



March / April 2009 Newsletter



March Madness



Now that we are past the wearin' of the Green we full swing into March Madness. You can show your team spirit along with your dog. If you don't have a team shirt for your dog, you can always use a t-shirt with team colors. If it is a bit too big tie a knot on the back. Since we are officially into Spring, it is that time of year when thunderstorms roll through (and sometimes mother nature throws in ice or snow). A t-shirt will calm your dog through a storm. So you can show your team spirit and sooth your canine's March madness at the same time.



Ways to Spend your Economic Stimulus

By now you should have your taxes done or close to done and be thinking of ways in which you can spend your refund or your economic stimulus. If you're like most of us, you are conserving your money so you can make it through these tough economic times. Even if you feel the need to conserve in many areas (eating out, buying that new pair of shoes, etc.), you don't want to scrimp on your companion animal's care. If it is time for her annual vet check-up, you need to take her in (even if you postpone cleaning her teeth), you want to know that she is healthy.

We will soon be heading into flea and tick season. If you are cutting back on topical treatments, you can bath your dog in a natural shampoo with citrus extract added in to repel insects. You also don't have to cut back on healthy treats 🐾. N2paws will extend the buy 1-get 1 at ½ price sale through April 30th.

Feature Companion for this issue: PFL Class



The Pets for Life group attended a TTouch for Dogs seminar to find out more about how TTouch could bring stress relief to those dogs that provide a wonderful service to the community. Even dogs that are comfortable going places

and visiting people can still have their moments when they need some extra TLC (like noise phobia, slippery surfaces and illnesses). To learn more about Pets for Life, and how pets can provide benefits to sick or elderly people, go to www.pfl.org. If your group would like to schedule a seminar to learn about TTouch, Complimentary Therapies and Techniques, companion animal nutrition or Relaxation & Bonding techniques with your companion animals, contact N2paws at 816-522-7005 or pat@n2paws.com.

Announcements:

Pat Hennessy, of **N2paws**, will be joining Dr. Wayne Hunthausen for Pet Projects on KUDL 98.1 FM on Wednesdays starting in May.

Just for Fun

Training Tip of the Month:

One of the most important cues you can teach your dog is to “come”. It may be the cue that saves his life. You need to practice “come” while inside where there are no distractions. Once he has mastered “come” inside, then take the “come” training exercise outside in your backyard or a quiet location (with limited distractions). If he has a difficult time staying focused, you can use a long line (rope or tracking line), so that you can give a signal to get his attention, while allowing him to get a decent distance away from you. Once he has mastered “come” outside, then you can practice it in an area where there are more distractions. You always want to set your companion up for success. When you are in the training mode, make sure you use a “high value” treat 🐾.

Quote of the Month:

Look for a new quote.” - Gandhi

Astrological Signs for March/April:

Pisces: I need to squeak this toy, I've got to keep squeaking this toy. I just know this squeaker is going to bust, but I must keep squeaking....oh darn it broke. I knew it was going to break.

Aries: Oh, you think putting that gate up is going to keep me out. Ha! I can climb it, I can unlatch it, I can take it apart and put it back together and you'll never know I did it. Ha!



Feature Adoptable Companion for this issue: Mr. Monty



Elise is a very tall, young Golden female about a year old. She is a playful girl who would do best with a playmate – another dog or older children. She is skittish but tolerant around young children. She loves to run, play, fetch and jump like a deer. She loves her toys and needs a variety. Elise needs a family that will give her some structure and continue her family manners training. She is looking for her forever home. You may check out Elise or any of her Golden cousins at Golden Recovery, www.goldenrecovery.org, whose mission is to find forever homes for these wonderful dogs. **N2paws** offers discounted services to help Elise with her training, or Virgil as he recovers from his injury, and transition to a new home.

Upcoming Events for N2paws & other fun stuff

Apr 4 – Gailpalooza at Gail's Harley-Davidson, Grandview MO

Apr 5 – Easter Egg Party, Woof's Play & Stay, Shawnee KS

Apr 26 – Barks in the Park, Leawood KS

Apr 20 – May 11 - Doga, Mondays 6:30–7:30pm, Overland Park, KS

Jun 14 – Half-day, TTouch for Dogs workshop, Belton, MO



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