



# TATTLE TAILS

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## TRAINING WITH SADIE ~ANITA SHULTZ



I have just returned from a 5 week program in Maine with my canine partner Sadie. I received a scholarship from State Farm after waiting 5 years to be chosen. When they called last October to inform me of the scholarship I was in the hospital with MRSA in my lungs, heart valves, and brain. I was well enough to enter into the fall program in Maine. It was very intensive- 7 days a week starting at 630 every morning. We had practical evolutions with our dogs and classroom work as well every day. I had a black lab in the beginning but the instructors switched my dog half way through the class and I ended up with a 16 month old yellow lab mix named Sadie. The 1st dog I started with was too much like me- "too laid back" they said. Sadie is a great dog with a good personality. She loves to work. She started training a few months before I got to the School and we finished our training together. Sadie is a "food reward" dog which means she eats when she trains. Its up to me to make sure she gets enough to eat or not too much, as the case may be. We train together 2-3 times per day, 7 days a week. She is trained to sniff 15 different accelerants and can search a house in minutes. This cuts down a fire investigator's work by hours in some cases. She can do field searches, people sniffs, room searches looking for accelerants used to start fires. We are A Canine Accelerant Detection Team certified by the state of Maine. We have to complete yearly recertifications including a written test and practical exams. I was terribly homesick and the beds were lumpy but the food was good and provided by the school. It was very intense and nerve racking. I consider it an honor to be chosen by the school for the scholarship, backed by my fire department. They believe in me. There are only 200 teams in the US and Canada and only 9 women teams in that group. They only train 10 teams per year so the program is very competitive. We are hoping to assist in investigations within a 200 mile radius of our area and are available upon request.

### New E-Newsletter!

We are proud to announce our new E-Newsletter. We need your email address. Please take time to provide us with your email address the next time you are in the office or call and have us add your e-mail to our list. The online version of Tattle Tails will be available at [www.magranepmc.com](http://www.magranepmc.com) for you to view and print. We will send you an email notification as soon as the next E-Newsletter becomes available.

There are 1,348,500 fires annually in the US. That's every 23 seconds. There are 3,010 civilian deaths and 17,050 injuries due to fire annually- that's an injury or death every 175 minutes that results in 12.5 billion dollars in property loss as well. Arson is on the rise with the way the economy is. We hope to be a valuable asset in our community.

## INTRODUCING...



Lisa was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana and still resides there. After graduating from Clay High School, she worked in retail part time for a few years. In 2010, she began classes at Brown Mackie College in South Bend and graduated with honors in 2012 with a degree in Veterinary Technology. After completing a three month internship at Magrane Pet Medical Center, she was hired as an assistant. She is enjoying her time at Magrane's immensely and can't wait to see what the future holds.

In her spare time, Lisa enjoys dancing, reading, seeing movies, bowling, and game night with her fellow Magrane Pet Medical Center coworkers. She owns one cat, named Lil' Biscuit or "Biz" for short, a two year old orange tabby found in a corn field in Berrien Springs, Michigan when he was just a few weeks old. Lisa loves anything

Disney and has set a goal to visit all six of the Disney Parks around the world at least once in her lifetime. Having visited Disney World in Florida over twenty times, all she has left is California, Paris, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Shanghai! Wish her luck!

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After growing up in the Osceola area, Kelley moved to Southern California immediately following high school and stayed for ten years. During that time, she worked at a very well regarded municipal animal shelter where she was a member of the leadership team. A picture of Kelley and the leadership team appeared in Dog Fancy magazine when they won the 2007 Shelter of the Year! During her time at the shelter, Kelley became interested in epidemiology and disease processes, and would like to pursue education in that area.

Kelley is an avid reader and is usually reading at least a few books at a time. She will read just about anything, but particularly loves to read nonfiction books about science related subjects, biographies, and history. She also frequently reads young adult and children's books to discuss with her niece and nephews. Kelley has one dog, Zoe (an Australian Cattle Dog mix found sitting under a bus stop in San Clemente, CA), and one cat, Deno (an older black cat found in Irvine, CA). Kelley also recently started organizing a board game night for the staff at Magrane. She also enjoys learning about gourmet cooking, rides her bike to and from Magrane as weather permits.

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Jess joined the Magrane family in early December as a Pet Care Specialist. She grew up in Bremen, graduated from LaVille Jr-Sr High School, then went on to Michiana College for Medical Assistant training, graduating with honors. She worked in the medical field approximately eight years. Due to her love of animals and the care and compassion she had gained while working in the medical field, she decided to change gears and approach a new career in pet care.

Jess is the mother of two children, Elizabeth, 13, and Charles, 10. They are very active in sports and the St. Joseph. County 4-H Fair. She enjoys reading, horseback riding, motorcycling, fishing, gardening and camping. She has three horses, JR, Cole, and Bosco, and two barn cats, Biscuit and Boostie. She loves being outdoors and with her children.

