

Petite Paws Rescue Angels, Inc. Newsletter

Newsletter

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BARB'S CORNER



I have been a fan of Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV) for a number of years. You'd be surprised how many uses it has when it comes to our four legged companions. Here are just a few.

Minimize soap residue after a dog's shampoo by adding vinegar to the rinse water. Rinse again with plain water.

After a therapeutic shampoo to treat a skin infection, rinse the dog with a solution of 1 part apple cider vinegar to 3 parts water.

Floppy-eared dogs can be prone to yeast infections in their ears, especially after bathing or grooming. To avoid getting water in your dog's ears, plug its ears with cotton balls moistened with apple cider vinegar.

Another ear-cleaning remedy is to mix 1 tablespoon of vinegar, 1 tablespoon of hydrogen peroxide, 1 tablespoon of yucca root tea (available at health food stores), 1 drop of lavender oil, and 1/2 cup of aloe vera gel. Gently apply to the ear with cotton swabs to clean.

If your dog had a tussle with a skunk, minimize the odor by rinsing his coat with undiluted vinegar. Be sure to keep the vinegar out of the dog's eyes during this process. Some skunk smell may remain, but it will be kept under control as it gradually wears off.

If your dog comes home with a swollen nose, most likely he's been stung by a wasp or bee. Make him feel better by bathing the affected area in vinegar.

I hope everyone is having a good summer. See you next month.

Yorkie Hugs!

Barb

FOODS TO AVOID

Submitted by: Karyn Aspan

Did you know that there are certain foods that can be toxic or possibly even deadly for your dog? As a pet owner, I watch everything my pets eat. I feed them a healthy diet and feed them fruits and vegetables. I go as far as to read the labels on any product that they will be ingesting to be sure certain items are not on the label. I would have never thought about what was in the garbage, but now I do because there are some foods that should be avoided.

We all have the urge to feed our dogs table scrapes as a treat, but "fatty foods" can cause pancreatitis. Particularly, breeds prone to the disease to begin with such as German Shepherds and Miniature Schnauzers. Dairy Products, although these are not highly toxic, they are high in fat. The one danger is that they digest dairy products very poorly. Some nuts can also be highly toxic like the macadamia nut. There is no scientific reason why. NEVER feed your dog "spoiled or moldy" food. Some pet love to go into the trash can. There may be hidden dangers inside that you may not be aware of. Make sure your trash can has a secure lid and if you have a dog that loves the garbage, move the trash can to a secure place so that your dog can not get to it. High levels of Nutmeg can be toxic and possibly kill your pet. According to Dr. Jon at petplace.com, "...signs of toxicity include tremors, seizures, nervous system abnormalities and death".

Did you know that your dog lacks the enzyme to digest "onions?" If ingested, your dog may experience severe gastrointestinal distress, vomiting, diarrhea, and/or gas. "Garlic" in any form, powder, cooked, raw, or dehydrated can break apart the red blood cells making them fragile.

You should NEVER give your dog "candy or gum" because they contain a product called "Xylitol" which is a sweetener made from sugar alcohol. Alcohol is very toxic and can harm your dog.

Who would have thought "yeast dough?" The yeast can "rise" in your dog's stomach, making it look swollen, and as it rises, expands, and ferments, it produces "alcohol". There are also "fruits" that you should never be given to your dogs. This includes such things as raisins, apricots, peaches, plums, and grapes. These can be extremely toxic. A few last items you should not feed your dog include:

Baking Powder, Baking Soda, and CHOCOLATE.

It is important to read the ingredients in any product you feed your pet. If you believe your dog has eaten any product that can be toxic or dangerous, seek medical care immediately. Watching what you feed your dog and avoiding certain foods, can make for a healthy, happy dog and you can avoid costly veterinarian bills.

