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Published quarterly for 2023.
This will give more pet lovers a greater opportunity to read and share with us their stories and suggestions. We are also adding volunteer staff to help with our other animal related endeavors.

Our next issue:
July, August & Sept 2023.
Deadline is FIRM!
Sept 15th, 2023 - 5:00 pm

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To Train or Not To Train . . . by Shelly Quinn

Everyone loves a good dog and every dog is a good dog but, they can also benefit immensely from some training. It's a great way to bond with your buddy and get them the exercise, socialization and mental stimulation they need to live their best life.

So, when do you start? Right from the beginning. Puppies are sponges for new information, just like baby humans. You wouldn't wait until your child was an adult to start teaching them the ways of the world so there's no reason to wait until your canine friend is an unruly behemoth to start either. However, this does not mean you should only adopt a puppy. Adult and senior dogs are just as capable of being trained.

Every dog should have, at the very least, obedience or beginner training. Every dog. Big dogs, little dogs, young dogs, not so young dogs. Everyone benefits from some good old-fashioned basic etiquette. Your dog will be more at ease and enjoyable to be around, once they know the rules. Some very basic training can also alleviate the stress that comes with anticipated excessive barking and jumping when a guest arrives at the door or destructive behavior when you need to

go to work or run errands.

If nurturing your relationship and helping to fulfill your dog's needs aren't enough to sway you, training can also save a lot of trauma and heartache. Each year, more than 4.5 million people are bitten by

dogs and more than 800,000 require medical attention for bites. Children are at a much greater risk and are usually bitten by dogs they know. A dog who is properly socialized, trained, and cared for is less likely to feel threatened and scared and lash out at people or other animals. A dog who attacks a person or another animal is at risk of



being retaliated against or euthanized so, please consider the health and safety benefits before you shrug off training.

The most important step to training your dog begins before you get them! Making sure a dog is well-suited for your family and lifestyle is of the utmost importance.

Granted, every dog has their own unique personality but, for example, we can make an educated guess that it's likely most Border Collies are not going to be content sitting on the couch all day. Please take the time to have some honest conversations about the type of dog that will flourish in your household. Look into which breed types have particular qualities that match your level of activity and family dynamic, especially if you are looking for a dog to serve a specific purpose like a therapy dog or service dog.

Listen to adoption counselors carefully when they tell you if a dog is high energy or doesn't like being alone or other predominant characteristics. If you already have one or more dogs, take them to meet your possible new family member before you adopt to see if it's the right match.



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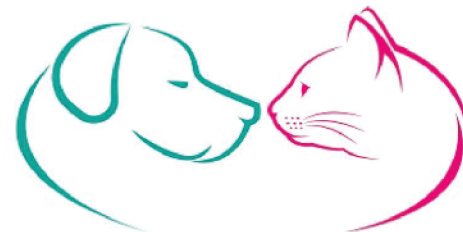
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Our staff is dedicated to the care of animals. Whether pets or livestock, we surround ourselves with people who demonstrate a passion for pets and compassion for their care providers. We provide a venue where animal lovers can share their experiences as they focus on the unconditional positive treatment of their charges.

We have filed for 501 © 3 Mutual Benefit Corporation. We worked very hard to prepare our non-profit status so we can serve the animal loving community at the best possible levels. All Creatures Network, Inc. will be working with local animal clinics and pet shops.

Our goal is to continue to build,
1: Claws Magazine,
and to establish the following as we grow.

2: All Creatures Pet Care Services (intended to provide a percentage of funds necessary to help low income families pay for pet care)

3: McSAM's Memorial

4: Antelope Valley Animal Care Coalition

(There are about 80 animal care related enterprises in the Antelope Valley as well as close to 60 rescue groups and people who claim to be rescuers. We hope to establish a regulatory and information group to provide Animal Care businesses with the resources they need to adequately perform their tasks with the help of the Animal Care community.

All these projects need money and people to make them work according to a plan which is available on request.

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Puppy's Rule of Twelve ... Thanks to the Arizona Humane Society

A puppy is most willing to try new things before she reaches the age of five (5) months. The Puppy's Rule of Twelve is handy guideline for puppy owners to ensure that a puppy is exposed to a variety of things during this critical time-period. It is very important to ensure all experiences are positive – so be ready to reward your puppy with lots of super, yummy treats and praise. If your puppy is scared or frightened of something slow down, decrease distance or intensity and reassure her.

