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January Daycare Bonus Days

Jan 7

Jan 11

Jan 20

Jan 26

NO PAW'S TOO SMALL wishes EVERYONE...

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Please let us know by Jan 4th, 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)

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Aries pet Horoscope - March 21 - April 19

Aries pets are in exploration frenzy, looking for new experiences and discoveries. As far as practicality, let your companion's nose lead you into uncharted territory. You never know what the two of you might find. The wanderlust cools though, with your pet much more content to stay close to the hearth. Nevertheless, you may see a challenge or two to your authority. Stand firm. Unbridled energy, accompanied by fawning attention from other animals makes your pet stand out from the crowd.

Taurus pet Horoscope - April 20 - May 20

Taurus pets want to be around friends. They may be feeling the need for companionship as well as a shoulder to cry on. Your pouty Bull will lose that sad sack expression with just a few minutes of one-on-one attention. Your Taurus pet spends the majority of their time contemplating their navels. They can, so they do. Indulge your bullish Taurus pet. Their loyalty and obedience is worthy of extra-special praise and adoration. A fancy collar isn't really their style, but load on the love, caresses and cuddles and they'll realize you have their number.

Gemini pet Horoscope - May 21 - June 21

Your Gemini pets don't really know which side of the bean bag they'll wake up on. If you think you're going to get something through to them, get a grip. The 'Do Not Disturb' sign is up and they're deep in a dream. True to form, they'll be pacing the floor and making skids marks on the kitchen linoleum. If you take your Gem pooches out for a stroll, watch them like a hawk. They could take a notion to split on you and convince half the neighborhood canine gang to join them in a game of back yard hopscotch. Cat owners can expect the unexpected from their little mousers as well. Your pet has their bag packed and is ready for adventure. They may even convince you to pack yours.

Hours of Operation:

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Saturdays - CLOSED

Sunday—CLOSED

January

Parent N Pup Dates

16th

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Cancer pet Horoscope - June 22 - July 22

Your Cancer pet may be feeling a bit forlorn and forgotten. Perhaps your life has been frenetic lately and you haven't been able to spend as much time with your friend as usual. If that's the case, it's likely to intensify over the next little while, adding to your pet's feeling of isolation and insecurity. If you notice any marked hiding behavior or reluctance to come when you call, do whatever you can to reestablish some emotional balance in your furry friend's life. You'll notice a gradual improvement and coming out through the next month. Eventually your pet will be full of energy, ready to play and attentive to your every gesture. Reward the devotion and the change of mood.

Leo pet Horoscope - July 23 - August 22

No matter if your pet is a dog or a cat, you'll see lots of leonine characteristics as your Leo practically roars with enthusiasm and excitement over holiday events. Whether the day's activities are mundane or out of the ordinary, your pet responds with high energy and playfulness. The prancing intensifies and will continue. You may see some flashes of ego and arrogance, and that animal pride comes out more and more during the rest of the month. Although this mounting self-importance will likely lead to some power struggles between the two of you, your pet will vacillate between two extremes -- aggression and decidedly clingy behavior. Some settling will occur as your pet begins to shed the feelings of superiority that have characterized much of the month.

Virgo pet Horoscope - August 23 - September 22

Your undemonstrative Virgo may expect a lot out of you, though they may have trouble accepting just any old bone you throw to them. They may be hankering to be of use and want to get their minds free from worry. During Give your Virgos something to do. But don't expect your felines to be highly motivated mousers. They may have an unusual relationship to mice, birds and other small creatures. They'll be playful with them and somewhat care-taking and will rarely bring in a kill. Let your Virgo canines show you just how smart and adept they are by enrolling them in an agility or obedience class. They are happiest with a purpose.

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Libra pet Horoscope - September 23 - October 22

Your Libra pets are up and down this month. They might be highly active one minute and totally out of it the next. They will expect you to be patient with them and fairly indulgent as time progresses. Winter isn't their favorite season, and Libra beasts may dip down into a lonely depression on a long, cold January night. They can be coaxed into a more jovial mood over the weekend with the gentlest of nudges. Friends play a role in helping your Libra snap out of a funk, and they could turn around and head in the other direction. But beware; too much of a good thing may bring on a decadent lethargy.

Scorpio pet Horoscope - October 23 - November 21

Watch out for behavioral aberrations in your Scorpio pet, particularly if other animals are around. The pack dynamic could lead to risky or destructive behavior, so don't leave shoes or other munchables within easy reach. Balance is restored by mid-month though, with your pet indefatigably following your every move. While the good times continue they could be marked by some unexpected outbursts from your furry friend, perhaps in response to human emotional upset that your pet has picked up on and internalized. The discord is likely to continue, but end of month brings a carefree attitude and a return of playfulness. Spend some time outside playing games and bonding.