TIPS TO PREVENT DOG BITES

Submitted by: Karyn Aspan

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there are about 4.5 million people bitten by dogs each year. Ways to prevent this from happening to you:

- Never leave your children alone or unattended with a dog. If a child seems afraid of the dog, wait before bring one into your home.
- Don't play aggressive games, like wrestling, with your dog. This can teach your dog to become aggressive.
- If you notice any bad behaviors, take your dog for obedience training.
- Socialize your dog. Get your dog around other people, different environments, and around other animals.
- If you don't know how your dog will behave in a new situation, leave your dog at home.
- Spay or neuter your dog. This often reduces aggressive behavior.

Make sure the dog is up to date on his vaccinations. If someone is bitten, seek immediate professional advice.

SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME, SUM-SUM SUMMERTIME!!!!

Submitted by: Gayle Orlando

It's fun-in-the-sun time again! When you are out enjoying the summer with your dog, remember the hazards that come with the hot weather.

Watch for signs of heat stroke, which is fatal if not treated immediately. Signs include rapid breathing, listlessness or sudden collapse. Contact your veterinarian IMMEDIATELY!

NEVER leave your pet in an unattended parked car during warm days, even with the windows cracked open. The inside of a car can reach 100 degrees in a matter of minutes.

Make sure your pet is on heartworm medication, as well as flea and tick preventive.

Don't forget-dogs can get sunburned too! Watch areas of exposed skin, like noses and footpads, carefully

WOOF!!!

Submitted by: Michelle Jones

When owners yell at their dogs to be quiet, the dogs think the owners are just joining in the fun. Avoid this by training your dog to bark on command, then training him to be quiet on command. If you catch him barking, praise

him and say a command word like "Speak," then encourage and reward him. Make it a game. You can even bark at him if he doesn't catch on. Over the period of a rowdy bark, suddenly say, "Quiet!" and put your finger to your lips. If you surprise him enough, he will stop barking. Be sure to reward and praise him enthusiastically. Keep practicing and your dog will soon understand what "Quiet" means.

SENIORS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM



Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well." - Bonnie Wilcox 'Old Dogs, Old Friends'

IPPRA encourages senior citizens to consider adopting a senior dog. We deem a toy dog a senior at age 10 and up! We will offer a discounted adoption donation to anyone over the age of 60 that wants to adopt one of our senior kids. IPPRA has also teamed up with the *Purina Pets For Seniors Program*. This program offers adoption assistance to qualifying seniors. Contact us at petitepawsrecue@hotmail.com for more details.

Top Ten Reasons to Adopt an Older Dog:

In the rescue world, November has always been designated as "Adopt a Senior Month". IPPRA is taking this one step further with our "Seniors for Seniors Adoption Program." IPPRA does not discriminate when it comes to our rescue dogs no matter what age they are, or the amount of vet care they need, our group does whatever it takes to help all dogs in need. Research shows that Pet ownership may be a factor in improved health of the elderly. So we want to help the two of you unite! There are many benefits to adopting a senior dog!

Housetrained

1. Older dogs are housetrained. You won't have to go through the difficult stage(s) of teaching a puppy house manners and mopping/cleaning up after accidents.

Won't chew inappropriate items

2. Older dogs are not teething puppies and won't chew your shoes and furniture while growing up.

Focus to learn

3. Older dogs can focus well because they've mellowed. Therefore, they learn quickly.

Know what "no" means

4. Older dogs have learned what "no" means. If they hadn't learned it, they wouldn't have gotten to be "older" dogs.

Settle in with the "pack"

5. Older dogs settle in easily, because they've learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack.

Good at giving love

6. Older dogs are good at giving love once they get into their new, loving home. They are grateful for the second chance they've been given.

WYSIWYG

7. What You See Is What You Get: Unlike puppies, older dogs have grown into their shape and personality. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.

Instant companions

8. Older dogs are instant companions -- ready for hiking, car trips, and other things you like to do.

Time for yourself

9. Older dogs leave you time for yourself, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.

A good night's sleep

10. Older dogs let you get a good night's sleep because they're accustomed to human schedules and don't generally need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks.

Want to become a IPPRA Volunteer?

Want to make a meaningful difference in your life? There are furkids out there that need you.

