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[Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio, Inc.](#) (AHDRO) was formed in December of 2003. Our mission is:

-  to provide homeless collies, shelties and other family friendly dogs a safe haven where they will receive medical care, nutrition and love until an approved home is found
-  to reduce the number of unwanted pets by altering all dogs in our rehoming program
-  to educate the public about the importance of altering pets
-  and to explain that owning a pet is a lifelong commitment.

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#### Why We Do What We Do

Featured dog - Max



His first 7 years of life were not happy ones. He was pulled, along with another dog, from a home in Kentucky because they were no longer wanted. They were found covered in feces, chained in the yard with heavy chain, dirty water and food just thrown on the ground along with the filth.

His coat was so matted that he had to be completely shaved. He could hardly walk his coat was so bad! Max was brought to Ohio and treated for a skin infection.

Even with such a rough start, Max is incredibly sweet and gentle. He has made a full recovery and was adopted by the Meyers family, who has renamed him Scout. He has two new sisters - Missy & Dutchess. He

couldn't have found better pet-parents!

For more stories, visit Almost Home's [Before and After Gallery](#).



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**Dear Golfers, Sponsors and Donation participants, and Volunteers**

As a result of your generosity, AHDRO's 2nd annual Pars FORE Pets Golf Outing was an incredible success! We were able to obtain donations that we so desperately need for our quest in saving dogs from abuse and neglect, and for helping senior and handicapped dogs live out their lives in loving and safe homes. On behalf of all of us at Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio, we sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts and look forward to our third Annual Golf Outing in 2013.

Have fun looking at the pictures from the outing shown below!



For more images, please see [our Flickr stream](#).

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## Don't Let Them Dig! - A Story of Blastomycosis

By Suzanne F. Smith

It was only a few days before my Bravo Boy was to attend his training class at Petsmart when I noticed something was terribly wrong. Our Bravo Boy, then a six-month-old Chesapeake Bay Retriever, was usually full of energy and bouncy and devoured his puppy chow. But for some reason he was not eating, had developed a "gaggy" cough, and just seemed depressed.



So right away we went to the vet who treated with antibiotics. But by the second antibiotic, Bravo could not take the pills so he was given an antibiotic shot. After a couple of days he still had a fever over 103.5 degrees, a cough, wouldn't eat, and had lost five pounds. After chest x-rays, a blood test and urine test Bravo Boy was diagnosed with BLASTOMYCOSIS, a fungal infection in the lungs.



How do dogs get this illness?

By sniffing and following a scent or digging in dirt or decaying wood they release spores into the air which they inhale-the fungus then grows in their lungs.

[Read the full story...](#)

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## Selecting A Rescue Dog For Performance Events

By Chris Tresch

Chris (curly hair) with Scout and friends after he got Scott got his 60,000 point title FDGCH 60k (Flyball Grand Champion in 60k). Rescue dog Scout is 11-12 years old in this picture.

Have you ever wondered what the considerations are when selecting and developing a rescue dog for performance events?

Not surprisingly, it involves many factors. First and foremost to consider is your goal for the dog; do you want to get a MACH (Masters Agility Champion) title? A UD (Utility Dog) title? To reach a FDGCH (Flyball Grand Champion) title? Or, do you just want to show the dog casually? Is the journey more important or is the result more important? Any of these goals are good, and all of the goals are possible with the right dog, the right training and the right trainer/owner with the right commitment.



You need to think long and hard about your goals before you begin your search for a dog. You also need to determine your own personality - are you laid back and patient, or are you high energy, driven and in a big hurry for a result? Again, nothing is wrong

with either personality type, but you need to honestly assess your goals, your personality and your commitment.

[Read Chris' article on our website](#) for points to consider.

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### **CPR Guidelines for Cats and Dogs ReleasedS**

Veterinary researchers from the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell have published new "evidence-based guidelines" for resuscitating dogs and cats with stopped hearts. Shown are the basics from an [International Business Times article](#).

