



DOG DAYCARE LTD.

SOCIALIZATION
FUN PLAY
EXERCISE

LOVE & HEAD RUBS

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SPOTS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Best Costume Winners:



"Cowboy Tyson"



"Snow White"



"Cinderella"

Most Original Costume Winners:



Oakley the "Underdog"



"Madame B"

Special thanks to Michelle Sevigny of Dogtime www.dogtime.ca for her time and patience in teaching all of the dogs who came in for the Halloween party a new trick for a treat! Tons of fun and success that we hope to do it again soon.

COMMUNITY & DOG EVENTS

DOGSAFE Canine First Aid Course

Sunday November 25th
At A Spot For Spot Dog Daycare
259 East 1st Street, N.V.

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. Space is limited so register early at www.dogsafe.ca

If you know of a dog event, meet up or club gathering let me know and I will try to get it in our monthly newsletter to spread the woof.

MONTHLY PROMO

Nature's Logic Treats

High meat content treats with minimal grain.
Made from 100% natural food ingredients: dense muscle meat and organ meat, concentrates of select fruits and veggies. No synthesized supplementation, chemicals, or by-products.



20% off for the month of November

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

KENNEL COUGH (*Infectious tracheobronchitis*)

What is it?

- A group of highly contagious respiratory diseases.
- Passed on when a dog with the illness coughs, sneezes or expels any saliva or respiratory secretions in the air.
- Characterized by a harsh, dry, hacking cough sounding like something is stuck in

the dog's throat. The coughing will occur in short bursts and continue throughout the day.

- The cough is unproductive and is often accompanied by gagging and retching that may be made worse by exercise, excitement, or pressure on the neck from a collar.
- Coughing will begin three to seven days after the dog is initially infected. They may be infected, without showing any symptoms, and be contagious to any dogs in close proximity.
- Except for the cough the dog is bright and alert, has a good appetite and a normal temperature.
- In most cases kennel cough is a mild disease. With rest and a stress free environment, most adult dogs will recover in seven to 14 days.
- It is fairly contagious depending on vaccination status and exposure to minor viruses.

How is it transmitted?

- The causative organism can be present in the expired air of an infected dog and if inhaled by a susceptible dog infection may occur.
- It is similar to a cold for humans in that they are more likely to catch one in populated enclosed environments such as coffee shop, elevator, office, or school (kids in a daycare).
- Dogs can catch it in the animal hospital, daycare, pet store, groomers or the dog park. Many dogs have protective levels of immunity to Kennel Cough via minor exposures to infective organisms and simply will not acquire the disease even if exposed.

How is it treated?

- It should be treated by your veterinarian.
- The dog should be isolated from other dogs to prevent spreading.

Prevention and Vaccination options:

- The chance of exposure and subsequent infection rises as the dog comes into close proximity with other dogs.
- Injectable or intranasal Bordetella vaccination should be boosted annually.
- Be aware that vaccinating may not fully protect because of the other infectious agents that are involved with producing the disease. Like the flu shot for humans, the vaccination does not protect against every strain.

ASK A TRAINER

Cecelia asked: Thought I would ask you for some advise. Marley is in the chewing stage and we have tried many things to deter him. We even purchased large kong's and filled them with dog food moistened with jerky treats inside and froze them to give to him when he is not being watched in the back yard but he continues to chew everything. Can you give us some other suggestions?

Michelle's answer: Hi Cecilia, Great question! Dogs chew for many reasons including; teething, boredom, to relieve stress, seeking attention, exploring their surroundings and to exercise their jaws. Since Marley is 1 year old, he's past the

teething stage (ending at 5 – 6 months old). Stuffed Kong toys are fabulous although you don't say if he actually chews on these; if he ignores the food, he may be stressed and chews to relieve stress which is a separate issue. If chewing in the yard, brings you out into the yard (in attempt to stop him), Marley may be seeking attention and needs more social interaction. Adolescent dogs need tons of physical & mental exercise to combat boredom so being creative with chew toys is only part of the answer. Do your best to set Marley up to succeed: increase his exercise (yourselves, daycare or dog walker), dog proof your yard by removing all unacceptable chew items, use an outside pen area (if he cant handle the whole yard, he doesn't get the whole yard!), reduce time alone until he can successfully handle it and supply ample fun chew items (stuffed Kongs, real bones & fun toys hidden around the yard).

Have a question about your dog? Email us at info@aspotforspot.ca and we'll try to get them answered by Michelle Sevigny of DOGTIME for next months newsletter.

November Birthdays: Max Darguzas, Maya Short, Riley Lambert, Cleo Castellano, Cooper Babiuk, Cookie Marsh, Hannah Sharp, Cleo Sharp, Decker Dickson, Jake Mandelcorn, Lulu Sabiston, Riley Freyvogel, Ziggy Tarmohamed. Happy birthday you dogs and come see us for your free day of daycare on your birthday!

Just a reminder we will be closed on
Monday November 12th for Remembrance Day.
Have a great long weekend!

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