By the time your puppy is five (5) months old, your puppy should have:

Experienced twelve (12) different surfaces – Wood, woodchips, grass, asphalt/cement, tile, wet grass, rocks, gravel, dirt, mud, puddles, grates, uneven surfaces, metal, on a table, on a chair, etc.

Played with twelve (12) different objects – Fuzzy toys, hard toys, big & small balls, funny sounding toys, wooden items, paper/cardboard items, milk jugs, metal items, etc.

Experienced twelve (12) different locations – Front yard, other people's homes, lake, pond, river, boat, elevator, stairs, car, moving car, veterinarian (just to say “hi” & get lots of treats – no vaccinations), kennel, grooming salon (just to say “hi” & to get lots of treats – no grooming), etc.

Met & Played with twelve (12) different people (outside of the family) – Include children, adult men, adult women, elderly adults, people in wheelchairs, people on crutches, people with hats, people with sunglasses, etc.

Exposed to twelve (12) different noises – Garage door opening, doorbell, sirens, children playing, babies crying, loud/big trucks, motorcycles, laundry machines, skateboards, shopping carts rolling, motorboats, clapping, loud singing, vacuums, lawnmowers, pan dropping, etc.

It is very important to observe your puppy's body language during this exercise to ensure she is not frightened or uncomfortable. Reduce the distance to the object or the level of the noise until she is comfortable and reward her with lots

of super, yummy treats and praise. See Canine Body Language tip sheet for more information on body language. **Exposed** to twelve (12) fast moving objects (don't allow to chase) – Skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, cars, trucks, boats, people/children running, cats, wild critters, scooters, vacuums, horses running, etc.

Experienced twelve (12) different challenges – Climbing stairs, climbing off/in/around a box, going through a tunnel, climb over obstacles, going in & out of doorways, walking on a wobbly table, play hide-n-seek, jump over something, getting a bath, etc.

Handled by owner & family members twelve (12) times a week – Hold under arm, hold to chest, hold on floor near owner, hold in-between owner's legs, hold head, look in ears, hold paws, hold and take temperature (with veterinarian's assistance), hold like a baby, hold & trim toenails (with veterinarian's assistance), hold in lap, look in mouth, etc.

Eaten from twelve (12) different containers – Wobbly bowl, metal, cardboard, paper, coffee cup, pie plate, plastic, frying pan, KONG, dog-safe puzzle toy, spoon fed, etc.

Eaten in twelve (12) different locations – Back yard, front yard, crate, kitchen, basement, bedroom, laundry room, friend's house, car, school, bathtub, up high (supervised), under an object, etc.

Played with as many puppies and safe adult dogs as possible.

Left alone safely, away from family and other animals twelve (12) times a week for a period of 5 to 45 minutes. Start with a short time period and gradually increase the amount time your puppy is alone. See Crate Training tip sheet for more information.

Experienced a leash and collar twelve (12) different times in twelve (12) different locations.

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In defense of feral cats... Nadia Dickinson

I understand the objections to community cats but most of the problems occur because a colony has not been controlled.

For more than 10,000 years, cats have lived amongst humans, sharing the environment with birds and wildlife.

One of the common misconceptions about community cats is that removing (killing) them is the only way to control colonies.

1. If cats are removed from their outdoor home, it creates a territorial opening – or vacuum – that will not remain empty.

2. According to one scientific journal article, "...the presence of feral cats in a place indicates an ecological niche for approximately that number of cats." (Zaunbrecher) Each time cats are removed, the population will rebound to fill that niche.

3. Removing cats from an area may cause a temporary decrease in the cat population, but more cats WILL take their place – and it won't take long.

3. This phenomenon is known in conservation studies as the Vacuum Effect. The Vacuum Effect has been observed in

many species, not just cats.

4. Catching and removing (or killing) cats is therefore futile. It is an expensive, deadly cycle which yields no long-term benefits.

5. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the only way to stabilize cat populations. It is the humane, effective approach to community cats and is sound public policy.

Through TNR, community cats are humanely trapped, altered, vaccinated, ear tipped for identification, and returned to their outdoor homes where they not only continue to lead full, healthy lives, but they provide a natural solution to rodent and pest control.

