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Holly Hughes' art will be featured at the Lodge Gallery Show.

ART SHOW: Artists have been instrumental in creating event

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the Art Fair is the Plein Air Paint Out at the Ranch on Saturday, September 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held by the lake. A People's Choice Award will be given and the paintings will be for sale from 1 to 5 p.m. A children's painting workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. will be taught by Rachel Lovegren. Children will have an opportunity to hang their art for public display.

The most notable of the accomplishments of the festival is the awarding of scholarships to students from Sisters High School who have plans for furthering their education in the visual arts. The scholarship program since

its conception has awarded close to \$50,000 in scholarships. One of the recipients of a scholarship award in 2010, Rachel Lovegren, is now on the full-time staff at the new Lakeside Activity Center at Black Butte Ranch.

Many of the artists live at the Ranch and have participated in Art at the Ranch over the years. They have largely been responsible for making it a success. These have included Ruth Ingham, Charlotte Milam, Liz Dash, Margaret Burnham and Suzie Burns. They were instrumental in starting the event, which was originally named Art in the Barn. The officers of Black Butte Ranch Art Guild are co-chairs Caryl Gibson and Paula Perkins, treasurer Isolde Hedemark, secretary Barbara Phillips, scholarships Lynda Sullivan, art acquisition Linda Goebel.



Paw Prints

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Caring for your dogs' ears

From a teacup-size Chihuahua to a great Dane, there is an incredible amount of variety among dog breeds. And there is also a variety of different ear shapes and sizes in the canine world. There are large upright ears, floppy ears that hang down, sharp pointed ears and semi-erect ears with a front flap that folds forward, to name a few. They perk up when interested, they droop when sad; they go back when the dog is threatened.

Of course, they're also remarkable hearing devices. Dogs have a very acute

sense of hearing. While their sense of smell ranks first, their hearing is not too far behind. Studies have shown that dogs are capable of perceiving frequencies above those picked up by a normal human and can distinguish sounds better. Dogs can hear sounds on frequencies that humans cannot even begin to detect.

Your dog's ears are deep, dark, moist and twisty. They're perfect breeding grounds for parasites, bacteria and yeast. Many breeds, such as poodles, grow hair in their ears, trapping debris.

Your dog's ears require a pet parent's attention and care to prevent simple problems and to catch more severe ones. Making sure your furry friend's ears are in good health is a relatively simple part of canine care.

The canine ear canal is not short and linear like a human's, but instead forms a long, distinct "L" shape. The curving of your dog's ear canal makes it difficult for debris that gets into the ear to work its way back out. And the debris left in your dog's ear provides a nice environment for bacteria and yeast, an easy way

for Rover to end up with an ear infection.

Dogs with floppy ears like cocker spaniels, basset hounds and poodles are more prone to get infections because their ears hang down and restrict airflow, which can cause the ear canal to retain moisture.

Routine ear cleaning helps prevent the accumulation of yeast, and is a crucial part of preventive care.

So, one of the most important reasons to clean your furry friend's ears is to prevent ear infections. These can be painful and even cause deafness if left untreated. Dogs can also experience temporary partial to full deafness as a result of wax buildup in their ear canals, and routine ear cleaning will also prevent excess earwax accumulation

Your veterinarian can help you choose the best ear cleaner for your dog. Your vet can also show you how to clean Rover's ears properly. It's a simple technique that doesn't take long to perform. You start by placing a few drops of ear cleaner in your dog's ears, then gently

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