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Leading dog expert Nikki Moustaki shares dog news, stories and experiences of dog care, rescue, ownership, training and more in her new weekly blog.

About the author: When she's not writing, you can find author Nikki Moustaki, one of the nation's leading pet experts, rocking out on her drums, teaching herself 80s heavy metal on her Gibson guitar, or rescuing dogs from the shelter and working on her favorite dog charity projects. [More>>](#)

Posted:MAY. 1, 2012, 8 A.m.
Tiny Dogs and Nirvana

I understand the need for small dogs. People living in apartments typically opt for an apartment-sized dog. But small dogs already exist. Why do we have to take big dogs and miniaturize them when it has already been done for us? I blame Nirvana. [More »](#)

Posted:MAR. 25, 2012, 8 A.m.
Social Media Gone To The Dogs

If I were to guess, I'd say that easily 1,000 of my Facebook friends are dogs. These dogs update their profiles, tell their owners secrets, and often confess to doing naughty things, complete with photos of the dastardly deeds. [More »](#)

Posted:MAR. 18, 2012, 8 A.m.
What's Your Dog Type

It always takes me a little by surprise when I see someone who has a set of dogs of vastly different breeds. It would turn my head to see someone walking a Husky and a Pug, or an Afghan Hound and a Fox Terrier. This is because I am certain that all dog people have a "dog type," choosing their dogs nearly the same way people choose a mate. [More »](#)

Posted:Feb. 29, 2012, 8 A.m.
Natural vs Euthanasia

My apartment is very quiet. It's because my best friend isn't here anymore. Pepper was an "alarm barker." Every footfall on the stairs outside my door warranted dozens of warning woofs. If a tree fell in Spain, he barked about it. My other two dogs are very mellow, but Pepper was as tightly wound as Eddy Van Halen's guitar. And I liked him that way. He was my protector, my constant companion, and my anchor. And now he's gone. [More »](#)

Posted:Feb. 20, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
Dog and Puppy Products

I'm constantly trying out new dog products and keeping my ear to the ground for products that other dog lovers are raving

about. I'm all about practical dog and puppy products and making sure I have everything I need for nearly every possible situation. Here are a few of my "must have" dog product picks for your puppy or dog. [More»](#)

Posted:Jan. 22, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
Westminster and the Puppy Bowl

It's that time of year again, The Westminster Kennel Club Show, when pure bred dogs from all over the country go paw to paw to take home the coveted prize of Best in Show. I have gone to this show every year as a member of the press since 1999. It's like the Super Bowl for dog lovers. [More»](#)

Posted:Jan. 22, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
Why Cesar Millan Troubles This Dog Trainer

I walk my dogs around New York City every day, and every single day I hear at least one dog owner hissing like a flattening tire, "Sssssssssssss" and then I see them yanking on their dog's collar and saying "NO!" Another Cesar Millan casualty, I think to myself. What did that little, well-behaved French Bulldog puppy do to deserve that correction? In reality, it's the owner who probably needed the correction – or at least a great deal of instruction on how to properly handle a dog. [More»](#)

Posted:Jan. 22, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
Houndsight Is 20/20

I poked Pepper in the eye. He's 14 and can't see well, and when I reached out my hand to pet him, I accidentally jabbed him in the eye with my fingernail. He yelped and cringed and I felt horrible about it – but I didn't think that such a small accident would lead to one of the biggest dramas that Pepper and I have ever faced. [More »](#)

Posted:Jan. 15, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
Million Dollars = Puppy

In the world of dog rescue, puppies are considered relatively "easy." Placing young puppies of any shape and size in homes are far easier than placing, say, a 10-year-old terrier mix or a six-year-old plain brown dog. Puppies are the "in demand" canine. Puppies get all the love. [More»](#)

Posted:Jan. 3, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
New Year's Dog Resolutions

It's a New Year and time to make resolutions – and ideally keep them beyond Valentine's Day. That's usually my breaking point. Halo, Purely for Pets surveyed more than 1,000 pet parents to find out their New Year's Resolutions. [More»](#)

Posted:dec. 29, 2011, 2:30 p.m.
Crazy Dog Lady

I recently saw a quote on a friend's Facebook wall that read: I'd rather be known as the "crazy dog lady" than a "people person." Because I may have lost my mind, but I found my soul. Do you consider yourself a "crazy dog person?" Do other people consider you a "crazy dog person?" [More »](#)

Posted:dec. 19, 2011, 2:30 p.m.
Dog Gift Guide

Do you give holiday gifts to your dogs? I do. And I also believe in giving doggie gifts to dog owners for the holidays. Whenever I have one of those hard-to-buy-for people on my “nice list,” I always default to buying something for their pet – even if their dog should be on the naughty list. [More»](#)

Posted:Nov. 14, 2011, 2:30 p.m.

Heart Dog

I've heard it said so many times that you only get one “heart dog” in your life, your one soul mate pooch that means more to you than any other canine could, the one who connects with you on a level that most people can't even reach. [More»](#)

Posted:Nov. 7, 2011, 2:30 p.m.

The Day of The Dog As a Frog

I wrote in my last blog that I love Halloween because it makes me infinitely happy to see dogs in costumes. But you know what makes me even more infinitely happy (for at least five minutes)? The post-Halloween dog costume sale. [More»](#)

Posted:OCT. 31, 2011, 2:30 p.m.

Playing Dress Up

Happy Howl-o-ween! I'm sorry, I can't help being (candy)corny this time of year. Halloween is my favorite holiday because it makes me infinitely happy to see dogs in costumes. It's the time of year when passionate dog owners let their dogs' inner ballerina, bumblebee, or princess shine. [More»](#)

Posted:OCT. 24, 2011

I Eat Poop, Therefore I am... Really Gross

I have three dogs, two youngsters, Pearl and Zoey, and a senior, Pepper. Because Pepper is 14 years old, I have given him his own “office” area where he can do his “business.” It consists of a corner containing a tray with a puppy pad in the bottom of it, closed off by a cute little curtain that he can go through and get some privacy—not that he needs it. Pepper is not modest. [More»](#)

Posted:OCT. 17, 2011

Cookies and Cooking For Your Dog

As little as 10 years ago I remember that a “dog event” was seen as a kitschy anomaly. The press came out in droves for a doggie fashion show, highlighting how kooky (read: nuts) all of us dog people are. Today, in most large urban areas, you can go to a dog event every week – perhaps twice a week. That's definitely the case where I live in New York City, where dog culture is as happening as Birkin bags (but less expensive). I love dog events, mostly because I love dogs and their people. [More»](#)

Posted:OCT. 10, 2011

I'm Not Fat, Baby I Was Born This Way

Pearl is a fluffy, intelligent Benji-type shelter-mutt who waddles a little when she walks, and is still exuberantly puppy-ish at nearly three years old. She has the longest eyelashes I've ever seen on a dog, which curve gracefully over her tiny brown eyes. But her most striking feature is her ample, cobby, barrel shaped body. That's what gets her the most attention in our mostly Spanish-speaking neighborhood in Miami Beach where I live for most of the year, when I'm not in New York City. [More»](#)



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