

Green Paws September Newsletter

Referral Rewards

Because we are so thankful when our clients refer their friends to Green Paws, we wanted to thank you with a Referral Reward. For every one referral, you get FREE admission to a Puppy Party. Or, if you refer two people, you get one night of boarding FREE. So get talking and start saving.

What's New!

Puppy Parties are the rave of the season! With the arrival of fall and all the school sports and fun activities, we decided to push our six week training classes out to January. Until then, you can get all the socialization, handling and training exercises by signing up for our Puppy Parties. Come for one or come for ten, these great classes are easy to follow and packed full of good information and fun for you and your puppy!



Create A Polite Dog With Alone Time and Crate Training

Many of you know how much we love crate training dogs. It's a great way to travel with your pets and teach them to settle down. While many of you already do a great job of giving your dog plenty of things to do in his crate (i.e. kongs, chew toys, work-to-eat toys, stuffed animals etc.) you only employ these tactics overnight or when you're not at home. Instead, try putting your dog in his crate and closing the door when you're at home too! Start out with the crate in the same room and then after a few days work him up to being in a different room. If he has enough things to do, he should keep himself busy and learn the valuable lesson of entertaining himself alone. If your dog barks and whines to get out, be strong and leave him in there. Hopefully he will quickly discover all the toys you have provided for him and he will learn how to settle on his own. If you ignore him, he will figure out it doesn't work and he will stop trying. This may take a few days but it's a great skill to teach your dog! Eventually, when you have friends over and you need to put him away, he won't cause a raucous while you have company.

Dog Picture of the Month!



Darby Gittinger Tennis Ball Extraordinaire!

Darby is a beautiful golden retriever who takes her love of tennis balls to the extreme. She isn't happy unless she has two in her mouth and is chasing a third! With her beautiful coat and her endless tricks, she is always the life of the party.

What's Inside...

Dangerous Foods For Dogs
Training Tips
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Birthday Bones Recipe
Sterling's Favorite Toys
And more!

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stories and comments to
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Sterling's Favorite Treats and Toys!

Dear Puppy Parents,

Because this is the very first newsletter, I cannot resist including my favorite toy and my favorite treat for dogs. For those of you who have heard this many times, let this serve as a reminder to tell some of your friends. These two tools help me everyday to be a better trainer and make my dog's lives happier!

In the coming months I will include some of my clients favorite treats and toys in this section as well. Some of these great tools have helped my clients manage their feisty fidos everyday in their busy lives. If you have a suggestion, send it to:

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and we will include it in an upcoming issue.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to giving you great ideas and training tips to make your lives easier. I have enjoyed sharing this summer with your pets and I look forward to a fun-filled fall season!

Sincerely,

Sterling Peake, CTC

Vote For Us On CitySearch!

We are now on CitySearch.com so head over there and give us some feedback about what you think of our services. We will also be putting together our own survey to find out how we can better serve you and you pouch!

Natural Balance



This summer sausage look alike is your dog's best friend. Let him enjoy the tastiness of this treat without worrying about his health. This all natural product is designed to be a dog food so you don't have to worry about feeding him too many fatty treats. By cutting this into small cubes, it's like you're feeding him pieces of kibble for treats. It's available at any major pet store - lucky!

Tricky Treat Ball!

This orange globe is a great way to feed your dog and let him have a little fun too. Pour his two cups of food into this every day and let him roll out all of his doggie energy trying to get his dinner. Comes in large for big dogs and small for your little ones. Order them online at <http://www.omegapaw.com/TrickyTreatBall.html>.



Event Calendar

September

23rd Sat. 4 to 5:30 p.m.
FREE Puppy Seminar

23rd Sat. from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Houstraining Seminar \$75

24th Sun. 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Puppy Party

27th Wed. 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Puppy Party

30th Sat. from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Puppy Party

October

1st Sun. from 11 to 12:30 p.m.
Puppy Party

1st Sun. from 12:30 to 1:30
Loose Leash Walking Workshop

1st Sun. from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.
Building A Reliable Recall
Workshop

4th Wed. from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Puppy Party

7th Sat. 4 to 5:30 p.m.
FREE Puppy Seminar

7th Sat. from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Houstraining Seminar

8th Sun. from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Puppy Party

14th Sat. from 4 to 5:30
Puppy Party

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Prong Collar Conversations

As most of you know, we don't endorse the use of prong collars. If you haven't already, you can read about this in our FREE training manual online. But, once you are armed with this information, what do you do when you encounter someone you know who is still using them? This is a very delicate situation and one that requires a little bit of handling.

