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Newsletter for Dog Lovers

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2nd Tuesday each month
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7:30 pm Gainesville, FL

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Attn: Doris Horton



News From AKC

Published www.akc.org

A Family Dog is Much More than a Child's Pet

By: Gary Kane

As television stars, Lassie and Rin Tin Tin showed audiences in the 1950s that dogs can improve the lives of little boys – as well as save their lives.

A growing body of scientific studies suggests that the family dog can prove to be positive force in a child's development, according to an examination of the research by Nienke Endenburg and Ben Baarda, instructors at Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

Having a dog can enhance a child's social, emotional, cognitive growth, the authors contend in their paper, "The Role of Pets in Enhancing Human Well-Being: Effects on Child Development."

Parents and children typically share in taking care of pets. Studies have shown that these shared responsibilities teach children at an early age how to care for and nurture a dependent animal. A 3-year-old child probably cannot walk a dog, but can help feed or give the dog water, the authors note. School-age children and teenagers can manage many tasks of caring for a dog without supervision.

For young children, participating in such important responsibilities builds self-esteem and that is an important part of emotional development.

Endenburg and Baarda note that dog ownership contributes to another aspect of social-emotional development: empathy, the child's ability to understand and appreciate the feelings of another person. One study found that children of the ages of 3 to 6, who own dogs, achieved higher empathy scores than their counterparts who had no pets. Companion animals can provide emotional support, the authors said.

"Pets can make people feel unconditionally accepted, whereas fellow humans will judge and may criticize," they wrote.

Other studies suggest that a dog can elevate a child's self-esteem by helping the child feel accepted by his or her peer group, the authors note.

One study concluded that the attractiveness of a child's pet to other children may boost the attractiveness of that child as a friend or playmate. Another study found that 84 percent of the 10-year-old children interviewed said they met other children and adults while exercising their dogs. Pet-owning children also were found to be "significantly more popular with their classmates," the authors said.

The family dog can contribute to a child's sense of family, the authors add.

A survey of families with dogs found that 52 percent experienced an increase in the time the family spent together after acquiring their pets. As many as 70 percent said their family was happier and had more fun after bring a dog into their home.

"These subjective data have limitations," the authors admit, "but suggest that people believe, or at least would like to believe, that their pets enhance family cohesion and increase the time spent with each other."



DOG FACTS

A dog can hear sounds 250 yards away that most people cannot hear beyond 25 yards. The human ear can detect sound waves vibrating at frequencies up to 20,000 times a second. But dogs can hear sound waves that vibrate at frequencies of more than 30,000 times a second.

Dogs cannot see as well as humans and are considered color blind. A dog sees objects first by their movement, second by their brightness, and third by their shape.

Dogs can see color but it is not as vivid a color scheme as we see. It is much like our vision at twilight.

Some authorities estimate that some dogs sense of olfaction (smelling) is as high as 1 million times greater than ours.

A dog's heart beats between 70 and 120 times a minute, compared with a human heart which beats 70 to 80 times a minute.

A new feature we will have items from JULIE ANNE O'NEIL

Julie has been a professional licensed Massage Therapist for 20 years. She is a graduate from The Florida School of Massage. FL 18493.

Because of Julie's love for animals, the human massage skill very quickly transferred to animals, horses, dogs and cats (and bunnies).

She assisted in an Equine Sports Massage program for two years in Ocala, fl.

In 2000, Julie traveled to China with Dr Xie from The Chi Institute to study TuiNa. TuiNa is Chinese Medical Massage. The Chi Institute is located in Ocala, Fl and specializes in Veterinary Acupuncture. Julie was instrumental in developing the veterinary TuiNa program at the Chi Institute and continues to teach veterinarians how to do bodywork on animals.

Julie began studying Ortho-Bionomy since 1999. She progressed thru Practitioner training, Advanced Training and has been an Instructor for several years. Julie transferred this gentle, yet powerful work to animals. Julie has taught Ortho-Bionomy as well as TuiNa throughout the US as well as Europe, Australia and at Colorado State University in the veterinary department.

Because of Julie's relationship with The Chi Institute, she has become very good friends with many of the top holistic veterinarians in the US and abroad. She is willing to share much of the information she has gleaned from her bodywork training and relationships with her veterinarian friends.

The classes will be offered twice each month, a weekend and a weekday.

The classes are \$40 and will last two to two and a half hours so there is sufficient time for Julie to give individual attention to all participants. Please bring your dogs to class to allow Julie to help you with your pet.

