



Upcoming Gathering Dates:

*November 19th

*January 7th, 2007 (belated holiday party)

Time: 1 pm

Location: Pet Supplies Plus in Burnsville MN



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Employees vote on who they want to see kiss the bulldog by putting money in that person's jar. The person with the most money has to kiss the bulldog.

They had a tie between two guys who had to kiss the bulldog. And the "kisser" from last year got to choose who they were going to have to kiss. Graham went first, followed by Andy...she made sure they drank water first to make them nice and messy! The two guys were good sports about it. Graham's "winner" put on goggles. ;-) That got a laugh. The Pioneer Press raised almost as much as last year for the United Way.

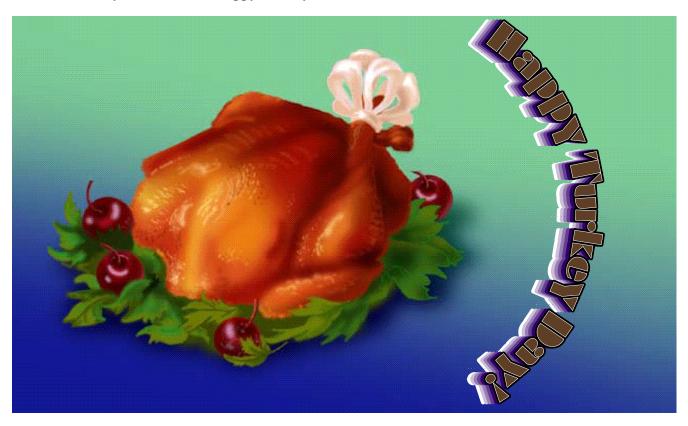


photo on the right.



Turkey Day!

Soon holiday celebrations will begin. This is part one in the Holiday Hazards. If you can think of things to mention and remind people of in the Part Two PLEASE send them to Karen so we can make sure everyone has a safe happy holiday season.



Holiday Foods

Don't feed Bully anything he's not used to. He can get an upset stomach, especially with the additional excitement of guests and/or a change in his routine. Stay consistent with feeding his normal food, normal treats, and normal time.

Its pretty typical to have nuts, chocolates, and adult beverages around the house during the holidays. Be very careful because small amounts of these items can be dangerous. In puppies and dogs in poor health these things can cause even more devestating effects. So be sure to keep everything out of her reach.

If you stay consistent you will increase your chances of avoiding an upset stomach. If you are tempted to give in and feed a chunk fruitcake, just ask yourself if you want to be CLEANING UP fruitcake later. I'll let your imagination run wild here. Hmm... that should stop you. :-)

If you want to spoil Bully make sure he gets extra attention, brushing, and walks. That should make the holidays more enjoyable for both of you. As always, if you have questions consult your vet.

Like it or Not... Snow and Winter are Coming!



Notice more shedding as winter approaches? Your dog is probably getting rid of that summer coat to make room for that heavy winter coat.

Most bulldogs do not need a human made coat, but you may want to consider it for an older dog or puppies. The main thing you need to be vigilent about is paw care in the winter.

Most bulldogs will put up with a LOT, but not

boots. :-) You can try doggie boots, available from your pet store, but if you can't get Bully to tolerate them make sure you protect and care for his paws this winter.

Your vet and pet store have paw cream to protect his feet. Rub a liberal amount into his pads before you head out. It's not as good as boots, but better than going bare.

Try to avoid heavily salted areas or those sprayed with commercial ice removers. If you use any of these products at your own home read the label. There are "pet safe" options out there.

Regardless, when he comes back in from a walk or being outside, be sure to wipe his paws gently with a warm washcloth to get rid of any salt, dirt, and other yuck he may have picked up on his feet. You don't want him to lick his feet later and ingest salt or commercial deicers.

As always, If in doubt when it comes to care of your bully, talk to your vet.





Boy, whoever thought stepping on your tongue would take this long to heal!

Winter is coming, I am officially in hibernation.

Aren't those collegian injection working wonders for me. My lips are so full & kissable !

My opinion on this year's choice of political candidates

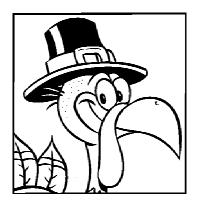
Ugh, I ate too much Turkey...