According to a recent Harris Interactive poll, 84 percent of Americans prefer that their communities use tax dollars to adopt sterilization as its cat control policy instead of bringing cats found outdoors into shelters to be killed. And that is true even when they are unaware of the Vacuum Effect. People simply believe, correctly, that cats have intrinsic value to their lives and do not want them to suffer and be killed.

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We have 2 contests on this page for our younger animal lovers and their families.

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TELL US ABOUT YOUR PET

Tell us, in 250 words or less (must be your own and not written by someone else), about your favorite pet. It can be a current pet, one that is no longer alive, or if you do not have a pet, what is your idea of the perfect pet. If you have a picture, send it and we will add it to our annual pet photo contest!

We must be able to read your entry, so either hand-write on white paper with lines or type double spaced. After you finish, write your name, and phone number on a postcard with your birth date and send in a #10 envelope to:

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Antelope Valley



ANIMAL CARE COALITION

"Building and maintaining a coalition of effort, purpose, and support among entities within the Antelope Valley to benefit the welfare and lives of all animals and their care providers."

This organization is built upon the above statement of purpose and the concept for success.

The challenge for most of our community's groups and individuals that are concerned for the rescue and/or care

of animals is that they have the "heart" and are willing to invest the time and efforts toward their goals yet are underfunded to provide appropriate shelter, food, and healthcare because they are providing it out of their own pockets.

Many have established non-profit corporations in hope of attracting support, yet are often not skilled enough in fundraising, grant writing, public relations, etc. These are the people who are willing to do the work in the trenches. There is some duplication of efforts; and likely some big egos that have the potential for getting in the way of working together. The organizations are small which also becomes a barrier to their receiving grants.

We believe, with proper leadership, that these groups can be coalesced into one functioning group that funnels each individual or organization into specific interest areas gaining economies of scale in cost of operation, support, public awareness, and the time and effort of the

people who are committed to the mission. This will require time to build trust and synergy between the representatives within the Coalition, individuals and organizations they represent.

This will also require bringing into the mix the local veterinarians, animal related businesses, schools and local city and county governments, as well as state and federal agencies with involvement at both the Department and Supervisor levels.

The coalition should be viewed as a resource in itself as well as a mobilizer of resources to resolve Antelope Valley issues and concerns related to animals. As a resource it will stand ready to assist its membership in their pursuit of improving the lives for animals.

This organization will serve as a forum to voice concerns & issues for animals, ideas and solutions to educate the public, and to train individuals who have a passion to be skilled, knowledgeable caregivers and educators at all levels of interaction with animals.

Local Shelters and Rescue Groups

The following list of local shelters and rescues has been provided as a public resource only, and covers the cities of the Antelope Valley. To reach their website, type the URL without spaces, then hit enter on your browser...

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apassionforpaws.org/

Aussie Rescue of Southern Calif Inc.
aussierescuesocal.com/

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petfinder.com/shelters/CA913.html

Basset Hound Rescue of S. Calif
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California Miniature Schnauzer Rescue (CMSR) schnauzers.us

California City Animal Control
californiacity-ca.gov/CC/index.php/animal-control

CA Animal Rescue & Education Sanctuary (C.A.R.E.S)
facebook.com/groups/1517407391890058/

Community Effort Animal Rescue (C.E.A.R.) (Former: AV Dog & Cat Rescue)
communityeffortanimalrescue.com

Dachshund Rescue & Placement
doxykeeper.net/

Doberman Pinscher SOS
dobiesos.net/

Doggy Smiles Rescue (see pg 3)
calcitypd.org/Animal-Control.html

Forgotten Angels Cat Rescue, Inc
forgottenangelsrescue.org/

French Bulldog Village Rescue
frenchbulldogvillage.org/

GreySave Greyhound Adoptions
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The Homestretch Greyhound Rescue Adoption
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Lange Foundation
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L.A. County Animal Care & Control: Lancasteranimalcare.lacounty.gov/

Ruff Patches
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SecondHand Animals
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Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue sclrr.org/

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- National Heartworm Awareness Month
- National Pet First Aid Awareness Month
- Prevention of Lyme Disease in Dogs Month
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
- Canine Fitness Month (AKA Active Dog Month)
- National Adopt a Greyhound Month
- National Frog Month