Petite Paws Rescue Angels, Inc. is in need of volunteers who have time and dedication to help fund raise, rescue, transport, pull from shelters and foster. You must live in Indiana or within 60 miles of the Indiana Border in Southern Michigan, Western Ohio, Northern Kentucky or Eastern Illinois to join. Serious and dedicated only, you must be actively involved and able to attend adoption events. An application is required before membership is approved.

If interested, please apply here: www.petitepaws.us/forms and we will be in touch with you ASAP.

Visit us to learn more about us at: www.petitepaws.org .

Thank you for wanting to help give a toy dog a second chance.

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MEET NEWMAN



Petite Paws is always VERY proud of all of our foster pups, but we have a new guy that is very special. Newman is a big guy-one of the biggest Yorkies we've seen, weighing in at about 13 pounds. But this story from his foster mom illustrates that he's one of the smartest and most thoughtful Yorkies, as well.

"I have been telling everyone we meet that I really think that Newman thinks he is a human. He is so smart and just looks at us at times like he really understands what we are saying. He had a belly ache yesterday and had little bit of diarrhea and such cause he got into the bag of doggie bones. Well I cleaned my bedroom carpets yesterday just as a usual routine. We went to bed last night and he assumed his usual position of the lower half of my side of the bed. Well when Ryan got up this morning to take a shower guess what NEWMAN had done???"

Instead of having an accident on the fresh clean carpet he got up and went to the bathtub and had his accident in there. WOW what a smart little dude. It just really surprised that he would think to do that. He would so make someone a great dog/kid."

You can see Newman on our website, www.petitepaws.org.

Do you have an interesting/funny story about your pet? Please share your stories with us for possible inclusion in our newsletter. Email your stories to our Newsletter Editor at: bambi@petitepaws.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/26 Petsmart Hobart 11:00 - 4:00

8/2 Petsmart - Hobart 11:00 - 4:00

8/2 Petsmart - Trader's Point - Indianapolis 11:00 - 4:00

8/8 Kokomo Pet Expo - 11:00 - 4:00

8/9 Petsmart - Highway 31 - Indianapolis.

SHOP OUR ONLINE STORE

www.petitepaws.us/shop/

OUR WISH LIST

Gift cards from Petsmart, Petco,
Pet Supplies Plus

Life's Abundance or Burns Pet Food only small harnesses, small collars, leashes, crates, dog beds, old or new blankets, old or new towels, a doggy seatbelt, a gift certificate to a pet supply store, gas cards for transporting, a raffle item if your club is holding a fundraiser, x-pens baby gates
small nylabones

toys

stainless steel dog dishes

yarn

cotton, flannel, or fleece fabric

thread in various colors

stuffing

sew-in type Velcro

small cute buttons

blank cards/envelopes for inkjet printers

postage stamps

Bleach

Laundry soap

Paper towels

A VOLUNTEER TO BE PROUD OF



This is our very own Melinda Robison. Melinda is truly an Angel. She has been instrumental in the care and rehabilitation of many of our special needs fosters. Recently, Melinda did an interview with the *Bryan Times*. We wanted to share the article with all of you, since we are so proud of have Melinda on our team. Check it out at www.bryantimes.com. Thanks Melinda, we don't know what we'd do without you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Amy Payne - Father's Day Gift Donation in honor of Cliff Gerlach, Lori Roddy - Father's Day Gift, Donation in honor of David Burrelli, Stephen Smith - Monetary Donation on behalf of Harper Smith, Sharon Hylek - Father's Day Gift Donation in honor of Daniel Hylek, Angela Stryck - Father's Day Gift Donation in honor of Aloysius Joseph Stryck, Jr., Peggy McCain - Monetary Donation for Austin, Sharon Hylek - Father's Day Gift Donation, Dawn Dwyer - Monetary Donation for Cappy, Angela Elliot - Monetary Donation for Beau, Howard Jancy - Monetary Donation for Bentley and Cappy, Sharon Wickcar - Monetary Donation for Spike Leah, Barbara Sanders - Monetary Donation, Joy Hodson - Monetary Donation, Michelle Weiberg - Monetary Donation, Roxanne Montgomery - Monetary Donation.