Instead of telling them how harmful prong collars are because this will certainly make them feel uncomfortable and probably prompt them to be defensive, try being more subtle. You can point them in the direction of our training manual and say we offer a lot of great safety tips. Since most prong collars are used to prevent leash pulling, you can also tell them how much success you've had with an Easy Walk Harness or a Sensation Harness and avoid the conversation altogether. Good luck! Together we can increase safety awareness and save our pets!



Fall Special

Attend 4 Puppy Parties
and get your
5th visit FREE!

Offer expires October 31st

Great Ideas!

Lola dog and her clever family, the Barry's, put a cardboard box in the living room marked "Time Out Box." Everyone knows, when little Lola gets too rambunctious, they pop her in the box for ten seconds. Because she's so tiny (an adorable maltipoo) she can't see over the sides. It's a perfect way to remove her from the fun for a short period of time so she learns how to settle. Brilliant!

Training Tip: Dinner Has A Price

Take your dog's kibble and put it in your bait pouch. Feed your pup his dinner when she's being good to reinforce polite behavior. If she's quietly playing with a toy in the living room say, "Thanks for being so quiet," and pop her a few pieces of kibble.

This is a great way to incorporate training into your life and to teach your puppy the house rules! If she walks up to you and sits nicely say, "Thank you," and give her some kibble. She will follow you around and try to figure out what's making the kibble fall from the sky. Eventually she will discover that being quiet and lovely makes the dinner arrive. We love it!

Simple Simon's Birthday Bones from Three Dog Bakery

Prep Time:	5 min
Cook Time:	20 min
Temp.:	375 F
Ingredients:	2 cups whole-wheat flour 1 tablespoon baking powder 1 cup natural peanut butter 1 cup skim milk
Directions:	Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a bowl, combine flour and baking powder. In another bowl, mix peanut butter and milk. Add wet mixture to dry, and mix well. Turn out dough on a lightly floured surface and knead. Roll out to 1/4-inch thick and cut out shapes. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake 20 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool on a rack then store in an airtight container. Makes 30 large bones

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WHAT FOODS ARE NOT SAFE FOR YOUR DOGS

People are always asking us what they can and can't feed their dogs. Dog's have amazing stomachs and can get away with eating most foods. Even when they eat something that doesn't agree with them, they usually throw it up quickly and move on. There are a few foods, however, that you need to be more cautious about. Here is a list of food you should keep away from your pup. Read the reasons to avoid these foods as some are deadly for your dog while others just upset their tummies.

ITEMS TO AVOID	REASONS TO AVOID
Alcoholic beverages	Can cause intoxication, <i>coma</i> , and death.
Baby food with onion powder	Can contain onion powder, which can be toxic to dogs. (Please see onion below.) Can also result in nutritional deficiencies, if fed in large amounts.
Bones from fish, poultry, or meat	Can cause obstruction/laceration of the digestive system.
Cat food	Generally too high in protein and fats.
Chocolate, coffee, tea, and other caffeine	Contain caffeine, theobromine, or theophylline, which can be toxic and affect the heart and nervous systems.
Citrus oil extracts	Can cause vomiting.
Fat trimmings	Can cause pancreatitis.
Grapes and raisins	Contain an unknown toxin, which can damage the kidneys.
Hops	Unknown compound causes panting, increased heart rate, elevated temperature, seizures, and death.
Human vitamin supplements containing iron	Can damage the lining of the digestive system and be toxic to the other organs including the liver and kidneys.
Large amounts of liver	Can cause Vitamin A toxicity, which affects muscles and bones.
Macadamia nuts	Contain an unknown toxin, which can affect the digestive and nervous systems.
Milk and other dairy products	Some adult dogs and cats do not have sufficient amounts of the enzyme lactase, which breaks down the lactose in milk. This can result in diarrhea.
Mushrooms	Can contain toxins, which may affect multiple systems, cause shock, and even death.
Onions and garlic (raw, cooked, or powder)	Contain sulfoxides and disulfides, which can damage red blood cells and cause <i>anemia</i> . Cats are more susceptible than dogs. Garlic is less toxic than onions.
Pits from peaches and plums	Can cause obstruction of the digestive tract.
Potato, rhubarb, and tomato leaves; potato and tomato stems	Contain oxalates, which can affect the digestive, nervous, and urinary systems. This is more of a problem in livestock.
Raw eggs	Contain an enzyme called avidin, which decreases the absorption of biotin (a B vitamin). This can lead to skin and hair coat problems.
Raw fish	Can result in a thiamine (a B vitamin) deficiency leading to loss of appetite, seizures, and in severe cases, death. More common if raw fish is fed regularly.
Tobacco	Contains nicotine, which affects the digestive and nervous systems. Can result in rapid heart beat, collapse, coma, and death.

