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September Daycare Bonus Days

Sept 3
Sept 11
Sept 14
Sept 24
Sept 28



Please let us know by Sept 1st, 2009 so we can organize our schedule accordingly!

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

**Summer
Hours of Operation:**

**Monday - Friday 7:00am—6:00pm
Saturdays—9:00am—12:00pm
Sunday—CLOSED**

Parent N Pup Dates

**June 20th
July 18th
August 15th
September 19th
October 17th**

**Please note that on these
days our office is open from
9am to 3pm.**

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Taunya's Training Tip of the Month

Dear Taunya,

My family and I got an 8 week old lab puppy in July because there would be someone home for most of the day. But now, everyone is going back to school and the puppy is going to be home alone for the first time. What can we do?

Worried

Dear Worried,

This is a great time of year to get your puppy used to dealing with a new schedule. First you can start off by crate training or boundary training. When an animal is given new freedoms it may find things more and more interesting as it gets bored, such as the corners of the furniture, couch cushions, electrical wires, window sills etc. For its own safety I do recommend that crate training is a safe alternative to boundary training, especially during this new transition time.

The crate needs to be large enough for the puppy to stand up, lie down and turn around in comfortably. Keep the crate in a room that allows the puppy to still feel that it is visually part of the household and not isolated. Put really special chew toys in the crate such as a stuffed Kong with peanut butter or cheese. Do not give into the whines and whimpers. This will pass!

Practice separation exercises. Slowly increase the length of time the puppy is left "alone". First 5, 10, 20 min and so on, up to an hour. Leave the house and run an errand etc. to allow the puppy to get used to the crate.

And also keep in mind our many services that can accommodate you and your puppy. You may want a pet sitter to pop in the house a few times a day while the puppy is being crate trained, or you may decide because of the puppy's ever growing activity level, they may need a walk or two to break up the day.

Good luck and thanks for your question!

Taunya

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Puppy Pizza Treats



If you are looking for a bit of a "gourmet" dog treat, give these puppy pizzas a try. They are irresistible to your pooch and they are really fun to make. So when it's pizza night at your house, the dog can be included as well!

Ingredients

- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup white flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dry yeast
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons wheat bran
- 2 tablespoons soy flour
- 2 tablespoons beet powder or 1 tablespoon red food coloring
- 2 tablespoons raw sugar
- 1 tablespoon anise seed

Topping

- ½ cup yellow royal icing or yogurt coating
- 2 tablespoons soy or real bacon bits

Directions

- Put all the ingredients (except the icing) into your bread maker in the order suggested by the manufacturer.
- Set the bread maker for the dough cycle.
- When the dough is ready, remove it and divide it into 3 or 4 equal balls.
- Roll each ball into a sheet that is about 1/4" thick.
- Using a circle cookie cutter or a drinking glass, cut your circles and place them on a lightly greased baking sheet.
- Cover the pizza crusts with a clean dish towel and let them rise in a warm place, away from drafts, for an hour.
- Bake the pizza crusts for 45-60 minutes at 300 degrees F. Check them after 30 minutes to make sure that they don't get too dark.

- Turn off the oven and let the pizza crusts finish drying in the oven overnight. They will be dry and crisp when they are completely dry.
- If you make the icing yourself, you can color it yellow (like cheese) with turmeric. Add a little at a time until you get the color that you want.
- Sprinkle soy bacon bits on top for the pizza topping. If you prefer, you can use real bacon bits instead

YUM!

How to Make a Pet First Aid Kit

Having a first aid kit on hand for your children or loved ones is always a good idea, and your pets are no exception. In the case of a car accident, injury or illness, a pet first aid kit can be an invaluable life-saving tool. Pet first aid kits can be purchased, although they are usually expensive and have very little of each item. Here are our suggestions for what to include in a do-it-yourself kit! Keep it in the car, in your house or take it along with you on outdoor excursions and be sure to notify your family and friends where it can be found as well.

Step 1

Get a durable, waterproof (or at least water-resistant) container that opens and closes easily yet securely. It should be large enough to hold the items mentioned below.

Step 2

Include bandage material, such as gauze pads, cotton gauze, adhesive tape and masking tape.

Step 3

Keep a bottle of hydrogen peroxide and anti-bacterial ointment or cream in the kit.

Step 4

Include diarrhea medication, but seek your veterinarian's approval before use.

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Step 5

Be sure to pack a pair of scissors, plus tweezers or forceps.

Step 6

Add a few eyedroppers for dispensing liquid medication or for cleaning superficial wounds.

Step 7

Include syrup of ipecac to induce vomiting in the event your pet is poisoned. If your pet is poisoned, consult your veterinarian before inducing vomiting.

Step 8

Find activated charcoal at any health food store. This remedy is good for poisoning or diarrhea and controls flatulence resulting from any stomach or intestinal upset.

Step 9

Store blankets in the kit to keep your pet warm in extreme conditions.

Step 10

When traveling, call ahead to your destination to see if there are any particular dangers, such as snakes, poisonous plants or extreme heat that you will need to consider when packing your first aid kit.

Step 11

Include the phone numbers of your pet's regular veterinarian and of a nearby emergency veterinary hospital.



Furniture Friendly Cat Training

In the wild, cats scratch around their immediate environment to signal their presence to other cats and to claim the area in question. The marking takes two forms: visual and olfactory. The visual is in the form of clawing marks and is so obvious that even we humans can recognize it. The olfactory mark is subtler, involving the release of pheromones. These are substances secreted from the body to be picked up by the number of the same species, causing them to alter their behavior.

