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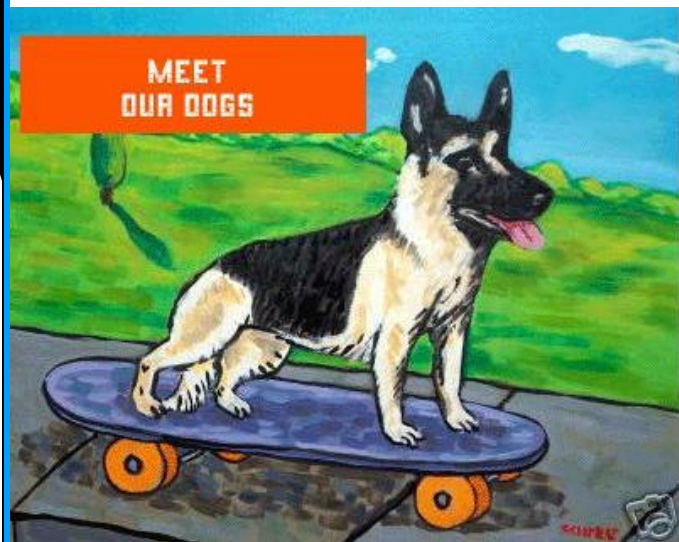
*Newsletter of Dogs2ndChance.org*



## August adoption events

**August 7th**  
Hollywood Feed in Oakland, TN  
11am—2pm

**August 21st**  
Petco Poplar @ Highland  
Memphis  
11am—2pm



Can I come home  
with You?



## What is Dog's 2nd Chance

Dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance is a non-profit dog foster group that was founded in the fall of 2007. We are a group of VOLUNTEERS that saw the need to help medium and large mixed breed dogs find permanent loving homes. We have evolved to help any size mixed or pure breed dogs. We are NOT a shelter as all our dogs are fostered in our homes and become a temporary active member of our family. We chose this approach in order to socialize them, have them become accustomed to life in a family setting and to make them more adoptable. The majority of our dogs in our program were abandoned, dumped or found running stray. We attempt to reunite lost dogs with their owners by placing ads in local newspapers and online classified ads. Additionally, we intercede in the rescue of dogs from high kill shelters as space allows.

All our adoptable dogs are brought up to date on vaccinations; are heartworm tested and treated, if necessary; receive urgent and routine medical care; are spayed or neutered; and receive a clean of bill health prior to being adopted. They receive monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventative while in their foster homes so that when their forever families adopt them, they will be healthy and ready to be happy.

We attempt to educate the public on the dangers of overpopulation, heartworm disease and dog fighting in our area. We feel that we do the animal and the new owner a valuable service by ensuring that the new pet will not unexpectedly add babies to the family. Heartworms slowly kill a very large portion of the population of dogs in our area. By promoting the use of preventatives; we help ensure the future health of the pet. Unfortunately, dog fighting is a very real problem and we work closely with the Pit Bull rescue groups in our area to eradicate this practice. Dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance feels very strongly that abandonment is a very serious form of cruelty. We utilize every chance to educate the public about the cruelty of leaving a pet to fend for themselves, which usually results in the slow death of starvation or being hit by a vehicle.

Dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance promotes the principles of responsible pet ownership by spaying and neutering all of our rescued dogs, maintaining good vaccination and health records, prevention of heartworms and encouraging the families to make their new pet a loved member of the home.

Dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance relies on the generosity of the public and minimal adoption fees. We raise additional funds by conducting yard and bake sales, selling T-shirts, crafts and jewelry and holding fund raising events such as our Annual Barktober Fest. We will continue to increase these fundraising efforts limited only by the creativity and availability of our Volunteers.

Dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance will apply for foundation and government grants to assist financially with the spaying and neutering of companion and feral animals; to implement a proactive vaccine program in local shelters that do not have such a program due to lack of funding and to train dogs and handlers to visit schools

Dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance

promoting the proper way to treat and coexist with animals at a very early age. Educating the children will be educating the parents and hopefully investing in the future of all animals. We

will also apply for grants to implement a low cost companion animal identification program such as microchips. We would also like to become involved with the program that utilizes juvenile offenders or minimum security prisoners to train our rescued dogs. This program not only helps to make the dogs more adoptable, but it creates a bond that some of the offenders may not have experienced.

