# Childhood sexual abuse puts woman on difficult path



**DEAR ABBY** 

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a widow in a new relationship. I was molested for years by an older sibling. When my behavior became troublesome — skipping school, becoming antisocial was sent to a reform school for several years. The sibling was sent into the army.

When I was released from the school, I drifted into worse relationships and into the sex trade. I got out of that after six months. I've always felt like a "good

girl," but the past haunts me. I used to talk about the abuse constantly. It was always in the back of my mind. It still pops up on a regular basis, but I have not told my new partner.

A friend once told me that people don't need to know everything about you, and I believe that. Some folks blamed me for the abuse, although it started before I was 8. Sometimes I feel I should tell my partner, as it does affect my behavior — I have low self-esteem, etc. I've had counseling, but it didn't help me. When I confronted my abuser years later, he told me it was my problem.

Do I need to share this to be

completely honest about who I am? I have never felt "normal." It's as if I'm carrying a dreaded secret. Any advice? — GOOD **GIRL IN WASHINGTON** 

**DEAR GOOD GIRL:** What you suffered as a child was not your fault. You needed counseling then, not blame. Because you didn't receive it at that time, it isn't surprising your problems followed you wherever you went.

Not knowing your partner, I cannot decide for you whether you should reveal your history to him. I can, however, strongly recommend that you contact the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). When you do, you will be talking with a

trained counselor who can guide you. Nothing you confide will be a shock to that person, and you may be put in touch with help in your local area.

The RAINN website is rainn. org and its toll-free phone number is 800-656-4673. Please don't wait to reach out. Everything is confidential.

**DEAR ABBY:** My close friend, "Lizzy," broke up with her boyfriend six weeks ago. At first, she was very depressed about it, but she has gradually gotten over him. A few days ago, Lizzy's ex-boyfriend asked me out. I really wanted to say yes, but I decided to ask her first if it was OK. When I did, she flipped out and told me she wouldn't be my friend anymore if I did. I've known Lizzy for four years, and I don't want to lose her friendship.

A day later, I found out from another friend of mine that Lizzy was dating my twin brother. She never asked me if I was OK with that, let alone informed me that they had feelings for each other. Does this give me the right to date Lizzy's ex? — BREAKING GIRL CODE IN ALABAMA

**DEAR BREAKING: 1** think so. But don't do it without first clearing the air with her, because if things work out with your twin brother, you are likely to be seeing a lot of Lizzy in the future.

## **ODFW** cuts deer tags in Heppner, Starkey **Experimental Forest**

EO Media Group

LA GRANDE — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is cutting the number of controlled mule deer tags for the 2022 season in the Heppner unit and eliminating tags altogether for the Starkey Experimental Forest, which had five tags last year.

The tag numbers are lower than the figures in the 2022 big game hunting regulations.

May 15 is the deadline to apply for 2022 fall controlled hunt tags.

Hunters who have already applied for a tag in Heppner or Starkey who want to change their application have until June 1 to do so online via their account or at a license sale agent.

### Heppner unit (Hunt No. 148)

The tag allocation will drop from 2,860 to 2,610.

The reason, according to ODFW, is an unexpected change in land ownership that has reduced the size of the Heppner Regulated Hunt Area from 63 square miles to 22 square miles, causing "a significant loss of publicly accessible hunting area," according to a press release.

### **Starkey Experimental Forest** ıunı 140. 152B)

The elimination of deer hunting in the Starkey Forest, west of La Grande, is due to a continued decline in mule deer popu-

lations in the area. The drop is primarily due to poor habitat, according to ODFW, including the intrusion of young conifers and drought, which have reduced the amount of forage and led to low fawn survival.

## **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**

## Your dog's personality may have little to do with its breed

Canine behavior is more individual than stereotypes suggest

**By CHRISTINA LARSON** 

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -Research confirms what dog lovers know — every pup is truly an individual.

Many of the popular stereotypes about the behavior of golden retrievers, poodles or schnauzers, for example, aren't supported by science, according to a new study.

"There is a huge amount of behavioral variation in every breed, and at the end of the day, every dog really is an individual," said study co-author and University of Massachusetts geneticist Elinor Karlsson.

She said pet owners love to talk about their dog's personality, as illustrated by some owners at a New York dog

Elizabeth Kelly said her English springer spaniel was "friendly, but she's also kind of the queen bee." Suly Ortiz described her yellow Lab as "really calm, lazy and shy."

And Rachel Kim's mixedbreed dog is "a lot of different dogs, personality wise - super independent, really affectionate with me and my husband, but pretty, pretty suspicious of other people, other dogs."

That kind of enthusiasm from pet owners inspired Karlsson's latest scientific inquiry. She wanted to know to what extent are behavioral patterns inherited — and how much are dog breeds associated with distinctive and predictable behaviors?

The answer: While phys-



Dachshund dogs wait in a box before competition at a dog show in Dortmund, Germany, on Friday, Oct. 13, 2017. Research released on Thursday, April 28, 2022, confirms what dog lovers know — every pup is truly an individual. A new study has found that many of the popular stereotypes about the behavior of specific breeds aren't supported by

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- **Jeff Kidd**, University of Michigan geneticist.

ical traits such as a greyhound's long legs or a Dalmatian's spots are clearly inherited, breed is not a strong predictor of any individual dog's personality.

