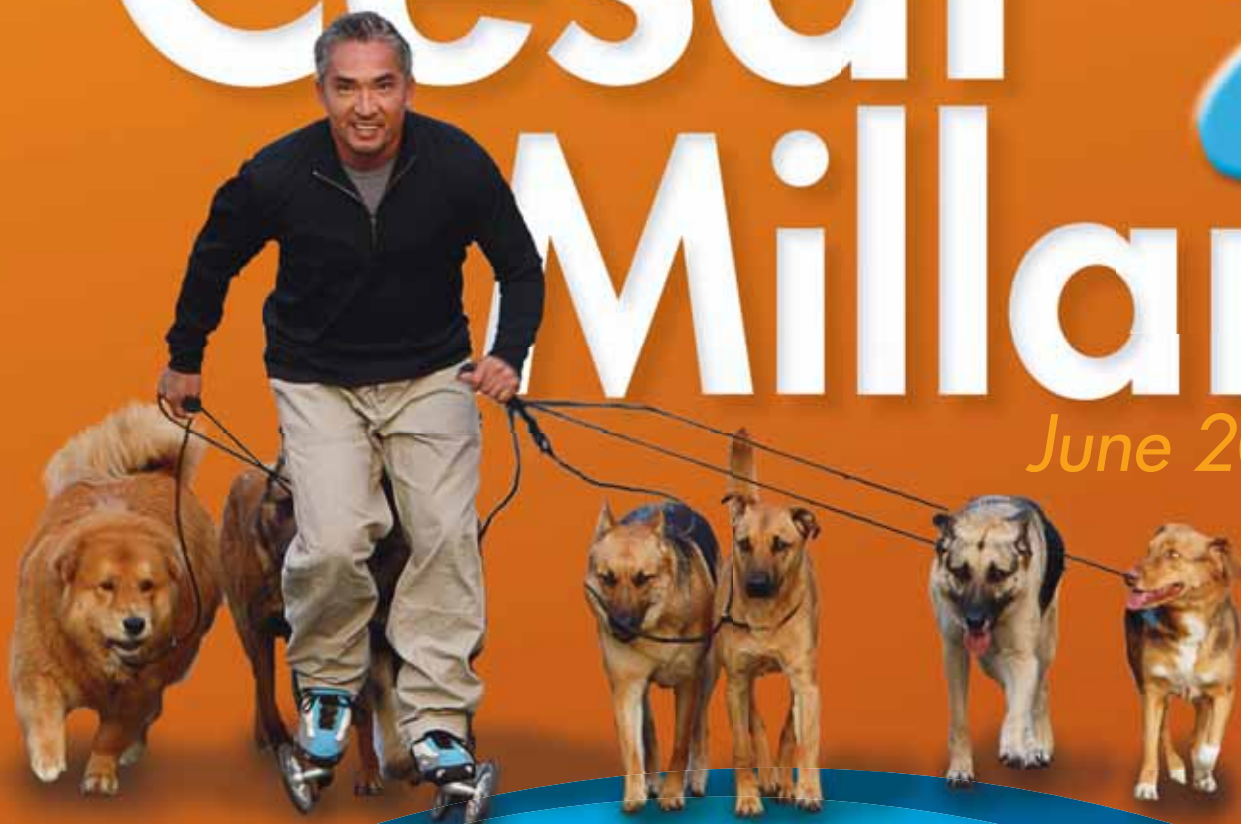


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## Keeping it Clean

A simple cleaning solution for quickly removing fur from upholstery is the ubiquitous kitchen sponge, found in the cleaning section of supermarket aisles. Slightly dampened, this cheap household staple can remove fur and dander gently from your couch or chairs.



## Beware Internet Scammers

Internet scammers are everywhere, we've discovered. They've even trying to get into the pet market. A reader sent us this rather interesting breed of 'dog' picked off one of the many online 'pet' Internet trading sites. The following contains typos and errors and runs exactly as it ran on an Australian pet-trading site.

### A PAIR OF LONG HAIR CHIHUAHUA PUPPIES FOR ADOPTIOPN (sic)

They are male and female 12 WEEKS old, vet checked, handled daily, extremely friendly and very affectionate. They come along with, toys, feeding bowls and health paper, We a family who just moved form Sydney to Cameroon for due to job transfer reasons just to discover that pets are not allowed from other countries into Cameroon. We have not been allowed to take the puppies home from the airport so I am seriously looking for a new home for the puppies back there is in Australia. I am looking for a home that will be able to adopt the 2 adorable puppies and ready to pay for their flight tickets costing \$600 for both, email me asap with your delivery information like your (full names, home address, phone number), as soon as I get this I make arrangements with IATA Pets transporters and they will send the puppies to you by the next available flight from here and deliver them right to your doorstep. I have photos you can see

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Now we're going to make this a community announcement to remind readers that buying a pet over the Internet, long distance can end up being very risky. Even if there's no fraud involved, you have no way of determining if the seller is a responsible and ethical registered breeder. The chances of ending up with a sickly, poorly bred pet of dubious origins are extremely high when purchasing from backyard breeders. Obviously there are ethical registered breeders of dogs, cats and birds that can organise for their youngsters to travel interstate and you can obtain recommendations through local breed clubs. No puppy or kitten should be sent on their way before they reach at least eight weeks old.

