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Behavior Evaluations: Helping Make Successful Adoptions



Sheba, adopted in August 2009.

There isn't a single good reason to perform a behavior evaluation—there are many. A properly conducted behavior evaluation allows your shelter to become a "good citizen," one that does all it can to prevent dangerous dogs from being released back into the community. Evaluations give you a basis for placement and euthanasia decisions, making them less arbitrary. Evaluations help you learn more about dogs' personalities and behavior issues so you can create better matches and, if resources allow, customize training and behavior modification programs for specific animals. And evaluations show members of the public that they can trust your shelter to provide dogs who have more in common with Lassie than with Cujo.

When you see a dog in a kennel run at a shelter, can you tell if he's friendly, scared, nervous, territorial, dominant, submissive, or aggressive? If he comes to the front of the kennel wagging his tail, you probably assume he's a friendly dog. If he shows a stiff posture, gives you a hard stare, and begins to bark at you, you may assume he's aggressive. This kind of immediate and subjective evaluation is the way that many shelters have made adoption decisions for years. For the past decade an increasing number of shelters and dog behavior professionals have introduced a more objective and complete way of assessing dogs for adoption called a behavior evaluation.

... a behavior evaluation also allows you and colleagues to tailor training in your shelter to each dog's strengths and weaknesses, interact safely with shelter dogs, assess where to house each dog, and counsel prospective adopters about potential behavior or training problems and ways to avert trouble.

Some people who are passionate about animals criticize behavior evaluations as a justification for euthanasia. Should all dogs brought into shelters be adopted? Some people believe so, but they may not realize that sometimes people surrender dogs to shelters only after trying desperately to solve a problem that they did not create. It's a sad fact that some dogs are not behaviorally or physically sound enough to be family pets. A publication of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) said:

... Few doubt that any refuge for homeless animals should carefully screen potential adopters to help ensure safe, lifelong homes for furry charges. No humanely operated shelter would knowingly adopt a dog to a person with a history of aggression toward animals. Do shelters owe the same screening service to adopters—to protect them from dogs who demonstrate aggression toward people?

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How We Began

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington instituted a behavior evaluation program for dogs in 2002. We began by sending staff to training in the HSUS's Pets for Life Program. Some staff and some volunteers did not like the idea of making judgments about dogs' adoptability. We had been mak-

Behavior Evaluations Continued



*Kokomo,
adopted in
September
2009.*

ing those judgments all along, however, but without a formal structure. Over the years our behavior evaluation has been constantly refined. Our staff have been trained through the American Humane Association, ASPCA, and BADRAP, among others.

Adoptability

Are all dogs with behavior issues euthanized? Of course not! Evaluations are not only focused on aggression, they can tell us important information about issues that can be worked on to make dogs more appealing to adopters. Our no-pull program teaches dogs loose-leash walking so they don't drag their new owners down the sidewalk. Our hand-feeding program teaches dogs to trust that having humans nearby is not a threat to their food. A young 60-pound, athletic dog may be appropriate for adults, but not for a home with toddlers. A timid dog that cringes in the back of the kennel may bloom in a quiet home with a gentle person.

The behavior evaluation is only one piece of the pie in determining a dog's adoptability. If surrendered by the owner, the dog's past history with people and animals is an important factor. We also consider the dog's behavior in the shelter kennels with staff and with other dogs. Is she a terror in the kennel, but a sweetheart as soon as she comes out?

What We Can Learn

Our behavior evaluation program provides answers to common questions from potential adopters:

Will this dog be good with my

children? Can I take that dog to the dog park? Will this dog be ok living in my condo? Is that dog housetrained? Can you tell me more about this dog?

Our adoption staff is responsible for the behavior evaluations, and there are always at least two people in an evaluation for safety. One person handles the dog while the other captures all of the observations and lends a second set of eyes to catch any behavior that may not be visible to the handler.