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA

How many times are dogs mentioned in the bible?

Email your answer to: petitepawsrescue@hotmail.com

Last month's winner: Silva Loo

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RECENT ADOPTIONS

6/6 -Samson - Penny Emerson

6/11 - Shyanne - Daniel & Cheri Hogan

6/20- Dorothy -Dave & Jean Hunzelman

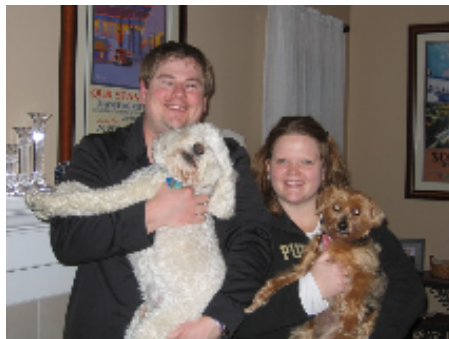
6/26 - Sara Lee - Helen & James Brown

7/5 - Gwendelyn - Daniel Toiekis

7/5 - Nevaeh - Nicole Mongarez

7/10 - Louie - Karen Phillips

A HAPPY ENDING AND STORY OF SURVIVAL FOR LEXUS



Hello all,

In February, my husband and I adopted Lexus. We adopted our first furry boy in April of 2007 - Patton - also from you all. Patton never had any problems adjusting to us - he loves attention and is very lovable. Lexus, however, has been a different story. She is a puppy mill survivor, has battled breast cancer, recently had 3 more tumors and 2 more breasts removed (in the last 8 weeks), and is afraid of every noise and everyone,

especially when we first got her.

I just want you all to know what a heartwarming story she has become. On Sunday, we saw her run after a toy on our family room floor and play with it - she even carried it around in her mouth for awhile. My husband and I were so excited to see her do this, that we thought back on all the milestones she's had with us since February, and we wanted to share some with you all.

We were told by our Dogtor that Lexi (we call her Lexi - Lexus is her "formal" name) would probably never be a great runner because of how bowed her legs are. Today you would never know that she was kept in a cage with no solid floor - she runs and galavants around our back yard with spirit. We call her "the Explorer" because she has walked and run every inch. Even our vet has commented that her legs look like they're straightening and doing really well.

She always barked at her foster parents in the mornings - like she forgot them over night or something. We were told to expect this, too. Lexi NEVER has barked at us, not once. She rarely barks at anyone - only if she is startled.

Because of how skittish she is, she would never sleep in her foster parents bed...so we bought her 4 beds - one for the family room, the sun room, the basement, and our bedroom...and guess what, now she sleeps with us 4-5 nights a week, in our bed, with Patton! She lets us know - if she wants to sleep in our bed, she stands by my side and taps her two front paws! It's adorable.

When we first brought her home, she would have NOTHING to do with Patton, even though he tried to play with her...today, they are truly inseparable. They run together, play together, eat out of the same dog bowl, and she even initiates some friendly banter! On top of that, but she'll run and play with our neighbor's schnoodle!

When we first worked on commands with Lexi, the firmness in our voices scared her too much. Now, she will sit and shake our hands! (and she can shake with both paws, too!)

When we first tried to give her a treat, the only way she would take it is if we put it on the floor and walked away. Now she will take it right out of anyone's hand!

I could go on and on. But the point is this. For anyone who is fostering or has adopted a puppy mill survivor, I hope you enjoy and celebrate some of these seemingly small accomplishments. Lexi has been through so much, that we enjoy seeing her explore her new world, just like a puppy. She may have more surgeries in her future, may have more health problems, but there is nothing we won't do for her. The sadness in her eyes has faded - I swear there is a sparkle in them now. Every day she does something new and amazes us. We love that she and Patton have become so close. And we enjoy watching Patton be the protective "big brother" even though he is half her age!

She is truly another amazing gift from above - a happier furry family you will never find. I have attached a picture of our family. Thank you so much for listening - I just wanted to share how far Lexi has come since we first brought her home.

Paw hugs to you all,

Mick, Anne, Patton & Lexi Kender