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## Bonus Days

May 4<sup>th</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup>

May 27<sup>th</sup>

May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Price: \$25.00 Full day**

Please e mail or give us a call should you want to bring in your dog on these days!

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



MAKE YOUR REPTILES FEEL AT HOME

Do you have reptiles at home or are thinking of getting one?

Reptiles can make excellent pets, but sometimes inexperienced owners are overwhelmed when they realize how expensive and difficult some reptiles are to care for. Unmet expectations and poor advice about care can result in a bad experience for the owner and can ultimately be fatal for the reptile.

Come and ask all your questions at the first time ever Toronto Reptile Expo. Attendees will be welcome to enjoy their passion for reptiles in a comfortable 28,000 square foot space. Over 120 vendor tables chalked full with reptiles, supplies, feeders, terrariums, plants, literature, tank truck sale and so much more to fill those holes in any reptile passion.

## Toronto Reptile Expo Sunday, May 29, 2011

Doors Open at 9am to 4pm

MasterCard Centre Lakeshore Lions Arena  
400 Kipling Avenue  
Toronto, ON  
M8V 3L1

Admission Adults \$8.00

Children 7 yrs of age to 14 yrs of age and seniors \$5.00

<http://www.reptileexpo.ca/toronto.html>

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 7:00am-6:00pm

Saturdays - CLOSED

Sunday—CLOSED

### Parent N Pup Date

May 14<sup>th</sup> & 28th 2011

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Same planet. Different world.

### Mothers Day- May 8th

*Mother's Day with Today's Parent*

#### **May 8**

Why not bring Mom for a day at the Toronto Zoo and meet some of our WILD Moms including Ngozi (gorilla), Polly (olive baboon) and Mya (cheetah).

### Don't forget to check out some other neat things that are happening at the Toronto Zoo in May

Endangered African Penguins - New for 2011  
Opening May 21

Sharks at Stingray Bay - A Touching Experience\*  
Back by Popular Demand!  
NOW WITH BONNETHEAD SHARKS!  
May 21 to October 10

**<http://www.torontozoo.com/Events/>**

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member forward this issue?  
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# Dog 'understood' master's death

**ANIMAL DOCTOR**  
DR. MICHAEL FOX



**Dear Dr. Fox:** I'm writing in response to your recent column about how a "dog's devotion to master can lead to the grave." It is similar to what occurred with our golden retriever more than 20 years ago when my husband died at 46 after a four-year battle with cancer. During my husband's illness, our dog Friday never left his side. He obviously knew something was wrong and was devoted to his master.

After my husband's death (in the hospital), Friday sat at the front door all day, every day, whining and waiting for my husband's return. He stopped eating and wouldn't leave the front hallway. He refused to play with our children whom he loved because "guard duty" was his only purpose. My heart was breaking for this dog.

After one week of watching Friday's vigil, I decided to help him understand what happened. Hesitantly, Friday left his post and got into the car with me. His car behavior was unusual: He paced from window to window, looking everywhere for my husband. I drove to the cemetery, and

we walked together toward my husband's gravesite. As we got closer, Friday pulled away from me and ran directly to my husband's grave. He lay down on the grave, closed his eyes, and just stayed there, quietly. I didn't try to talk to Friday or to disturb him. After an hour, Friday got up and walked over to me, using his mouth to hand me his leash. He was ready to go home.

After we arrived home, he kept kissing my hands as if to say "thank you" and never again sat by the front door waiting for my husband to return home. He now understood. Although obviously sad, his behavior returned to normal and he began eating again. In time, he healed as we did.

**Dr. Fox says:** Many readers will join me in thanking you for this remarkable example of giving a dog closure with regard to your husband, whom Friday thought was perhaps still alive. Your devoted dog clearly advances our understanding of how much some dogs really do know and feel.

Send questions for Dr. Fox to United Features Syndicate, 200 Madison Av., New York, NY 10016. Visit his website at [www.twobitdog.com/drfox](http://www.twobitdog.com/drfox).

# Purina Walk for Dog Guides



Once again No Paws too small is taking the challenge to walk for our 2 legged friends, to make a difference, on May 29th, 2011, at Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre, Brampton, ON.

The Purina Walk for Dog Guides is organized by local volunteers - our neighbours - and is truly a grassroots effort. Everybody is welcome all ages and abilities, with or without dogs. It's an outdoor, feel good start to the day.

You can help by either joining us in this fun Walk or by giving an online gift by credit card by clicking this link.

<http://www.purinawalkfordogguides.com/personalPage.cfm?ID=6550>

You will receive immediate credit card payment confirmation and an official Income Tax Receipt.

If you would like more information about Lions Foundation of Canada and the Purina Walk for Dog Guides, please visit [www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com).

If you do not want to do a credit card payment, you can stop by the office and see me ☺

Thank you all, who support us in the this cause.