Dogs communicate for the most part through body language. They use all of their body parts to tell you how they feel. Not only observing their body language but how they physically interact with the handler is important. Everything from how they jump up on you to how they look at you provides insight. A more confident, pushy dog may make more invasive contact with the handler, jumping up hard and in a frontal orientation. A more submissive personality may still jump up but it is more gentle and often oriented sideways to their handler. A dog with a soft expression will have his ears back, eyes look like they are squinting, and the brow is relaxed. A dog with a hard expression will have big, round dilated open eyes (they look like marbles), ears are up and forward, and they may directly face or stare at the handler.

Did you know that your dog may be stressed if her body is crouched and she licks her lips, or she may shake, whine or yawn as well? A dog may shake off as a way to "reset" themselves from something that was stressful. A dog may show displacement behaviors such as raising a paw, lowering the head, looking away, moving slowly, and sniffing the ground as

a way to communicate that he means no harm. Our job is to observe and record all of the dog's responses which may include but not be limited to those discussed above.

Parts of the Evaluation

Background

Before handling starts, we do an overall review of the dog—what is the breed and its characteristics, age and sex, was the dog an owner surrender or was he a stray. If an owner surrender, then what information did the previous owner provide us, and how has the dog been adjusting to the shelter environment? The evaluation begins from the moment we take the dog out of his kennel. We observe how he is responding to the stress of the shelter environment. We then take the dog for a brief walk—a housetrained dog will typically keep her kennel clean and relieve herself immediately upon going outside. At this point we will also note how a dog walks on leash, as well as whether he may be fearful of traffic. A strong dog that pulls hard on a leash will be a better match for a physically fit, active owner. A dog that shows sensitivity to traffic while on leash may not be best suited to living in a bustling city.

Sociability with People

The next part of the evaluation takes place in the shelter's quiet general purpose room. We first look at the dog's level of sociability—how the dog chooses to interact with the handler as well as whether that interaction changes when the handler solicits attention through an encouraging voice or gentle petting. A social dog will generally welcome and be comfortable with this type of interaction. A sociable dog is also less likely to bite. If a dog likes or seeks soft social contact from people, when the time comes for people to do something the dog doesn't like, the dog is less likely to react aggressively. Keeping that in mind, we next handle the dog's ears and feet and look at the teeth. Not only do we make observations based on health—will the dog need a dental cleaning or does she have an ear infection—but we also will

better understand how she responds to invasive handling and restraint. How will this dog respond at the groomer or vet's office? If this dog shows sensitivity to being touched or restrained, then he is not best suited for young children, whereas a dog that is not sensitive and enjoys handling will be a better fit for a home with children.

Resource Guarding

We then look at resource guarding—most people have seen this on shows on Animal Planet where the “fake” or Assess-A-Hand comes into play. Dogs may guard items that they value. Valuable items can be food, rawhide, toys and in a home can also include a spot on the couch, a dirty sock, or their owner. Resource guarding includes a wide spectrum of behaviors from eating their food at a quicker pace, becoming visibly tense, or they may punch at their food when the hand approaches to the more extreme behavior of freezing, growling, and biting. If you were to drop a plate of food on the ground, would this dog guard the food mixed in with the shattered glass (a dangerous scenario for both you and your dog)? How many times do dogs find food items on their walks outside with their owners? A scavenged chicken bone could cause serious harm to your dog's internal organs ; your dog's life is at risk if you can't take that bone away. Some dogs that guard their food may go on to guard a rawhide or other treat. Depending on the level of guarding and the size of the dog, we may recommend that the dog not go to a home with children and that they go to a home with an experienced dog owner that can manage this dog safely and train the dog to minimize the behavior.

Play Style

Once tested with food and food-type toys, we take out the lower value items such as tennis balls, rope, and squeaky toys. Does the dog fetch? What are his favorite toys? Does the dog know how to play or is he afraid of the toys? Does the dog easily engage in play with the handler or does she keep to herself and prefer to explore the smells in the room? Or does the dog prefer to stay near the handler rather than play with toys? The dog may be very polite in play by dropping the ball at

your feet or could be very physical by jumping up and snatching toys out of your hand. If you run around with the dog and he starts body slamming and nipping at your arms and legs, we would recommend that the owner keep play controlled through integrating obedience commands into play sessions. A gentle dog will be better for a home with children whereas a rough-playing dog will be best suited for older children and active adults who can channel all that energy into appropriate activities.

