



The Straight Poop

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The Latest Scoop

Notifications & Facebook

Recently we sent out an email asking you all what kind of notification you prefer for the very rare case that we have to be closed for day care. The results were that people chose email over texting, by a ratio of 2 to 1. The biggest reason seems to be this: While everyone has email, not everyone



has text messaging on their cell phones. Therefore, on days where the weather is going to be nasty, please look to one of two places: your email inbox, or [our new Facebook page](#). If we DO have major mechanical issues with our grounds keeping machinery or whatever, you'll be able to know that we'll be closed *before* you hit the road. Notification will be sent out between 6-6:30am (or the day before if possible).

Of course, this means that in order to send you emails, we need your current email addresses, and please be sure your email spam filter accepts mail from Kamp K9 (we do get some mail bounced back to us when we send out newsletter notices or health bulletins). For Facebook, you need to be a member and become a "Fan" of Kamp K9. (Becoming a Fan will enable you to comment and post, and add your own photos of your beloved pets!) Also regarding email: It's an almost shameful thing to admit that it's taken this long to realize that folks who had Verizon email addresses before have Fairpoint addresses now (I may be slow, but at least I'm incompetent – ha!). If you've been following the Straight Poop even though notices stopped coming after your carrier switched, then hopefully you'll see this, and let us know your new address! Send word over to kounsellor@maine.rr.com.

Cold Days

I've spoken with quite a few of you in person about what we do on very cold days (when the temps are below 25 and/or the wind is howling madly out there): we enact the half in/half out rule. This means that out of every hour, no more than half of it is spent outside, and no less than half is spent inside. This gives a chance for ample play time while making sure everyone's safe from overexposure. (It helps if you drop your dog off as early as possible on those days.)



“First aid can buy your pet enough time to make it to the vet in an emergency.”



This youngster's intentions are good enough, but he might need a little help.



It must have been some party that these guys went to.

Random Thought with Photo

"Two of the best things you acquire in life: Patience & Wisdom."



Info Feature: Pet First Aid Preparedness

Would you know what to do for your pet if they ate something toxic? If they got hit by a car? If they got stung by a bee and had a reaction?

The majority of pet owners can't answer yes to these questions, and that's tragic, because many of their loved ones' lives may have been saved by just a little knowledge of pet first aid (including CPR). First aid won't instantly make everything all right, but it CAN buy your pet enough time to make it over to your vet's office or the nearest 24-hour emergency vet clinic. The key is to be PREPARED.

First of all, pet first aid courses are available at varying times throughout the state. Check local adult education course listings, with your vet's office, or contact the Red Cross. KNOW WHAT IS NORMAL for your pet. Observe how they act, how they look, and run your hands over them daily so that you can learn what their physiology is like, and you can detect abnormalities much sooner.

Secondly, keep a first aid kit handy. You can buy them pre-made, but all the items of course can be bought at any drug store (and most are compatible with a human kit), and they won't contain some of the things that might come in handy. Here's what a kit ought to contain:

Surgical-style gloves, gauze sponges, 2" wide roll gauze, roll bandages (self-adhesive is an option), tweezers, splint materials, medical tape, sterile square pads, scissors, a simple slip-on leash, small cleaning cloths, towels, muzzle (you can make one out of rolled bandages in a pinch), thermal blanket, rectal thermometer, topical antibiotic ointment, hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, sterile lubricant, plastic syringe (the type for administering human baby liquid medications), sterile optical saline solution, styptic powder or gel (bleed stopper), flashlight or pen light, ipecac (to induce vomiting; peroxide and Epsom salt also work for this purpose), and needle-nose pliers.

Also good things to have in case of different types of emergencies: some of your pet's medications, and a recent photo, in case they're lost.

Thirdly, have a plan in place for emergencies. For starters, know where the 24-hour emergency vet offices are (in greater Portland, there are two: The [Animal Emergency Clinic](#) in Portland on Warren Avenue (down the hill next to the Hammond Lumber at the intersection of Warren and Riverside), and the [Maine Veterinary Referral Center](#) in Scarborough (on Technology Drive; turn off Route 1 between Haigis Parkway and Scarboro Downs). Have your routes to these places mapped out, and actually drive those routes so you have an idea of how long it's going to take to get there. Have the numbers to these places handy by your home phone, and program them into your cell phone.

KEEP THIS NUMBER SOMEWHERE HANDY; it's for The National Poison Control Center, which is 800-548-2423.

Finally, REMAIN CALM in an emergency. Letting yourself panic could further distress your pet, and will likely impede your ability to think and make decisions.

Anyone who owns a pet should know some basic first aid, for it can mean the difference between life and death in an emergency. Also keep in mind, however, that first aid is NOT a substitute for treatment from a veterinarian, and that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure – most accidents are preventable with some common sense.

Kamper Profile: Logan Peterson



“Many parents saw Logan during his infancy, all of whom absolutely melted at the sight of him.”