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## Recipes for your 4 legged friends



### 15 Minute Liver Treats

1 lb chicken livers  
1 cup flour  
1 cup corn meal  
1 Tablespoon garlic powder  
1 Egg

#### Directions:

Place chicken livers and liquid in blender, liquefy. Add egg, mix a minute more. Pour into bowl. Add flour, corn meal and garlic powder. Mix. Spray jelly roll pan with pam. Pour mixture into pan. Bake 15 minutes in 400 degree hot oven. Cut into small squares while still warm. Keep in freezer to prevent spoilage.

Ic is love them frozen

<http://www.thepoop.com/pooppantry/minutelivertreats.asp>

### Kitty Kisses

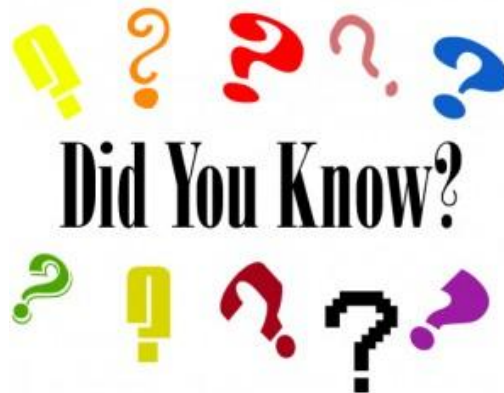
1 Can (or 1 cup dry) of cat food

Ziploc bag with a corner cut

2 tbs cat nip(optional)

Put cat food and optional cat nip in A blender or food processor and mix until it looks to be like frosting. Put the mixture into the Ziploc bag and squeeze little droppings, or "kisses" onto a cookie sheet and bake in 300 degrees F. Time depends on how big the kisses are. Small are about 15 minutes.

<http://www.i-love-cats.com/cat-food-recipes/Kitty-Kisses.html>



**"Did you Know" is an addition to our newsletter, where we will give you a description on a different dog breed each month. You are more than welcome to suggest any breed that you would like to read about.**

## **Bichon Frise**

What's jolly and white and lovable all over? The Bichon Frise (pronounced BEE-shon free-ZAY)

The Bichon Frise originated in the Canary Islands and was formerly called the Bichon Teneriffe after the largest of this group of islands. It has been bred as a companion dog because of its friendly and affectionate nature.

A cheerful, happy dog, the Bichon Frise is small and sturdy with a dark-eyed inquisitive expression and a plumed tail it carries merrily over the back. The breed is often compared to a cotton ball due to its curled double coat, which consists of a textured outer coat and a silky undercoat. The coat must be white, but may have shadings of buff, cream or apricot around the ears or on the body

The Canadian Kennel Club similarly includes the breed in its Non-Sporting class. Superficially, the fluffy white Bichon looks a little like a Poodle, but there are some important differences. The Bichon is proportionally longer-bodied, shorter-legged, more compact and sturdier overall, with a broader, slightly rounded skull and shorter muzzle. Its dark eyes are round rather than almond-shaped, and are set in the skull to look directly forward. Like the Poodle, however, the expression is bright, inquisitive and alert, connoting a sense of playful mischief.

### **Size**

Males and Females 9.5 inches (24 cm) to 11.5 inches (29 cm) are to be given primary preference. Only where the comparative superiority of a specimen outside this range clearly justifies it, should greater latitude be taken. In no case, however, should this latitude ever extend over 12 inches (23 cm) or under 9 inches (30 cm). Typical weights are between 12 and 18 pounds.

### **Health issues**

Some are prone to watery eyes, cataracts, skin and ear ailments, also epilepsy and dislocated kneecaps. They can be very sensitive to flea bites.

### **Life Span**

About 13 or more years

### **Grooming**

This breed should be groomed frequently and bathed every month. Professional grooming is recommended every 4 weeks. Trim around the eyes and ears with a blunt pair of scissors and clean the eyes extensively to prevent staining. Show dogs are trimmed with scissors. The body of the pet dogs may be clipped with electric clippers though the rest of the dog must still be scissored. The Bichon sheds little to no hair and is good for allergy sufferers.

### **Temperament**

The Bichon is a fluffy, little white dog that loves human company. It has an independent spirit, is intelligent, affectionate, bold and lively. This charming, gentle dog is not a yapper. It has a self-assured, happy temperament that is easy to live with. These bright little dogs are easy to train and just plain old love everyone. They need people to be happy. They are naturally sociable and are happiest when they are part of a family that takes them everywhere. This sociable trait also means that they are fine in the company of other dogs & pets and are excellent with children. Used as watchdogs and to perform tricks, this breed is competitive and obedient. Like a lot of smaller breeds, the Bichon may be difficult to housebreak. The Bichon Frise needs rules to follow, and limits to what they are and are not allowed to do. They also need a daily pack walk. Do not allow this little dog to develop Small Dog Syndrome, a human induced behavior, where the dog feels he is pack leader to humans. This can cause varying degrees of a wide variety of behavior problems. Including, but not limited to, obsessive barking, guarding, separation anxiety, snapping, and even biting. These are not Bichon traits, but rather behaviors brought on by the way the dog is treated. If you begin to be your dogs pack leader, and are self assured, calm consistently and

assertive towards the dog, providing daily pack walks, the Bichon will be a very stable minded, trustworthy dog.