Confinement

The last few steps of the behavior evaluation include crating the dog. A dog that is anxious in a crate may need a baby-gated area when first brought into a new home. A dog that is vocal when crated or left alone may not be appropriate for someone who lives in an apartment or condo. We also go through some basic obedience commands to gauge what commands they know, if any. Some adopters want a dog that has some training while others are willing to work with a dog that does not know any commands.

Sociability with Dogs

Being in such a heavily dog populated area, it is also important to assess how the dog will get along with fellow canines. We have the dog meet another shelter dog to assess their level of interest. A dog that is highly social with other dogs may be a good candidate for dog park visits, which is a favorite pastime for many people in our community. Dogs that are not well socialized may be overwhelmed at a dog park or dogs that play too roughly may easily get into fights.

The Big Picture

Rarely is a dog perfect in every way and appropriate for any type of home or adopter. The behavior evaluation gives us information to help adopters make their decision and to help guide them to the dog that is the right fit for their family. Adopters want to know what commitment they are making and what issues they will need to work on when they bring a dog into their home. A successful adoption is the best outcome for the dog and for the people who will enjoy his companionship.

League Services

Emergencies in Arlington

We respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day.

Adoptions

We always have animals who need good homes. If you live in Virginia, DC, or Maryland call us about adopting a companion.

Animal Control & Cruelty Investigation

Animal control officers pick up stray dogs and respond to citizen complaints about animals in Arlington.

Community Services

The League sponsors community services that help people and animals. Visit our Web site at www.awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x 200 for information.

Lost & Found

Call (703) 931-9241 x 200 or visit our Web site at www.awla.org to report all lost and found animals. We can help find animals' owners and return lost pets home again.

Wildlife Rescue & Problems

We'll help get injured or abandoned wildlife to a licensed rehabilitator whenever possible. We'll also help you discourage wildlife from moving into your home.

Rabies Control

See the calendar on the back cover for clinic dates and times.

Speakers & Humane Education

If your neighborhood is having animal problems or problems with irresponsible animal owners, you might want a League representative to address your civic association. We also present educational programs on many topics to schools and clubs. Visit our website at www.awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x 213 for information.

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February is Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month



The League joins the House Rabbit Society (HRS) in recognizing February as Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month.

“For the right people, rabbits are wonderful indoor companions” says HRS President Kathleen Wilsbach. “They get along with many other companion animals (including gentle cats and dogs), are intelligent, affectionate and inquisitive, and can readily learn to use a litter box.”

The League always has a variety of rabbits in need of homes. We can provide all the information you need to know about how to care for these interesting creatures. And remember that rabbits are social animals, so consider adopting a pair!

Spay Day 2010

Once again this year the Animal Welfare League of Arlington will participate in Spay Day USA, the only national day of action to promote spaying and neutering of pets. Last year our partnership with the Washington Metropolitan Spay/Neuter Center and Fairfax Animal Hospital resulted in the spaying and neutering of 74 dogs and cats for just \$25 each. Your generous donations to the Hantke Memorial Spay/Neuter Fund subsidized the cost to offer low income pet owners the opportunity to get their pets neutered at this bargain price. For many people this provides their only opportunity to get their pets spayed or neutered. In addition, they can also get discounted rabies and distemper vaccinations and microchips.

Why: Perhaps no one knows better than those who work at shelters the tragedy of unwanted pets and the importance of promoting spaying and neutering. Spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for dogs and cats and a proven way to reduce the vast numbers of homeless animals. In addition to

reducing the number of homeless pets on our streets and in our shelters, spaying and neutering provides significant benefits for pets and their owners:

- Neutered pets are less likely to run away.
- Male cats will be less likely to spray, and male dogs will be less inclined to bite and get in fights with other dogs. Spaying eliminates heat cycles in female dogs and cats.
- Spaying and neutering has been shown to reduce the occurrence of certain forms of cancer.
- In addition, neutered pets tend to have better temperaments and are less likely to develop behavior problems—all of which makes for a better companion for you!

How You Can Help: Please help promote this event to those needing financial assistance and please consider donating to the Hantke Memorial Spay/Neuter Fund. Use the postage paid envelope in this newsletter to make a donation and designate this fund. Please check our Web site www.awla.org for up-to-date Spay Day 2010 plans starting in February!

Rendering of the kennel addition (does not show existing shelter)



Kids' Month

Registration Begins
February 1, 2010



Every July the League offers four summer camp sessions for children ages 6-13. Please mark your calendars now: camp registration begins February 1 and camps fill up quickly!

Registration and waitlists are usually full by the end of February so be sure to stop by the League on February 1, 2010, or visit our Web site: www.awla.org and click on Community Services and Education to learn more or to print a registration form (available February 1, 2010).

Construction on Our Dog Kennel Addition Has Begun

On December 1, 2009, we began a long-anticipated construction project to add to our dog housing space. We will be adding 10 double runs for dogs, a space for behavior evaluations, medical examination room, as well as laundry facilities and storage space. The addition will serve as dog intake and quarantine area so that all dogs in our main kennel will be those currently available for adoption.

The first step was demolition of three storage sheds at the back of the shelter property. We expect building to take six to nine months. During this time we ask our supporters and visitors to “pardon our dust.” You can follow the progress of construction on our Web site at www.awla.org/construction.shtml.

Healthy Pet Fund Success: Tequila



Tequila, adopted in June 2009.

Although Tequila was tiny, she wasn't tiny enough to escape the landlord's notice. Her family brought her to the shelter because they had moved to an apartment that didn't allow pets. Chihuahuas are popular dogs in urban areas, but we found a significant problem in Tequila's health exam. She tested positive for heartworm disease.

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition caused by parasitic worms living in the arteries of the lungs and occasionally in the right side of the heart of dogs, cats, and other species of mammals. Dogs

and cats of any age or breed are susceptible to infection. Heartworm is spread by mosquitos that bite an infected animal and then bite another animal, and the infective larvae enter through the bite wound. Options for preventing heartworm infection in both dogs and cats include daily and monthly tablets and chewables, monthly topical, and a six-month injectable product available only for dogs. Prevention is safe, easy, and inexpensive. (Visit www.heartwormsociety.org for more information.)

Treatment for heartworm disease can be expensive and is not always successful depending on the severity of the disease. Because of the League's Woody and Mickey Healthy

Pet Fund, we can treat shelter animals for medical needs that go beyond routine treatment. Tequila was a good candidate for treatment because her disease was not very advanced and she was only five years old. We sent her to a local veterinarian for treatment and then to a foster home for recovery. After treatment exercise should be limited to leash walking for two months.

Because prevention is so easy and treatment both expensive and hard on the animal, all dogs in our area should be on a heartworm preventative medication year round. Ask your veterinarian about this lifesaving medicine.

After spending two months in her foster home, Tequila returned to the shelter and was adopted quickly. Her new family reports that she is healthy and happy. Because of \$1,150 provided by the Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund, Tequila can enjoy a long life. Please help other shelter pets overcome treatable medical problems by donating generously to this fund (see the attached postage paid envelope).

Baby-Ready Pets



Every year, thousands of animals are turned into shelters by parents concerned about how their pet may affect the health and safety of their new baby. Any pet can have undesirable, although natural reactions to a new baby. New sounds, smells, and activities surrounding an infant may cause a pet to see the baby as competition, prey, or even a toy. Since March 2009, the League has offered a class to help parents with pets prepare for a new baby. The class

will be offered once a month in 2010.