University of Pennsylvania researcher Manuel Boller and his colleagues looked at decades of peer-reviewed data and determined that the proper rate for chest compressions on dogs and cats is between 100 and 120 per minute. That's the same rhythm recommended for humans. It also happens to align to the 103-bpm Bee Gees classic disco hit "Stayin' Alive," which studies have shown aids medical students in performing chest compressions.



For most dogs, chest compressions can be performed on the widest part of the chest while the animal's lying on its side. But in some breeds like greyhounds with more keel-shaped chests, the guidelines recommend pushing down closer to the dog's armpit, directly over the heart. Barrel-chested dogs like English bulldogs can be laid on their back and compressed on the sternum, like people.

Smaller cats and dogs can either be chest-compressed with one hand wrapped around the sternum, encircling the heart or two-handed on the ribs.

To read more: <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/350771/20120611/cpr-pet-guidelines-cat-dog-chest-compressions.htm>

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### **Pet Insurance - Help or Hype?**

By Robert Piehl

Working collie Daisy with broken radius and ulna. Repairing her leg ended up taking three surgeries. How would pet insurance have helped the owners with the costs?

For the purposes of this brief report on Pet Insurance, I've looked at the programs offered by ASPCA Pet Health Insurance, 24 PetWatch QuickCare, VPI and Trupanion. The first three companies control close to 90% of the pet insurance market while Trupanion is a newcomer.



In a survey by the Associated Press and Petside, the majority of pet owners tend to set the limit at \$500 for pet medical expenses and as the costs rise, the number of pet owners willing/able to pay goes down rapidly. In 2010 it was estimated that 3% of

dogs and 1% of cats were covered by some type of pet insurance to help with medical and surgical expenses. The premiums for these policies range from just under \$10 to over \$90 per month. These premiums vary by where you live, your pet's breed and age, the deductible you've chosen and the type and extent of coverage selected. I was not able to find a figure for the number of pets that undergo "economic euthanasia" do to the owner's inability to pay veterinary costs.

Help or Hype? [Read more for a breakdown of expenses](#) to find out.

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## **Pet Tidbits**

By Cheryl Bricker

### **Can Dogs Sniff Cancer?**

It is proven that dogs can sniff cancer through either human stool samples or human breathe. Cancer patients have a particular smell due to the odor of cancer tumor cells. And even though modern medical science is trying to duplicate this process of nature, it appears that their high tech machines are about 60% accurate in detecting cancer at a cost of about \$500 a test. Dogs are 98% accurate and appreciate a biscuit and pat on the head.

Source: [www.naturalnews.com](http://www.naturalnews.com)

### **Are Human and Pet Personalities Similar?**

Preference owning dogs or cats may just be based on one's own human personality similarities according to a web based study by Sam Gosling, University of Texas. For example, in the wild, cats are solitary animals and hunt at night. Even domesticated cats seem to be invisible during the day and often do not emerge until the evening or when they are being fed. They'll play, but it is limited after a few minutes. Studies show some similarities with cat owners who are one third more likely to live alone and twice as likely to live in an apartment or flat. Their owners are more introverted, self-contained and less social. They tend to be a little more bashful, shy, unaggressive and modest. Yet, they are straightforward and are known as good sports.

On the other hand wild dogs are pack animals that work in groups and are active during the day. More domesticated dogs retain this quality depending on human interaction. They want to be around humans and seem to be quite unhappy if they are not. They are willing to play for literally hours. Their owners appeared to be married, live in a house and have children. Dog owners are more social, interactive and accepting.

Source: *Psychology Today/Canine Corner/Dr. Stanley Coren*

### **Are Dogs' Whiskers Useful?**

Whiskers, technically called vibrissae, are basically feelers that assist dogs in navigating through their world. Dr. Stanley Coren, Ph.D., *Psychology Today*, says at the base of each vibrissae is a high concentration of touch sensitive neurons. You can actually map each individual vibrissa to a specific touch sensitive location of the brain. Most animals use their vibrissae in much the same way a blind person uses a cane.

