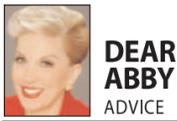


Childhood sexual abuse puts woman on difficult path



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

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: I 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 (Hunt No. 152B)

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

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 mixed-breed 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-



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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 science.

“The correlation between dog behavior and dog breed is much lower than most expected.”

— **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 aggressive 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.

weather

	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Cloudy with a shower	Times of clouds and sun	Showers in the afternoon	Low clouds breaking; cool	Partly sunny and milder
Baker City	37	57 36	52 32	54 32	67 38
Comfort Index™	0	3	0	2	10
La Grande	41	57 40	51 39	55 35	68 43
Comfort Index™	0	8	0	5	10
Enterprise	37	54 34	54 30	49 34	64 43
Comfort Index™	1	7	0	3	10

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	44°	47°	49°
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 date	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

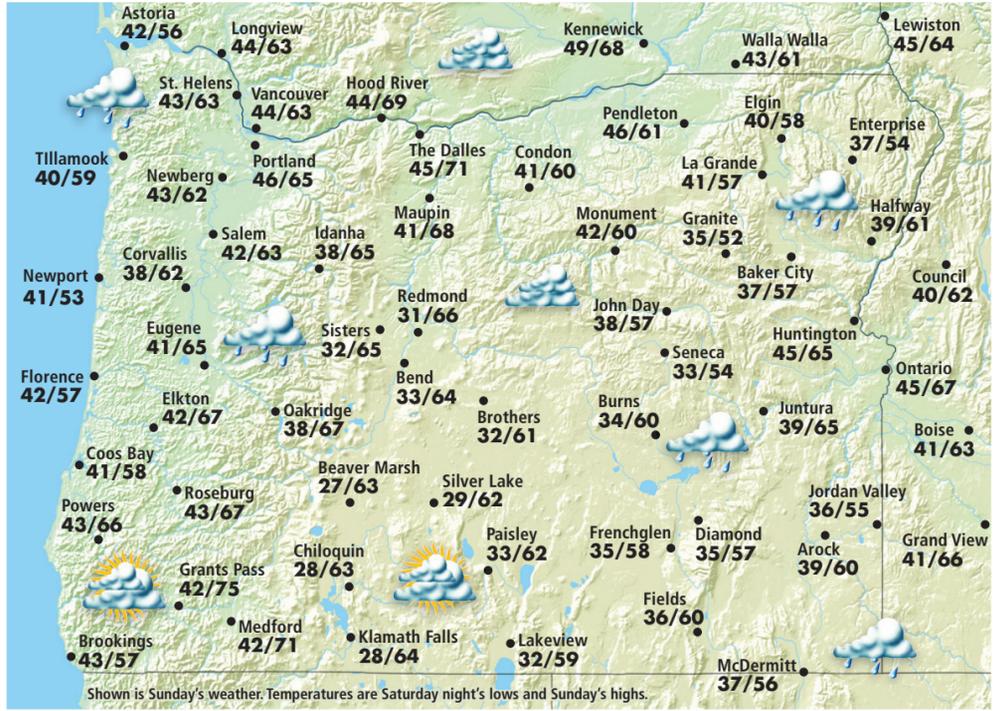
AGRICULTURAL INFO.			
HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY			
Lowest relative humidity			45%
Afternoon wind	NW at 7 to 14 mph		
Hours of sunshine	0.1		
Evapotranspiration	0.10		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)			
Phillips Reservoir	10%	of capacity	
Unity Reservoir	81%	of capacity	
Owyhee Reservoir	90%	of capacity	
McKay Reservoir	46%	of capacity	
Wallowa Lake	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	337	cfs	
Minam River at Minam	439	cfs	
Powder River near Richland	26	cfs	

SUN & MOON			
Sunrise	5:43 a.m.	5:41 a.m.	
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.	
MOON PHASES			
New	First	Full	Last
Apr 30	May 8	May 15	May 22

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES			
SUN.	MON.	SUN.	MON.
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	56/46/c	Lewiston	64/43/c
Bend	64/38/c	Longview	63/46/c
Boise	63/43/c	Meacham	57/37/c
Brookings	57/43/c	Medford	71/45/c
Burns	60/35/c	Newport	53/44/c
Coos Bay	58/43/c	Olympia	63/43/c
Corvallis	62/44/c	Ontario	67/40/c
Council	62/38/c	Pasco	67/45/c
Eugene	58/43/c	Pendleton	61/43/c
Hermiston	65/45/c	Portland	65/49/c
Hood River	69/49/c	Powers	66/44/c
Imnaha	60/41/c	Redmond	66/39/c
John Day	57/40/c	Roseburg	67/45/c
Joseph	52/34/c	Salem	63/46/c
Kennewick	68/45/c	Spokane	60/43/c
Klamath Falls	64/36/c	The Dalles	71/51/c
Lakeview	59/34/c	Ukiah	55/35/c
		Walla Walla	61/45/sh

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice