

# The Ambassador

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## Reminders:

Starting Oct. 27th Dr. Steve Haase will be available on Monday & Wednesday each week. Call today and schedule an appointment!

## CAT BREED OF THE MONTH: LYKOI (WEREWOLF CAT)

The Lykoi, also known as the “werewolf cat” for its very unique coat and appearance, is a breed that was discovered in 2010, caused by a recessive gene that causes the distinct roan coat that Lykois are known for. The Lykoi personality is affectionate, smart, and curious, these cats make wonderful companions.

## Celebrate with us!

- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- National Pet Wellness Month
- National Pitbull Awareness Month
- October 1: National Fire Pup Day
- October 1: National Black Dog Day
- October 1-7: National Walk Your Dog Week
- October 3-9: Animal Welfare Week
- October 4: World Animal Day
- October 8: Pet Obesity Awareness Day
- October 12-18: National Veterinary Technician Week
- October 18: National Fetch Day
- October 21: National Pets for Veterans Day
- October 21: National Reptile Awareness Day
- October 25: National Pitbull Awareness Day
- October 27: National Black Cat Day (UK)
- October 29: National Cat Day

## DOG BREED OF THE MONTH: XOLOITZCUINTLI “XOLO”

Xolo's are special due to their ancient heritage, being one of the world's oldest dog breeds with a history dating back over 3,500 years in Mexico. They are known for their unique physical appearance, including both hairless and coated varieties.

They hold ancient spiritual and cultural significance as guardians of the soul, and symbols of Mexico. Beyond their looks and history Xolo's are also valued for their loyalty, intelligence, and affectionate nature, making them devoted family companions.

# TRICKS, TREATS & TOXIC SWEETS

HOW TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN!

## LEAVE THEM AT HOME!

Be sure to take pets out before dark, if necessary. Be aware of any candy or wrappers on the ground. The commotion can cause your pet stress, so it may best to leave them home on Halloween night. Keep a eye on your pets with a dark/black coat, Halloween night can be dangerous, especially for cats!



## BEWARE OF GLOWSTICKS!

While glowsticks are mildly toxic to pets, they taste very bitter and can cause foaming & drooling, and can irritate skin and eyes. The plastic can cause a blockage if ingested, so be sure to keep pets away from all glowsticks + glowstick jewelry.



## BEWARE OF COSTUMES!

If you choose to dress your pet up, make sure the costume does not restrict your pets movement or vision, and be sure to use a costume with no dangly or small pieces that could be chewed off. Be sure to monitor your pet at all times while wearing the costume.



Be sure to secure all decorations, and keep pets away from decor and electrical wires!



## KEEP CANDY AWAY!

Exert extra caution with Halloween candies or other edible goodies. Store candy in a place where your pet cannot access, and clean up any leftovers or wrappers, ensuring they are also not within your pet's reach.

Beware of chocolate, candies containing xylitol, nuts, raisins, chewy/sticky candies or gummies, hard candies, lollipops, etc. Many of these candies are toxic, a choking hazard, or could cause an intestinal blockage.



If you think your pet may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance while we are closed, you can call ASPCA Poison Control at:  
(888) 426-4435





## **Featuring Manestream Training; the mind behind our confident patients!**

SOCIALIZING dogs is different than what you might have been led to believe. We think a social dog is one that enjoys racing and wrestling at the dog park or day care. But that should not be our main goal as dog owners and for many dogs it's simply not a realistic goal.

Many dogs are not comfortable playing with strangers. And in a natural setting, they wouldn't. Dogs are territorial by nature and are perfectly satisfied only interacting with their own family.

So if your dog is not a social butterfly, that's perfectly fine and natural. Don't feel bad. HOWEVER- the true definition of "socializing" is sharing space.

Every dog and every owner should learn how to control their dog and be peaceful in the presence of other dogs and people.

Whether you're in the veterinary office waiting room, or passing someone at the park, your dog needs to learn to ignore others.

A big mistake that I see as a professional trainer is that owners allow every dog and every person to interact or touch their dog from the first time they take him out. So the dog is excited and overstimulated and ignores the owner because he is getting so much feedback from everyone else.

Overstimulation often leads to reactivity- not because your dog is mean- but because his emotions are out of control.

So practice being calm and ignoring everyone else. Use high value treats to reward your dog for listening to you. Move away and correct when he's overstimulated. Pass and ignore way more people/dogs than you interact with so your dog doesn't expect to "say hi" to everyone while tuning you out.

Lastly, keep your leash short in public spaces and never allow your dog to approach another dog or person without their permission. Respect the personal space of others. Many dogs don't want your dog in their space and they have every right to mind their business and be out and about like you.

Be safe. Be happy. Be in control!