Dogs 2nd Chance's future vision includes an educated public, healthy, happy companion animals, shelters that are empty and animals being euthanized only for medical reasons.

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## A Note from Linda

Hello all,  
It has been a pleasure working together to save the animals.

Just want to let you all know I am slowing down to spend much needed time with my husband and to take a much needed break.

There are several people in the Dogs 2nd Chance organization that will be handling various duties I have been performing.

Dogs 2nd Chance is also in the process of downsizing. We have been operating too long, overcrowded and over budget. Heartworm treatments are very expensive and there does not seem to be any help out there. We currently have 7 dogs currently needing treatment, with no money or foster homes for them. We have several other dogs needing fund raisers for their medical expenses.

Dogs 2nd Chance has been good about taking in dogs no one else wanted. That is the reason I started the rescue was to help the ones no one else, or other rescue wanted. But we have been bit in the butt and taken advantage of, with this attitude. We have several dogs now that we took in to help someone willing to foster, but could not afford treatment. We still have these dogs a year later with no participation from the "foster" to help the dog become more adoptable. We have picked up strays people begged us to not let go to the shelter. These people were willing to cover all the medical expenses, but months later, no donation to pay the bill.

I know this is with all rescues, BUT we have a very small handful of dedicated fosters willing to hang in there through it all. We are all tired and very close to burn out. So to save more dogs in the long run, we need to keep our numbers small and manageable.

So please refrain from sending requests to help more dogs. We can not help. We have as many dogs not posted as posted either due to lack of time to sit down and post, lack good pictures/ descriptions or health issues.

Thank you all it has been a pleasure.

If you would like to help take some of the pressure off our few volunteers, please volunteer to help with various duties.

Making flyers and posting events is needed

Updating our website and **social networks** is greatly needed.

FOSTERING for the duration is needed.

Helping at events of course. this list goes on forever.

["http://www.dogs2ndchance.org/volunteer"](http://www.dogs2ndchance.org/volunteer)

thank you to those who help!!

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## *Please Help!*

As you read the letter from Linda, Dogs2ndChance is in great need of help. Yes, we are begging! We need money to pay the bill, we need fosters to care for the dogs, we need volunteers to help at the events.

In Plain out words WE NEED YOU!

Can you donate a few dollars? Any amount will be helpful and most appreciated.

Can you care for a dog, even for a short

time?

Can you give a few hours of a Saturday for an event?

Can you help to organize some fund raising event?

Any way you can help will be appreciated.

*Barbara Jean*

*Yes I am crying! What will happen to me if you don't help?*



# *DOG OF THE MONTH*

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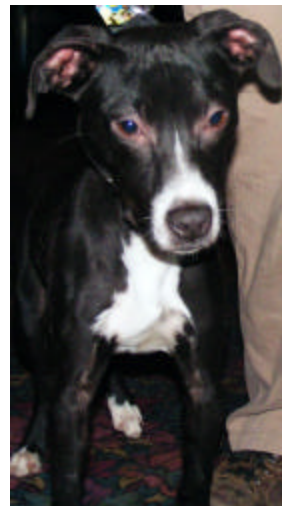
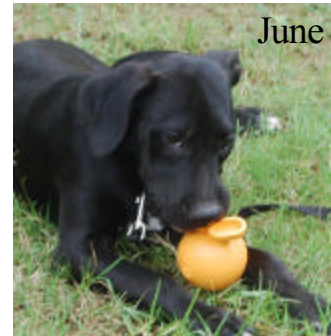
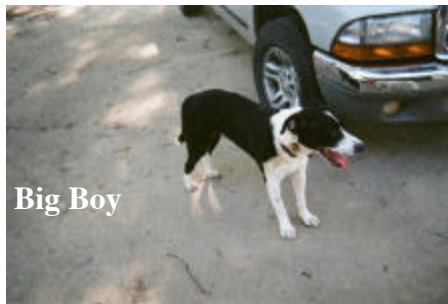


I sure love my tummy scratched. And I will sit quietly at your feet if you want to scratch my head. I get along with other dogs, but have yet to be introduced to cats. I love children of all ages and ride very quietly in the car (I sleep). I am black and white with very attractive markings - if I do say so myself. It is interesting that the black spot on my back has short, wavy hair which makes me all the more attractive. I love people and other dogs - oh, and children too. Would you consider giving me a forever home? I would love you and be your friend forever!!!

