
JANUARY

Promotion of the Month



Buying a dog toy is one thing but buying a dog toy that gives back to animal organizations is another. For the month of January A Spot for Spot will do just that along with you. \$2 from every purchase of any Planet Dog Toy will be donated to the West Vancouver SPCA.

AND ANOTHER THING...The Glow for Good Ball



100% of the sales of this doggie-durable, buoyant, bouncy, minty **Glow for Good Ball** (3 1/4" diameter) go directly to the Planet Dog Foundation, the not-for-profit arm of Planet Dog whose mission is to support canine service programs. Check out their web site at www.planetdogfoundation.org

2007 Dog Licenses

With the New Year comes the renewal of your dog's annual license and if you own a dog you are required to have a license for your dog.

Why?

- If your dog leaves your property or is lost and is discovered by someone else the license helps identify your dog so you can be contacted and hopefully get your dog back.
- If you live in the District and purchase your dog's license from there the fees help to provide care, food, shelter to lost, abandoned or abused animals as well as handle public safety concerns of stray, aggressive and dangerous dogs and prevent cruelty to dogs.
- The license fees help the District administer the animal adoption program.
- It is the law! The fine for a dog with no license or failure to attach the dog license is \$50.00 in the City of North Vancouver. Because at Spot we take your dog out for a leash walk twice a day while he or she is with us, we would hate for you to get charged with a violation.

Where?

It depends where you live but there are a couple of locations.

District Municipal Hall
355 West Queens Rd.
604-990-2488

City of North Vancouver City Hall
141 West 14th Street
604-985-7761

District of North Vancouver
Animal Welfare Shelter
299 Mansfield Place
604-981-3111

West Vancouver SPCA
1020 Marine Dr
West Vancouver
604-922-4622

How much in North Vancouver?

\$25.⁰⁰ for every spayed or neutered dog

\$59.⁰⁰ for every un-spayed or un-neutered dog

(The fee may vary depending on where you live)

When?

Due by January 2nd, 2007.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Coprophagia

Your dog's behavior can be interesting, endearing, complicated and even surprising. Some behaviors are even simply gross. This may be a weird way to start 2007's Spot newsletters but Coprophagia is something that you should know about, if not already, as it is a common canine behavior. Coprophagia is a fancy technical term for eating poo. It sounds disgusting and unpleasant; but it is something many dogs do do. This habit of eating their own stool or another animals (cat poop seems very tempting) has many theories surrounding "why" because dogs obviously do not find the taste objectionable or it would be a self correcting behavior. At our daycare we are very quick to clean up poop, but the poo eaters, and they know who they are, will race us in literally a 100ft dash then grab a mouthful and keep running to gobble down their tasty prize.

Theories surrounding this behavior include: to get attention, boredom, attempt to acquire more calories, assorted health and medical problems, instinct to camouflage their scent, or they discover as puppies that feces is tasty and continue the habit. Regardless of the origin, the results of poo eating can affect your dog in several ways besides really bad breath. If a dog has other health issues such as food allergies or inflammatory bowel disease the results can be very dangerous and cause serious consequences.

Correcting the behavior is difficult and at home you will have your own methods to stop it from happening; however at the dog daycare we need your help to eliminate the poo eating and potential health hazard to other dogs and that is to make sure your own dog has gone before you bring them in to us. It's that simple!

Local Dog Companies Help Canine Fire Victim

Fire victim, Oswald the dog, has not been forgotten due to donations from some local dog companies. "It was heartwarming to read about how Jeremy ensured the safety of his dog first, even before himself", says Michelle Sevigny, owner of the North Vancouver based company, DOGTIME Canine Recreation Company. Sevigny contacted other canine industry colleagues, including Liz Gurszki of FETCH! A Dog's Dog Store who donated a \$50 gift certificate for whatever Oswald needs. "It was so sad, I had a hard time reading the full article so was eager to help". Kate Morris, of A SPOT FOR SPOT DOG DAYCARE, donated a free day of daycare for Oswald as well as big, comfy dog bed and gourmet dog treats. "We are all dog lovers and our hearts just went out to Oswald, Jeremy and his girlfriend, Danya," says Sevigny, who donated \$200. If any other dog owners would like to donate new dog items or money for Oswald and his owners, they may do so at A Spot for Spot Dog Daycare at 259 E 1st Street or call Michelle Sevigny of DOGTIME at 813-9221.



Jeremy, Oswald & Michelle at A Spot for Spot Dog Daycare.