Tina Zimmerman IACP CDT  
Manestream Training

# IT'S VET TECH APPRECIATION WEEK! (OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup>)



National Veterinary Technician Week in 2025 is scheduled to run from Sunday, October 19th to Saturday, October 25th. This week, organized by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA), honors the vital contributions of vet techs to animal health and welfare through compassionate care and skilled practice.



## Meet Mady – Certified Veterinary Technician

Mady has been an essential part of the Ambassador Animal Hospital team since 2016 and earned her Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) credentials in 2019. With her extensive experience and compassionate approach, Mady ensures that every patient receives the highest level of care.

She is known for her dedication, teamwork, and willingness to mentor others—always eager to share her knowledge and support the growth of our team.

Pictured are her two beloved German Shorthaired Pointers, Blue and Rouge, who keep her busy and bring endless joy to her life. Her cats choose to remain anonymous.

# SHELTER DOGS

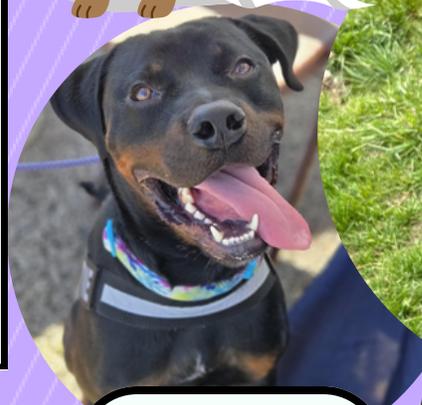
Of the month



## Mamacita

Mamacita is a 5-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix who weighs 56 lbs, and she's as lovable as they come. This happy, affectionate girl has the sweetest personality—and yes, she really does \*smile\*! It's impossible not to fall in love when she flashes her big, goofy grin. With her short, stocky build, Mamacita is a total little hippo, and volunteers can't get enough of her charm. She walks beautifully on a leash, keeps a clean kennel, and is quiet when she's hanging out in her space. Best of all, she absolutely \*adores\* people and thrives on affection. If you're looking for a loyal, loving companion with the cutest smile and the biggest heart, Mamacita is ready to be your new best friend.

**Wish Bone Canine Rescue**



## Pyro



Meet Pyro, a 1.5-year-old, 62-pound Rottweiler mix with a personality as big as his heart! Pyro is a goofy, happy, and energetic boy who absolutely loves to play. Whether it's a game of tug-of-war or running around the yard, this guy is always ready for fun and adventure. His bouncy energy makes him a bundle of joy, but he may be best suited for an active family without young kids, as he tends to jump when he's excited.

**ADOPTION FEE: \$100**

**Wish Bone Canine Rescue**



## Max

Max is a sweet energetic Shorthair who would do best in a quieter home. He does well with other dogs, cats and is okay with kids. Max is the kind of dog whose loyalty runs deep and quiet. At 55 lbs. and around 8–9 years old, this long-legged male, lean GSP is a gentle spirit—sweet & soft-natured. He may be timid at first, but Max doesn't cower or shut down; instead, he observes, takes in the world at his own pace, and slowly begins to trust those who show him patience and kindness. Max is sensitive to loud household sounds, like clinking glasses or dropped objects, but he's surprisingly calm through storms and fireworks.

**Illinois Shorthair Rescue**

**\*More Info at  
[shorthairrescue.com](http://shorthairrescue.com)**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING ANY PET FROM ANY RESCUE, ENSURE THAT ALL OF YOUR PETS ARE UP-TO-DATE ON VACCINES AND PREVENTATIVES. RESCUES CALL US TO CONFIRM THESE THINGS & WILL DENY YOU IF YOUR PETS ARE NOT CURRENT.**

# SHELTER CATS

*Of the month*



## Crush

Meet Crush - a fizzy little sweetheart from our Orange Soda litter, here to gently bubble her way into your heart. She might start off a bit shy, but give her some time and patience, and she'll show you her sweetest side. She's the kind of cat who loves to observe the world from a sunny windowsill or a cushy perch, keeping tabs on everything while staying cool and calm. She's not the type to demand attention, but she's always nearby, ready for soft pets and peaceful moments. Crush is looking for a mellow, loving home where she can bloom at her own pace.

**Clover's Cat Club**

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## Orion

While he was a bit timid at first, Orion has steadily come out of his shell and now enjoys affection—especially when he knows he's safe. With his gentle personality and full-figured charm, Orion is impossible not to love. He gets along well with other cats and is friendly with people of all ages. If you're looking for a mellow, loving companion who's learning to trust and soak up love, Orion might just be your perfect match.

**Clover's Cat Club**



## Raisin Bran

Raisin Bran is looking for a home where she can be the one and only queen or at least be the dominant cat. She is people friendly but would not recommend small children. She loves to sit on the cat tree with her front feet hanging off the side. Her adoption fee is sponsored so there is no fee. An approved application is required: MLA Adoption Application ([formsite.com](https://formsite.com)).

Adoption Fee: \$0

**My Lovable Angels**