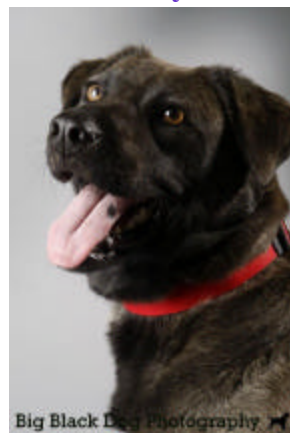
More about July ...  
Available for Adoption  
White with Black  
Medium  
Good with Dogs Good with Cats Good with Children  
Up-to-date with vaccines

# LOOKING FOR A HOME I GOTTA HAVE A HOME

For the complete list of dogs available for adoption please go to  
<http://www.dogs2ndchance.org>



Ms Dusty Bandit



Patty



# Begging at the Table

Tips from the ASPCA

What happens when you walk into a house and encounter the delicious aroma of your favorite home-cooked meal or freshly baked cookies? You probably gravitate toward the kitchen without even thinking about it, especially if you're hungry. Because most dogs enjoy the same kinds of foods that we do, it's not surprising that they're drawn to good smells, too. However, many pet parents don't like it when they sit down at the table to eat and find themselves under the intense scrutiny of their hopeful, drooling dogs.

You can't really blame your [dog](#) for begging at the table. But if you'd like to change her behavior, you can do so by using one or both of the following tactics:

Prevent begging by controlling your dog's access to the table.

Teach your dog to do something else instead, such as lying down and staying on a mat or bed.



## Prevent the Problem

Sometimes it's easiest to solve a problem by preventing it from happening. If you'd rather your dog leave you alone while you eat, you can use a baby gate to confine her to another room when you sit down for a meal. Or, if your dog is crate trained, you can put her in her crate while you eat. (Please see our article on ["/articles/92/Weekend-Crate-Training-.aspx"](/articles/92/Weekend-Crate-Training-.aspx) to learn how to teach your dog to happily relax in a crate.) To keep her busy and quiet, try giving your dog a chew bone, her

dinner or a KONG<sup>®</sup> toy stuffed with something delicious. (Please see our article on ["/articles/76/How-to-Stuff-a-KONG-Toy.aspx"](/articles/76/How-to-Stuff-a-KONG-Toy.aspx) to learn more about using food puzzle toys.)

If you'd like your dog to stay in the same room with you but refrain from loitering right next to the table or drooling on your shoes, you can use a tether to keep her in her own space. Attach a short leash or tether (four- to six-foot long) to a heavy piece of furniture or an eye-hook in the baseboard. (You can buy a length of chew-proof plastic-coated wire with a clip on each end at most pet stores.) Put a soft bed or mat next to the tether. Before sitting down to eat, lead your dog to her comfy spot, and attach the leash or tether to her collar. Then give her something to chew or a stuffed KONG. After you finish your meal, you can release her from the tether. As long as you give your dog a tasty treat of her own to work on while you eat, she'll enjoy settling in her special spot during mealtimes. (A word of caution: Do not leave your dog unattended while she's tethered. She could get tangled in the tether and injure herself.)