Awareness Weeks

- April 9-15 | Animal Care and Control Appreciation (2nd full wk in April)
- April 9-15 | [National Dog Bite Prevention Week](#) (2nd full wk in April)
- April 17-23 | Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness (3rd wk in April)
- April 17-23 | National Pet ID Week (3rd wk in April)
- April 24-30 | [Veterinary Receptionist Week](#)
- April 23-29 | National Scoop the Poop Week

Holidays and Awareness Days

- April 1 | Every Day is Tag Day (1st Sat in April)
- April 1 | International Bull Terrier Day
- April 2 | National Ferret Day
- April 4 | World Stray Animal Day
- April 4 | World Rat Day
- April 6 | National Siamese Cat Day
- April 8 | National Dog Fighting Awareness Day
- April 10 | National Hug Your Dog Day
- April 10 | National Siblings Day
- April 11 | National Pet Day
- April 11 | Celebrate Shelter Pets Day
- April 11 | Dog Therapy Appreciation Day
- April 12 | World Hamster Day
- April 17 | National Bat Appreciation Day
- April 18 | Pet Owners Day
- April 19 | National Cat Lady Day
- April 19 | Dog Parent Appreciation Day
- April 20 | Biomedical Research Awareness Day
- April 21 | Bulldogs are Beautiful Day
- April 22 | National Beagle Day
- April 23 | [National Lost Dog Awareness Day](#)
- April 25 | National Kids and Pets Day
- April 26 | International Guide Dog Day (last Wednesday in April)
- April 27 | National Little Pampered Dog Day
- April 28 | [Hairball Awareness Day](#) (last Friday in April)
- April 29 | [World Veterinary Day](#) (last Saturday in April)
- April 30 | Adopt a Shelter Pet Day
- April 30 | National Therapy Animal Day
- April 30 | National Tabby Day
- April 30 | National Pet Parents Day (last Sunday in April)

"Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant." Unknown

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- National Pet Month
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- Pet Cancer Awareness Month
- Chip Your Pet Month
- Arthritis Awareness Month
- National Service Animal Eye Exam Month
- Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month

Awareness Weeks

- May 1-7 | Dog Anxiety Awareness Week
- May 7-13 | Puppy Mill Action Week (starts the Monday before Mother's Day)
- May 7-13 | National Pet Week (1st full wk of May starting on a Sunday)
- May 7-13 | American Humane's Be Kind to Animals Week (1st full wk of May starting on a Sunday)

Holidays and Awareness Days

- May 1 | National Purebred Dog Day
- May 1 | International Samoyed Day
- May 3 | National Specially-Abled Pets Day
- May 4 | Bird Day
- May 6 | Wildfire Preparedness Day
- May 7 | Mayday for Mutts (1st Sunday in May)
- May 10 | German Shepherd Day
- May 13 | National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day (2nd Sat. in May)
- May 13 | National Dog Mom's Day (2nd Sat. in May)
- May 13 | Migratory Bird Day (2nd Sat. in May)
- May 14 | Mother's Day
- May 14 | International Chihuahua Appreciation Day
- May 19 | Endangered Species Day
- May 20 | National Rescue Dog Day
- May 20 | World Dog Day
- May 23 | World Turtle Day
- May 29 | Memorial Day

"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies." Gene Hill

"I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult." Rita Rudner

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Claws Magazine Doggy Cookie Recipe

Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour - 1 cup cornmeal
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1 cup chopped cooked chicken livers
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1 cup canned mixed vegetables mashed

Instructions

Combine flour and cornmeal. In a separate bowl, beat egg with the oil; add broth and parsley, mixing well.

Slowly stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, mixing well. Add the chicken livers and mix well.

Turn out onto a floured work surface and knead for 3 to 5 minutes. Roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness and cut into desired shapes.

Bake at 400°F for 15 minutes or until nicely browned.

Cool completely on wire racks.

Notes: Store in refrigerator.

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Just A Bird What's the Difference Between Ravens and Crows - by Dianne Knippel

To many, ravens symbolize death or bad fortune to come, but to others they symbolize rebirth and starting anew, serving as a positive sign. In Norse, Celtic, and Druid mythology, ravens are widely viewed as beacons of intelligence. I lean toward the positive side.



Ravens are confident, inquisitive birds that strut around or bound forward with light, two-footed hops. They have a large brain relative to their size; are highly intelligent and can use their beaks to rip objects open, helping them find both food and shelter. They have been known to use tools to obtain food and aid in defending their territories.