Logan, besides being a really good-looking dog, is fairly unique among all the Kampers here, for the reason that he has spent nearly half of his young life at Kamp K9. He was adopted by Darlene Peterson of North Waterboro in late May of 2009, and on the first of June, at age 10 weeks, he started day care at Kamp K9.

This makes him just about the youngest dog we've taken in, but in his case, it was needed, as Darlene lives an hour from her workplace, and trips home to let him (and his young bladder) outside were out of the question. In fact, she had called here before she even took Logan home, and made sure all proper arrangements had been made. He has come here every weekday since, and is a part of normal, everyday life here.

He was just about as adorable a fluff ball as you could imagine, and seemed to fit in immediately. His ability to take things in stride served him well during his first days, and it wasn't long before he was comfortable, and had made some good friends (chiefly a young Golden Retriever female named Dory; during Logan's first few months, they were inseparable). His good-natured personality and playfulness has made him a great fit here from the get-go. It also endeared him to a lot of parents; many of you out there saw Logan during his infancy, as Luc couldn't resist showing him to people (how often does a dog that young come along?), all of whom absolutely melted at the sight of him.

Of course, he's the apple of Darlene's eyes, and while he's home with her, his favorite things include going on walks, chewing on Nylabones (his favorite!), and playing fetch with balls.

He's almost 11 months old now, and has grown into a handsome, noble-looking Golden Retriever with a great deal of confidence and affection. This also translates into his home life; visitors to his home are treated to his warm greetings. We think of him here as “our boy,” too, and we're quite proud of him.

*Congrats on your new home, Bruschi!
(below)*



In Other News

There's going to be a Valentine's Day dance to benefit Lucky Pup Rescue coming up on February 13th from 6:00-11:00pm at the Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St. in Sanford. Admission is \$10, and will include entertainment by the Swinging Hammocks Band from 6-8 (a dear friend of ours, Bill Thurston, is the drummer, and clued us in on the event), a DJ from Ultimate Sounds Music from 8-11, raffles (for home furnishings, a grill, and more) and what are being called “heavy” appetizers.

For more info about Lucky Pup Rescue, visit www.luckypuprescue.org. For info and/or tickets to the dance, email luckypuprescue@yahoo.com or stop by the Sanford Elks Lodge.

ADOPTION NEWS

To the left is Bruschi, a Yellow Lab/Terrier mix, recently adopted by Shawn & Jeanie Cohen of Windham. He's funny, sweet, energetic, and a handful for his big brother, Brady (a very handsome, tall Yellow Lab mix). Congratulations to all of you!

If your organization has an event scheduled, or you've added another member to your family, Kamp K9 would love to get the word out! Let us know the details, and we'll be happy to include the information in the next “The Straight Poop.”

Take Me Home

Welcome to the newest feature in *The Straight Poop*! We felt that it would be a good idea to feature pets who are in need of a loving forever home, particularly since we here at Kamp K9 often hear about animals displaced by the misfortunes of so many people and families in these times. If you know a pet who needs a new home, and who doesn't have the benefit of much publicity, let us know, and we can feature them here. Information given here is preliminary only and comes either from rescue organizations or owners; contact them for more information.

At right is Hoot, a handsome older gentleman who is currently at Tender Touch Rescue in Scarborough (located at the Tender Touch Veterinary Hospital).

His Petfinder.com listing shows him to have special needs, but no details are provided, so further information will have to be garnered from Tender Touch. The assumption is that he has special needs because of his age.

He is said to be very affectionate. We here at Kamp K9 can tell you that older cats are great, because they've outgrown that youthful nuttiness, and they can be very calm and happy just to be around you.

Please call 839-7456 or email tendertouchrescue@gmail.com



Last month, Canine Commitment Rescue got Keltsey, who appears to be a black lab/golden retriever mix, from her original owners, and she has been living in a wonderful foster home since then. She had been loved, but the financial means weren't there to properly care for her. She's been brought up-to-date on her shots and she'd had heartworm & fecal tests (negative on both). She is approximately ten years old and weighs about 60lbs. She has a beautiful thick black coat, much like a golden. She's such a sweet dog; she just loves being with you. She enjoys the outside, but she's definitely an indoor dog. She would love to live in a home with a fenced-in back yard. She's fine with other dogs, but does not like cats. She is extremely laid-back and very low maintenance...just a sweet pup who needs a good family to love her and take care of her.

For contact information and more pictures, go to her Petfinder.com web page at: <http://www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet.cgi?petid=15652274>

Kamp K9's Mission:

To provide pets with a safe, fun, comfortable and active haven for boarding, day care, & grooming, with the comforts of home, and without the stress of confinement.

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Photo of the Month



This is what "I'm sorry" looks like.

That's all for now.

Thanks again as always for your support!

Misc credits: Thanks to Dave Libby for the photo and "Patience & Wisdom" tidbit, and thanks to Fran Cohen for passing along the email containing the "Sorry" puppy.