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## December Daycare Bonus Days

Dec 8

Dec 17

Dec 21

Dec 29



*Please let us know by Dec 5th, 2009 so we can organize our schedule accordingly!*

(please note that your invoice will be adjusted should your pup normally be scheduled for one of these days)

# Congratulations

To our 2009 Halloween Contest WINNERS!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to dress up your little one's for our annual Halloween costume contest. It was very difficult for us to choose a winner this year with so many wonderful costumes to choose from. The dogs looked fantastic and it was so much fun having them pose for pictures. Everyone selected costumes that were both original and creative! The pups all looked so cute ☺

We asked an objective party to select their favourite pup in costume and ranked them 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1<sup>st</sup> place - grand prize winner!

Here are this year's contest **winners!**

  
3  
rd Place

PORSCHE - CLOWN

  
2  
nd Place

CARLEY - DEVIL

## Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 7:00am—6:00pm  
Saturdays—9:00am—6:00pm  
Sunday—CLOSED

December  
Parent N Pup Dates  
5 & 12

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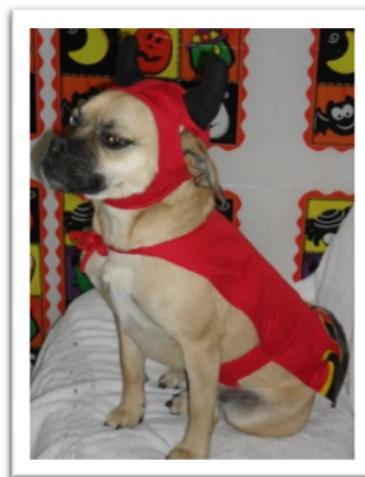


TOTO - BIKER

Congratulations Toto - you are the GRAND PRIZE winner of ONE FREE day of DAYCARE!



Thanks again to everyone who participated. To the prize winners, please contact us directly at the No Paw's Too Small office to claim your prizes, and we hope to see everyone in costume again next year!



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## December Pet Treats

### Christmas cake for Puppy



#### **Ingredients**

2 cups of whole wheat flour  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of wheat germ  
2 teaspoons of baking powder  
1 teaspoons of ground cinnamon  
1 cup of molasses  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of canola oil  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract  
1 apple, cored and chopped

#### **Preparation**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Oil a 12-cup Bundt pan with vegetable oil and flour.
2. In a bowl mix the flour, wheat germ, baking powder, and cinnamon together and set it on the side. Then in another large bowl mix together the molasses, and oil, then add in the eggs one by one, and beat them until they blend in. then add in the vanilla along with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of water. Add the flour mixture to the wet mixture and mix it well until it becomes smooth. Then fold in the chopped apple pieces.
3. Put the batter into the pan and place in the oven. Bake for around 30 to 40 minutes or until when inserting a toothpick in the center of a cake it comes out clean.
4. Once done allow the cakes to cool completely before serving.

Store leftovers in an airtight container for no more than 3 days, or wrap in freezer wrap and store in the freezer for up to 60 days.

### Christmas Treats for Kitty

**SALMON NUGGETS**

### Ingredients

2 small cans Salmon  
2 cups oatmeal  
1 cup whole wheat flour (or substitute)  
1 cup cornmeal  
1 Egg  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 cup chicken broth

### Preparation

1. Mix all of the above ingredients together in a bowl.
2. Knead and add more flour or broth to form dough.
3. Roll out to a thickness of 1/4" and place on a non-stick baking sheet. Use a knife and score the dough horizontally, then vertically to make a grid of squares about 1/4". Don't score the dough all the way through.
4. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until fully baked and crisp. Let cool, break into bits and store in an airtight container. Excellent treat for cats, as well as dogs!

REMEMBER to either refrigerate or freeze all natural treats to avoid spoilage and possible insect infestation.

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### Pet Horoscopes - December



#### Aries

March 21 - April 19

**Dogs born under the sign of the Ram are adventurous and active so be prepared to keep up.**

Don't let the looming winter get your Aries dog down. Although the days are getting colder, there are still lots of fun games to be had outdoors. Aries pups may need a little extra encouragement to face the dropping temperatures, but once they're immersed in a game of fetch, the fun will outweigh the chill. Try brightening up the grey days with a bright red collar and leash set.

#### Taurus

April 20 - May 20

**Taurean dogs have calm dispositions and are full of love and affection for those around them.**

Take the next few weeks to get to know your Taurus pup all over again. Make some quiet cuddling time with your dog now before the chaos of Christmas begins. Your dog will appreciate the extra love and attention before the house gets overrun with visitors during the holiday season. December is all about preparation, so make sure to prep your pet emotionally and get in some Christmas shopping so your Taurean dog won't be disappointed

*Gemini*

May 21 - June 21

**Gemini dogs are social and possess inquisitive natures that help them learn tricks quickly.**

The skies may be graying, but Gemini dogs will be seeing the bright side of things this December. Cheerful Gemini pups will make the perfect shopping companions near the end of the month when Christmas shoppers start bustling through the streets. Reward your Gemini with a new collar or harness for his or her sunny attitude.

