

Canines make best jogging partners

Clinic tonight to cover running safely with pets

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Four-footed jogging partners are convenient. No special arrangements need to be made and they are always "gung-ho," says Janna Moskovitz, veterinary technical assistant.

Moskovitz jogged with Budweiser, her afghan, for most of his 10 years. But their routine ran into trouble recently. "We found out he has a really bad heart problem," she says.

She noticed the ailment when Budweiser could no longer keep up.

For joggers such as Budweiser and his companion, the Eugene Animal Foundation is presenting a clinic tonight from 7-9 p.m. at the Eugene Public Library.

Three speakers will offer advice on problems covering health, obedience and even awareness of assault while jogging.

Canine jogging partners probably decrease the likelihood of assault, but "the most you can do is increase your awareness," says Marcia Morgan, former crime prevention specialist for the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Morgan plans to speak about recognizing and responding to the approach of a rapist.

She recalls an incident in which a Eugene woman's dog deserted when a man attempted to rape her. The woman had sensed the danger when she first saw the man but decided not to alter her jogging route, Morgan says.

Running with Budweiser — who weighs 58 pounds — "gives me a sense of safety," says Moskovitz, a slender woman. She says she also sticks to well-lit, well-populated trails.



Photo by Bob Baker

Janet Moskovitz, a dedicated jogger, works out with her canine partner on a Eugene bike path.

The dog's safety can also be threatened by health problems. Many people are unaware of their canine partner's problems Moscovitz says. Dogs often just run until they drop from exhaustion rather than heed signs of excessive exertion, she says.

Finding the dog's weak spots is important, says Dr. Barklay Slocum, who will speak at the clinic. Each dog is an individual, he says.

Many problems such as hip displacement can be detected and corrected during puppyhood, says Slocum, a veterinary surgeon

specializing in gait problems.

But allowing a dog to run around with untreated displacement can result in permanent crippling damage, he says.

"The purpose of having a dog is having a friend," reasons Slocum. Nobody wants to cause health troubles for a friend, he says.

A dog should work up to a jogging routine "at the same rate as people," Slocum says. Foot pads, which are similar to calluses, can be cut or burnt by rough terrain or hot pavement and peeled off if the dog suddenly begins a strenuous routine, he says.

Introductory conditioning also involves obedience. "If you're trying to drag your dog along behind you, it won't work," Slocum says.

Harold Hanson, owner of a dog obedience school, plans to offer some solutions to obedience problems at the clinic.

A well-trained, fit dog is the best dog to jog with, says Moskovitz.

Budweiser no longer accompanies Moskovitz regularly. She says she misses the daily routine. However, she has her eye on a replacement, an Irish Wolfhound.

Environmentalists oppose land developers

By Rich Burr
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Florence waterway on 'save' agenda

A reggae dance wouldn't usually be important to the Survival Center, but such an event is a big project for the ASUO-funded program.

The Oct. 23 dance is being sponsored by the Survival Center, an environmental education and advocacy group, to raise money to stop the development of Big Creek, says director Jack Kapuscinski. Big Creek is a waterway 14 miles east of Florence that has been opened to land developers, he says.

The Big Creek area is the largest stretch of undeveloped

coastland in Oregon, adds Jan Flaharty, Survival Center assistant director.

The dance is being funded by some of the program's incidental fee money and all money taken in will pay for dance expenses. Any additional profits will go to help stop development of Big Creek, Flaharty says.

Another center project is the Northwest Regional Energy Symposium, which starts Thursday. Energy programs affect the environment greatly, making energy a major concern of the program, Kapuscinski says.

The Wah Chang metals company is an example of energy repercussions affecting the environment, he says. The company has dumped low-level radioactive waste within 400 feet of the Willamette River, Kapuscinski says.

"That's crazy. That's just insane," he says.

The radioactive waste is stored on a flood plain and is not securely sealed, so it could seep into the water table and destroy much of the wildlife and drinking water in the area within 10 to 15 years, according to Kapus-

inski. He says the Center wants the waste removed to a safer area, such as Eastern Oregon.

The program has a legislative coordinator who lobbies for bills and educates students on environmental bills in the legislature, Kapuscinski says. The Oregon Student Lobby and the ASUO Executive offices are the other ASUO-funded organizations which receive funding for such a position.

Besides the legislative coordinator, the group also educates students with its monthly newspaper, The Ad-

vocate, Kapuscinski says. The first issue is due out Oct. 26.

The Survival Center is also coordinating the Nov. 8 campus visit by consumer advocate Ralph Nader. Kapuscinski expects Nader to address local environmental concerns in his speech.

The Survival Center library also educates students on environmental concerns and developments. Earth Week, a program-sponsored event in April, "tackles" environmental issues, Kapuscinski adds.

The group also does some community service by donating recycled newspapers to the Eugene Mission.

Energy conclave set this week

Environmental and economic issues regarding energy will be the focus of the Northwest Regional Energy Symposium Thursday and Friday in the EMU.

The symposium, sponsored by the Survival Center, will feature guest speakers on hydroelectric energy, nuclear energy and radioactive waste.

The symposium will deal with separate subjects each day.

Thursday's speech, which begins at 7 p.m., will be "Economic and Environmental Implications of North West Energy Resources."

Mark Reis, the director of the Northwest Conservation Act Coalition, will speak on the inefficiency of energy conservation methods, says Jack Kapuscinski, Survival Center director.

Reis has planned a model for a more "efficient" way of conserving energy.

Anti-nuclear activist Lloyd Marbett will also speak. He will speak in opposition to the Wah Chang nuclear plant in Washington and nuclear power in Oregon, Kapuscinski says.

Other Thursday speakers include University political science professor Dan Gol-

drich, speaking on "Political Economy of Northwest Energy," and Mike Grainey, deputy director of the Oregon Department of Energy. Grainey will address the "State Energy Perspective."

The topic Friday will be low-head hydropower.

At noon, Lou Fredd from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will speak on "Environmental Effects on Anadromous Fish." Peter Fazio from the Oregon energy department will speak on "Background to Legal Aspects of Low-Head Hydro."

The ASUO has added a press officer to its staff, ASUO Pres. C.J. Balfe said Tuesday.

Dane Claussen, a journalism junior, will receive three ES-CAPE credits as compensation for his unpaid position, Balfe said. There was no room in the ASUO Executive budget for another paid employee, he added.

Claussen will act as a liaison between the ASUO office and the media, publicize ASUO Executive and program events, investigate reasons for poor media coverage and administer the ASUO Executive's advertis-

ing budget.

Claussen was ASUO Associate Editor for the Oregon Daily Emerald last year.

"It has become clear that students can get the most out of their incidental fee dollars only if they are aware of, and thus have opportunity to experience, activities produced or sponsored by the ASUO Executive and/or ASUO programs," Claussen said.

"I think it's time the ASUO Executive and ASUO programs got the publicity that they need and deserve," he added.