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### MARCH PROMO

**SPOT is going GREEN!**

all toys **GREEN in colour**

at **A Spot For Spot** will be **20% off for the month of March.**

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### Easter Safety Tips for Dogs

Easter holidays may bring hazards to our canine companions. Michelle Sevigny, Founder and Head Instructor of DOGSAFE Canine First Aid courses and author of *DOGSAFE: Everything Your Dog Wants You to Know in an Emergency*, warns families to be mindful of the Easter Bunny's arrival and offers these Easter safety tips for your dog:

**Keep chocolate bunnies out of reach** as chocolate contains an ingredient called theobromine, which if ingested by a dog, may cause vomiting, diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst, hyperactivity, tremors or even death. Dark chocolate has the highest concentration of theobromine but even a 20 ounce milk chocolate bunny may cause serious problems for a 10 pound dog. White chocolate does not contain theobromine but still contains a lot of sugar and fat which may cause stomach upset if ingested.

**Tulips bulbs and daffodils** make their appearances around Easter time and are poisonous to dogs if ingested. Tulip bulbs may cause diarrhea, vomiting and excessive salivation while daffodils may cause gastrointestinal disorders, shivering, convulsions, muscle tremors and even heart arrhythmias. While Easter lilies are extremely toxic to cats, they are not toxic to dogs.

**Watch your dog around the holiday meal.** Ham bones, discarded plastic food wrap, table scraps and other holiday meal items may be stolen from the table or garbage by your dog when your focus is on your guests. Bones and plastic wrap may cause choking or intestinal blockages and table scraps may cause stomach upset resulting in vomiting or diarrhea.

**Plastic Easter eggs, toys and plush bunny parts** (eg. the plastic eyes, stuffing) may cause choking and intestinal blockages if a dog ingests them while exploring the holiday household; keep well out of reach of curious canines.

**Monitor Easter egg hunts** as dogs may find the chocolate treats or small, plastic toys before the kids due to their superior noses; and count how many treats are hidden and recovered so that none are left behind.

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***Would you know what to do if your dog... choked on a piece of food? stopped breathing? severely cut its paw? collapsed & their heart stopped? ate something poisonous?***

What you do between when an injury happens and when veterinary care is available will greatly affect your dog's chances of a full recovery. Sign up for a DOGSAFE Canine First Aid course and learn the necessary knowledge and skills that will empower you to take positive action in the event of an emergency.

**Classes fill quickly. Booking now for April 26<sup>th</sup>'s class**

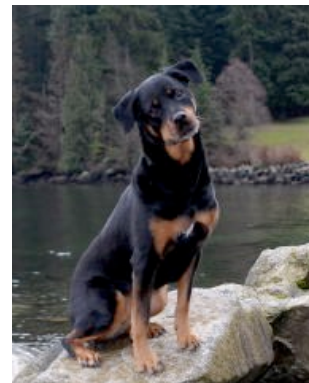
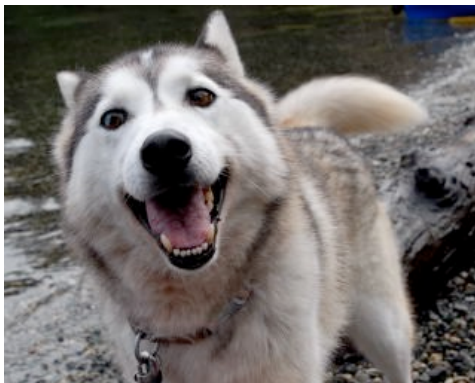
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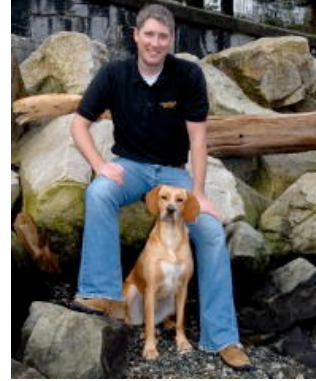
Call Head Instructor Michelle Sevigny founder of DOGSAFE Canine First Aid at 604-813-9221 to register or for more information about the course.

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## **Kate Morris Photography**

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