They act as both scavengers and predators. We all know that on trash day, they have learned to open the trash can lid to find easy morsels. They will eat just about anything but prefer fresh meat such as insects, snakes and other birds but are able to adapt to their environment and eat berries, seeds or dead animals. Around humans there is always a buffet. Ravens need a little over 300 calories per day – that equates to nearly half a pound of chicken breast and are only active during

the day.

Ravens can solve puzzles, trick other animals into helping them out, and communicate with each other at a level even apes can't match. They consistently surprise scientists with their wits, and now a new study published recently in [Scientific Reports](#) suggests that four-month-old ravens score similarly to adult chimpanzees and orangutans when put through a series of social and physical tests, reports Sara Rigby for [Science Focus](#).

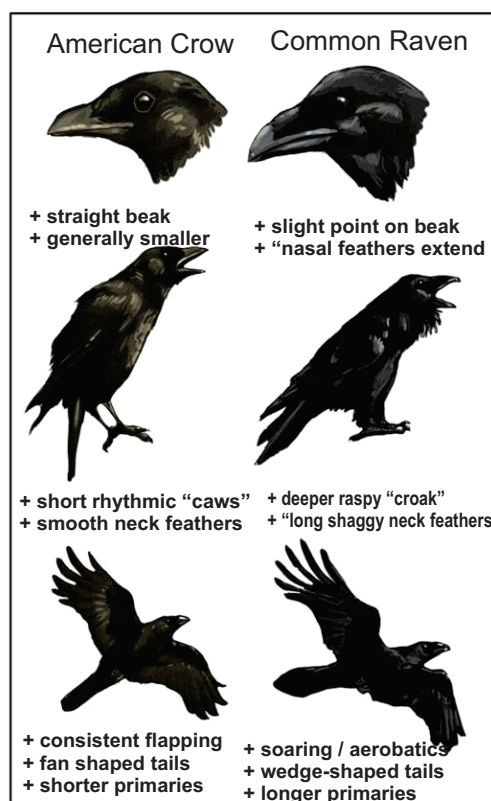
It's thought that a group of ravens is called "an unkindness" because back in the 19th century, many people believed that these birds weren't all that

caring when it came to their young. From time to time, ravens can expel their young from the nest before they're ready to fend for themselves.

This is where I came in several years ago. I noticed a young raven lying in my yard. I had been watching the nest for several weeks. Mom had pushed him out. He was just beginning to get his flight feathers. I took him in, gave him all the right foods, taught him to fly, played ball and he learned to call me by name. The next year, he mated (it's for life) and brought his mate to my back sliding door, knocked on it with his beak looking for a treat. He and his mate continue to nest in my yard and every time he is around, he comes back for a treat. He is probably the only raven in Palmdale that squawks, "Dianne."

Many times they are mistakenly called crows. The Antelope Valley has more ravens in the area than almost any place in the United States. I rarely see a crow.

The next time you curse the raven for making mess around your garbage can – remember – they need to eat too.



