

Crossword By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Lubricant
4 Boubou-phones' kin
6 Plagiarize
12 Beerlike beverage
13 — fall swoop
14 T-ell, Caesar?
16 With 69— Across, "Tusk" band
17 Apiece
18 Muham- mad or Laila
19 Going together
21 Tone down
24 Okla- homa city
25 — pro noble
26 Insect- ible letters
28 Denomi- nation
31 Church service
33 Chevy Suburban, e.g.
35 Paddock papa

DOWN
1 Lout
2 Under the weather
3 Sheltered side
4 Given a name
5 Relaxer
6 Hallow- een shout
7 Battery terminal
8 Coupes' counter- parts
9 Black Hills metropo- lita
10 It takes the cake
11 Titanic toppler

15 See 15—Across
20 "Family —"
21 Cell body
22 Exam format
23 Expedited process
27 Wine cask
28 Geneal- ogy chart
30 Bum some- what
32 Gandhi wrapper?
34 Blister
37 Off-color
38 Broad- way angel, e.g.
42 Demoni- cal
44 Unsaid of basketball lore
46 Mexican money
48 Eye layer
50 "— bin ain Berliner"
51 Intention
52 FDR's "Blue Eagle"
53 Calendar abbr.

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 12-21

Treats, eats and Squeaks

A board game you play with your dog

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There is nothing like being able to get your dog to listen.

While this statement is for those people who have well-trained dogs, it's mainly for people like me, whose dogs are spoiled and listen to the extent they see fit. Don't get me wrong — my pooches aren't completely bullheaded, they listen well enough for us to get along.

A great discovery recently was made in my home and it came in the form of a board game that you can play with your dog. That's right — it's time to get over the idea that your dog could become a high-stakes banker like in Monopoly and grab the "Funagle."

Pronounced fun-ney-guh-L. Maker Darf Inc. defines the name it as: to finesse a dog into performing an activity using treats, verbal and gesture communications.

That is right on the money.

This game is made for two to four people and one to four dogs. When have you ever seen that statement on the box of a Milton Bradley game? Usually, when humans sit down to play a board game, the dogs, in my case, are stealing pieces of the game or wanting to interrupt play for attention.

With "Funagle," you can directly involve your dog, spend some time together and perform some quality training with them.

Denise Rothman, president of Darf Inc., said the idea was adopted when she was sending her dogs to obedience school.

"We took our puppy to obedience classes a few years ago. We'd come home and practice — it was a task. I thought, 'What if we made this fun — a game?' When we turned learning tricks into a game, we practiced more and she learned fun new tricks. She thinks she's pretty cool because she can do tricks. By playing Funagle, our Yorkie, KT, learned to beg, crawl,



Product: Funagle.

Where to buy: www.darfinc.com.

Info: Spend some quality time with your dog, family or friends with Funagle, a board game for dogs and their owners.

moonwalk, do sit-ups, shake, twirl, do the wave, among other tricks," she said.

The game comes with a board (of course), timer, dog-game pieces, bone-shaped carabineers and 50 activity "Wag Tags." The tags contain the activities to perform with your dog and represent five categories: lover, entertainer, athlete, chowhound and genius.

You will need to supply your own dog treats and toys, which sometimes are required for each activity.

The object is to navigate the board and win the Wag Tags for the bone-shaped carabineers by finagling your dog to do the commands, gestures and activities listed on each tag in less than a minute.

"Dogs are part of families, so why not include them in family games? In my family, we love Trivial Pursuits and Pictionary — I thought it might be fun to try and get

dogs to do tricks instead of answering trivia questions. It's! So, I designed Funagle," Rothman said.

This game is fun and I loved playing it with our dogs. You can really find out what your dog is capable of and what they really can and want to do when you give them a command.

Depending on your dog's personality, you may have to find some really creative ways to get your dog to win that Wag Tag.

Sid does really well with the standing up on hind legs activities and speaking. Rogue lacks the body structure for those types of activities, but she was more than willing to try when a treat was dangled in front of her face.

"The game is about creativity — how can a person get a dog to do a trick by using treats and gestures. People learn how to communicate better with dogs. Dogs don't

The panel



SID VICIOUS



ROGUE

need to know how to do the tricks — when people use treats, most dogs can be lured into tricks. Dogs will do almost anything for a treat. People find out their dogs are more capable than they realized. When dogs do something to please their person they become more confident. And playing with dogs is just plain fun!" she said.