Baby-Ready Pets is based on a program created by the Providence Animal Rescue League and the Rhode Island SPCA, and has been endorsed by the ASPCA. The Animal Welfare League of Arlington's staff present Baby-Ready Pets to expectant parents in two-hour workshops at the League. After the program, participants may call or e-mail follow-up questions if they need additional support. Participants will also receive helpful handouts and a CD of baby sounds to help desensitize their pets to the sounds of the new arrival.

From March to November 2009, League staff has presented the program to 89 expectant parents. Here are a few attendees' remarks on class evaluation forms: "DOING A GREAT JOB- staff defi-

nately cares about the welfare of the animals."

"Very good examples- there were so many things I had not thought of."

"Very informative; highly recommend to others."

"Worthwhile class-wish I had taken it earlier."

"I would recommend this to all expecting women."

"Excellent, very good reinforcement of things to do for my pet now."

"VERY necessary- Great class!!"

There is no fee for the class, but donations are welcome: they help the League continue to offer this program and many other wonderful programs to the community. To see the class schedule, please visit our Web site at: www.awla.org/events.shtml. Classes are taught at the League. Reservations are required and space is limited. To make a reservation or for more information, please contact Jennifer Newman at jnewman@awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x213.

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Catsino Night and Silent Auction 2009



Catsino Night guests enjoying playing blackjack. Photo by Mark Van Bergh Photography.

This year's Catsino Night was our most successful ever, raising \$58,000 in support of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. More than 200 animal lovers enjoyed an elegant evening at the Historic Lobby A at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on November 7 for the League's annual fall fundraiser, Catsino Night and Silent Auction.

The glamorous, 1940s era art deco atmosphere of the Historic Lobby A was the perfect backdrop for an evening of live music, dancing, casino-

style gaming, and competitive silent auctions. The Bobcats jazz combo entertained while guests tried their luck at the roulette wheel, black jack, craps, and Texas Hold-Em poker.

"This year's Catsino Night was another huge success," said Joanne Del-Toro, President of the League's Board of Directors. "Our friends enjoyed dressing up to support the Animal Welfare League of Arlington for a change. Everyone who attended or donated to the evening has made an important contribution to helping animals."

Guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres from Lebanese Taverna and had a choice of wine, beer, soft drinks, or a martini bar. The silent auction drew enthusiastic bidding on 107 items donated by individuals and businesses in the community including an introductory flight on a Cessna plane, a weekend at a bed and breakfast in Vermont, and Nationals baseball tickets. Our biggest seller of the evening was a homemade dinner delivered to your home donated by former Board President Jean Crawford.

Money raised from ticket sales and silent auction proceeds was significantly supported by the generous sponsorship of several local businesses including Lebanese Taverna, Pro Feed, Inc, and Your Dog's Best Friends. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for making Catsino Night and Silent Auction a tremendous success. All proceeds from the event will help the League protect animals and educate people in our community about animal welfare.

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The League thanks the following people and businesses who donated so generously to our silent auction.

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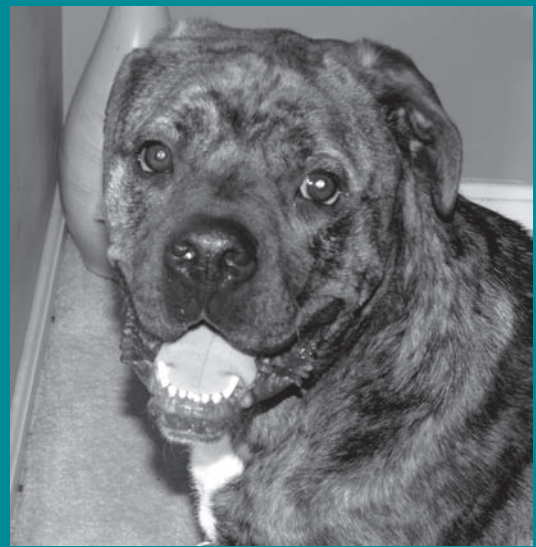


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