



# Holistic Behavior Solutions, LLC

## Natural News

### IN THE NEWS...

#### LARGE SCALE PUPPY MILL BUSTS...

In the past few months there have been some of the largest puppy mill busts in U.S. History.

On February 6th, 283 dogs were rescued from Thornton Kennels in Mount Olive, NC.

On February 11th, 275 dogs were removed from a home in Sparta, TN. All of the dogs were small breeds including Boston Terriers, Jack Russell Terriers, Pomeranians, Shih Tzus, Chihuahuas, poodles, miniature Pinschers, and Schnauzers.

On March 24th, 330 dogs including a one-day old puppy were rescued from a property in Paris, AR.

On March 28th, 400 American Eskimo Dogs were seized from a private home in Kennewick, Washington. These dogs were being kept in wooden boxes, shopping carts and other makeshift crates caked in feces and urine. The dogs suffered from malnutrition, urine burns and overgrown nails.



On May 1st, 150 puppies were saved from a home in Elm Mott, TX. These puppies were found two to three in rabbit hutches with moldy food. A barrel of dead puppies was also found on the property.

On August 11th, more than 500 dogs were rescued from a puppy mill in Kaufman County, TX. Many of the dogs are severely matted and suffering from chronic infected wounds, internal and external parasites and serious skin and eye infections.

These are just a few cases that have been in the news this year. Please visit your local animal shelter or breed rescue group instead of supporting the puppy mill industry & check out [www.njcapssa.org](http://www.njcapssa.org) for more local info on puppy mills.

He will need someone who has experience with strong-minded dogs so he will know his place in the household and not get too pushy! At his size and weight, this is essential, even for a pussycat like Alfred.

Alfred is well trained and is completely house broken. He has been a star pupil in many obedience classes.

Alfred's adoption will be limited to the New Jersey, Southeastern PA, Delaware and Maryland area. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING, PLEASE COMPLETE AN APPLICATION! For an application, please visit <https://www.heavensentbulldogrescue.com/application.html>. Feel free to email us to let us know if you're interested in a specific dog AFTER you have completed an application. [hsrescue@aol.com](mailto:hsrescue@aol.com).



### FEATURED DOG AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

Alfred is a 3 year old male OLDE ENGLISH BULLDOGGE who is absolutely loveable. He is very energetic and loves to play outside and run after his all time favorite "Jolly Ball". Watch out when he comes a runnin, weighing in at around 83lbs he can really build up some speed - he can be a canine cannonball! Alfred totally loves the beach but is not so sure about the waves. He is a great snuggler and will kiss you to death if you let him. He loves to go for car rides too.

Alfred loves a good belly rub and a vigorous scratch along his oh-so-soft neck. He will even tolerate a nice warm bath as long as he knows the blow dryer is coming next. For a tough but handsome guy, he loves to be pampered. Alfred is looking for a SPECIAL FUR-EVER and quiet home where he can be the only dog and where he doesn't have to share the spotlight much with children or a lot of people generally. He is a very fun and energetic guy and will give his unconditional love and plenty of kisses if you are looking for a good canine companion.

### YOUNG LIVING ESSENTIAL OIL OF THE MONTH

Purification is a blend of citronella, lemongrass, rosemary, melaleuca, lavender and myrtle.

This blend is known for it's detoxifying properties. I like to put a few drops on a cotton ball and rub it in the vents in my car especially after the dogs have been for a ride and then I put the air on. This blend is the base to my tick/flea/mosquito repellent spray. I put about 20 drops in a 1 oz glass bottle of distilled water with lavender, lemongrass and eucalyptus or peppermint. I use this in lieu of heartworm preventative and frontline. I prefer to spray the dogs once a day during a heavy season or a couple times a week instead of using toxic pesticides and chemicals. Did you know that heart worm preventative has the same dangerous ingredients as heartworm treatment? To order go to [www.youngliving.us](http://www.youngliving.us)

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# Training Corner

## Teaching your dog to walk nicely on leash!

It is really easy to get your dog to walk on a loose leash and now's the best time to start! I love this time of year when it is still light when I get home and I can get a couple dogs out for a walk and enjoy relaxing hikes on the weekends.

Walking with your dog is not only good for your dog's health but it's good for you too! A nice morning or evening stroll is a great way to bond with your dog, get your exercise and allow your dog to follow some fabulous scent trails along the way.