*Cancer*

June 22 - July 22

**Dogs under the Crab sign are sensitive and loving — they truly fit the role of a furry baby.**

Be on the lookout for any sign of illness from your Cancer dog in the next few weeks. If there is leftover Halloween candy lying around the house, Cancer pups will be sure to find it. Chocolate is a toxic food for dogs and you may end up with one upset puppy if there are half eaten candy bars left within reach. Any sickness your Cancer dog may experience should pass by the end of December as the snow starts to fly and bells start to jingle.

*Leo*

July 23 - August 22

**Lookout for these drama queens! Leos are extroverts who love to be the centre of attention.**

Leo dogs will be looking for love and friendship this December as the winter months approach. What better way to feel the warmth of the holidays than by sharing them with a new friend or love interest? Make sure to meet Leo dogs' social instincts by providing them with plenty of time to sniff around at the local dog park... just make sure they're

wearing extra strong leashes.

### Virgo

August 23 - September 22

**Virgo dogs make clean, admiring pets who find joy in working with their owner.**

Dogs born under the star sign of Virgo will want to take it nice and easy this December. These furry friends will love nothing more than lounging in the late afternoon sun by the window. Some homemade dog treats will be the perfect way to top off relaxing December days. Be sure to throw in a tug-of-war session every now and again to keep your Virgo dog from turning into a total couch potato

### Libra

September 23 - October 22

**Pretty Libran dogs are generally easy to get along with and tend to be big flirts.**

Normally social butterflies, Libra dogs will be wary of strange visitors this month. If you'll be entertaining guests with pets, make sure your Libra pup is put well at ease before letting them play unsupervised. Be aware of dogs without collars at the park who may charge your Libra pup; they probably mean no harm, but Libran dogs will be a little on edge, so it's a situation best avoided.

### Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

**Mysterious Scorpio dogs are extremely loyal to their owners and can have hypnotic qualities.**

Scorpio pups will feel one with nature this month. The closer you can get to great wilderness, the happier your Scorpio dog will be. Long walks down forest trails and fetching sticks out of lakes will make for good times and memorable afternoons for you and your dog. Avoid shopping malls and crowded areas, as they'll only infringe on your pup's joyful isolation.

### Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

**Intelligent and brave, Sagittarian dogs are always keen for adventure and lighthearted fun.**

Creative sparks will be flying for Sagittarian dogs this December. Tiny dogs may use their abstract thoughts to finally find a way to reach the cookie jar balanced high on a shelf. Big dogs may use their inventiveness to finally be able to squeeze through that little hole in the gate. Buy

Sagittarius dogs some new toys and introduce them to new games to keep their twisty little minds from turning destructive.

#### Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

**Capricorn dogs are reliable and faithful. They will not ask for a biscuit, they will demand it.**

Capricorn dogs, like many people, will be searching for sun in the skies this December. Unfortunately, clouds are more likely than sunbeams. It's a great time to squeeze in a little tropical holiday with your dog.

Travelling with your dog can be complicated though, so you may want to chase the sun within your own area if possible. Otherwise, you could turn up the heater, put on your shorts and pretend the two of you are in Acapulco.

#### Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

**Quirky Aquarian dogs can act pretty crazy sometimes, but there's reason behind the madness.**

Aquarius dogs will be feeling the rumble in their tummies a little more than usual this December. Dog cookies may be super tasty, but keep

Your canine's cravings at bay with some healthy homemade dog food. Be sure not to over feed them, though, no matter how much they beg. Try to keep their minds occupied with other fun things like dog fashion, and buy your furry friend a new collar and leash set.

#### Pisces

February 19 - March 20

**Dogs born under this fish sign are highly intuitive and will be able to read your moods.**

December is the perfect time for new pets to be introduced in the house if you have a Pisces pup. All the recent playtime and new friends at the dog park have made Pisces dogs extra welcoming to a new brother or sister. If you are planning on adopting a dog or cat, does it sooner rather than later as the busy days of Christmas are just around the corner and everyone will need the adjustment time.

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**Winter Safety Tips for Pets**



Here are some tips to help make sure that your dog or cat stays healthy and comfortable during the winter months.