Sagittarius pet Horoscope - November 22 - December 21

Radiating happiness and confidence, your Sagittarius pet practically glows with health and pulses with energy this month. It's a great time for a training session, as your pet is anxious to please and delighted to show off. Be sure to spice up the day with an extra treat or two. The exuberance goes down a notch though, as your pet seems a bit more focused on meals than on what the humans in the house may be doing. By mid-month though, the charm is flowing full force and your pet struts for anyone who'll pay attention and delights in strokes from strangers and loved ones alike. This self-confident and happy mood continues but the cold weather is likely to bring a bit of withdrawal and regrouping.

Capricorn pet Horoscope - December 22 - January 19

Unobtrusive and quiet, you won't even know your Capricorn pets are there. They are content to stay behind the scenes and observe. Their conservative nature keeps them close to home, though you may detect a faint aura of melancholy. They just need some reassurance that no big changes are underfoot. You may notice a lightness to their step and lots of long stretches and a general acceptance and love of life. This probably won't include an overly demonstrative show of affection, but don't be surprised if they seize an opportunity to get your attention with a soft, sweet purr or growl.

Aquarius pet Horoscope - January 20 - February 18

All creatures great and small gather around your Aquarius pet on Monday. They have a way of attracting a crowd, but watch out for unsavory characters. Aquarians don't discriminate mid-month and have an instinctive empathy for those who may not have all their oars in the water. If they aren't involved in some rousing activity they may sulk or try to stir up some action on their own accord. The desire to be free as the wind surges through your Aquarius pets and they may attract like-minded beasts that fall madly in love with them. They may disappear for a while if a burning passion sweeps them off their paws, but they'll return, probably a little dirtier, but only slightly wiser.

Pisces pet Horoscope - February 19 - March 20

Pisces pets may question their owners' authority and may even make a lot of noise that quickly begins to get on your nerves. The antagonistic mood eases on eventually though, as your pet relaxes into the household routine and attempts to help out in subtle ways. An almost dreamy quality seems to overtake your furry friend mid-month and is likely to last. While your pet is caught in a mood that almost borders on lethargy, you can help out by making few demands and not forcing any confrontations. Your bond is strong, but your pet may be finding it hard to focus on anything in particular. Soon, the best side of your companion will be back in force and the two of you reconnect as after a long absence.

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January Pet Treats



So you've managed to stuff yourself with more turkey than you thought possible but there's still more left?

How about your treat your dog to a tasty and healthy post-holiday treat? This easy to make turkey loaf will have your dog giving thanks any time of the year!

Ingredients:

- 1 lb or 450g of leftover turkey meat
- 1 cup of cooked brown rice
- 1/4 cup grated carrot
- 1/2 cup low sodium chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons or 20g of chopped parsley

Instructions:

Preheat your oven to 350 F or 120 C

Finely chop the cold turkey and mix all ingredients together well in a bowl.

Fill a loaf tin with the mixture lightly press the mixture into the tin. Bake the loaf for 45 minutes

Let it cool, cut into bite-sized pieces and store in fridge!

Kitty Bites

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Combine half a cup of dry milk with half a cup of wheat germ. Mix well with a regular-sized jar of baby food (a liver flavour is sure to please your cat) and a little bit of honey.
- Grease a cookie sheet and drop tablespoonfuls of the treat batter onto the sheet just as you would with cookie dough.
- Bake for 8-10 minutes. The treats will have a slightly gooey consistency.
- If you're not going to serve all the treats to your furry highness in the next few days, freeze half of your baked batch.

Party Safety for Your pets



We've all heard of party hosts waking to discover a beloved family pet missing the morning after a party. Fun can turn to tragedy when the beloved family pet slips outside with the comings and goings of party guests. Party mishaps can send you and your furry family members to the emergency vet if pets consume toxic human foods or unfamiliar sounds and circumstances cause your pet to panic and injure himself by bashing into walls or windows trying to escape.

These tragedies can all be avoided by a little pre-party planning. A few simple precautions can keep your pets safe and leave you free to enjoy your party without worrying about your scaled, furry, feathered, or fishy friends.

Separate the Pets from the Party

The safest move is to isolate your pets from your party. This prevents pet escapes by containing pets in safe areas. It also prevents well meaning guests from feeding tasty but toxic party foods to sensitive pets.

