

# Celebrity News: A Brand New Episode of 'Lucky Dog' with Host Brandon McMillan Will Warm Your Heart



By [Noelle Downey](#)

Animal lovers, it's time to rejoice! In the latest [celebrity news](#), there's a brand new and particularly sweet episode of the hit CBS show *Lucky Dog* coming out this Saturday, May 13th. It will have your heart swelling with love for an adorable dog named Frankie, not to mention for [Brandon McMillan](#), the handsome host and passionate dog trainer.

# Watch *Lucky Dog* on Your Next Date Night

The show follows McMillan as he rescues dogs from shelters and pounds who have hours left before they're put down and then trains them at his famed Lucky Dog Ranch to prepare them for life with a fantastic family. It's the perfect heart-warming fare to cuddle up and watch with your dog-loving significant other for a [date night](#)! This weekend's episode, sponsored by The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's (OPEI) TurfMutt environmental education and stewardship program, will feature a rescue dog named Frankie, a Beagle mix that's training-shy and anxious around humans after a series of negative experiences in his past. "He's basically written off all humans because of what they've done to him," the host confesses in a teaser clip from the episode.

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McMillan goes above and beyond to help this damaged doggy find his way back to a trusting, loving connection with humans, while OPEI's Kris Kiser visits a potential dream home for Frankie. Unfortunately, he discovers that their yard is anything but dog-friendly, filled with packed-down dirt instead of lush turfgrass, which, Kiser advises to dog owners, is the best option for keeping a cool temperature and a dog-friendly softness in your yard. The team at Lucky Dog sets to work to make the potential owner's yard more appealing with a massive landscaping makeover. "We thought it was a good conversion opportunity," Kiser explains, "where we could give the owner a living landscape and a much better spot for her family and her adopted dog." With the help of an adorable fluffy pal named Olive, Frankie starts the long process of learning the commands and obedience training he'll need to thrive in his new home.

So why does McMillan feel so passionate about training dogs who might not otherwise get a shot at a second home? In a 2013 [celebrity interview](#) with CupidsPulse.com, the television host explained, “I read the facts, and they blow my mind. Every year in America, over 1.5 million dogs are euthanized because they can’t find homes. I wanted to find out why this was happening.”

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Still, this passionate drive to save furry friends has taken its toll on his free time, in particular his love life. In the same 2013 interview, McMillan shared his insane schedule, saying, “I’m so consumed by the show that I go to bed at around 9 p.m. because I have to get up at 4 a.m. We start every morning around 6 a.m. because I want to make sure we work the dogs before the heat kicks in every afternoon.”

Still, that didn’t prevent him for sharing some great [dating advice](#) in our 2014 celebrity interview with him. It’s clear his busy schedule has caused him to think carefully about what he’ll do when he does have more free time to spend with a special someone. “No sitting on the couch watching trash television,” McMillan advised any couples out there. “Really plan your moments for and with each other. Saying ‘I’m too tired’ leads to trouble.”

*Don’t miss this special episode of Lucky Dog, airing on Saturday, May 13th! Check your local listings for channel and time.*

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# 'Lucky Dog' Host Brandon McMillan Shares Dating Advice: "Plan Your Moments For and With Each Other"



By [Sarah Batcheller](#)

Coming from a family of circus animal entertainers, [Brandon McMillan](#) was introduced to the world of animal training at a young age. Beginning with wild animals like tigers and moving on to household canines, he has a long-running love for adrenaline and has mastered the art of command and diligence. On his CBS series *Lucky Dog*, the animal lover shows off his training skills: Beginning by adopting lonely dogs from shelters, he brings them back to Lucky Dog Ranch to be trained. He then finds homes (often with owners for whom the

dog can provide service) for the lucky dogs. In our exclusive celebrity interview, the television star opened up about season two of his hit show and his best [dating advice](#) to consider before bringing a furry friend home.

## Exclusive Celebrity Interview with 'Lucky Dog' Host

The canine transformer reveals that the current season of *Lucky Dog* involves having a lot more fun and says, "I like to outdo everything I've done before." He mentions that he will even be teaching an eight-year-old doberman mix to stand on a paddle board, joking about the adage, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Plus, he shares that there will be a lot more service this year as well; for example, he trains a dog to assist an injured war veteran.

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The Lucky Dog Ranch owner wants his viewers to remember "never to underestimate the power of a shelter dog." He explains, "There's an old myth that shelter dogs are damaged goods, when in reality they're just as trainable, if not more trainable, than breeder dogs." The circus veteran says that, as a teenager, he wanted to make all the money he could training animals, and now, at 37, he wants to make all the difference he can.