Scratching has additional function too. It removes the nail sheath, the outer layer of dead cells from the claw. You might think your cat scratches to sharpen their claws, but it more likely it provides them with a form of physical therapy for the muscles and tendons of their paws. Here are some ways to help you train your cat not to scratch and destroy your furniture.

1. Make sure there are multiple scratching opportunities. Cats often like to scratch after eating and sleeping, so be sure there is something to scratch near where they eat and sleep. A scratching post is an excellent investment for your cat. It will allow them to scratch, stretch and exercise all at once. If you want to provide your cat not only with scratching surface, but places where they can climb, perch and sleep, you should consider cat tree.
2. Cover the furniture with something your cat does not like: double sided tape, some plastic or aluminum foil. Some cats dislike the feeling and sound of foil, and most cats hate things that stick to their fur. Double-sided sticky tape used in carpet installation works well, but be sure the tape won't harm your cat or furniture.
3. Keep your cats mentally stimulated and offer plenty of opportunity for exercise, and they will have less opportunity to be destructive in your home. If your cat is frustrated and bored, they may scratch your furniture or tear your drapes. Give them enough play time. Cats are motivated by smell, sound, texture and movement. The toys you use should aim to cover all these aspects. Discover your cat's preferences by presenting a variety of different sized toys made from different materials and watch their reaction to gauge their preferences.

4. Cutting nails regularly may help keep your cat from scratching the furniture, or at least reduce the damage done by its scratching. Get your kitten used to having its nails clipped while it is young, and be sure to praise and reward as well.
5. Booby trap the furniture with a soda can with some pennies in it, so that if the cat scratches, it makes a noise.
6. Consider a window perch for your feline friend. It will give your cat hours of entertainment - especially if you place a bird or squirrel feeder in the garden outside the window.
7. If your cat is gaining access to a high bookcase by leaping from a nearby chair, move the chair. Without her launch pad, your cat will no longer be able to reach their perch.
8. There are training devices that keep cats off forbidden areas by making annoying sounds. They are available at pet supply stores, catalogs and websites.
9. If your cat still scratches in appropriate places, use some sprays like bitter apple or actual orange peels, which are good deterrents.

It does not matter which method you will choose to prevent your cat from destroying furniture. Every cat owner must know that it is impractical to expect cats to stop scratching entirely. Patience and perseverance are the key aspects to successful cat training.




10 Weird Facts About The Dog



- Every dog on earth likely descended from a species known as the Tomarctus - a creature that roamed the earth over 15 million years ago.
- Dogs were first domesticated by cavemen.
- Humans have kept dogs as pets for over 12,000 years.
- An African wolf dog known as the basenji is the only dog in



- the world that cannot bark.
- The longer a dog's nose, the more effective its internal cooling system.
- It is a myth that dogs are color blind. They can actually see in color, just not as vividly as humans. It is akin to our vision at dusk.
- Dog's nose prints are as unique as a human's finger prints and can be used to accurately identify them. 
- 70% of people sign their pet's name on greeting and holiday cards.
- Dogs judge objects first by their movement, then by their brightness, and lastly by their shape.
- All dogs are identical in anatomy - 321 bones and 42 permanent teeth....

Groomers Tip of The Month

Often, groomers are asked "How often should I bath my dog?" Because there are so many different breeds of dog out there, it is a bit of a tricky question. Also, Dogs have essential oils on their coats that are necessary for the dog's warmth and buoyancy. An easy and effective way to determine how often *your* dog should be bathed is to determine what type of coat they have. Here is a simple guideline you can use:

- Double or undercoat dogs (ie. Cocker Spaniel, Pekingese), bathe once every 4 to 8 weeks.
- Silky long coat (ie. Yorkie, Lhasa Apso), bathe once every 3 to 6 weeks
- Non-shedding curly coat (ie. Poodle), bathe once 6 to 8 weeks
- Smooth coat (ie. Chihuahua, Boston Terrier), bathe no less than once in 8 weeks or only when it gets dirty, frequent bath will wash out their waterproofing oils produced by the skin for protection.
- Wiry/Coarse coat (ie. Schnauzer and most terriers), bathe once every 4 to 6 weeks * Scottish Terriers tend to get dirty skin through a buildup of dandruff, a fortnightly bath is ideal.

Pet Friendly Bug Spray!

A common dilemma for those with outdoor pets is what to use to keep the pesky mosquitoes and black flies from being bothersome. We have found a great, home-made, solution to this problem.

Bug Spray:

1 tsp unscented liquid soap
1 1/2 oz water
6 drops lavender oil
8 drops geranium oil
2 drops peppermint oil

mix in spray bottle

Non-toxic and safe for everyone, even pets!

Feature Furry Friend



Hi! My name is Sam and I am a blonde golden retriever. Although I may be 10 years old, I still enjoy coming into the No Paws Daycare from time to time to hang out with my friends. I love to sit by the big fan to stay cool and have my water hand delivered by the doggie nannies! Most often though, Kelsey comes to my house to take me outside during the day. I am so happy to see her because I know she will take very good care of me. I see her now! 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.



Our Cancellation Policy

Just a quick reminder of our cancellation policies... We understand that sometimes, especially in the busy summer months, it is tricky to know what circumstances may disrupt your planned schedules. That is why we currently accept up to **48** hours notice of all cancelled daycare dates and scheduled dog walks. Please note that failure to comply with this policy will result in service charges. And although an email is appreciated, we do also require a follow up phone call to confirm the cancellation. Thanks again for choosing No Paws Too Small.



"Marm! It's a swing, not a chew toy!"

