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October Daycare Bonus Days

Oct 8th

Oct 16th

Oct 20th

Oct 29th



Please let us know by Oct 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)



Safety tips for Thanksgiving

'Tis the season for friends, family and holiday feasts—but also for possible distress for our animal companions. Pets won't be so thankful if they munch on undercooked turkey or a pet-unfriendly floral arrangement, or if they stumble upon an unattended alcoholic drink.

Check out the following tips from ASPCA experts for a fulfilling Thanksgiving that your pets can enjoy, too.

Talkin' Turkey

If you decide to feed your pet a little nibble of turkey, make sure it's boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer her raw or undercooked turkey, which may contain salmonella bacteria.

Sage Advice

Sage can make your Thanksgiving stuffing taste delish, but it and many other herbs contain essential oils and resins that can cause gastrointestinal upset and central nervous system depression to pets if eaten in large quantities. Cats are especially sensitive to the effects of certain essential oils.

No Bread Dough

Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him raw bread dough. According to ASPCA experts, when raw bread dough is ingested, an animal's body heat causes the dough to rise in his stomach. As it expands, the pet may experience vomiting, severe abdominal pain and bloating, which could become a life-threatening emergency, requiring surgery.

Don't Let Them Eat Cake

If you're baking up Thanksgiving cakes, be sure your pets keep their noses out of the batter, especially if it includes raw eggs—they could contain salmonella bacteria that may lead to food poisoning.

Too Much of a Good Thing

A few small boneless pieces of cooked turkey, a taste of mashed potato or even a lick of pumpkin pie shouldn't pose a problem. However, don't allow your pets to overindulge, as they could wind up with a case of stomach upset, diarrhea or even worse—an inflammatory condition of the pancreas known as pancreatitis. In fact, its best keep pets on their regular diets during the holidays.

A Feast Fit for a Kong

While the humans are chowing down, give your cat and dog their own little feast. Offer them rawhide strips, Nylabones or made-for-pet chew bones. Or stuff their usual dinner—perhaps with a few added tidbits of turkey, vegetables (try sweet potato or green beans) and dribbles of gravy—inside a Kong toy. They'll be happily occupied for awhile, working hard to extract their dinner from the toy.

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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How to make a Ghostly Halloween costume



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What you need:

- a white bed-sheet;
- scissors;
- a marker;
- an elastic band;
- a needle and white thread.

Instructions on how to make dog costume:

This costume covers the dog's face. It has cut openings for nose and mouth, eyes and ears. The white sheet lies freely on the dog's back, hanging down halfway to the ground. Elastic bands attach the sheet to the dog at neck and chest.

Have your dog standing up right. Put the bed-sheet over your dog, also covering his head. Mark the spots for cutting out the nose, eyes and ears (be careful when marking spots for eyes). Just mark the center of the spot and note, how large each hole needs to be.

You need to attach the ghost costume to your dog at his neck and his chest. Note the spots on opposite sides of your dog's neck and chest (about in the middle). Note the length of elastic band pieces required. Note how much bed sheet is necessary to look good on your dog, allow the bed-sheet to hang to the ground not more than halfway.

Take the bed-sheet off your dog. From the inside, sew elastic band to the relevant spots on the sheet. Cut out openings for the nose and mouth, eyes and ears. You need to put on this costume first through front paws, then over the dog's head.

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How to Make an M & M pooch

	<p>First measure your dog from the neck to the top of the tail bone. This is how long your pattern should be. Next measure how wide you want the costume to be around your dogs back. This is how wide the costume will be. Make yourself a round or oval pattern using these measurements. (Cut a round piece if you want your dog to be a regular m & m, and oval if you want your dog to be a peanut m & m.)</p> <p>Cut out 2 of this pattern piece out of the color felt you picked.</p>
<p>m</p> <p>(this is the "m" in Times New Roman Font) It is the closest to the real m&m's candy that I could find.)</p>	<p>On your computer make a small letter "m" using Times New Roman font. Enlarge it to about 6-9" big. Print. This is your pattern for your "m." Pin and cut one "m" on white felt.</p>
	<p>Pin the white "m" on ONE of the candy pieces and sew around the "m" using a zigzag stitch.</p>

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Pin the two pieces of red felt PRETTY SIDES together all around the outer edge of the circle. Leave an opening for stuffing. Sew all around the edge of the piece of candy; don't forget to leave an opening.

Turn piece of candy pretty side out. Stuff the candy very loosely. You don't want a fat ball m & m candy, you want a flat stuffed piece of candy.



Any type of coat, costume, or cover for a dog must have a ribbon around it that ties at the belly. This is what holds the costume on.

