



DOG DAYCARE LTD.

# SOCIALIZATION FUN PLAY EXERCISE

LOVE & HEAD RUBS

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## **ANIMAL CARE AND EDUCATION** **Warmer Weather = FLEAS!!!**

### **WHAT ARE FLEAS**

- a small dark brown insect about 2.5mm in size and can be seen with the naked
- do not have wings and cannot fly but have powerful back legs and can jump great distances an intermediate host for the dog tapeworm (an internal parasite) when they ingest the eggs. A dog must swallow an infected flea to acquire the parasite. A human could also acquire tapeworms if they accidentally swallow an infected flea!!
- they survive by feeding on blood
- prefer temperatures of 18c - 27C and humidity levels of 78-80%

### **WHAT TO LOOK FOR:**

- an infestation can also be diagnosed by either finding fleas on the dog. Fleas dislike light so look under your dog's belly, around the tail and hindquarters or groin area to spot them or run a fine toothed flea comb through the hair.
- fleas can also be diagnosed by seeing salt and pepper-like, black and white grains about the size of sand in the coat. The pepper is fecal material which is made up of digested blood and when brushed onto wet paper turns a reddish brown. Flea dirt may be your only evidence of a flea infestation but believe the evidence. The salt is flea eggs.

**Prevention is the key to success!!** Once fleas have become established, it is essential to kill them on the dog and prevent them from coming back. The following are some of the methods of flea control that prevent fleas from reproducing and therefore break the cycle. Please consult your vet or go online to make an educated choice of which flea control program is best for your dog and you. Here are some to check out: **ADVANTAGE** ([www.nofleas.com](http://www.nofleas.com)); **FRONTLINE PLUS** ([www.frontline.us.merial.com](http://www.frontline.us.merial.com)); **K9 ADVANTIX** ([www.k9advantixflea.com](http://www.k9advantixflea.com)); **PROGRAM & SENTINAL** ([www.ah.novartis.com](http://www.ah.novartis.com)).

## **IS THIS ANY WAY TO TREAT YOUR BEST FRIEND?**

**Every year countless animals are seriously injured or die because they are not properly restrained in a vehicle. Dogs riding in the back of pickups are**

**particularly at risk. Your pet should never ride unrestrained in the body or back of any vehicle.** The **BC SPCA**, the **RCMP** and **ICBC RoadSense** have teamed up for an awareness campaign on the safe way to transport your pet. <http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/animalissues/dogstrucks.asp> **Think of their safety.** Dogs restrained with loose ropes or ties can accidentally hang themselves. Exposing your pet to the elements can also lead to heatstroke and hypothermia, depending on the weather. **Think of the cost.** Your pet could fall or be thrown out, sustaining serious injuries or death, leaving you with expensive vet bills. If your thrown pet causes a subsequent collision, you could be held responsible for the costs. **Think of the law.** It's against the law! Section 72 of the BC Motor Vehicle Act prohibits the transport of an unsecured pet in the back of a pick-up truck. Under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act you can also be charged for cruelty to animals if your pet is injured.

### **Restrain the RIGHT way!**

Put the dog **inside** the vehicle with you. Use a secured crate or a dog seatbelt to restrain your pet. Unrestrained pets are a major distraction to drivers and can cause vehicle collisions. In a crash, pets become flying objects and can cause serious injury to themselves and others. In fact, a 50-pound pet, when traveling at speeds of 50 km/h, has the weight of approximately one ton.

At a **Spot's Shop** we now carry the Canine Friendly Vest Harness. This specially designed seat belt harness works with your existing seatbelts to keep your dog safe. The harness is a comfortable and a safe way for your dog to travel in the car with you. Your car's seatbelt simply slides through the loop of the harness and then buckle the seatbelt as usual. Your dog should be belted in the rear seat to keep them away from front air bags which may seriously harm or kill a dog if deployed.

[www.caninefriendly.com/vestHarness.html](http://www.caninefriendly.com/vestHarness.html)



Here are some more safety tips from Michelle Sevigny of DOGTIME [www.dogtime.ca](http://www.dogtime.ca) and DOGSAFE [www.dogsafe.ca](http://www.dogsafe.ca)

### **Car Traveling With Your Dogs**

For many people, the summer marks the beginning of day outings, weekend camping trips and week long vacation road trips. Sharing the adventure with your dog can be a great experience if you plan ahead.