To ensure party guests don't let your pets out of the safe area, lock the door or put up a do not disturb sign.

You also can gate pets in and party guests out of a room or hallway using baby gates. This generally works well with dogs. While a single baby gate seldom works for cats, one baby gate atop another in a door or hallway can sometimes work - but not always as cats can climb rather well.

Create a Safe Zone

However, it is not always possible or practical to put pets in a locked room of their own during your party, especially in smaller living spaces. You can still create a "safe zone" where pets can escape guests in a corner, open closet or even under a table.

Baby gates are particularly useful for this. Simply place the baby gate in a closet doorway or hallway which you intend as the pet's safe zone leaving a space under it big enough for the pet to easy get

under. Apply a "Do Not Disturb" or "Pets Only" sign to the baby gate and reasonable guests should respect the boundary you have created.

You can also create a barrier by tacking up a blanket or sheet or draping one over one or more chairs to block the safe zone from the common area of your home. This will provide your pet with a safe, cave-like hiding spot.

Provide your pets with food, water, toys, and bedding in their safe zone. If the litter box requires kitty to cross an area expected to be busy, give them a temporary litter pan in her safe zone.

If you use a closet to create a safe zone, do not close the door to the closet, always use a "door" such as a baby gate or curtain which allows for air flow in such enclosed spaces.

Greet party guests at the door and walk them out when they leave to maintain control of opening and closing the door. Be sure you know where your pets are when you open and close the entry door.

Enlist your guests to help keep your pets inside by applying door signs both inside and out such as "Mind the Cat" or "Pets Stay Inside for Safety."

Lock Even Little Doors to Keep Pets Safe

Bird cages and other small animal cages can benefit from a bit of wire used to secure cage doors to limit access to your little friends. If your pet is bothered by strangers, cover his cage loosely with a blanket or cage cover to limit intrusive stimulus.

You may also wish to move the cage to a quiet room, well out of guest traffic.

Keep People Food and Drinks Away from Pets

If pets are allowed to mingle with guests be sure to gently remind guests not to share their treats with your pets. Popular party foods such as chocolate, alcohol, cheese, grapes, raisins, and nuts can all be harmful, even deadly to pets. Be quick to clean up spilled alcohol or party snacks to avoid digestive upsets and pet poisonings.

Coyote Safety Tips



In the *GTA*, we are lucky enough to have some fantastic parks and conservation areas where we are free to take our dogs for long, nature filled walks. The only problem is, during these times, we may come across some wild animals in their natural habitat that can possibly pose a threat to both us and our beloved pets. While it is a frightening experience to run into a coyote, rest assured, it is very unlikely they will approach a human. But, in the rare case you do encounter these beautiful creatures; there are ways that we can handle ourselves to avoid a confrontation.

Step 1

The first part of knowing how to avoid a coyote is knowing what a coyote looks like. Sometimes coyotes are mistaken for dogs because they crossbreed. And it should be noted coyotes crossbreed with wolves as well, so some coyotes may look different than a full-blooded coyote.

Step 2

February is coyote mating season and they have their pups in the spring. This is the time they are more aggressive towards humans and dogs. They consider dogs and cats a threat and can become aggressive during this time.

Step 3

The biggest no, no, do not feed coyotes. Garbage is on a coyote's menu and this is an invitation to stay around the source of food. They will become a nuisance quickly. Keep garbage out of reach of coyotes by securing it in a locked-lid trash can, dumpster, or keep inside a garage or basement until trash pick-up day. If you see a coyote in town report it to wildlife officers or other authorities, especially if it has pups. Coyote mother's scavenge for food for pups in the spring and are aggressive and protective of their young.

Step 4

Do not leave pets alone. Coyotes eat small animals and rodents. Their scats (droppings) have been examined by Wildlife Officers and their diets mostly consist of rodents, rabbit, birds and deer. However, when hungry they will eat pets.

Step 5

Other things to do to keep coyotes attacks at bay, keep a dog on a short leash. If a coyote is showing signs of an impending attack yell loudly, throw rocks (or whatever else is on hand) and make noises. This will scare a coyote and will also relate humans with bad things and be less likely to attack someone. Never run.

Animals In The News

India's Last Dancing Bear



BANGALORE (Reuters Life!) - Raju the bear will never have to smoke cigarettes or dance on his hind legs under the hot sun again thanks to a multinational project to save an endangered species and end a cruel centuries-old tradition in India.

