



# YOU & YOU

There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.

Albert Schweitzer  
French physician & philosopher

## A TALE OF TWO CANINES

By Kate Gilderdale

Max is a hound with a nose for the limelight.

The 8-year-old cairn terrier/border collie mix has been part of Sherrí Rickard's life since he was a pup of just five weeks and, during that time, he managed to get himself interviewed by Readers Digest. "He was a little pup and my hound dog took him off for a long walk," recalled Rickard, who has worked at Uxbridge Veterinary Clinic since 1984.

"The hound dog came back, Max didn't. He was seven weeks old and we spent three days looking for him." Happily, he was found safe and well and managed to arrive back in the fold just as long-time veterinarian Grant Elliot was being interviewed for an article in the Digest.

Thus Max's story was immortalized in print. "He certainly is a character," said his fond owner. "He chases chipmunks, and when they run up a tree, he will lie by that tree for hours until I make him come into the house."



Max

Rickard grew up on a farm in the Uxbridge area and has always loved animals. She also owns a cairn terrier called Otis and a cat called Willow, who she rescued from her mother's barn and who, in true feline fashion, considers herself somewhat above her human and canine companions.

While domestic pets account for most of the clinic's clients, they also see a lot of injured wild life, said Rickard. And while puppies and kittens are delightful, she said, people should remember that taking on a pet is a long-term commitment - one that should not be undertaken without serious thought.



Sherrí Rickard



- Border Collie cross
- Female, 2-3 years
- Quiet personality

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1/2 cup all-purpose flour	1/2 cup beef bouillon or chicken broth

Combine all ingredients. Dust hands with flour; form dough into shapes about 1/2 inch thick or roll out on a lightly floured surface and cut into shapes with cookie cutter. Bake on baking sheets in preheated 350F oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until crisp. Cool. Makes about two dozen biscuits.

### Advice for new pet owners

Once you have adopted your pet, the instructions are simple. Just remember the acronym, PETS, and the four steps to proper pet care:

- Play with them frequently and love them unconditionally - you wouldn't expect any less from them.
- Exercise daily - through walks or play.
- Take your pet to the veterinarian for regular checkups. Be sure to get all vaccinations on time.
- Serve your pet nutritionally balanced foods for their lifestages.



- Black & white
- Shorthaired male
- 3 years old

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