## Teach Your Dog to Go to Her Spot and Stay

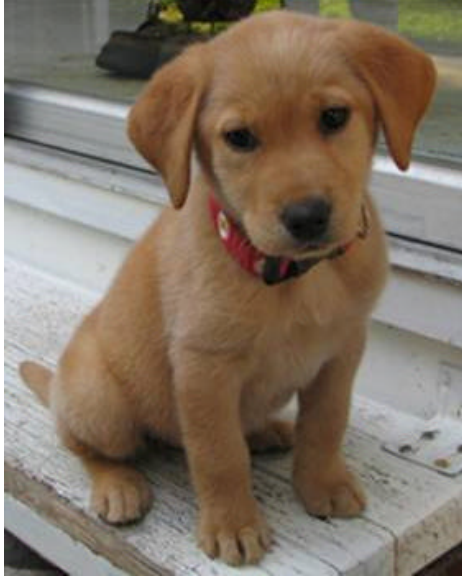
If you don't want to confine your dog in an area away from the table or use a tether to restrain her, you can teach her to go to a designated spot, usually a bed or a mat, and stay there. This skill can be useful in a variety of other situations, too. If you're watching a movie with friends and you'd like your dog to occupy herself for a while, you can ask her to go to her spot and chew a bone. If your dog jumps up on people when they come to the door, you can ask her to go to her spot whenever the doorbell rings and wait there to greet visitors. If you take your dog somewhere with you, you can bring her bed or mat and have her settle on it when you need her

to be calm and quiet. To learn how to teach your dog to go to a bed or mat and stay, please see our article on ["/articles/149/Teaching-Your-Dog-to-Settle.aspx"](/articles/149/Teaching-Your-Dog-to-Settle.aspx).

### **Additional Tips and Troubleshooting**

- If you don't want your dog to beg at the table, don't give her tidbits from your plate. If she sometimes scores a delicious morsel when she barks, whines and stares at you while you eat, she'll diligently try those tactics whenever you sit down for a meal.
- Some people worry that feeding their dogs "people food" (anything except dog food and treats made for dogs) will encourage begging at the table. But when teaching a dog new skills or treating certain behavior problems, using high-value treats, like small pieces of chicken, cheese or hotdog, can accelerate the training or treatment process. Luckily, dogs can learn very specific rules. It's okay to give your dog foods you eat, too. Just avoid feeding her from the table so she learns that she never gets anything in that context.
- If your dog asks for handouts by barking or whining when you eat, please see our articles on ["/articles/41/Barking.aspx"](/articles/41/Barking.aspx) and ["/articles/33/Whining-.aspx"](/articles/33/Whining-.aspx) for additional help.
- Avoid yelling at your dog if she begs at the table or barks for food while you're eating. Giving her attention of any kind—even if it's negative attention—might actually convince her to keep begging. Instead, try giving your dog a time-out. Before you sit down to eat, attach a lightweight leash to her collar. Let the leash drag on the floor. The instant your dog barks or starts to whine, quickly take hold of her leash and lead her to a time-out area. (A dog-proofed room of any kind will work fine. Just make sure there's nothing fun in the area—no toys, no chews, no people to play with. Time-out should be entirely boring.) When you get to the time-out area, tether your dog to a heavy piece of furniture or use a baby gate to confine her. Then go back to the table. After a minute or two, you can release your dog from the time-out area. Repeat this procedure every time your dog starts to whine or bark for food. If you're consistent, she'll learn that begging results in banishment—far away from the thing she wants most!





## A Dogs Life

by: Barbara Jean

I wonder, have you ever been homeless? dumped out on the street by some uncaring thoughtless person? Wondered where you would lay down to sleep, to get out of the rain, the heat or the cold? Have you ever had to rummage through a garbage can looking for something to eat, or use a mud puddle for a drink of water? Have you ever had to run from the police, knowing that if they caught you it would be jail and if no one came to bail you out, they would put you to death because they did not have the room or the money to keep you? Have you ever been sick or injured and no one cared?

Well welcome to the life of the street dog, the dog that has been cast away by uncaring people. The dog that has been rescued by organizations like Dogs2ndChance.

Yes, there are people who care about these dogs, people who will give their time and money trying to save these dogs, find them a decent home, one where they are wanted and cared for. The adoption fee they charge is far too often less than what they put out caring for the dog. With no government grants, they must rely on donations from business and people.