At the bottom of the piece of candy stitch a piece of ribbon that can be tied around your dog's belly. Make sure it is long enough to be tied all the way around the belly.

Add a piece of ribbon on the bottom near the neck line, so that it can be tied around your dog's neck. These 2 pieces of ribbon will hold on the costume. Do not tie them too tight, you want your dog to be comfortable.



If you want to, you can make little hands of white felt and add elastic to them to go around the front of your dog's feet as shown in the photo. I cut out 4, sewed 2 together and then added the elastic to make it more of a 3D effect.

Your dog costume is done.

You could do the same type of costume in orange felt, and add black eyes, nose, and mouth to make it a pumpkin costume.



<http://www.lovetosew.com/doghalloweencostume.htm>

Boo Cookies



3 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
2 cup Quaker oats
1 cup milk
1/2 cup hot water
2 beef or chicken bouillon cubes
1/2 cup meat drippings

Dissolve bouillon cubes in hot water. Add milk and drippings and beat. In a separate bowl, mix flour and oatmeal. Pour liquid ingredients into dry ingredients and mix well. Press onto an ungreased cookie sheet and cut into shapes desired. Bake at 300 for 1 hour. Turn off heat and leave in the oven to harden. Refrigerate after baking. YUM!

Halloween Safety



Remember, your pets can't tell you what's wrong and what bothers them. They are more easily frightened since they have no idea what's going on. Be sympathetic and treat them like you'd want to be treated if you were it!

Just because you think a certain Halloween costume for your pet is cute, doesn't mean that they will enjoy wearing it! Try it on them in advance and see how they react.

Getting Halloween treats for your visitors and kids? Don't forget to pick up a box of dog or cat treats for them as well!

If you own a cat and let it go outside, remember that this is a bad time of year for cats. Vicious people tend to find Halloween an excuse to hurt or kill them. Keep them inside for a while. They are safer inside on a daily basis anyway.

Having an adult party? Remember, dogs, cats, birds and other animals do not like being intoxicated. Some at the party may think it's funny to get an animal drunk but it can kill them. It's better to hurt someone's feelings by telling them to leave the party than to deal with a seriously ill pet.

Here are some tips to help you ease your pet through the Halloween season:

- As much as your dog or cat may beg for some of your Halloween candy, always remember that chocolate is deadly to them in any amount.
- If you work in a pet store, remember that this is the time of year that can be deadly for black cats. Some sick people who play at being what they'll call a Satanist will buy them to "sacrifice" If you can, don't take any black cats or sell them during October.

- The wrappers, such as tin foil, can get stuck in your pets digestive tract and make them ill or cause death. There are plenty of recipes for making homemade dog and cat treats, you can always make them on a Halloween note.
- Dogs can have lethal tails, wagging all over the place. Don't leave any lighted candles or Jack-O-Lanterns where they could be knocked over by a swinging tail or by a curious cat. Not only could your pet start a fire but they could severely burn themselves in the process.
- If you are going to dress your pet in a costume, keep in mind that unless the dog or cat is extremely receptive to this kind of thing, you could be causing it discomfort and stress. Some animals don't mind at all but others do not want to be bothered with this kind of thing. They'll be under enough stress with the festivities going on outside and people at the door constantly so don't cause them any more nervousness than you have to. You may love to dress in costume but then, you aren't a dog or a cat.
- If you put a mask of some type on your animal, make sure that the eye holes are big enough for them to see peripherally. Animals depend on their vision to let them know what's going on and even the nicest dog can get snippy if he can't see what's around him. In fact, masks really aren't a good idea.
- If you are having a indoor party, make sure that you put your dog or cat in a room where they won't be disturbed. Unless your pet is ultra friendly and doesn't mind loud noises, music and lots of people you should keep them separate for the night. Also, be careful your cat or dog doesn't dart out through the open door as you hand out candy. Best bet is to just put them in a room with some food and water for the night and check on them once in a while to let them know everything is fine.

http://www.halloween-safety.com/halloween_safety_pets.html



CONTEST

This year No Paw's Too Small is having, for the first time ever, a Halloween **week** from October 26th to the 30th. This gives all of our little and big friends the chance to win our Halloween contest.

If your dog is booked for daycare on one or more days during that week, we ask that you dress them up! That way they will have a chance to win some great prizes!

Please note that October 29th is a No Paws **Bonus Day** as well ☺





That trip to the off leash dog park

In Brampton and Mississauga, we are very lucky to have a few off leash parks for our furry canine friends to enjoy the great outdoors. These locations are:

-Bramalea Community Park at Highway 410 and Williams Parkway

-Chris Gibson Park On McLaughlin Road North and Flower town Ave. behind the Chris Gibson Recreation Centre.

