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CHECK OUT WHO'S HAVING FUN AT THE PARK!

Peek-a-Boo!



It's mine!!



There is no such thing as too big of a tennis ball!!

Stop teasing me-throw it!



Nice to meet you!!



Who you callin' big mouth??

Who says I'm too big for these tubes??



A few of last month's birthday pups!!



Announcing our upcoming events!



- 7/19 Dr. Dave Smolensky, Pet Chiropractor 9am-11am
- 7/19 Animal Appeal Adoption 12pm-2pm
- 7/26 Club Pet Adoption 10am-2pm
- 7/26 Birthday Party 11am-Noon
- 8/9 Nate Leary Photography 11am-2pm

Words of Wisdom –

"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich." - Louis Sabin

Training Tips by Roberta

I think that **SIT** is one, if not *the* most important command you can teach your pup. Your pup must be taught not only how to sit but to sit on **REQUEST** each & every time asked.

TEN THINGS YOUR DOG CAN'T DO IN A SIT

1. Bolt out of the front door or car.
2. Uninvited jump-up, lick, paw or bump family, visitors, strangers, especially the young & elderly.
3. Run off in the park.
4. Chase children, cats, cars & other dogs.
5. Bully, pester or disturb other people or dogs.
6. Get underfoot, stepped-on or tripped over.
7. Mount other dogs.
8. Slap a child in the face with a tail wag.
9. Dig holes.
10. Run around like a maniac from window to couch, couch to carpet, carpet to window, & back to couch.



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Bon Voyage to Stella's Mom, Kellee!!

Well wishes to Sophie on a speedy recovery!!

Microchips; are they necessary??

You may think that your pet is protected from getting lost, but accidents happen & some things like natural disasters are out of your control. In fact, **1 in 3 pets will become lost during their lifetime.** And according to the American Humane Association, only about **17% of lost dogs & 2% of lost cats ever find their way back to their original owners.** Almost 4 million pets are euthanized every year because their owners can't be found in time. If a shelter can't determine a pet's owner, the pet may be euthanized in as few as 3 days. Tags & collars are a good start - they're certainly better than no ID at all - but they aren't 100% dependable. Tags can fade, rust or get scratched, making them impossible to read. Collars can tear or slip off or get caught on something while your pet is wandering. With a microchip, **your pet's source of identification is always available.** To microchip your pet, a veterinarian injects a tiny chip about the size of a grain of rice just under your pet's skin between the shoulder blades. The microchip will last throughout your pet's life. The number on the chip is then entered into the microchip manufacturer's database. When a lost pet is found, any animal hospital, shelter, or humane society can use a special handheld microchip scanner to read the microchip's unique ID number. The veterinarian or shelter then contacts the microchip manufacturer. The database matches the number to a name & phone number reuniting the lost pet with its owner (you must be sure the company has your current information). There are several companies that offer microchips however do your research to find out what benefits come with your annual membership. And, each vet uses a specific company. For example, Home Again offers up to \$3000.00 of medical treatment for injuries your pet suffers while lost.

Here are a few microchip companies to check out...

- Home Again www.homeagain.com
- 24 Pet watch www.24petwatch.com
- Avid www.avidmicrochip.com

The average cost in our area for microchipping is \$40-\$60 (office visit charge may not be included). Even on the high end, \$60 is a small price to pay to get your best friend back safely to you.



Happy Birthday to these growin' pups!

Amigo, Lilly, Paisana, Sandy Jo, Jackie Boy, Punkin, Molly, Nikolai, Snickerdoodle, Leroy, and Lucy!!

Join us for their celebration on July 26th at 11am!

Congratulations to these supaw stars!

Marika, Zoey, Zeus, Aspen and Nico for passing their Canine Good Citizens test!
Way to go!!!



Products that make you paws and think...

Have you heard of "The Movie for Dogs?" Well, it's just that. This engaging DVD designed just for dogs is divided into different fun sections - your dog will watch dogs in the water, fly ball and agility competition, dog park play, and much more. It's getting rave reviews from canines and their guardians the world over! The movie is 78 minutes long & is programmed to repeat as long as the player is on. Visit www.onlynaturalpet.com for more info.

Recipe of the month - "Banana Pupcakes"

Ingredients: 2 cups water, 2 bananas, 1 tsp vanilla
3 cups flour, 1 tbs baking powder, 1 egg, 3 tbs honey

Directions:

- Heat oven 350 degrees
- Mash bananas
- In a bowl, mix all ingredients WELL
- Pour into cupcake pans
- Bake 20 minutes.
- Cool completely & serve



Summer Health Tip - *Take it easy on pets that can't deal with the heat.*

Elderly, very young, & ill animals have a hard time regulating their body temperature, so make sure they stay cool & out of the sun on steamy summer days. Dogs with snub noses, such as Pekingese, pugs, & bulldogs have a hard time staying cool because they can't pant efficiently so they also need to stay out of the heat. Overweight dogs are also more prone to overheating, because their extra layers of fat act as insulation, which traps heat in their bodies and restricts their breathing capabilities. So, visit the dog park in the early evening when the temperature drops.