## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HOUSE

NEWS FROM HOYTT OWNERS AND HOUSE OF HOYTT

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## DOBEFEST IS NEAR! SEPTEMBER 21, AND 22ND!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE - SANDWICHES AND BURGERS WILL BE PROVIDED BOTH DAYS. WE WILL BE AT DOUGLAS DAM PAVILION ALL DAY ON FRIDAY, SO PLEASE EMAIL ME DIRECTLY FOR DETAILS IF YOU WILL BE JOINING US. NOEL63@CHARTER.NET









## FISH OIL FOR YOUR DOBERMAN

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Fish oil is good for dogs – and cats! Veterinarians first used omega-3 fatty acids in the form of fish oil to treat canine allergies but now recommend it for a wide variety of conditions ranging from kidney disease to arthritis and heart health. When added to your pet's diet, fish oil for dogs provides anti-inflammatory effects and can help relieve itching due to atopic dermatitis, an allergy-related skin condition.

You can get fish oil supplements designed for companion animals from both Nordic Naturals and Animal Essentials (and, I'm sure, from other sources), but you also can use fish oil meant for humans as long as you choose the correct dosage. For example, Nordic Naturals recommends one capsule of its 1500 mg soft gel fish oil for large dogs weighing 20 pounds or more. Smaller animals should get smaller doses. If you use fish oil that is intended for humans, you can give larger dogs a capsule or two (depending on the dosage) and puncture a capsule to squeeze some of the contents into the food of smaller dogs or cats.

My dogs do not have allergies or skin problems, but I add fish oil to their food at every meal for general health maintenance.

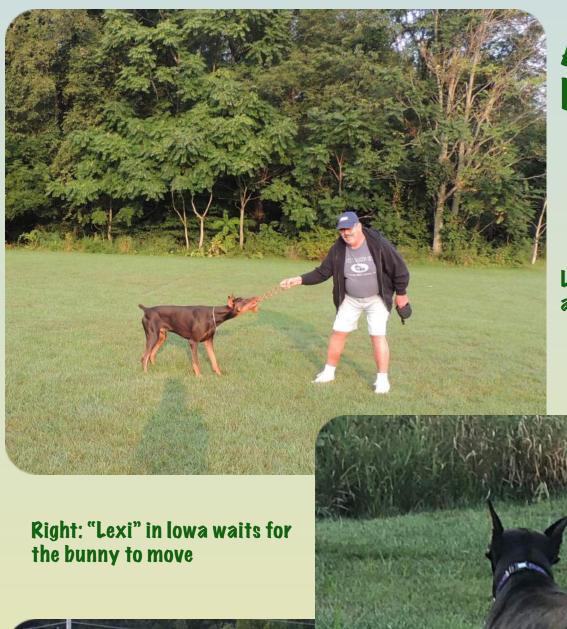
Andrew Weil, M.D.

**Sardines** are a simple snack you can feel good about feeding to your dog or cat. Their claim to fame? Omega-3 fats. Sardines are one of the most concentrated sources of omega-3s out there, and they have a short lifespan, which means they don't live long enough to accumulate toxins. This means sardines are both a rich and pollutant-free source of omega-3s. These beneficial fats can enhance your pet's health in a number of ways, including the following:

**Heart Health:** Omega-3s are linked to improved heart function, including reduced heart rate and blood pressure, as well as reduced inflammation in pets. One study even found omega-3 fats improved survival rates among dogs with chronic valvular disease known as dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM).1

- **Brain Health:** When puppies were fed a diet enriched with the omega-3 fat docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), they had improved cognitive, memory, psychomotor, immunologic, and retinal functions. Puppies fed omega-3s also scored better on learning tasks and had an improved ability to see in low-light or dark conditions.
- **Skin Health:** In my experience, dietary deficiency of omega-3s is the number one cause of excessively flaky skin in pets. In one study, dogs given omega-3 fats that included high levels of EPA showed improvements in itchiness, self-trauma, coat character, and hair loss compared with administration of ALA alone.
- ALA is a plant-based form of omega-3, but dogs and cats can't convert plant-based omega-3 into DHA. So it's really important that you supply animal-based omega-3s, like those from sardines, to your pet.
- **Kidney Health:** Omega-3 fats appear to help slow the decline of kidney function in dogs with chronic kidney disease.3Cats with kidney disease also benefitted, showing increased survival times when fed EPA omega-3s.4
- Osteoarthritis: Omega-3 fats are anti-inflammatory and research shows they offer significant benefit to dogs and cats suffering from osteoarthritis. Animals fed omega-3s displayed less stiffness, higher activity levels, more stair climbing, higher jumping, and improved performance of daily activities.
- **Weight Loss:** Omega-3s may even help your pooch or kitty to lose weight. By reducing the effect of inflammatory enzymes produced by body fat, they may help promote weight loss. Among dogs fed a calorie-restricted diet, for instance, those fed omega-3s lost more weight when omega-3s were also supplemented.