1. Keep pets away from antifreeze solution, and promptly clean up any antifreeze spills. Antifreeze is attractive to pets but is deadly, even in very small amounts.
2. Do not leave your pets outdoors unattended when the temperature gets below freezing. Pets that are mostly indoors need time to adapt to cold temperatures. They must build up a thicker coat and get their footpads toughened for snow and ice. Pets that get too chilled can develop hypothermia or even frostbite. Ear tips are especially susceptible to frostbite.
3. Short-coated dogs (Greyhounds, Dobermans, Boxers and Boston Terriers) should not go outside without a coat or sweater in very cold weather, except to relieve themselves. Small dogs with short coats (Chihuahuas, miniature Pinschers, and miniature Dachshunds) are especially vulnerable to cold, and may not be able to tolerate any outdoor exercise in extremely cold weather.
4. Many dogs also need boots in cold weather, regardless of coat length. If your dog frequently lifts up his paws, whines or stops during its walks, it is demonstrating that its feet are uncomfortably cold. Be sure to get your dog used to wearing boots before the cold weather sets in.
5. If your pet walks on salted sidewalks or streets, be sure to wash his paws after your walk. Salt is very irritating to footpads. Gently rub the bottom of the feet to remove the salt as soon as your dog is off the road.

6. Many animals are less active during the winter, and don't burn as many calories as in the warmer months. Reduce your pet's diet during the winter, to avoid excessive weight gain. You may wish to consult with your veterinarian about the right winter food portions for your pet.

7. Most cats prefer to spend their winter days indoors; be cautious if your cat likes being outside. Don't let it out in bitterly cold weather, and be sure it has a warm place to go if it does spend a lot of time outdoors. Cats that are left outdoors may crawl into a warm car engine to get warm, which can kill them. It's much safer to keep your cat indoors during the winter.



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## Animals In The News



CHURCHILL, Man. -- The end of the trail is near for Isobel.

The nine-year-old Siberian husky-malamute cross will retire in January, five years after she lost her sight.

In January 2005, veterinarians told her owners, Gerald and Jenofar Azure of Churchill, that Isobel couldn't work as a sled dog ever again due to blindness from a virus.

Isobel, however, had other ideas.

"Isobel went absolutely wild, she wanted to run," recalled Jenofar Azure.

The dog's story is one of incredible heart that has caught international attention. NBC will air a feature about Isobel during its 2010 Winter Olympics coverage.

Tourists come to Churchill from all over the world to see sled dogs and Isobel has become the star attraction.

"She has touched the hearts of a lot of people," Azure said.

The dog's story is an inspiration to people living with disabilities and those adjusting to change, she added.

"If a blind sled dog can run, just think of what the rest of the world can do."

Isobel uses sound and smell as beacons to run. "She runs better now than she did with her eyesight," Azure said.

After her retirement, Isobel will be adopted by a family in Alberta.

### Groomer's Tip of The Month



Dear Chantal,

What is the best way to protect my dogs' feet from the harming effects of snow, ice and salt during the winter?

Often, in the colder months, my poor dog gets cracked pads due to the combination of severe cold and ice that is put out on the roads and sidewalks. Is there anything I can do to prevent this?

Signed,  
Prepared

Dear Prepared,

I understand how you feel. Our poor pups sometimes have a horrible time in the winter trying to keep their exposed feet protected. Sometimes, the long hair in between their toes and pads trap the ice and salt while they are out for a walk. My first suggestion would be to make sure that when they are being groomed the fur in that area is well trimmed down. This ensures that minimal irritants will stay on their feet to cause problems. Either way, be sure to brush off your dogs' feet after each walk, and possibly even rinse off their feet in warm water when you get home. Another option would be to cover your dogs' feet entirely with boots or pad protector lotion before going outside. Thanks for your questions and have a safe and happy holiday!



### Feature Furry Friend



Hi, my name is Finn and I am just over a year old (my birthday was October 25<sup>th</sup>!). I am a Labradoodle, but I think I am a pretty big guy for my breed. When I was only 2 months old, I met Carol, the pet sitter,

who would come to my house and take me for walks. I really like Carol. She would brush me and play with me too. We always had so much fun. Then, when I was about 5 months old, I started to come to Daycare and I LOVE it! Whenever we drive into the parking lot I get very excited. I jump up and start wagging my tail. I love to hang out with all of my friends here because we play fetch with the big green ball and I get kisses and hugs from the Doggy Nannies. I must admit, I have a bit of an addiction to the wood in the daycare; it just tastes so good! I am doing my best to stay away from the new boards that have just been put up. Well, time to go and play - bye!

If you would like us to feature your cat or dog please drop us a line. Email us a picture and a short story about why your pet is so special and we'll feature them in one of our future newsletters. Your feedback is important to us. Please contact us with your comments and questions.



\*CHRISTMAS HOURS\*

December 19<sup>th</sup> - CLOSED  
(Boarding pick up and drop off only from 9am-11am)

December 24<sup>th</sup> - 7am - 12pm

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, CLOSED

December 31<sup>st</sup> - 7am - 12pm

January 1<sup>st</sup> - CLOSED

January 2<sup>nd</sup> - CLOSED

January 3<sup>rd</sup> - CLOSED

Please note: On December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, dogs booked in Daycare must be picked up no later than 12:00pm. Any pick-ups occurring after that time are subject to an additional fee.



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