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With all of the heat and humidity in recent days, here's a story about a cute little basset hound and her adventures in the snow to help you cool off. Her name is Colbi and although she may look sweet and innocent, this story is not for the faint of heart. You've been warned.

Several winters ago I happened to look outside my living room window to see Colbi digging frantically in the snow. Trust me when I say that is never a good thing to see. At first I thought she was just digging around but then I saw her pull something out of the snow and fling it in the air. From past experience I know I needed to get out there quickly to see what treasure she had unearthed. I ran outside, in my bare feet mind you, and she stopped mid-fling. She looked at me and never losing eye contact, slowly lowered her head, grabbed whatever it was she just dug up and took off at a mad dash across the yard. Game on. I chased her down, and told her to "drop it". Didn't happen. So (don't do this at home, kids) I reached into her mouth and after fishing around for a bit, I pulled out... a dead mouse. But not a whole mouse. No, that would be too easy. It was just half of a mouse. And it was slimy and it was gross. Not, hey, that's kind of gross. I'm talking full-on, gag reflex initiated, I think I'm going to throw up right here in front of God and my neighbors, gross.

But not all dogs are disgusting. In fact, there will be some truly amazing dogs at the Beloit Public Library on Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Amy Ammen, dog behavior expert from Amiable Dog Training, and her Dancing Dogs will perform dance numbers and trick routines, and will teach kids how to be a dog's best friend. This interactive family event is sponsored by the Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) and is open to all ages. And I promise there won't be any mice (dead or otherwise!) at the program.

For more information about this program and many others, visit us online at [www.beloitlibrary.org](http://www.beloitlibrary.org), like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. And be sure to check out these great books coming soon to your Beloit Public Library:

*Knit Your Own Pet: Easy-to-Follow Patterns for Beginners and Young Knitters* by Sally Muir. The 15 patterns in Knit Your Own Pet cover a menagerie of creatures with whom we share our homes, including a hamster, rabbit, canary, Shetland pony, goldfish, bearded dragon, tortoise, snake, axolotl, and a simple dog and cat. (Book Description)

*A Dog's Gift: The Inspirational Story of Veterans and Children Healed by Man's Best Friend* by Bob Drury. ... movingly captures the story of a year in the life of paws4people and the broken bodies and souls the organization mends. The book follows the journey of pups bred by the organization from their loving, if rigorous, early training to an emotional event... where each individual service dog chooses its new owner through an almost mystical connection that ignites the healing process. (Book Description)