<http://www.dogbreedinfo.com/bichonfrise.htm>



Here is one of ours : " Toto"



## Get out with your pet



Now that the nicer weather is coming, it's time to get those couch potatoes out and about, and getting some good earned exercise. It's always nice to get Fido and yourself out for a nice walk and some fresh air. There are some really nice conservation areas and parks around, in the Peel area here are some that you might find us in;

Claireville Conservation Area

Heartlake conservation area

Terra Cotta conservation

ErinDale Park

Meadowvale Conservation

And don't forget the board walk down town Toronto

**\*Please do make sure that your dog stays on leash and has their tags as it can be easy to lose a furry friend on the trails when they are so excited to be out.\***

**\* Don't let your dog eat any plants, as they could be toxic, make sure you bring lots of treats to fight those temptations\***



# Dos and Don'ts

## When travelling with pets...

These go for camping, going up to the cottage, and just off to a pet friend resort

### DO...

- Make your dog or cat as comfortable as possible, perhaps a carrier would make them feel more secure in the car but always make sure they have room to lie down.
- Keep a spare lead in the car and stop for regular 'toilet' breaks.
- Take plenty of carrier bags for picking up anything left behind by your dog
- Carry a pet first aid kit
- Take familiar items such as a favorite toy or blanket for reassurance.
- Take plenty of fresh water and keep your dog or cat hydrated on the journey.
- If you are going to the cottage with your cat make sure to bring extra litter, and a little pan



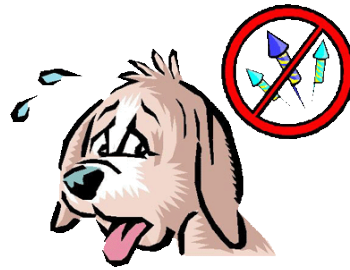
### DON'T...

- Don't leave your dog or cat in the car for any length of time. A car can be a deadly place for an animal even if you leave a window slightly open. Instead, plan your journey with plenty of pubs or picnic areas that are pet friendly along your route.
- Don't leave your dogs 'mess' - you could face a fine
- Don't let your dog off its lead in the hotel or in marked areas of land -such as around cattle.
- Don't allow your dog or cat to sleep on the bed. The next guest after you might not be as mad about dogs as you are, and if there were any 'little accidents' you may end up having to pay for damages. Take a cage or dog bed with you.

-Over exercise your pet- There's so much hiking to do and trails to explore, but make sure your pooch doesn't get too tired. He may not be in as good of shape as you think. Give him plenty of rests and make sure not to work him too hard

Traveling with a dog (or dogs) can be a joyous experience for both owner and dog. Dogs discover interesting features you might otherwise overlook, and a dog is thrilled at the new smells and sites.

**\*\*Don't forget that some people like to use\*\*  
fireworks during this holiday, try to make sure your  
pet is safe and comfortable**



## **FireWork Tips**

1. Leave your pets at home and indoors. Most pets are afraid of fireworks and may try to run away.
2. Close all doors and windows and put on background music to muffle the sound.
3. Close curtains and blinds to block the flashing lights.
4. Be sure that your pets are wearing identification tags or have microchips in case they do run away or get lost.
5. Try to distract your pet with chew toys and games, or play with another pet that does not share his fear.
6. If you have time, desensitization techniques with appropriate sound CDs, such as thunder, fireworks, trains, sirens, etc. may help pets get used to the sounds at a lower volume, then as they become more comfortable, gradually increase the volume.
7. If your pet has noise phobias, speak to your veterinarian about a natural homeopathic, non-sedating remedy to keep your pet calm during storm and fireworks seasons.



# Reminders

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**Please note that NPTS will be closed on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Victoria Day**



**A friendly reminder:**

Now that Spring is here...

Warmer weather means that you and your dog will be spending more time outside. Make sure your dog is wearing a license. Check his ID tag to make sure your phone number hasn't worn off and the tag is still readable. Are vaccinations up-to-date? Spending more time outdoors means possible contact with other dogs who might not be vaccinated

**Come Join us for our next Parent N Pup Play on**

**SATURDAY May 14<sup>th</sup> & May 28<sup>th</sup> ,  
12:00pm - 2:00pm.**

**Come and bring your friends!**



**Funny Comic's for You to Enjoy!**



**“Summer cleaning. All the  
skeletons in your closet are now in  
the garage.”**