-White Spruce Park West of Heart lake Road, north of Bovaird and south of Sandalwood Parkway (just south of Esker Lake School).

-Totoredca Park-located in Mississauga, on Meadowvale Blvd, south of Steeles Ave on Heritage Road and north of Meadowpines Blvd.

-Jack Darling- Lakeshore rd and southdown rd
Lakeside park-Lakeshore Road between Southdown Road and Winston Churchill

-Etobicoke Valley - South Creek Road (South of Dundas Street, near West Mall) in Mississauga

-Quinippenon meadows- in the Quenippenon Meadows community Park on Erin Centre Blvd., just west of Erin Mills Parkway. It is opposite Erin Mills Town Centre.

-Meadowvale Park- on Battleford Road, east of Erin Mills Parkway. Battleford Road is between the 401 and Britannia Road in Mississauga. No hour restrictions

Please do keep in mind our Parent and Pup days as well at the No Paw's Too Small facility, where your canine friend can run and play in an indoor facility with supervision.

Our next PNP is October 17th and in November we will start back to every Saturday.



With our busy schedules, we sometimes forget when our animals' vaccinations are due. It is vital that all dogs entering the daycare, or those that may need to be home boarded with us, have up-to-date vaccinations. This includes Rabies, Distemper, flea medication, and of course Bordetella.

Bordetella, aka Infectious Tracheobronchitis or Kennel Cough, is a severely contagious infection similar to bronchitis. The primary symptom of kennel cough is a dry, spasmodic cough which is caused by the inflammation of the dog's trachea and bronchi. Coughing spells will often result in the dog coughing up a white and foamy discharge. Some dogs will also develop conjunctivitis - an inflammation of the membrane that lines the eyelids. Nasal discharge may also be present. In effect, the dog appears to have a very nasty cold or flu. The disease is rarely serious and almost never life-threatening. Still, if you have seen any of these symptoms or have reason to believe that your dog has or has been exposed to kennel cough, you should consult your vet immediately. The Bordetella vaccination takes up to 10 days to be considered effective, so please ensure ample time is given after the vaccination for it to take effect.

Please keep in mind that all pets need to be fully vaccinated, including Bordetella, to enter the NPTS daycare, as well as the off leash parks.



Feature Furry Friend



Hi, my name is Hennessy and I am a 3 year old Chesapeake Bay Retriever. I love to grin and smile at the doggy nannies and all of my friends when I come in to the daycare. Sometimes my faces look like I am winking too! I have also stayed overnight with Mark and Katrina and had an amazing time! I tend to be very curious about all of the new doggies that come in to daycare and about all of the cars and people that I see going by throughout the day. My favourite things to do are to lie in the sun and to play with my friends! I think I see some of them coming 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.

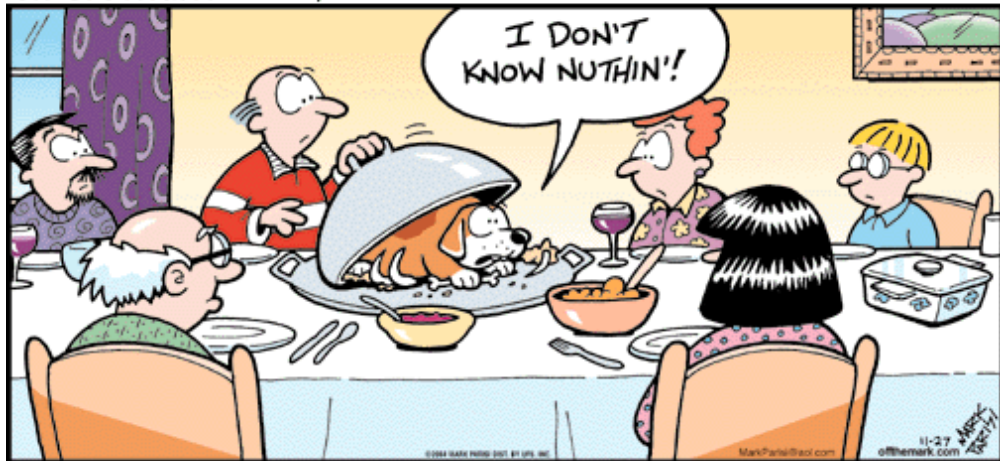


Please note that our office will be **CLOSED** on the following days this Thanksgiving weekend:

Saturday October 10th 2009

Monday October 12th, 2009

The office will resume open to our normal office hours
on
Tuesday October 13, 2009



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