



N-Harmony with the Animal Kingdom

November / December 2008 Newsletter

Happy Holidays!!!



Celebrate the Season with your Companion



One way to honor your companion and build wonderful memories is to get an annual photo of the special animal in your life. You don't have to do it at the holidays, but frequently there are specials for seasonal portraits with Santa or winter backgrounds. The photos can be used for scrap-booking or just building a history of your time together.

Use caution when selecting or placing your holiday decorations. Some décor is intriguing but dangerous if your dog or cat gets a hold of it. You also don't want to lose a family heirloom to an accident. And remember some holiday plants are toxic to our furry friends.

For us celebrating with special goodies is traditional to the season, and it could be spicy egg nog, holiday fudge, or chocolate covered cherries. While we may indulge in sweets, we cannot share those with our animal companions. We can, however, share some special treats with them that will be a cause for their celebration and some heavy purring or tail wagging. Bully Sticks (aka Moo Sticks) are a great chew item for your canine companion. Liver or Salmon treats are good choices for both your canine and feline family members. 🐾

Make this holiday a special one by starting a new tradition with your animal companion. Have them help you wrap your presents. No gift would be complete without a dog or cat hair in the tape. Plan for a walk on the holiday morning once the food goes in the oven. Make a bowl of popcorn and snuggle up with your fur-kid to watch a movie and reflect on what a *wonderful life* you have with your companion.



Santa's Little Helpers



While you might think a puppy or kitten would make a good holiday addition, be sure you are committed to the long term care required for your choice. It is easy to calculate out the cost of food, vet care, and grooming, but you will need to factor in the cost of toys to keep your pet occupied and the cost of training (both monetary and your time). It is best to do your homework on the types of breeds that would fit your lifestyle. Once you have narrowed it down, check out the local breed rescue groups. They can answer a lot of questions and may have just the right dog or cat for you. Not only

will they know about the breed, but they will know a lot about the specific dogs they have available. Your local shelter may have just the breed you are looking for as well. With the current downturn in the economy many breeders are relinquishing animals to rescue organizations. If you are considering the idea of an animal as a gift to someone else, the best thing you can give is a gift certificate for them to pick out the breed that is suited for them. You could give them 2 certificates: one toward the cost of the animal and another one toward the cost of toys or training. One of the greatest gifts a person can ever have in life is a companion animal, but choosing wisely will make for a long and happy relationship. If you are not ready for a furry addition, making a donation to your local rescue organization is a wonderful gift as well.

Feature Companion for this issue: FOPAS

Does TTouch work for animals other than dogs? Of course! It began over 30 years ago as a method used on horses to teach them about balance, and has branched out to many species since then. It is very effective with animals in transition from a rescue or shelter while they are waiting to find their permanent homes. Recently the group from the Parkville Animal Shelter hosted a workshop for cats. Many topics were covered including shy/fearful cats, bully cats, multi-cat households, physical disabilities and touch-averse cats. If you are interested in learning more about TTouch for cats and would like to participate in a workshop, your local shelter is a great place to host one because you can learn on a shelter cat if your cat doesn't like to travel.



Announcements:



N2paws is offering a holiday special on treats. Buy one type and get a second one (of the same type) for half off!!!!
Now is a good time to stock up on high quality treats. Bully Sticks/Moo Sticks and liver or salmon treats are good choices for their nutritional quality and deliciousness (so I'm told by the dogs and cats). 🐾🐾



Just for Fun

Training Tip of the Month:

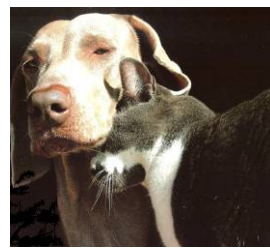
If you are unsure how well your dog will do around people and are planning on having guests over for a holiday event, practice positive reinforcement of the cues that you want from your dog (using tasty treats 🐾). A couple of weeks ahead of time, ask a friend or two to make impromptu stops at your place so that you can test out and work on (if needed), getting Molly to behave appropriately. Ask Molly for "sits" and "stays" while your friends come in and make themselves comfortable. Continue to reinforce other appropriate behavior as Molly greets your guests. If Molly gets stressed make sure you have an area where she can go to get away from guests and relax.





Quote of the Month:

"Friendships multiply joys, and divide griefs." – Thomas Fuller



Astrological Signs for November/December:

Scorpio: I'm going to hide my toy over here where you won't find it, then I'm going to lay here and look gorgeous.

Sagittarius: Let me run outside and chase some leaves. If I happened to catch a mouse, I'll bring it home and leave it as gift on the front porch.

Feature Adoptable Companion for this issue: Mayce



Hello I am Mayce and I am some sort of terrier mix but very cute!!! I am about 5 years old. I can jump a four foot fence but a 6 foot fence will keep me in the yard. I like to sit at your feet and watch TV or run after a ball and play fetch. I am a big loveable doggy my foster mom says; and I would love to find a permanent home; my other parents had to give me up because someone foreclosed on their home and they had nowhere to go and didn't want to


subject me to that kind of living. You may check out Mayce or any of her Aussie friends at CandE Aussie Rescue www.candeaussieresq.com, whose mission is to find forever homes for these wonderful dogs. **N2paws** offers discounted services to transition Mayce to her new home (with a fence). You may contact Elise at 816.898.5646 or email her at cbush86975@aol.com if you can give Mayce a new home!!!

Upcoming Events for N2paws & other fun stuff


December 14: Advanced TTouch for Cats, Parkville, MO

**Jan 19 – Feb 9: Doga (yoga for dogs), Overland Park, KS
at Tails R' Waggin (call 816-522-7005 to register – space is limited)**

February 15 – TTouch for Dogs workshop, Belton, MO

 To learn more about high quality treat varieties and sizes, contact pat@n2paws.com or 816-522-7005. Many organic choices are also available. N2paws offers fun training tips and exercises as well.

Contact pat@n2paws.com or 816-522-7005 to find out about classes.

 Buy 1, Get 1 at ½ Price on treats is good through 1/31/09

If you would like to learn more about TTouch, you may contact N2paws by email: pat@n2paws.com or 816-522-7005, for a private session, group workshop or a public speaking opportunity. Also, visit our website www.n2paws.com, for interesting links and current event schedule.

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