social-media users who fail to parse the origins of information that's presented as factual and scientific. People also tend to anthropomorphize or project onto their pets whatever they think they need to eat themselves. Sometimes, controlling a dog's diet can turn into an opportunity to exercise a person's own food anxieties – it is relatively easy to enforce a strict diet on a dog that can't go buy its own kibble. Marketing also plays a role. People with the resources to buy specialized food and health products, both for their pets and themselves, create a demand that brands fill with expensive specialty goods. That high-end market positioning tends to be self-reinforcing in America, where expense and rarity are seen as signifiers of high quality. Regardless of why people decide to feed boutique pet foods, once people think they're doing right by their pets, even a veterinarian can have a hard time persuading them to use a type of food they're confident is unhealthy.

Brands associated with at least 10 cases of DCM include: Acana (67 cases), Zignature (64), Taste of the Wild (53), 4Health (32), Earthborn Holistic (32), Blue Buffalo (31), Nature's Domain (29), Fromm (24), Merrick (16), California Natural (15), Natural Balance (15), Orijen (12), Nature's Variety (11), NutriSource (10), Nutro (10), and Rachel Ray Nutrish (10).

Key points:

1. Taurine deficiency may be a factor in the unique foods, but it is unclear whether taurine deficiency is a cause or merely an association with the yet unknown other dietary components.
2. Some breeds may be more sensitive to changes in nutritional factors (such as taurine). This may suggest breed related differences in metabolism.
3. The FDA has been examining the labels of products associated with DCM cases to determine the ingredients used and whether the products counted as "grain-free" (which the agency defines as not containing corn, soy, wheat, rice, barley or other grains). More than 90% of products were "grain-free", and 93% of reported products contained peas and/or lentils. A far smaller proportion contained potatoes.
4. Dogs with DCM that have been eating the diets described above may reverse the condition (if caught early) or respond favorably to a change in diet and taurine supplementation, regardless of normal taurine blood levels.

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## Grain-free diets and heart disease – continued from page 6

Current recommendations:

1. If your dog does not have a medical condition requiring alterations in specific dietary ingredients, we recommend the owner feed a diet made by a well-established manufacturer that contains standard ingredients (ie. chicken, beef, rice, corn, and wheat). It is probably best to buy pet foods from big companies with long track records.
2. If your dog has been diagnosed with DCM and is eating a diet with non-standard ingredients, we recommend changing the diet as above and measuring whole blood and plasma taurine levels. If taurine levels are low or low end of normal range, dietary supplementation of taurine should be added. Follow-up echocardiography should be performed in 3, 6, and 12 months to assess for improvement in heart function. Screening echocardiography for DCM should be performed in all dogs of the same household eating the non-standard diet.
3. If your dog does have a medical condition that requires a non-standard diet, we suggest a diet made by a well-established manufacturer that has undergone extensive Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) feeding trials. Your veterinarian can help you choose an appropriate diet for your dog's medical condition.
4. Owners of dogs with possible diet-associated DCM should save samples (and product labels) of all dietary components they are currently feeding, including not only the main food itself but also all treats, chews, and supplements. With complete information in hand, the veterinarian or owner should report the case to the FDA, which can be done either online or by telephone as this will help the agency identify possible underlying causes as quickly as possible.

Website: <https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/>.

### In Honor

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Jaelee White

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A Friend

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**Proceeds from all events benefit the cats and dogs cared for by the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter**



Midnight Joy,  
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I would like to sponsor an adoption with a contribution of \$75.

I would like to be a "Friend of the Shelter" and apply for membership  
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Yes, I would like to be listed as a contributor in your newsletter

Meetings of EBAS are held the second Wednesday of every month, 5 p.m. in the First Baptist Church on Walnut St. in Manistique. You're invited to join us in the efforts to care for a community of animals.

**Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Mission Statement**

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