The researchers' work, published Thursday, April 28, in the journal Science, marshals a massive dataset to reach these conclusions – the most ever compiled, said Adam Boyko, a geneticist at

Cornell University, who was not involved in the study.

Dogs became humanity's best friend more than 14,000 years ago, as the only animal domesticated before the advent of agriculture.

But the concept of dog breeds is much more recent. Around 160 years ago, people began to selectively breed dogs to have certain consistent physical traits, like coat texture and color and ear shape.

The researchers surveyed more than 18,000 dog owners and analyzed the genomes of about 2,150 of their dogs to look for patterns.

They found that some behaviors — such as howling, pointing and showing friendliness to human strangers do have at least some genetic basis. But that inheritance

isn't strictly passed down along breed lines.

For example, they found golden retrievers that don't retrieve, said co-author Kathryn Lord, who studies animal behavior with Karlsson.

Some breeds, such as huskies and beagles, may show a greater tendency to howl. But many of these dogs don't, as both the owner survey and genetic data showed.

The researchers could find no genetic basis for aggres sive behaviors nor a link to specific breeds.

"The correlation between dog behavior and dog breed is much lower than most expected," said Jeff Kidd, a geneticist at the University of Michigan, who had no role in the research.

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<b>TEMPERATURES</b>	<b>Baker City</b>	La Grande	Elgiı		
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Low Thursday	26°	30°	32		
PRECIPITATION (inches)					
Thursday	0.09	0.08	0.00		
Month to date	1.07	0.93	2.67		
Normal month to dat	e 0.76	1.71	2.28		
Year to date	1.74	3.31	9.86		
Normal year to date	2.82	6.33	10.14		

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

### **HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY** Lowest relative humidity

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RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)				
10% of capacity				
81% of capacity				
46% of capacity				
90% of capacity				
46% of capacity				

### Thief Valley Reservoir 100% of capacity STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday) Grande Ronde at Troy 3680 cfs Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder 32 cfs **Burnt River near Unity** 2 cfs Umatilla River near Gibbon

439 cfs

26 cfs

Apr 30

## THURSDAY EXTREMES

<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states)			
High: 98°	Death Valley, Calif.		
Low: 8°	Ely, Minn.		
Nettest: 1.68"	Chandler, Okla.		
DREGON			
ligh: 63°	The Dalles		
Low: 26°	Crater Lake		
Nettest: 0.22"	Lakeview		

## **WEATHER HISTORY**

Several snowstorms hit the mid-Atlantic in April 1857. The cold kept many plants dormant: even by April 30, no blossoms were seen in northern New Jersey.

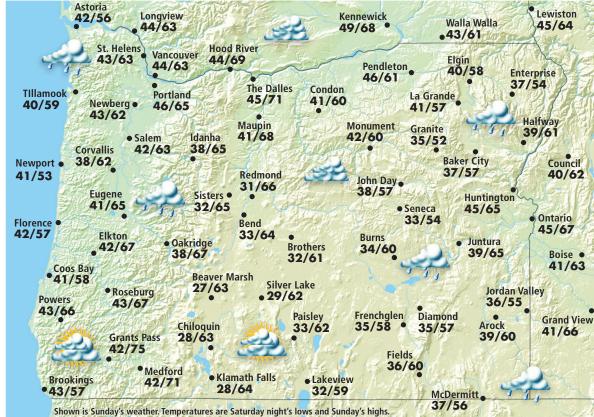
## **SUN & MOON**

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Sunset		7:57 p.m.	7:59 p.m.		
Moonrise		5:47 a.m.	6:09 a.m.		
Moonset		8:07 p.m.	9:15 p.m.		
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## **AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION**

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REGIONAL CITIES					
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Bend	64/38/c	51/35/sh	Longview	63/46/c	52/46/sh
Boise	63/43/c	64/37/sh	Meacham	57/37/pc	49/37/sh
Brookings	57/43/c	53/42/sh	Medford	71/45/pc	57/40/sh
Burns	60/35/c	50/31/sh	Newport	53/44/c	52/42/sh
Coos Bay	58/43/c	53/42/sh	Olympia	63/43/c	55/41/c
Corvallis	62/44/pc	52/41/sh	Ontario	67/40/pc	62/41/sh
Council	62/38/pc	61/35/sh	Pasco	67/45/pc	60/45/c
Elgin	58/36/pc	49/38/sh	Pendleton	61/43/c	54/41/c
Eugene	65/45/c	52/40/sh	Portland	65/49/c	55/46/sh
Hermiston	66/45/pc	60/46/c	Powers	66/44/c	51/40/sh
Hood River	69/49/c	55/49/sh	Redmond	66/39/c	53/33/sh
Imnaha	60/41/pc	64/39/sh	Roseburg	67/45/c	53/42/sh
John Day	57/40/pc	48/38/sh	Salem	63/46/c	55/44/sh
Joseph	52/34/pc	55/31/sh	Spokane	60/43/pc	57/40/c
Kennewick	68/45/pc	60/48/c	The Dalles	71/51/c	59/50/c
Klamath Falls	64/36/pc	47/29/sh	Ukiah	55/35/c	46/35/sh
Lakeview	59/34/pc	50/27/sh	Walla Walla	61/45/sh	54/41/c

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