These tiny fish are also rich in vitamin B12, selenium, protein, vitamin D, calcium, and more, making them an ideal way to add vitamins and minerals to your pet's diet. And because the fish are consumed whole, bones and all, their mineral content is just as outstanding as that of their omega-3 fats. Just make sure to buy sardines in water; preferably sodium free. Otherwise, rinse before adding to food.



## A DAY IN THE LIFE.....

Left: "Thor" in Ohio plays a game of tug with dad



#### A DAY IN THE LIFE.....

Left: "Blaze" in Tennessee looks for children to play with



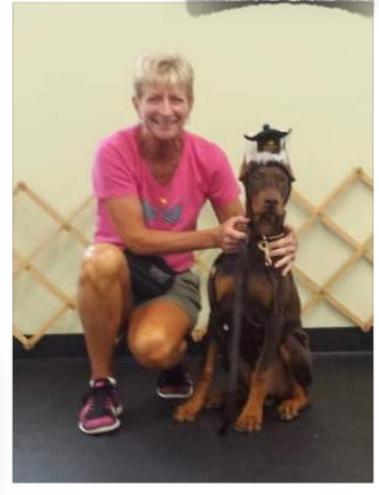
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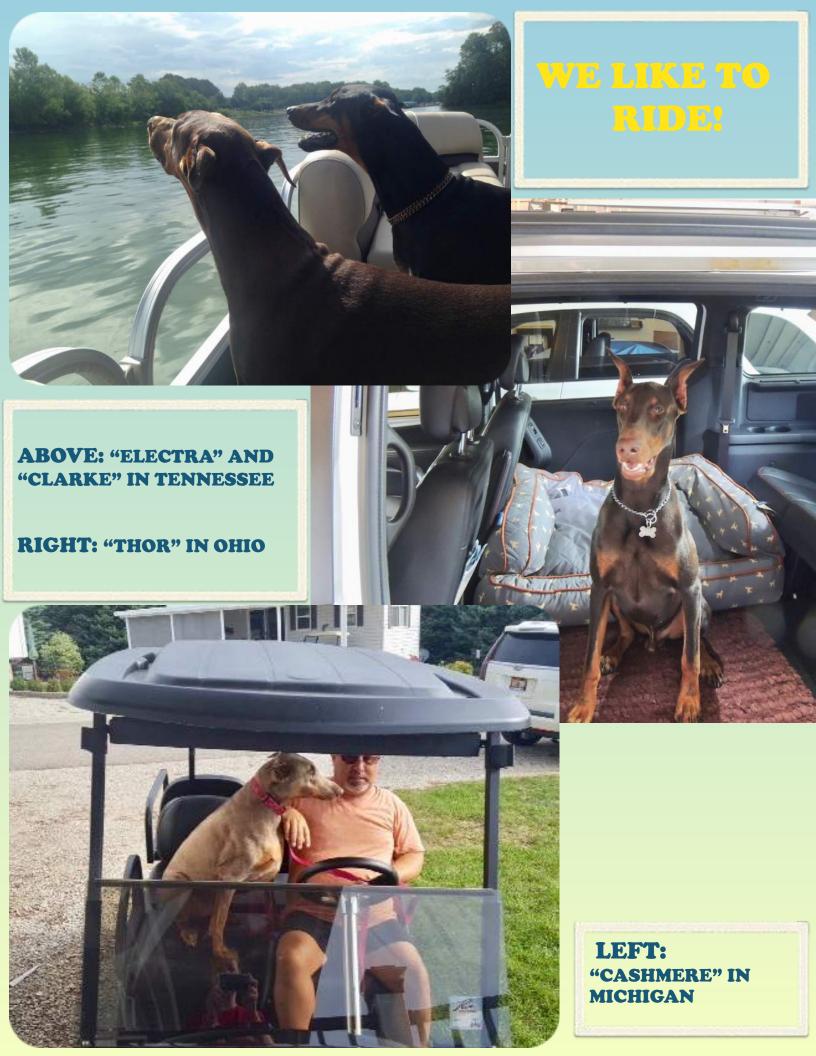


"SASSI" AND "NIKKI" ABOVE IN ILLINOIS BOTH ACHIEVED THEIR PET THERAPY TEAM CERTIFICATES ~ THESE GIRLS ARE LOVED AND OWNED BY SUSIE AND LANE ~

"ELMO" ON THE RIGHT,
GRADUATED IN HIS S.T.A.R PUPPY
PROGRAM IN VIRGINIA ~
LOVED AND OWNED BY THE
OREMLAND FAMILY IN VIRGINIA









### "CAMPING??? I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO A CONCERT!!"

CASHMERE AND JACKSON IN MICHIGAN PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PAVIDSONS

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