There are tiny muscles surrounding the vibrissae that move them forward when a dog approaches an object. Whisking the surface gives the dog information about the roughness and shape of the object. This is helpful because dogs cannot focus well on close objects and their muzzle tends to limit their vision.

Clipping vibrissae is uncomfortable and stressful for dogs and reduces their ability to fully perceive their close surroundings. Although there may be show dogs that have them trimmed occasionally for cosmetic reasons in the ring, be sure your groomer leaves the whiskers alone. I know for a fact I don't want anyone messing with my

sensitive neurons!

And just a side note: A cat has a total of 24 whiskers, 4 rows of whiskers on each side. The upper two rows can move independently of the bottom two rows.

Source: *Psychology Today/Canine Corner/Dr. Stanley Coren*

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## Events

### Mark your calendar for AHDRO's 7th Annual Reunion!

**When:** *Saturday, October 12*

**Time:** 11 am to 3 pm

**Location:** Companion Dog Park

6303 Home Rd.

Delaware, OH 43015

[www.columbusdogpark.com](http://www.columbusdogpark.com)

**Cost:** \$5 per person



The Pitabilities Food Truck will be at the park from 12 noon to 2 pm. You may purchase your food from Pitabilities or you can bring your own picnic lunch. Pitas will be \$6 and sides are \$2. They also have coke products. Water will be provided. You can find out more about them at [www.pitabilities.com](http://www.pitabilities.com).

Please RSVP to Sara Tobin, [tobinsara@aol.com](mailto:tobinsara@aol.com).

## River Jam

*October 20, 2012*

OSU Football season is here and Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio has been invited to work RiverJam (Lane Ave, Columbus, OH) again this year. We have been offered the Purdue game on 10/20. There will be two to three 5 hour shifts to choose from; however, the game start time is still TBD so we don't have the times yet.

We have to fill our volunteer spots because this is the only game we get this year. We need a minimum of 45 confirmed volunteers per shift in order to participate.

This is an opportunity to have fun with your AHDRO friends while we make a guaranteed minimum of \$3,000 for the rescue! Plus we get 100% of the tips!! They will be advertising us being there, have an interview with a rescue member and the band will give us a shout out every hour to encourage people to tip us.

There will be beer stations (a draft truck and multiple cans only stations) as well as people needed to check id's and sell drink tickets. There is only one size of draft beer offered and all kinds (draft and cans) are 1 ticket per beer.

Some rules for the day are:

- Must be 21 years or older to volunteer for this event.
- Have fun and encourage people to tip - explain that 100% of it goes to the rescue and that this money will be used to save and rehabilitate dogs. The management company will provide water, hot dogs and chips during each shift. There is always a band that is fun and they put on a great show! It will be an awesome time! The game is also broadcast on huge screens, so you don't miss the action while you work your shift.

Reach out to your friends, family and neighbors to come help with RiverJam. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a lot of money for our dogs in a little time, while having fun and supporting the Bucks! We don't want to have to turn down the opportunity. Remember ... we don't have the shifts yet, but mark off the whole day (10/20) on your calendars for now and you can choose the shift as soon as the game time is announced!

Please send your RSVP to work a shift to [ppittman2@ymail.com](mailto:ppittman2@ymail.com) now so we can begin our count.

GO BUCKS!

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### Share Your Love - Fosters Needed

We can only rescue as many dogs as we can foster. With the economy the way it is, more people are surrendering and abandoning their dogs and shelters are getting filled, forcing them to euthanize more dogs.

Help us save dogs from high-kill shelters, take care of more surrendered and abandoned dogs and fulfill our vision of making life better for dogs.

If you are able to foster, please contact Carol Mondillo at [cmondillo@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cmondillo@columbus.rr.com).

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### Bark Back

If you'd like to see your story or pictures of your adopted or fostered Almost Home dog in a newsletter, please send your information to me. If you have ideas for stories, or suggestions of things you'd like to see here, please let me know. This newsletter is for you.

Please share our updates with your friends, coworkers and family ... perhaps they'll decide to join us!

Thank you,

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