Raju was the last endangered sloth bear that had to work for a living, but who now can roam free at the Bannerghatta bear sanctuary on the outskirts of the southern city of Bangalore.

The bear's freedom is the outcome of lengthy efforts by animal rescue organisations and the government that have taken the "dancing" bears off India's streets, where the animals were once as ubiquitous as snake charmers and their cobras.

"This is the very last bear that has been rescued from the roads of India, the actual last one and that is the end of the trade," Mary

Hutton, Australia-based chairperson and founder of Free the Bears Fund, told Reuters Television.

Sloth bears are protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, but they often entertained crowds by playing imaginary guitars, smoking cigarettes and dancing to the pounding of drums, providing an income for their handlers.

The Bannerghatta bear rescue centre is one of the four that have been set up by India-based Wildlife SOS, Free the Bears Fund from Australia, Britain's International Animal Rescue and One Voice Association from France.

The animal welfare groups devised a holistic approach that involved setting up sanctuaries for the freed bears and giving rehabilitation packages for their handlers so that they have an incentive to give up the animals.

Raje Saab, Raju's handler, said he was looking forward to starting a new job with the money he has been given.

"I am happy that it is going to stay here, it will be looked after properly and will get proper food and care," said Saab of his bear, adding that he would probably start a small business with the 50,000 rupees (\$1,069) given to him.

- Sunil Kataria Yahoo News

Indoor Activities for You and Your Dog



January in Ontario is one of the coldest months of the entire year. Funny, though, how that doesn't seem to faze the family dog. Usually, no matter what temperature it is outside our pups are still anxious to go out to play. Sometimes though, it is simply too cold to spend any length of time outside so, we have come up with some indoor activities for both you and your pet so that your puppy can still get that much needed exercise and you both can have fun too!

Find the Treat

It's common knowledge that dogs love treats, but did you know that dogs searching for them? This game is highly enjoyable for dogs because tasty treats are the prize. You'll find out how keen your dog's sense of smell is when they sniff out treats you hide for them to find.

Teach your dog to search for treats by showing him a treat and placing it beneath a piece of furniture, a rug, or any other accessible hiding place. Let your dog see where you've put the first treat, and encourage him to get it. Hide the next treat without showing him where you've put it, and enthusiastically tell him to find the treat. It may take him awhile to catch on, but in time, they will learn your hiding places and will enjoy seeking out the tasty rewards.

Wrestling

Larger dogs love to wrestle, and if you want to have fun with your dog indoors, get down on the floor and enjoy a friendly wrestling match. Not only will your dog have a good time, but also you'll burn some calories in the process. If the wrestling match ever starts to become too aggressive, calm it down a bit and always stay in control of the game. Make sure your dog realizes this gentle wrestling match is just for fun.

Softball Fetch

Dogs require exercise all year long, and indoor activities can be just as beneficial as outdoor activities. Dogs and their owners usually play fetch outdoors, but a game of indoor fetch can be just as fun. Instead of using hard tennis balls, consider buying softer rubber balls made especially for dogs. They're a safer alternative to tennis balls since they aren't as rigid, and they don't have fabric covers that present a choking hazard.

Hide and Seek

A regular game of hide and seek can be one of the most enjoyable indoor activities you can play with your dog. Begin a game of hide and seek by hiding around a corner, and playfully jump out at your dog when they investigate what you're doing. Gain the assistance of a family member, and have someone hold the dog's collar while you hide somewhere else. Before the dog enters the room, call his name, and wait for him to begin looking for you. This fun and exciting activity will definitely become a favorite indoor game that you and your dog will look forward to playing anytime of the year.

Feature Furry Friend



Simon

Hello! My name is Simon and I am a 5 month old blonde Labradoodle. Everyone says I am a very handsome boy - and I tend to agree 😊 I am very lucky to be able to go to work with my owner a lot, where Carol from No Paw's comes to take me for walks in the park behind the shop. I always have such a great time chasing the squirrels and the exercise makes me feel great! On other days, I get to go into the daycare to see all of my friends. We have fun chasing the ball and wrestling around. I am always exhausted when I get home from daycare. I love to have a bath and brush while I am there too - so I look and smell great before I head home (That is me after my first blow-dry). The dryer was a little scary, but the nice groomer helped me through it with lots of hugs and kisses. Thanks No Paw's for making me feel like a very special pup!



CHRISTMAS HOURS

December 31st - 7am - Noon.

January 1st - CLOSED

January 2nd - CLOSED

January 3rd - CLOSED

Please note: On December 31st, 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.