OK, this is not an article asking you to give money, (though it would be appreciated and would not be turned down) Rather I am asking you to either foster or adopt one of these street dogs.

What is the advantage of adopting a dog from a rescue group such as Dogs2ndChance? Well first off the dog is fully vetted, up to date on shots, and if there are any health problems you will be aware of them BEFORE you adopt that dog. In other word you are getting a healthy dog.

Sometimes a dog has problems that result from life on the street. This is one of the things that a dog foster will work on. Often times the fostering is something long term, and as a result the dog come to realize that he no longer has to eat from garbage cans or drink from a mud puddle, that he has a safe place to sleep, and people will even play with him. Fosters do all they can to insure that the dog has a happy life while the dog is with them and they also try and keep up with the dog after it is adopted. They let you know about things like little quirks that the dog may have, and what the dog likes and don't like. While you may see a dog you like, the rescue organization will determine if the dog is a good fit for your home. You will know if the dog is good with children, cats, or other dogs before you adopt or even foster the dog.

In other word when you adopt one of these dogs, you have no surprises.

If you don't feel you can adopt a dog would you consider being a foster? When you foster a dog for Dogs2ndChance, all vetting is taking care of by the rescue organization. Food is provided to you and if needed they will even provide you with a crate/cage for the dog. Some dogs

are good with other dogs and some are not. Some dogs are good with cats and some are not. Some are good for homes with small children and some are not.

The rescue organization will collect information on you and your home, if you have children and their ages, and what other pets you may have. This is so they can place the correct dog in the home with you.

Foster a dog or adopt the dog, YOU are the one who will give that dog a second chance. The chance for a true happy dogs life.

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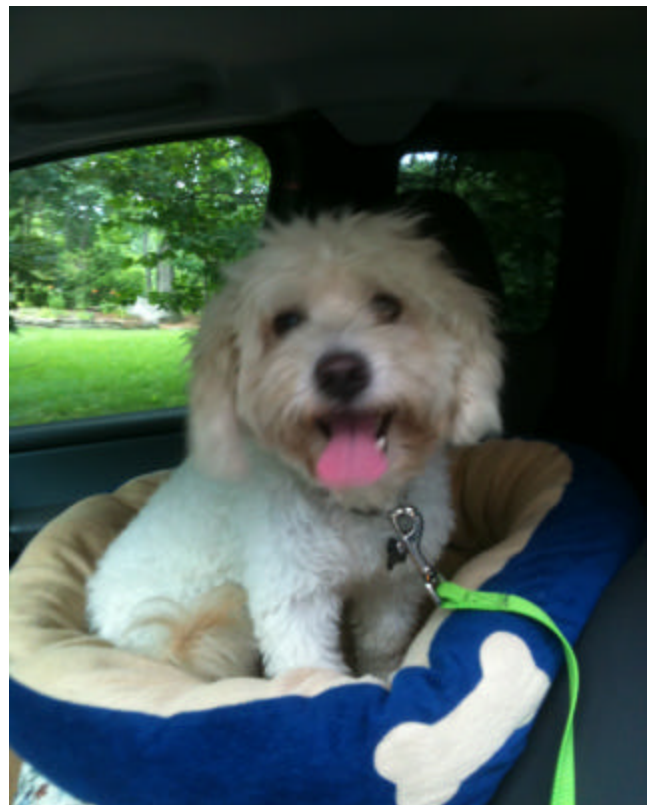