**Never leave a dog in the car on a warm, sunny day as heat** temperatures can soar to over a 30 C (100 F) within a few minutes regardless if the windows are open an inch or two or the car is parked in the shade. Older dogs, puppies, overweight dogs and those with heart or respiratory problems generally have a harder time regulating heat. Signs of heat stroke include heavy panting, profuse sweating from paw pads, thick saliva, dry mouth and high body temperatures (above 105F), weakness and more serious signs that include nausea, diarrhea, breathing problems, muscle tremors, seizures and collapse. If heat stroke is suspected, immediately lower body temperature by spraying with cool water (NOT COLD WATER as restricts blood vessels and impedes cooling), covering with towels soaked in cool water and placing the dog in front of a fan or in an air conditioned car. Follow up with a veterinarian is essential as there may be internal organ damage.

**Do not allow your dog to travel with his head out the window** in order to avoid being hit by buses and trucks, especially those with wide side windows.

Your dog's eyes and ears may be damaged from flying objects and bugs. Even a tiny pebble may seriously damage the eyes and possibly resulting in blindness. Respiratory problems may also develop due to all the air rushing into your dog's nose and mouth.

**Use a permanent ID tag as well as a temporary ID tag.** The permanent ID tag has your home phone number and address but this will not help if you are on vacation away from home. Depending on your destination, a temporary ID tag should have your cell phone number, hotel number, camping site number or relative's phone number.

**Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle or outside** a store to prevent someone from stealing your dog. Thieves may be attracted to your foreign license plates and instead of luggage they may locate and steal your pooch.

**Carry a photo of your pet** in the event that your dog gets spooked and takes off, wanders off, gets lost, or gets stolen. You can explain what your Rottweiler cross looks like but a picture is worth a thousand words.

**Travel with your dog's own regular food, and even water if possible, to avoid stomach upset.** Changing food overnight and even drinking water from a different region may stress the gastrointestinal tract causing vomiting or diarrhea. At the very least, always have some cool water available (you can even freeze some and put in a travel cooler) at all times so that you are not relying on rest stops, store hours or dry streams.

**Know the location of the closest veterinarian to your destination area.** In an emergency, you do not want to waste precious time looking in the phone book. Plan ahead and you can search the yellow pages on-line.

**Reduce travel stress by stopping for** frequent bathroom stops and exercise breaks; and bring some comforts of home including crate, mat or blanket and some favorite toys.

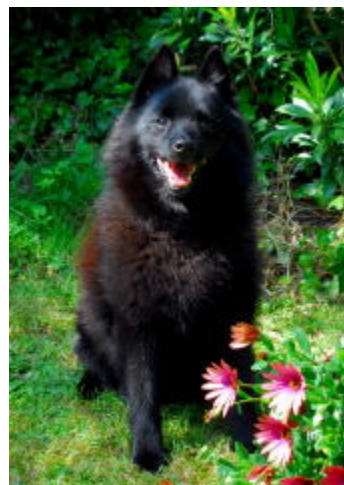
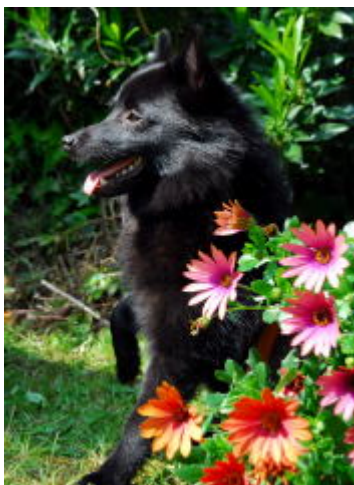
**Always bring a canine first aid kit and know how to use it** in case of emergencies. The kit should also contain copies of vaccination and medical records and any prescribed medications. Next DOGSAFE class July 28th. to register or for more information go to [www.DOGSAFE.ca](http://www.DOGSAFE.ca)

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Thanks to all who voted for us in this year's North Shore News Readers Choice Awards for Best Dog Daycare. After being in business for only one year it was a great honour to be nominated as a finalist.

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### Meet Daisy & Decker



### Summer's Birthday Party:



### Linkin's Birthday



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**July Birthdays:** Brutus Abassi, Frankie Kopinya, Willie Soden, Manda Hayes, Cooper Cowley, Jasper Campbell, Sadie Hoskyn, Ozzy Terzan, Jada Hurstvedt, Kona Kearney, Lucy Skelton, Koda Williams, Buddy Munday, Murphy Morris, Kona Smilgis, and Finley Vanderyagt Come join us on the day of your birthday and receive a free visit. Happy Birthday!

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Just a reminder that we will be closed on July 1<sup>st</sup> for Canada Day.

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And one last note, Kate will be gone for the first two weeks of July as she treks to the Mount Everest Base Camp to raise awareness of diabetes and change the perception of what determined people with diabetes can achieve. 100% of the donated money goes directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation which is dedicated to finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes. To donate go to [www.jdrf.ca/everest](http://www.jdrf.ca/everest). For anything you or your dog needs at A Spot For Spot while Kate is away, Alana and Rebecca will help you out anyway they can!!

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