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Questions About College?

Adam Lechnir works for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). ISAC is an agency of the State of Illinois that strives to make college accessible and affordable for all Illinois residents. Lechnir is part of a new outreach program called the ISACorps. The goal of the ISACorps is to assist families with the college going process.

"While my services are free and open to anyone, the main goal of the ISACorps is to help first-generation, low-income college students get into a post-secondary institution and finance their education," Lechnir said. "Many families are unaware that the State of Illinois, the Department of Education at the federal level, and colleges have many financial programs to help our lower income students pay for college."

Lechnir offers individual counseling, small group workshops and presentations on anything and everything related to the college going process. "Moreover, I work strictly in the very Northwestern region of Illinois. I am in the area quite a bit, and am trying to spread the word about the ISACorps."

Contact Adam Lechnir by email at ALechnir@isac.org or by phone at (815)-721-4851.

Section 1 FFA Parliamentary Procedure CDE Results

Held at River Ridge December 3, 2009

Top Teams		
Dakota	908	
West Carroll		846
Eastland	659	
River Ridge		444.5
Stockton	288	
Chairmen		
Anthony White		Dakota
Garrett Heidenrich		Stockton
Kara Durward	W. C.	
Veronika Rone	RR	
Austin Sargent	Eastland	
Secretaries		
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Renee Palmer	Eastland	

Allison McLane RR
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 Hannah Pieper Dak
 Matt Strauch WC
 Audrey Ashby WC
 Ethan Baisden WC
 Parker Ludeking Dak
 Montana Mosel WC
 Rachel Trumpy Dak
 Matt Koppen East
 Beccah Yuswak WC
 10. Cory Snetcher East

A FFA Parliamentary Procedure contest consists of taking a 25-question multiple choice test, a 10-minute demonstration properly using parliamentary motions, and answering questions about the demonstration from the judges following the presentation.

Dakota and West Carroll will now advance to the District I FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest held in January at Amboy High School.

Special thanks to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville for supplying the judges for the contest.

Pre-Purchase and Pre-Adoption Pet Counseling

After staring at two-month-old Labrador puppies at the shelter, the innocent look in their eyes is sometimes too hard to resist. But adopting or purchasing a dog on impulse usually does not end well.

Adding a new dog to your life is an exciting and sometimes daunting experience. It's hard to know what to expect. Dr. Kelly Morgan is a veterinarian at the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, a program of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in Urbana. She is also pursuing board certification with the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

She says, "with pre-adoption counseling, we try to help new pet owners have realistic expectations." The thought is if owners can be prepared ahead of time about the needs of their pet, they will be more likely to keep the pet the entirety of its life and have a strong human-animal bond.

While the breed of dog may play a role in what animal is selected, pre-purchase counseling is much more than a discussion on what breed is best for your family. Consultations cover many topics that potential pet owners

may forget about. Some of the issues discussed with a veterinarian during a pre-adoption counseling session at the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine are:

- How much exercise will my dog need?
- How often will my pet need to be groomed?
- Will my pet need to be housebroken?
- Is my pet good with children, or other pets?
- Will my dog need obedience training?
- Are there any underlying medical conditions that will require treatment?

It is important that owners consider the demands of having a puppy or younger pet around the house versus those of an older dog. "Usually by four years of age dogs have their personality established. If they are friendly with kids or other animals at this age, they are likely to remain that way throughout their life," explains Dr. Morgan. Animals of this age would also be a good choice for a busy family that may not be able to devote a lot of time to house training and obedience training.

Although certain breeds may be known for certain personalities, "dogs can vary widely even despite breed," notes Dr. Morgan. Pets are individuals just like humans, so it is important to pay attention to the behavior of a dog you are interested in.

Shelter staff are a great resource when it comes to assessing a particular animal's disposition. Even if a dog comes in with no history, the people that are around the animal are usually pretty good at giving an accurate depiction of that animal's personality.

The reason Dr. Morgan stresses the importance of pre-adoption counseling and getting to know what type of personality a dog has before taking it home is because the number one reason dogs are relinquished to shelters is behavior.

Each year millions of dogs enter shelters because their owners may have not been realistic about their canine companion's needs. A pre-purchase consultation with a veterinarian can help ensure that whether you adopt a Burmese mountain dog or a bichon frise, you'll be off to a good start.

For more information contact your local veterinarian.



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