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# The pet of the month is...

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## Stella



This month Stella, owned by Melissa Harms, is our featured pet. Stella is a 3 year old Havanese by Coton de Tulear mixed breed dog. Melissa saw the puppy's photo on-line on the breeder's website and knew she was the perfect dog for her. Stella is very protective of her owner's attention and doesn't allow others to come too close.

Melissa was very excited to get a new puppy and purchased a "toy box" and filled it with lots of different play toys. Stella however only likes a stuffless raccoon named "Rocky." According to Melissa no other toy is worthy of Stella's attention. Overall Stella has a very proper demeanor and silly games are not for her. She does enjoy trips to the Sheboygan Dog Park or Lake Michigan on a regular basis to sniff around.



Stella's nose has gotten her into trouble a couple of times. Melissa refers to Stella's wandering away from home as "Sniff Adventures." Once Stella was actually hit by a car but fortunately was not seriously injured. However this has not stopped the periodic trips across the neighborhood that lead to Melissa chasing her.

Over the years, Melissa has found that Stella has a broad palette for food. Beyond her regular dog kibble, Stella will eat green peppers, banana's at the perfect ripeness, broccoli, air popcorn and tomato slices "stolen" from Melissa's sub-sandwiches. She seems able to eat just about anything.

When relaxing on either her personal dog couch, the human couch or Melissa's bed, Stella will always respond to the "Skype" notification sound and come running to the computer. She never has much to say to the people on the computer but after saying "Hi" she returns to her bed to finish sleeping.