In response to this Internet scammer, a colleague jokingly sent through the bird dog image seen in this edition's Creepy Critters pictorial on pages 42-44. We find our stories all over the place.

## To lick or not to lick

Some dog owners allow their dogs to sleep in their beds and others receive 'dog kisses'. Recent research has found that dog owners who allow their dogs to lick their faces or who sleep with their dogs are no more likely to harbour disgusting germs than pet owners who practice stricter human-pet hygiene practices. Research at the Kansas State University looked at dog owners, their dogs and the incidence of E. coli bacteria, a common bug found in the gastrointestinal tracts of dogs and humans. They found that more than half of the owners allowed their dogs to sleep in their bed and lick them on the face.

About 75% of emerging diseases are zoonotic, meaning they are transferable between humans and animals. The study found that 10% of the dog-human pairs shared the same E. coli strains and that the strains had more antibiotic resistance than was expected. The owners had more multiple-drug resistant strains than their pets, which means it's more likely owners spread such strains to their pets than pets spread to their owners. While bed-sharing and face-licking didn't increase the prevalence of E. coli, owners who didn't wash their hands after petting their dogs or before cooking meals did have more antibiotic-resistant E. coli.

## Free Obedience Classes for Sydney-siders

It's on again! Enrolments are now being taken for free obedience classes. This Sydney City Council initiative is once again open to residents of the City of Sydney, Marrickville, Leichhardt, Woollahra and Botany Bay council areas. Bookings: 9265 9333

## A Wolf in Dog's Clothing

According to a study published in the journal Science, black wolves, found nearly exclusively in North America, likely inherited their coats from breeding with domestic dogs. Researchers and canine geneticists from Stanford University and the University of Calgary believe that North American dogs today are likely descended from European dogs.

"Although it happened by accident, black wolves are the first example of wolves being genetically-engineered by people., said study co-author Marco Musiani, a University of Calgary professor and wolf expert. "Domestication of dogs has led to dark-coloured coats in wolves, which has proven to be a valuable trait for wolf populations as their arctic habitat shrinks," Musiani said.

A darker coat helps wolves hide when chasing their prey in forested areas, where the black wolves make up about 62 percent of the wolf population. Wolves grey with age, and coats vary from white to grey to black. Lighter-coloured wolves are more prevalent in the icy tundra, where only about 7 percent of dark wolves are found.

The study compared DNA from 41 black, grey and white wolves in the Canadian Arctic and 224 black and grey wolves from Yellowstone National Park, with the DNA of domestic dogs and grey and black coyotes. The researchers said the wolves acquired their dark coats at some point over the past 10,000 to 15,000 years, after the first humans migrated to North America across the Bering Strait with their dogs. Apparently wolf populations are quickly adapting to conditions with less snow by taking advantage of the human-created shortcut of black colouration.

## Cultivating Canine Café Culture

Want to spend time reading the Sunday newspapers, sipping a latte and having a leisurely breakfast while the family dog quietly lays under the table? Perhaps your experience has been more stressful with your dog hell bent on taking off after a passing poodle, whining for your waffles or throwing a tanty for treats. If the idea of taking your furry friend to the local café has you in a fluster then you might want to consider taking a course on good manners. Café Culture is a new four-week practical training course that offers management and advice on your mutt's manners in a café environment. Owners are taught how to get their dogs to sit, drop and stay by café tables, to not mug wait-staff for food and shown general training practices. We're not sure if they include the protocol for tipping but we do know they'll have some great advice. For more information contact Julie Adams 0421 053 438 or Trudi Thorpe 0419 999 975 at dogLOGIC info@doglogic.com.au

## Training Tip

Too often trainers are so busy emphasising the right collar, harness or head halter that we forget whether your dog has the right leash and clasp in the appropriate weight. Look at the end of your leash and assess whether it's the right size and weight for your dog. An overly large and weighty clasp interferes with training and walking as it clonks into chest or chin. If using a head halter style like the Halti or Gentle Leader, then use a leash that has a smaller, lighter clasp. On the other hand, a lightweight and flimsy clasp is not going to be appropriate for a large breed.



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