



## Dogs can play well together

Next door to us is a family who just moved in and a dog about the size of our dog. Is it a good idea to allow the dogs to play?

Yes, but first find out if both dogs like each other if you don't know this already. Dogs are pack animals and enjoy the companionship of each other.

Since my husband Tom and I moved into our new condo in October, Bristol has a terrific new friend, Ralph. Ralph is a year old and a beautiful Golden Retriever/Lab mix. Bristol is 10 1/2 years old and has turned into a puppy again. They run, play with toys, and chew sticks together in the woods behind the house. Tag or war is a great game as well as teasing each other with a stick or toy.

The benefits for both dogs are great as well as for us. They wear each other out. They eat and sleep very well after about 45 minutes to an hour of play.

We have a dog the size of a cocker spaniel. She is 10 months old and has never had a bed of her own. Is getting a dog its own bed a good idea? Also, what size of bed is appropriate?

A dog needs to have a place to call his own to sleep or watch the family. Bristol has two beds: one beside our bed and his other bed where he can keep an eye on us. Another benefit of a dog having her own bed is to contain the hair. When I wash and dry Bristol's outer bedcovers about every two weeks, you should see the hair in the lint

catcher of the dryer. This is less hair on the carpet and sides of furniture.

Any type bed you choose should give your dog enough space to turn around in, without being so large that you lose the security and nesting qualities your dog craves. Measure the length of your pet while he is lying down and add 9 inches to 12 inches for the size you need.

**Dog license time!** Don't forget it's dog license time! It's very important that our dogs are licensed. They need this identification in case of loss or injury. Of course we hope this never happens to our beloved friends. You have from now until May 31. Otherwise, you are charged a \$30 delinquent fee compared to a \$7.50 licensing fee for spayed or neutered dogs. Senior citizens pay \$6.75. Unspayed or neutered dogs are \$15; \$13.50 for senior citizens.

You may apply at our local city hall or veterinarian. If you are new to the area or have a new dog six months or older, you may call 248-391-4102. You must have a current rabies vaccination certificate for your dog in order to get a license.

In accordance with Michigan law, all dogs must be licensed at six months of age or older.

**Bev Cornell is a wildlife rehabilitator and former veterinary aide. She will answer your pet questions at Ask Bristol, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.**

## Tickets to Oprah, Pistons and more at Mercy

A Harley Davidson motorcycle, Corvette lease, and tickets and transportation to the Oprah Winfrey show in Chicago are just a few of the offerings to be had at the 19th annual auction at Mercy High School.

Mercy and Me is the theme of Auction '98, one of the school's largest fund-raising events to be held Saturday, Feb. 28, on the campus at Eleven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

The auction is open to everyone. Tickets are \$75 a person and include a strolling buffet, open bar and afterglow party which includes desserts and coffee. The Mercyaires and Mercy Mimes will provide live entertainment, as well as select members of the Mercy orchestra.

Funds raised will help offset the difference between tuition and the actual cost of providing education. This year's event is dedicated to Sister Constance Banke, RSM, who died last summer. She was a teacher, registrar and computer consultant who lent her expertise to the annual auction for many years.

Other items up for bid include a large screen television, pool table, Henredon home office station and chair, seaside condo in Jamaica, tickets to Red Wings hockey, Pistons basketball and University of Michigan football. There's also Red Wings' Steve Yzerman and Brendan Shanahan jerseys, a Grant Hill autographed basketball, Stanley Cup memorabilia, a day on the televi-



Items galore: Auction workers, from left, Melissa Adams, Pat Bober, Patti Law, Carrie, Al and Judy Brankiewicz, auction co-chairs, with many of the goods to be auctioned on Feb. 28 at the Farmington Hills high school.

sion set with newscasters Steve Gargioli (channel 4) and Mike Holfield (channel 7), an autographed Seinfeld script, theme baskets, needlepoint, crystal, jewelry, and weekend trips. Co-chairs are Judy and Al Brankiewicz, parents of Carrie, class of 2000, and Nancy and Ed Moeller, parents of Kristen '93, Lindsey '96 and Leah '98. The auction steering committee

includes Gregory and Denise Even, James and Ann Miller, and Joe and Mary Lou Nowak. Committee members include parents, staff, alumnae and friends of Mercy who reside through the Detroit area. This year's goal is \$100,000.

The evening will begin with a liturgy at 4 p.m. in the Mercy chapel. Silent theme auctions start at 6 p.m. and will close at

set intervals through the evening. Master of Ceremonies will be Steve Gargioli of WDIV/channel 4 (dad of Katie, '99) and Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Galleries will serve as live auctioneer.

To donate an item or for reservation information, call Marilyn Corbett in the office of special events at 248-476-8020, ext. 253.

## Big band sound on tap

Do you remember when music was the essence of the evening? When people danced to tunes by Duke Ellington, Count Basie or Dizzy Gillespie?

Travel back to those swinging days as the Stevenson High School Jazz Band helps celebrate Botsford at ElderMed's 10th anniversary year on Saturday, Feb. 28. The concert features 22 instrumentalists and two vocalists performing tunes such as "Satin Doll," "Jumpin' at the

Woodside," and "Salt Peanuts." The concert begins at 1 p.m. at Botsford Hospital's Zieger community room, 28050 Grand River, in Farmington Hills.

The fee is \$6 for ElderMed members and \$7 for non-members. The price includes dessert and beverages. Pre-registration and prepayment are required by Tuesday, Feb. 24. For more information or to register, call 471-8020.

## OWL hosts speaker on "women in the military"

Farmington Hills resident Ann Whitworth will speak on "Women in the Military" when the Farmington chapter OWL (Older Womens League) meets Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in the Farmington Library on Liberty Street. All are invited.

As a teenager living in Scotland during World War Two, Ann was drafted into the Women's Army and served for 3 1/2 years, two years in active duty in southeastern England, plotting enemy aircraft via radar coming from occupied Europe to bomb London and other targets, and after the war ended, stationed at another location.



Ann Whitworth in WWII

## Seminar on reupholstery to feature an interior designer

If your favorite chair or sofa is outlasting its upholstery, circle March 3 on your calendar.

That's the day the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center is sponsoring a reupholstery seminar. It will answer the questions of whether to reupholster or slipcover, or just buy a new replacement.

Interior designer Thomas Grabowski of Hudson's Northland Interior Design Studio will discuss styles and fabrics. Bring a photo of your "problem" chair or sofa for an evaluation.

The seminar is scheduled for

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 3 and costs \$2. Call 473-1830 to pre-register.



Best pals: Ralph and Bristol bite a stick together. They've become great friends since last October.

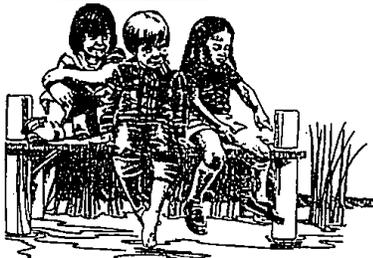
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