## Dating Advice for Couples Who Want to Adopt a Pet

McMillan advises couples who are looking to rescue a pet together to remember to compromise. For example, if one partner likes smaller, fluffier dogs, and the other likes

bigger dogs, they'll have to find a way to meet in the middle. He encourages them to "spend week after week at the shelter rather than going off of an immediate reaction or face value. It's important to remember that a dog's personality is more important than how aesthetically pleasing he is." Once the couple does have the dog, he suggests the more patient person train him, while the more energetic one exercises him.

If you already have a pet who's not quite sure about your new boyfriend, you may want to take your dog's reaction seriously. The *Lucky Dog* host humorously recalls that women he knows often utilize a golden rule of, "If my pet doesn't like you, then I don't either." He laughs about this dating advice, saying, "If a woman says her cat hates a man she's seeing, then that man is toast!"

As far as his own love life goes, the animal trainer is single, attributing his relationship status to the fact that 23 hours of his day are dedicated to *Lucky Dog*. "Unless a person can dedicate 51 percent of their time to another person, they're not ready to be in a committed relationship," he shares in our exclusive celebrity interview. Even though training dogs for service is his priority now, he can see himself settling down with someone special in the next couple of years. So be on the lookout, ladies!

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The adrenaline junkie's first love was the thrill of training wild animals, and in his opinion, if two people's interests are too different, then the relationship is a no-go. He feels like his thirst for adventure and desire to do activities like skydiving or swimming with sharks has been incompatible with partners in the past and therefore a deal breaker.

The busy trainer's dating advice for those with careers that cause them to travel often, like his does, is to make sure every minute is quality time. "No sitting on the couch

watching trash television! Really plan your moments for and with each other. Saying 'I'm too tired' leads to trouble," he believes.

*Fans can keep up with Brandon on Twitter @BrandonMcMillan. Be sure to catch Lucky Dog weekend mornings on CBS!*

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Interview by [Whitney Johnson](#). Written by Petra Halbur.

[Brandon McMillan](#) has dedicated his life to working with animals – so much, in fact, that he hardly has time to date. Now, he’s bringing his work to the small screen with a new show for CBS called *Lucky Dog*, which premieres on Saturday, September 28th as part of “The CBS Dream Team” line-up. Each episode will follow the trainer as he adopts a dog from a shelter – one that’s hours away from euthanasia – and then brings him back to The Lucky Dog Ranch to be trained before finding the perfect family.

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This television opportunity is a logical next step in McMillan’s career. He grew up around animals as the son of two circus trainers, moving to Los Angeles at age 18 to pursue a new path. “When I left the circus, I knew I wanted another animal training job, so Hollywood was the ideal option,” he explains. “I started working with animals for the movies, but as we all know, movies come and go, so work would get slow a lot. I then began training dogs for shelters, a cause that’s always held a spot in my heart.”

The trainer speaks passionately about the treatment of shelter dogs in the United States. “I read the facts, and they blow my mind. Every year in America over 1.5 million dogs are euthanized because they can’t find homes. I wanted to find out why this was happening.”

Despite his concern, McMillan doesn’t condemn kill shelters, insisting that he approaches the issue from a different perspective. “My job as a trainer is to spread the word on how to train dogs and help keep them out of the shelters,” he shares. It seems that many pet owners simply drop their dogs when their would-be canine companion doesn’t behave properly. “They say, ‘You know what? Why don’t I just drop him off at the shelter? It’s just down the street.’ It’s an easy option.



So I attack it from a different angle. I say, 'Why don't you take three days to learn how to train your dog? And he'll keep quiet; he'll stay; and he'll walk on a leash properly.'"

When he's not working the shelter dogs, McMillan helps pet owners train their dogs. He often works with couples who are struggling with differing views on puppy parenting. "The woman usually wants a dog to be more cutesy and more of a lap dog, while the guy wants the dog to be more tough," he explains. It then becomes McMillan's job to help the couple find a middle ground.

Before getting a dog, couples tend to disagree on the dog's preferable size or breed. To this problem, McMillan advises, "Let the dog choose you. I constantly tell people to go in with a wide frame of mind, saying, "Whatever dog I feel connected to, that's the one that I want in my family." He also suggests that couples wait until they are "pretty established" in their relationship before adopting a pet to prevent a custody battle later on. "Dogs are becoming the new kids in America," he wryly observes.

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The handsome trainer is raising his own pets by himself. He's currently single because, by his own admission, "I'm so consumed by the show that I go to bed at around 9 p.m. because I have to get up at 4 a.m. We start every morning around 6 a.m. because I want to make sure we work the dogs before the heat kicks in every afternoon."

Still, he knows what he wants in a woman. In addition to a love for animals, McMillan says his perfect mate would have to have a great sense of humor. "I'm a joker and a goofball. If she seems too serious, get out!" he says. "If I can't laugh constantly with someone, it won't work out." An ideal date for him would somehow incorporate the great outdoors – something that's easy to take advantage of thanks to the California

landscape and shoreline.

*For more information about McMillan, check out his personal site. Tune in for Lucky Dog on CBS on Saturday mornings!*