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Tips and Advice On Your Pet's Behavior

Visit the section of our Web site dedicated to helping you solve your pet's behavior issues. We hope you find something useful you can use right away! [Click here](#) to go there now.

As always, we thank you for choosing Welcome Waggin' for your dog walking and pet care needs!!

Warm Regards,
John and Janelle

Good Holiday Habits

The holiday Season is Fast Approaching. Does Your Dog Need a Refresher Course in Good Manners?

With all the hubbub and excitement, many dog owners comment that during the busy holiday season their dog shows some unsavory behaviors— begging, food stealing, jumping up, barking, and other bad manners. Let's face it, you're busy with the shopping, entertaining guests, and preparing for the holidays, which can lead to some unintentional neglect of your four-legged friend. Oftentimes the weather is not agreeable or it gets dark too quickly in the evenings for an outing. But here are some quick tips and activities to interact with your dog that will also fine tune obedience skills and provide the attention that your dog craves.

Which Cup? Take 3 old plastic cups and some small treats. Place the cups face down and put a treat under one of the cups, making sure that your dog sees where you placed it. Ask your dog to "Find it." Wait until your dog has given you a sign that he knows which cup the treat is under. He'll probably paw at it or look at the cup and bark. Lift up the cup and let the dog have the treat. Once your dog understands what is expected of him you can make it harder by changing the position of the cups before you ask him to find it.

Hide and Seek. Our dogs love this. You leave the dog in one room while you go and hide in another. This can also be good practice for the "stay" command. Call the dog when you're well hidden. Some dogs can be fooled for quite a while and get plenty of exercise racing round hunting for you.

Hide the treat. A good way to start this is by teaching your dog the command "find it." Show your dog a treat, then put it down a few feet away in plain sight. Tell him to find it, and go with him to the treat. Repeat this, gradually placing the treat out of sight, and eventually in harder to find places. Just don't hide treats in places you don't want to let your dog explore.

Laser pointer. This activity is particularly good for high-energy dogs or puppies. Keep in mind the size of your dog and the space you have; if there's room, simply aim the light beam and watch your dog run around trying to catch it. Not every dog is interested in chasing the laser dot, but many are. It provides a great way to get exercise.

Pleased to Meet You

Find Out Which Cat Breeds are the Most Friendly

According to petmedsonline.org, there will always be debate among cat owners as to which cat breed is the most friendly. It is definitely something to consider when choosing a cat for your family. This list of the 5 friendliest cat breeds was compiled with the assistance of many animal behaviorists and veterinarians:

1. **Abyssinian**— The ruddy or red coat is short, soft and thick. Some say that the Aby

is so intelligent; they train their owners, instead of their owners training them! But you will never find a cat more loyal and affectionate with people.

2. **Exotic Shorthair**— Essentially the Persian breed, with a shorthaired coat that is much easier to maintain than the coat of a regular Persian. Not surprisingly, Exotics have inherited their gentle ways and tame personality from their Persian ancestors.

3. **Birman**— They are definitely a "people's cat" who bond strongly with their owners. The Birman enjoys greeting his owners when they arrive home. They have a curious nature and are one of the most intelligent cats.

4. **Burmese**— The Burmese tend to form strong bonds with their owners, and are attracted to any kind of human activity. Burmese are very playful, and will even retrieve items for their masters.

5. **Maine Coon**— The Maine Coon cat has a long, thick coat and the temperament of the Domestic Shorthair. He has far less undercoat than the Persian and is much less inclined to suffer from mats and tangles.

What's Happening?

Calendar of Events

[3rd Annual Walk for the Animals - DC Sunday October 5th, 2008](#)

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Constitution Gardens

17th St NW & Constitution Ave, Washington, DC

Bring your pet— or walk for a pet who prefers to stay at home— and enjoy a mile-long stroll around the Washington Monument with stunning views of historic landmarks.

[Pet First Aid and CPR at Lake Accotink Wednesday October 15th, 2008](#)

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Phone: 703-569-0285

Location: Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, VA 22150

When disaster strikes your four-legged family member, you need to know how to manage your pet's injury or illness in the first critical moments until you can get to a veterinarian.

[3rd Annual HART Dog Walk & Homecoming - VA Sunday October 19th, 2008](#)

Time: 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact: Homeless Animals Rescue Team

Location: Bull Run Regional Park

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville, VA 20121

You and your pet can enjoy a 1 mile walk at the Bull Run Regional Park Special Events Area AND help HART raise money for homeless dogs and cats. ALL well-socialized dogs are welcome, and the walk is "ON" rain or shine, so please come and join us in the fun!

[Photos by PawPrints Photography at Olde Towne Pet Resort Saturday November 1st, 2008](#)

Contact: PawPrints Photography

Phone: 703-354-3736

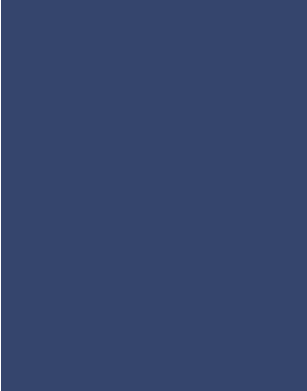
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Location: Olde Towne Pet Resort

8101 Alban Road, Springfield, VA 22150

Take advantage of this seldom-offered opportunity to have your pet(s) photographed by award-winning photographer, Robin Burkett. Photos are by appointment, only.

[WARL Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic Saturday November 22nd, 2008](#)



Time: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Contact: WARL Medical Center
Phone: 202-726-2273
Email: warl@warl.org

Location: Washington Animal Rescue League
71 Oglethorpe Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011

The League's medical center will hold a special low-cost pet vaccination clinic on the last Saturday of each month. The clinic will be offering canine and feline rabies, canine distemper/parvo, feline distemper, canine bordetella, and feline leukemia vaccinations for \$10 each.

Puppy and kitten vaccinations will be available. The Clinic will also be offering microchips for \$35 and multi-dose packs of flea preventative for about \$45, (cost depends on the size of the animal). Appointments are not necessary. For information please call.

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