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## Veterinarian Schedules

Starting May 2013

<b>Monday AM</b> Dr. Niemann Dr. Doversberger	<b>Thursday PM</b> Dr. Niemann Dr. Meltzer
<b>Monday PM</b> Dr. Neuhoff Dr. Niemann Dr. Logue	<b>Friday AM</b> Dr. Niemann Dr. Neuhoff
<b>Tuesday AM</b> Dr. Doversberger Dr. Neuhoff	<b>Friday PM</b> Dr. Logue Dr. Niemann
<b>Tuesday PM</b> Dr. Niemann Dr. Logue	<b>Surgery Schedule</b> Monday- Dr. Meltzer Dr. Doversberger (ultrasounds and echocardiograms)
<b>Wednesday AM</b> Dr. Logue Dr. Neuhoff Dr. Meltzer	Tuesday- Dr. Neuhoff Wednesday- Dr. Logue
<b>Wednesday PM</b> Dr. Neuhoff Dr. Logue Dr. Meltzer	Thursday- Dr. Niemann Friday- Dr. Neuhoff
<b>Thursday AM</b> Dr. Doversberger Dr. Meltzer	<b>Saturday Hours:</b> 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

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### Mission Statement

The Magrane Pet Medical Center Health Care Family seeks fulfillment by providing the best medical and surgical care available. We are dedicated to relieving pain and suffering in a compassionate way. The care and education we provide will maintain the highest quality of life for pets, their owners and our community.

## April Showers bring... ...many trembling dogs.



### How can I help my best friend through thunderstorms?

We get a lot of calls from owners describing the trembling, salivating, teeth chattering, hiding, panicking behavior of their furry best friend when the thunderstorms start to roll in. We thought it might be helpful to provide a go-to guide for options that may help your dog feel a little bit better.

**The Thundershirt** – [www.thundershirt.com](http://www.thundershirt.com) – The Thundershirt uses gentle, constant pressure to calm your dog, effectively aiding anxiety and fearfulness. Many people have seen marked improvement while their dogs wear the shirt in situations including thunderstorms and fireworks.

**Desensitizing and Counter Conditioning** – There are others who work on desensitizing their dogs thunderstorms and fireworks by using CD's of recorded sound played at a low sound as the dog starts to feel more comfortable. Behavior modification techniques should be tailored to your individual dog, following a consultation with a trained professional.

**Medication** – for some dogs their anxiety is so intense that they could actually harm themselves if left alone during a storm. For these dogs, medication is necessary to help them relax and not panic. The medications we use now can be given during a storm and still be effective. Previously used medications only sedated the dog but did not provide anxiety relief.

**Combination of all the above** – many choose to use a combination of the above depending on the level of anxiety their dog displays. Some will work on desensitizing while utilizing some medication during severe storms, hoping to increase the tolerance their dog has for thunderstorms. Some are able to use a thundershirt for light showers but big storms that hit in the middle of the night require some medication.

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## Thank You

We'd like to thank the following clients for their referrals:

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Marylee Mattern	Glendia and Harold Wyatt
Lyn and Bill Mischel	

If you made a referral and your name does not appear on this list, please accept our thank you for the referral and our apology for omitting your name.

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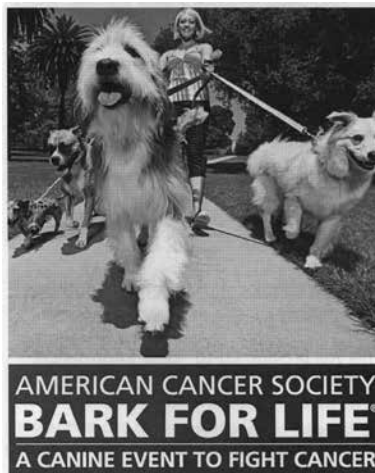
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about thunderstorm phobia  
in your dog please contact me.



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Please attend  
**“Bark For Life  
Mishawaka/South Bend”**

April 13, 2013  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration Begins at 1:00 p.m.  
Howard Park

Neika will be a guest speaker.

May 25, 2013 @ 10am

Poe's Poem - book helping to teach children how to be safe around dogs. Child Reading and autographs by Poe himself

**National Dog Safety Week is May 20 - May 25**

## A Referral Program

Please take advantage of our Client Referral program that works in conjunction with our Feather and Fur Fund. We've developed a "Gift Card" that you can pick up at our office. However, this is a Gift Card that you do not have to pay for! Just pick up several of these cards the next time you are in our clinic. When you refer a friend and give them the card, they will receive a complimentary complete physical exam and Magrane will donate

\$20.00 to the Feather and Fur Fund in your name. We appreciate the confidence you've placed in us to care for your pet, and we appreciate each and every referral you send our way.



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