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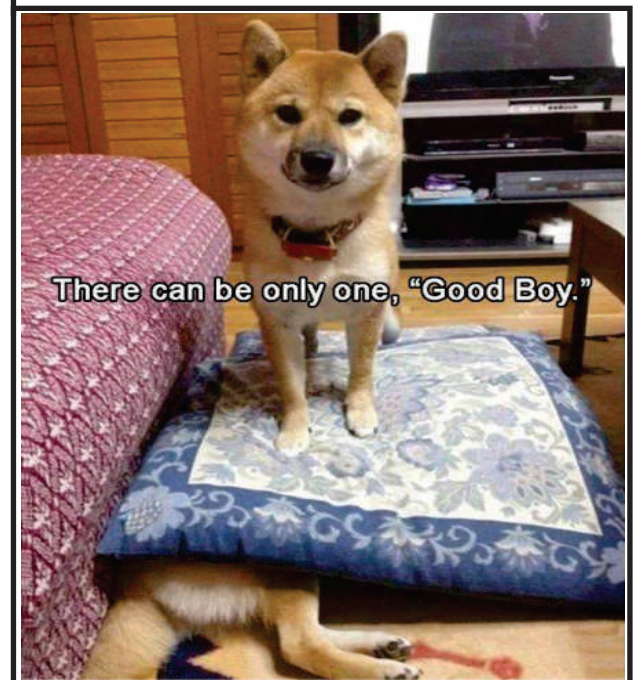
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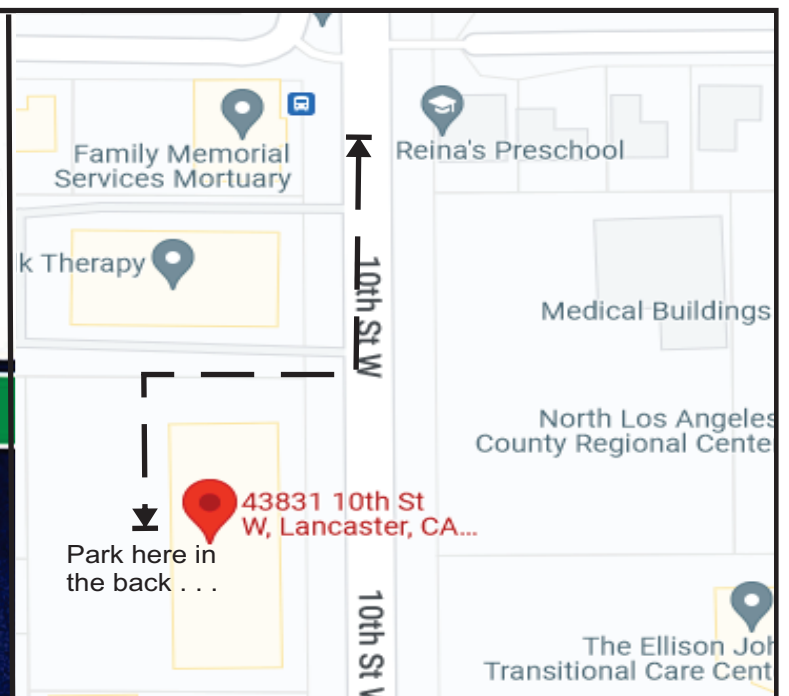


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To Train or Not To Train . . . by Shelly Quinn
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Animal Forum

A salute to one of many four-legged warriors

Her story begins when she was discovered in a foxhole in New Guinea after being abandoned. The American soldier who found her returned to camp where Cpl. William Wynne bought her for \$6.44. Even though Smoky was never officially a military dog, she lived like one. She shared Cpl.

Wynne's food and sleeping quarters and followed him everywhere securely in his backpack. Smoky survived 150 air attacks and is credited for warning others of incoming artillery shells.



However, Smoky's most valuable contribution to the troops was her delivery of a telegraph wire through a 70-foot pipe. Her achievement saved many soldiers from having to put themselves in harm's way as well as all the manpower to protect those performing the construction project that would have taken days, the same task she completed in minutes. She was awarded 8 battle stars for her actions.

Source: <http://www.scout.com/military/warrior-lodge/story>

You can do some training at home on your own, but it is recommended to get into classes with a proper, experienced dog trainer. Your dog will benefit from learning how to confidently meet other dogs and play nicely with them and you will benefit from the advice and focus of a knowledgeable trainer who can instruct, correct, and modify your dog's training needs.

Attending a class also helps hold you accountable for keeping up with your practice, which can easily fall by the wayside when schedules get hectic. To find the best class and trainer for you and your dog you can ask around at the dog park, read online reviews or ask to speak to some current or former clients, or possibly take a complimentary class.

There are all types of trainers who use a variety of techniques and you will be able to find one that works best for you and your dog.

All of this is to say, every puppy is cute and every dog needs a good home but the wrong home and habits can make life very difficult for you and your dog for a very long time. There is a dog out there that is your perfect match, you may just have to put in a little extra effort to find them. And I certainly hope you do, because we all want you both to enjoy a very happy and healthy life together.



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Am I Poisoning My Dog?

By Dr. Misty Hirshbein . . .drh @northvalleyveterinarianclinic .com

Dogs have arguably been the most loyal human companions for at least the past fifteen thousand years. We shared our meals around a fire or on our porches with our most entrusted companions and hunting partners. A proverbial symbiotic relationship between two species. They are often our best friends! However, over the last century, with the Industrial Revolution, the human diet has changed radically. We eat more processed foods, we season our foods more intricately (who else watches the Food Network?), and we now have access to "exotic" foods that were previously not available to us (ie macadamia nuts).

