

N-Harmony with the Animal Kingdom



Back to School

Seeing the school buses rolling again, reminds me that it might be a good thing to get Boomer signed up for a class. There are several good classes to choose from (see event list below for a couple of ideas).



Does Boomer need to brush up on his vocabulary or socialization? Taking a Family Manners class would be useful.

Maybe you would like to do something fun and relaxing with Boomer? A doggie yoga (Doga) class 🐾 would be a great way to stretch the mind, body & spirit.

Is Champ not feeling like himself lately? Is that arthritis getting to him (now that we have some rain moving through)? Learn ways to help Champ cope during his Golden Years (with an Aging Gracefully class 🐾).

Is Sassy chomping at the bit to work that energy out of her system? An agility class might be in order – a strenuous work out for both of you.

Whatever your age & lifestyle – there is a class for you and your canine companion.



Wow we have finally made it through one of the hottest summers on record. The cooler temperatures and the change of seasons will bring a welcome relief.



For those of us in the Midwest each season is like the changing of the guard. And as we shift gears from shorts and tank tops to long pants and sweaters, we need to be mindful of our animal companions' needs as well.

We are reminded when we change our clocks that we should check our smoke detectors. Those would be good times to remember to do wellness exams for Max and Fluffy. If you normally take them in the Spring for a vet-check, then you can do a minor exam yourself in the Fall.

- *Have your dog/cat stand and do a gentle stroke down the entire body (and down the legs and tail). 🐾*
 - *Watch for any reaction*
 - *Feel for any differences in temperature or changes in the skin or coat*
- *Examine the ear, eyes, teeth and paws*
- *Take notes of your observations, so that you can bring those notes with you to your next vet visit*
- *Be sure to offer a reward 🍌*

Feature Companion for this issue: In Memory of Emile & Anna



It has been a long journey for my three precious GSD pups. We lost Titan in January and his sisters have now crossed the Rainbow Bridge – Emile in July and Anna in August. They made it to the ripe old age of 12 & 12 ½ with dedication and TLC.

Emile, Princess of Midnight, was a bold and daring beauty – frolicking through life and vocal about it. Anna, Princess of Midnight TD, was a strong and loyal beauty – overseeing everything to keep the peace. Hospice care can be difficult and demanding, but it was an honor to care for all of them through every aspect of their lives until their final breath.



Training Tip of the Month:

Have you ever found it difficult to get your cat into a carrier when it is time to go to the vet? Most cats are never put in a carrier or taken in a car unless they are going to the vet (which can be a traumatic experience anyway). One way to desensitize a cat to a carrier is to lure the kitty in with a tasty bit of food (something high value 🐟) and once in the carrier then offer a second reward (another bit of tasty treat or a kitty massage in all the good places (chin, whiskers, rump & tail). If you have the type of carrier that comes apart (horizontally) then take it apart and lay a soft towel or small blanket in it. Lure the kitty to it, and reward her again when she gets in it. Spend some time stroking and giving kitty-lovin'. You might even cover her in the towel and do some gentle touching of her through the towel. This can be a useful technique for the veterinarian to give shots as well. Doing this carrier desensitizing 3-4 times a year will make it easier when the time comes to actually use the carrier. Trust and respect go a long way in building a strong relationship.



Just for Fun & Heart Tugs

Doga & Meowoga Corner



Our canines and felines are masters of yoga – stretching, relaxing, and becoming centered.

The key to flexibility is to allow the body to move and stretch only as far as is comfortable. The way to find out what the limitations are of your animal companion is to lure him into a stretch or position with a tasty treat. 🍖 Once you know his limitations, then you can begin to work toward additional range-of-motion through the introduction of non-habitual movements and TTouch®.



Quotes of the Month:

*"There is no psychiatrist in the world, like a puppy licking your face."
- Ben Williams*

"There is no more intrepid explorer than a kitten" - Jules Champfleury

Announcements:

N2paws is still working on the new facility (had a few set-backs over the very hot & dry summer with construction, and dogs on hospice). Look for an update in the Spring 2013 newsletter. Autumn classes available in Overland Park (check out event list below).

Feature Adoptable Companion for this issue: Lena



Lena is yet another very sad story (like Lola from the last newsletter). She was picked up as a stray with major hair loss, starving, and had an upper respiratory infection. She was saved from death row. One might ask – why would you save a dog that has all those issues? You would know right away when you meet Lena. She is so very sweet, gentle, curious, and playful. Her guardian angels were looking out for her – to be sprung from the high kill facility.

She is now in recovery – getting the love, TLC, and wellness support that she desperately needs. If you have a couple of dollars to spare – it would go a long way in helping this girl reach her full (health) potential. Once she is a bit farther on the road to recovery – she will be available for adoption. She is a rare jewel – a girl who maintains her sweet demeanor after having lived a life out on the streets



You can make a donation by going to <http://mogsrescue.rescuegroups.org/info/donate> and please put N2paws as a reference in the comments section. If you are interested in Lena or any other MOGS dog you may contact mogsrescue@yahoo.com, or (785) 409-3919. You may also make a donation by going to my Events page <http://www.n2paws.com/events.html> and put MOGS in the comments section (and I will collect donations and pass them on). N2paws offers discounted services to help transition Lena or other rescue dogs to their new forever homes.

Upcoming Events for N2paws & other fun stuff

Sep 27 – Doga Intro, Treats Unleashed 119th & Roe, 7:30pm

Oct 7 – Dogtoberfest - Lawrence KS (version), South Park

Oct 18 – Aging Gracefully, Treats Unleashed 119th & Roe, 7:30pm

Oct 21 – *Dogtoberfest*, (original) Lake Jacomo/Kemper Education Center

Oct 27 – Halloween Party Tails R Waggin, 152nd & Metcalf, 1-4pm



- 🦷 N2paws carries a nice variety of high quality treats for dogs & cats (liver bites, grain-free treats, bully sticks). Contact pat@n2paws.com or 816-522-7005 for flavors.
- 🐾 N2paws teaches the TTouch method to influence behavior and well-being, as well as specialty classes for a variety of protocols (relaxation, aging, noise phobia, separation anxiety, etc.)

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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