Why do dogs pull? Opposition reflex is what causes dogs to pull against what is pulling on them. They begin to walk ahead of you pulling on the leash...you pull back and they pull harder and so on. It would be great if everyone had the opportunity to train loose-leash walking when their dogs are small puppies willing to go with you everywhere...but many of us get our dogs as adults with a long history of pulling. It is more difficult to turn the dog's behavior around as an adult, but nothing is impossible. It may just take a little more time, patience and persistence on your part.

Start by taking your dog outside. As soon as he begins to pull...stop and plant your feet in the ground. Wait for the dog to look back at you as if to recognize that you are still there (don't say his name or encourage him in any way...just wait for him to remember that you are still there), then say "let's go" and turn in the opposite direction. When the dog begins to follow you and is close by your side...click your clicker and give a tasty treat. The timing of the click is very important. You don't want to click for the dog darting passed you. Your dog will no doubt begin to walk a head of you and begin to pull again. Repeat the above steps over and over again. The dog will soon realize that nothing good happens when the leash is tight and pulling on his neck, but great things like praise and treats happen when the dog is close by your side. It may take you a 1/2 hour or longer to be able to walk down your driveway because you will be stopping and turning, but this repetition will pay off. Once your dog is walking on a loose leash down the driveway start on the road...but don't expect miracles because now you are adding new smells and more distractions, so give yourself a short distance to work in and repeat the above. Slowly increase the distance you walk until you are walking your normal route without the dog pulling on the leash. I highly recommend using a harness on the dog in the beginning especially for small dogs and Brachycephalic breeds. I do not promote the use of choke chains or prong collars. Both of these types of collars can cause damage to the dog's throat & trachea as well as evoke aggressive and/or fearful behaviors in your dog. I am also not a big fan of head halties or gentle leaders. I don't think these give the dog the ability to explore it's environment during the walk and let's be honest the walk is supposed to be as enjoyable for the dog as it is for you, right? How would you like a contraption around your face constantly pulling you to one side. Its also not good for dogs who are reactive towards other dogs or those that are timid as it doesn't allow the dog to perform it's normal body language, but instead forces the dog to look away from what might be frightening it creating more fear and anxiety. Enjoy your walk!!!

## Too many vaccines?

How many of you are still vaccinating your dogs every year for distemper/parvo/Lyme/bordetella/etc.? It is thought that the average dog's immunity is high enough after one adult vaccine to protect the dog for up to 7 years. So why do veterinarians convince their patients to vaccinate every year? Is it for the money or is it simply what they were taught in veterinary school??? Many people who are paying close attention have come to the conclusions that over vaccinating your pet can lead to auto-immune disorders including cancer. Cats are very susceptible to sarcomas at the vaccine site. All puppies and kittens should receive their initial vaccines and I recommend the first year booster. If you are stuck on vaccinating your dog for whatever reason try to space it out to every 3 years and don't give all vaccines at once. Its too much assault on the immune system. Most veterinarians are willing to work with you on a three year plan. You might also pick up the homeopathic remedy called Thuja to help lessen the potential side-effects of the vaccine called vaccinosis.

What about Rabies? How do you get around vaccinating your dog every one to three years for a vaccine that is required by law? Many people try and many fail and ultimately have to give in and get their dog vaccinated, but at what risk. Did you know that the same dose of vaccine is given to a Pomeranian as a Great Dane? Does that make sense?

Please visit the Rabies Challenge Fund at [www.rabieschallengefund.org](http://www.rabieschallengefund.org), explore the website, read the info and listen to the Dog Talk Radio Show #122 at the top of the home page. You may be very surprised by what you learn. Dr. Jean Dodd of Hemopet and Dr. Ronald Schultz, Chairman of Pathobiology at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine have begun this grass-roots organization in an attempt to extend the length of time between vaccinations.

## Recommended Book Of the Month

*A Rare Breed of Love* by Jana Kohl, Psy.D.

This book is a true story about a 9 year old Poodle named Baby who was rescued from a life as a breeding dog in a commercial puppy mill. This dog becomes quite popular getting her picture taken with then Senator Obama, John Walsh, Judge Judy, Montel Williams, NY Mets, and many other celebrities. This is an inspirational story that should be read by anyone who has ever bought a puppy, rescued a dog or is considering one or the other. I guarantee that after you read this book you will never again buy a puppy from a pet store, internet or newspaper ad. It is a heartwarming story with a happy ending!

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