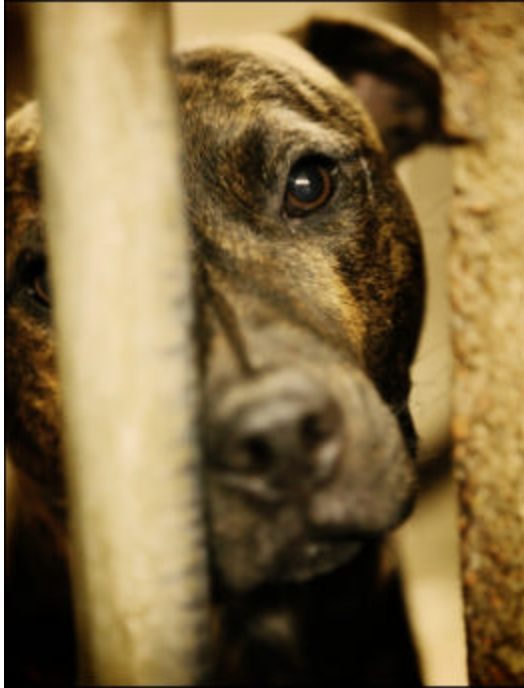
# R o m e o

Canadian broadcaster and wife are adopting Romeo. They're making the trek today to get him. They just lost their little one, Bear, to diabetes and are wanting a new love. This boy is GONNA BE SPOILED.

Visit ["http://www.roygreenshow.com/"](http://www.roygreenshow.com/) to see these new owners. He is throwing in a free public service announcement/testimony, as well, for our new website.

WOO HOO, but I will miss this little guy :(





## Grants to Subsidize Spay, Neuter Services

A feature article in The Daily News, June 8, 2010

Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services has received two grants totaling \$30,000.

The H.W. Durham Foundation has provided a \$15,000 grant to fund a program that will subsidize spay and neuter services to pet owners 55 years of age and older.

The "Pay What You Can" program will offer the surgical procedure to senior citizen's pets on a donation basis with free services available to those who are most in need.

The Margarette J. Sather Animal Welfare Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis has given \$15,000 to help Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services

cover the cost of surgeries of pets owned by low-income residents, along with a portion being used to alter community free-roaming cats.

The two grant-funded programs will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis and will continue until the funding runs out.

Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation through affordable spay and neuter services.

- Taylor Shoptaw

The Dog Days of Summer are here!

This year Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services is honoring the pit bull and pit bull mixes to spay or neuter at no charge- that is..... until the funding runs out! Please consider a donation to help increase the number of these dogs that we can sterilize this summer

**SHOP AT SCHNUCKS and fund-raise for Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services**

***Schnucks***

Sign up with Escript # 155755183

Here's How it Works:

You register at Schnucks with one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.

Participating merchants will make contributions to Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services- your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your charity's behalf!

**Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services**

**P.O. Box 11471**

**Memphis, TN 38111-0471**

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## ***Ten Things to Remember about your pet***

***Shawn Messonnier, DVM--***

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me even if I don't understand your words--I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

Take a moment today to thank God for your pets.

Enjoy and take good care of them.

Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without God's critters.

We do not have to wait for Heaven, to be surrounded by hope, love, and joyfulness. It is here on earth and has four legs!

***Dr. Shawn Messonnier, DVM the host of the weekly award-winning radio show, "Dr. Shawn-The Natural Vet" on Martha Stewart Radio (Sirius 112 Tues 8-10 PM EST and Sat 9-11AM EST) sits on the advisory board of the Journal Veterinary Forum, and is a holistic pet columnist for Animal Wellness, Body + Soul, and Veterinary Forum. In addition to serving clients in his Paws & Claws Animal Hospital, he has written several books on the natural care of pets, including ["http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0761526730/basilandspice-20"](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0761526730/basilandspice-20) ["http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0761526722/basilandspice-20"](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0761526722/basilandspice-20), ["http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1579547257/basilandspice-20"](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1579547257/basilandspice-20), ["http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1577315197/basilandspice-20"](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1577315197/basilandspice-20) and most recently ["http://www.amazon.com/Unexpected-Miracles-Hope-Holistic-Healing/dp/0765320894/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1243099532&sr=1-2"](http://www.amazon.com/Unexpected-Miracles-Hope-Holistic-Healing/dp/0765320894/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1243099532&sr=1-2) (Forge Books/ Aug 2009). He is also the creator of a new line of organic pet products, Dr. Shawn's Pet Organics (["http://www.dr.shawnspetorganics.com/"](http://www.dr.shawnspetorganics.com/)) You'll find him online at ["http://petcarenaturally.com/dr\\_shawn.php"](http://petcarenaturally.com/dr_shawn.php)***