Many of us love to, or feel compelled to, share tidbits from the stove or table with our little doe eyed friend watching our every flick of a fork or every bite we take. While, in some instances, it is ok to share some foods with our furry buddies, other times it is down right toxic! In 2021, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center reported that human food had the third highest toxicity rate amongst animals, preceded by human over the counter and human prescription drug toxicities. Did you know that protein bars can be toxic to dogs?

Xylitol, a natural sweetener, has many

beneficial properties, combined with its low cost, that make its use popular in cosmetics, dental health products, diapers, baby wipes, vitamins, and in food items. While xylitol is not toxic for people, it is very toxic for dogs, causing a sudden release of insulin leading to acute, life-threatening hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver damage. Typical food items that may contain xylitol are typically labeled as sugar free and usually include: ketchup, pancake syrup, protein bars, candies, pudding, peanut butter, chocolate, and drink powders, to name a few.

Onions and garlic, while very rarely fatal, are quite common toxicities seen in dogs. They are a part of the allium family, which also include chives, shallots, and leeks. All parts of the plants are toxic to dogs, fresh or dried, by causing damage to the red blood cells, leading to anemia. Onions and garlic are the basis of many savory foods and are found in pizza sauce, spaghetti sauce, stews, soups, dips, baby food, and numerous other products.

Grapes and raisins were also high on the ASPCA's food toxicity list. For many years, the cause of toxicity was a mystery. However, that mystery was recently unraveled and the toxic component has been identified as tartaric acid. Ingestion of grapes and raisins lead to acute

kidney injury and can lead to kidney failure. I feel that it is also important to note that cream of tartar, a byproduct of winemaking, also contains high levels of tartaric acid. Cream of tartar is used in many baking goods, including making meringues, candies, and homemade playdough.

By now, we all know that chocolate is very toxic to dogs. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control hotline received 103 calls per day about chocolate toxicity in 2021. That's equal to more than one case every 15 minutes! There are many chemical properties in chocolate that cause many different clinical signs in dogs including vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, seizures, and death.

While we consider dogs our best friends and we want to share most every comfort of modern society with them, sometimes, it's just too dangerous. Stick to AAFCO approved dog foods and treats. If you find that you are compelled to make a homemade diet for your pooch, contact your veterinarian and ask for a list of safe foods for your dog to consume. Last but not least, if your dog consumes any of the above foods, please contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline (888) 426-4435 and seek emergency veterinary care immediately.

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Keep away fleas and ticks.

Ticks act as vectors in the spread of several microbial diseases. Coats or furs of animals (both pet and wild animals) are the home of fleas and ticks. They get their nutrients from the host body and, as a result, make them sick.

You can keep these fleas and tick away from the body of your dog through regular grooming. The groomer can also identify the flea's egg and remove it. Few products are also available in the market aids in getting rid of these blood-sucking parasites.

Prevention of dental disease

Regular teeth brushing prevent the formation of dental plaque, and their

mouth does not smell bad. Brushing inhibits the growth of bacteria on the teeth, and thus the teeth remain healthy for long.

A dirty mouth may lead to loss of teeth. Along with this, it also affects the internal organs of your pets. Due to the development of dental issues, your dog feels problems in eating.

Low chances of getting joint issues

Large nails are the most under-noticed issue of dogs because most of us do not know the possible outcome of long nails. Larger nails may lead to arthritis or even bone deformities in pooches. Due to long nails, dogs fold their legs in unusual ways to avoid pain.

This unusual folding creates joint abnormalities. Dog grooming (trimming of nails) reduces the risk of these bone and joint problems.

Reduce the risk of ear infection

Regular ear cleaning reduces the risk of ear infections that is the leading cause of deafness. The dust and gunk accumulated in the ear also carry infectious agents. If these disease-causing agents are not removed for long, it creates severe ear problems that you can not treat easily.

Removal of ear hair is also necessary for healthy hearing. The unwanted hair growth in the ear hinders the airflow and creates a moist environment inside the ear. The moist ear is most likely to catch yeast infections which is very painful for pets.

Prevent matted hair

If your dog has slightly long hair, they are more likely to develop matts. Matts are the tangling of fur around itself, and it becomes knotted, so the air does not reach the skin. As a result of loss of airflow, the skin becomes moist and may develop sores.

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