The rules are pretty clear and I found that if they don't really fit how you would like to play, they can easily be tweaked to do so.

This game is the perfect way to keep your dog in shape mentally and physically and also get the whole family together for some board game fun. If you have friends with dogs, you can invite them over and it's a perfect way for dogs to socialize.

Rating:



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Mistreated in Montreal



Dear Annie: My teenage sister, "Jana," is in an abusive relationship, and my family does not know how to help her get out.

Since she began dating "Pete," Jana has withdrawn from her friends and is constantly angry. She spends hours each week on the phone with him. I hear him berating her for not calling him back fast enough or giving him enough attention. Last night, he yelled so loudly over the phone, I could hear him on another floor. He's a high school dropout and was mad that Jana was spending the evening working on a home-work project rather than talking with him.

His abuse escalated from emotional to physical at a recent party, where Jana caught him drinking, despite his promises not to (Pete has a drinking problem). Pete grabbed my sister so violently that another boy had to pull him off her, and Jana's wrist hurt for over an hour afterward. Jana thinks it's OK that Pete hurt her because he wanted to keep her from walking away. My brother also saw Pete making out with another girl. Jana almost broke up with him over that, but Pete convinced her my brother was mistaken.

Annie, my sister sometimes recognizes that she is being mistreated, but she can't keep up her resolve and she always makes excuses for Pete's behavior. What can we do? Is there legal action my parents can take, since Jana is under 18? We are all very worried about her.

— Concerned Sister in Montreal

Dear Montreal: It would depend on Pete's age and other factors, but without Jana's cooperation, the law may not be able to do anything. It's important that Jana understand that abuse is not love. It's all about power and control. Becoming angry when she doesn't drop everything for him is a sign of emotional abuse. Grabbing her wrist until it is painful is physical abuse. You can find out more by going to kidshealth.org. Help is available through the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (rainn.org) at 800-656-HOPE (800-656-4673).

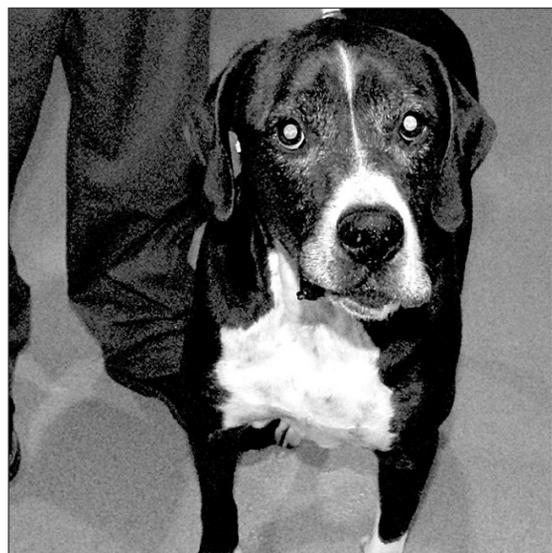
Dear Annie: I recently had an interview for a part-time job. The interviewer asked if I was currently working, and when I responded that I wasn't, she proceeded to ask me how I was supporting myself. I thought the question was totally irrelevant and extremely intrusive.

Due to an inheritance, I am financially comfortable right now. I'm not sure how to handle nosy people who think it's OK to ask how I pay my bills. What should I tactfully say to them?

— Perplexed in Wantage, N.J.

Dear Perplexed: An interviewer may ask such questions to ascertain the reason you are out of work (illness, jail) and whether you are supporting yourself illegally (drugs, prostitution). Some questions they cannot legally ask, so this is an indirect way of getting the information, although you are not obligated to answer.

Pet of the Week



ALISON AUCONE/Sun-Gazette

Pet of the Week at the Lycoming County SPCA, 2805 Reach Road, is an adult male boxer mix. He is neutered, up to date with his initial shots (including rabies) and temper tested good! He came in to the SPCA earlier this month as a stray. This well-mannered dog will make a great first dog! The local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; and is closed Sunday and holidays. For more information, call 322-4646 or visit www.lycoming.org/spca.



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