

Our Featured Pet:



Dottie

Dalmatian/Labrador Retriever Mix

Dottie is a medium size, adult female. She is a hurricane dog from Brookhaven, Mississippi. Even though Dottie is not a 'victim' of the hurricane, she was evacuated in an attempt to make room for other pets that were injured and needed medical assistance.

Dottie weighs about 50lbs and has a very athletic build. Even though we are unsure of her age, we are positive that she is still fairly young because she is so playful and energetic. Dottie is kind and gentle around people, other dogs, children, and all living creatures. Even though she gets plenty of exercise in the fenced-in back yard, she loves to go for walks on the leash.

Dottie is in great physical condition and is completely healthy. She is spayed and has had her recent annual shots. She is also microchipped for easy identification.

Pawprints

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Pals for Paws

Pals for Paws, Inc. is a local animal rescue organization run by caring volunteers in our community. We are a not-for-profit 501c3 organization. Our goals are:

- 1 – Place abandoned and abused animals in loving foster care until “forever homes” can be found
- 2 – Offer and support spay/neuter clinics
- 3 – Educate the public about responsible pet care.



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The Potty Training Wars

Puppy training is hard on everyone, all the messes to clean wondering if the puppy will ever be trained.

Most people forget or might not even know that puppies, in general, can hold their bladders for their age in months plus one; so a 2 month old puppy can go a maximum of three hours without a potty break.

This means that you'll need to make frequent trips outside during the day and usually at least once overnight. In addition, 20 to 30 minutes after a meal or when a dog makes a transition from one activity to another, offer the puppy an opportunity to empty its bladder.

Puppy training requires a strategy based on three components:

- Consistency – a consistent walking schedule catered to the puppy's developmental stage and individual preferences
- Confinement – a method that helps build bladder and bowel control
- Cleaning – a good enzymatic odor neutralizer to clean up accidents.

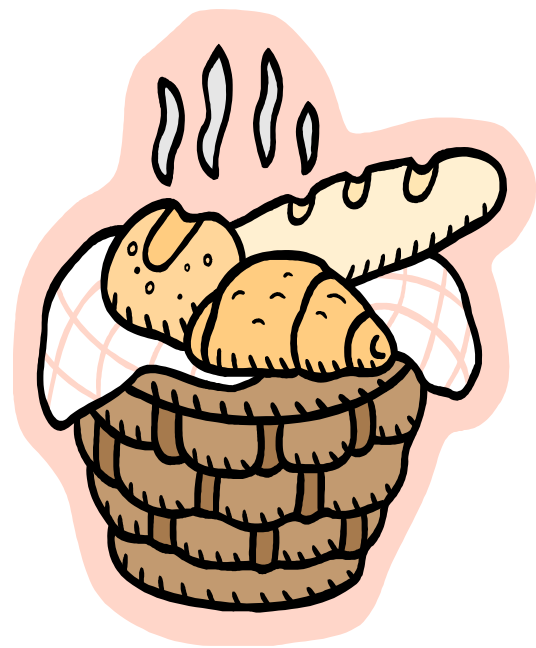
After the puppy does 'its duty' make sure to lavish it with praise or immediately offer a food treat to show that it was a good thing

Cool the log before cutting it into ½ inch thick slices on a slight diagonal using a sharp, serrated knife.

Place each slice on its bottom about ¼ inch apart on the cookie sheet so it stands upright. This way, you don't need to flip the biscotti while re-baking. Bake for 30 minutes. Turn the oven off, but leave the biscotti inside for several hours to harden as they cool.

Makes about 18 biscotti.
Store in a tightly sealed container.

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Baking Bliss

Over the holidays you probably baked yummy treats for your family, but did you think about the family dog? Well, here is a yummy recipe you can make as a special treat to your pet.

Peanut Butter Doggie Biscotti

1½ cups flour
1½ cups whole wheat germ
½ cup wheat germ or oat bran
1 tsp. Baking powder
Pinch salt
1 egg
2 Tbsp. Canola oil
2 Tbsp. Honey
2 Tbsp. Dry milk powder
¾ cup water
¾ cup natural peanut butter
½ cup chopped peanuts or carob chips (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large bowl, combine the flours, wheat germ, baking powder, and salt. In a medium bowl, stir together the egg, oil, honey, milk powder, and water. Add the egg mixture to the flour mixture along with the peanut butter and peanuts or carob chips, and stir until well-blended.

Shape the dough into a 14-inch log on an ungreased baking sheet, and flatten until it's about 6 inches wide. You can brush the top with a beaten egg to give it a shiny finish.

Bake for 30 minutes or until firm. Remove from the oven, and reduce the temperature to 250 degrees F.

to do. You can't give your puppy too much praise for going where she's supposed to. Make sure that it knows that it was so they'll go it again.

It's often good to say a key word or two, such as 'business', 'be a good boy', or 'hurry up'. When the puppy hears this they will be eager to please. Eventually it will click that you're asking them to go to the bathroom, they'll do their best to please you.

When taking the puppy outside, stay with the puppy to teach him the correct behavior.

2005 A Great Year!!

Everyone who helped with Pals for Paws in 2005 is given a tremendous THANK YOU. Without the support and efforts of each of you we would not have been able to provide "forever" homes for so many needy animals. While impossible to name each individually, we want you to know how important your time is to this organization. It will take all of you plus more to place an even greater amount of animals in 2006. If you know others who would like to devote time to a very worthy cause –the animals we serve- please have them contact us at palsforpawshc@aol.com or at 765-454- 8796. We are always needing people in all capacities.

Thoughts

"Whoever said you can't buy love has never owned a puppy."

-Anonymous

Keep them Safe

52% of pet owners said they planned to feed table scraps to their pets during the holiday season. Not a good idea according to the Veterinarians at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. All the rich holiday fare can kill dogs by triggering acute pancreatitis. The condition develops when the enzymes responsible for fat digestion are released prematurely and start to digest the cells of the pancreas. While there are many suspected triggers for an attack, including certain medications, pesticides and trauma, pancreatitis that occurs suddenly is most commonly associated with dietary indiscretion – a raid on the garbage can or a big steak dinner.

Once diagnosed treatment is mostly supportive, resting the pancreas until the inflammation subsides. Nothing by mouth should be given for 24-48 hours until the vomiting comes under control. Then nutritional support must be provided through a feeding tube and intravenous fluids. All in all the veterinarians agree that "prevention is much better than trying to cure it."

Some sources of fat to avoid are:

Sauces, gravies, desserts, skin on meats, stuffing, eggnog, sausage and other high-fat meats.

Chocolate is also a forbidden food of animals. It contains the chemical theobromine, which can lead to tremors, arrhythmia and seizures. Just 4 or 5 ounces can be toxic to dogs and cats. Keep your pets safe, eat the rich foods and chocolate yourself..

Traveling With Your Pet

Traveling with your furry friends today is much easier and safer than ever before. There is a vast array of equipment on the market to make any trip easier for both of you. First, determine where you are going, then check out the local area for hotels, or motels that are pet friendly. Many are these days even providing their own dogs for companion walking.

Remember your pet will need food and water so consider purchasing a fabric foldable port-a-bowl for eating and drinking. If planning a hike in the snow or ice, you might want to protect your dog's feet with dog boots, or at the least use a balm to keep the snow and ice from gathering between toes. Each trip will be enjoyed if planning is done first.