Do I need a tongue reduction?

I think I over did it with the window washing.







Drew, Karen and Chris' Neapolitan Mastiff, was invited to the Eukanuba Invitational! He is one of the top 25 Neos in the country.

Ten Peeves that Dogs Have About Humans

- 1. Blaming your farts on me... not funny... not funny at all !!!
- 2. Yelling at me for barking.. I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG, YOU IDIOT!



3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?

4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose... stop it!

5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.

6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You

fooled a dog! Whoooo Hoooooooo what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.

7. Taking me to the vet for "the big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!

8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.

9.Dog sweaters. Hello ???, Haven't you noticed the fur?



10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth, you're just jealous.

Now lay off me on some of these thing's, We both know who's boss here!!! You don't see me picking up your poop do you ???



I found this link on BulldogDomain. These (Shore Dog) collars are a nice alternative to the standard martingale color because they have buckle. This way they don't need to be slipped over the head. They come in some really colorful fabrics also. Here is the link: http://shoredog.com/Collars%20Fabric.html

Shore Dog Walker collars combine the best features of the traditional "Buckle" collar and the "Martingale" style collar. The limited choke action of the Shore Dog Walker collar may be used for training, or aggressive dogs that require a little more control, or dogs that pull. The "Walker" may be used as alternative for a harness during walks. This collar may be worn at all times.

Martingale or Greyhound collars have no buckle because they are only sized once, for each use you simply slide the collar over the dog's head. This is why they are good for Greyhounds. However, this concept does not apply for most dogs. Dogs like Labs, Boxers, Shelties, etc. have a larger skull diameter than their necks. Using a Martingale collar would require you to size the collar large, slide it over the dog's head, then resize to fit the dog's neck. This process would be reversed to remove the collar.

Shore Dog Walker collars combine the best features of the "Martingale" and the traditional "Buckle" collar. The "Walker" has all the "Martingale" features and benefits plus a sturdy side release buckle. With the Shore Dog Walker you only size the collar once, then use the side release buckle to remove and place the collar on your dog. Allow two fingers slack between the dog's neck and collar to allow proper action on the limited choke feature.

Every Shore Dog Walker is handcrafted in Georgia with durable nylon webbing and welded metal D-rings. Nylon webbing is sewn inside a double box stitched fabric sleeve. Fabric sleeve protects dogs from adverse reactions common with regular nylon collars. Available in many Tropical, Patriotic, Tie Dye, and Seasonal Fabrics.



Dear Ashley, How do I make car trips fun for both me and my dog? Motoring in Minnesota, Jack

Jack,

Most dogs love car trips...but it isn't something "built in"...you need to train. Here are some suggestions. As always, your veterinarian and animal behaviorists should be your first stop for help with behavior and training.

Be careful what message you are sending with your first car trip. If its a trip for something your dog considers unpleasant, such as a nail trim, he may associate the car with "bad" things. Try to make it something fun for him to look forward to.

Take the introduction to the car slowly. With the engine off, show him the interior, give him a treat, then put him in the interior. Again, give him a treat. Let him out of the car. Once you think he's comfortable with that, you can turn the engine on while he's working on a tasty treat.

Try driving around the block a couple times, yes, while giving treats. Gradually lengthen your trips.

Take him to a place he likes such as a park or a doggie friend's house.

Make sure you restrain your dog. You don't want her jumping out a window in traffic or distracting the driver. Dogs have been killed by airbags because they are put between the airbag and the human whose lap they are sitting on. You also have to think about the dog flying around in an accident.

You can find harnesses and restraints at pet stores and on the Internet. Crates are a wonderful option as well. Ask a pet store about what will work for your dog's size.

• Always keep your dog on a leash when getting in and out of the car.

• When parked on the road, always ensure your dog gets out on the sidewalk side.

• To help prevent vomiting, try not to feed your dog for a few hours prior to taking a long drive.

• Everybody knows dogs love sticking their heads out of car windows. Still, it's not safe. They can be injured by flying road debris or insects. And the air forced into their lungs can lead to respiratory problems.

• Even if restrained, your dog is safer in the back seat than in the front.

Sincerely,



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