A minimum of 4 students are needed to run the class.

Julie can be reached at: JA O'NEIL
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This month's feature is on Massage

Published Massage Magazine
Submitted by Julie O'Neil

<http://www.massagemag.com/dog-massage-keeps-canines-healthy-28833/#sthash.Rk5zVf04.dpuf>

4 Ways Dog Massage Keeps Your Furry Friend Healthy

By Karen Menehan February 25, 2015

Dog Massage is Specialized

Canine massage therapy is a specialty that goes far beyond a pat on the head or petting. This specialty requires specific training in canine anatomy and much more. "Canine massage therapists are trained in reading dogs' body language, assessing gait and stance, and understanding the behavioral motivations within breeds and for each individual dog," says Jonathon Rudinger, who runs PetMassage Ltd, in Toledo, Ohio, and is president of the International Association of Animal Massage & Bodywork and the Association of Canine Water Therapy.

1. Pain relief

Just as with human clients, massage can alleviate sore or tight muscles; improve circulation; and assist the flow of lymph. Jumping on and off the couch, running in the dog park, and other daily, physical aspects of living a dog's life can result in muscle strain. For example, Sirens says many of the dogs she massages have stiff necks from being moved and held by a leash.

2. Flexibility

In between walks, stiffness can build up in a dog's muscles and joints. This is especially true for dogs living in harsh winter environments who might not venture out much until the snow melts.

"Dogs that may not be as active during the winter, and then suddenly in the spring are taken on long walks or runs, can be prone to muscle strain and tightness," Sirens says. "Massage can be very beneficial after that first long hike of the season."

3. Emotional health

Anyone with a dog knows that he doesn't hold back with emotions—from the surprise or anger shown through growling or barking, to loving kisses and snuggles, dogs are emotionally expressive creatures. Just as some people create coping mechanisms to try to feel safe and relieve anxiety, so do dogs.

DOG MASSAGE (cont)

Rudinger says these might include overeating, separating or isolating, aggression, belligerence, socialization or destructiveness—and that all of these behaviors can be gentled with massage.

Ayrault says massage can stimulate the parasympathetic nervous system and create a relaxation response in a dog, “as well as build trust and confidence with people, provide positive social interaction, and generally be a grounding experience for a stressed-out canine.”

4. Old dog, new touch

As your pooch’s age grows, so does the chance of developing arthritis in the hips, knees or lower back; generalized stiffness; or compensation patterns. Massage eases an aging dog’s pain by limbering up muscles, increasing circulation and improving range of motion.

Also, often when dogs have tightness or pain in one body area, they will, just as people do, make up for it in another area, which can cause even more tightness and soreness, Sirens says. “For example, if a dog has a hip or knee problem, they will tend to put more weight on the front limbs, which can create tightness in the neck or shoulders,” she explains.

Dog Massage is Good for You, Too

Some trained animal massage therapists also teach pet owners how to massage their animal companions with easy-to-learn strokes, for use between professional appointments.

“Canine massage benefits the person providing it as much as it does the dog,” Ayrault says. “For dog owners, not only will they get physical and emotional benefits from the time spent connecting with their dog through touch, but they will also learn useful information and experiences that can be applied to their own body and health—and anyone can learn how to do it.”

About the Author

Karen Menahan is MASSAGE Magazine’s editor in chief (www.massagemag.com).

BRAGS!!

Marj Spence proudly works Troy her German Shepherd. This Jumpers with Weaves run earned Troy his Masters Jumpers Title!

CONGRATULATIONS—Marj & Troy.



Janice Mitchell and Mr. Parker her Puli attended an International All Breed Canine Association (IABCA) show last month. IABCA has held International Dog Shows in more than 50 North American cities in the past few years, including shows in more than 20 US states in addition to 2 Canadian Provinces. This is considered “European Style”.

Per Janice

“It was different and we really liked it. Now Mister Parker has his International Championship and so does my friends dog. The judges were very nice and we got a written critique and the judge talked to us. We did 5 shows this weekend in 2 days -- I would say there were about 75 dogs there or so.

For Show #4 ---- For the Herding Group -- I got a Group 3 -- out of about 10 dogs --- I just could not believe it !!!!! The judge he really liked Mister Parker and I also had my picture done !!!!!”

CONGRATULATIONS—Janice & Mr. Parker.

Something to Chew On..

Published Cyberdobs@yahoo.com
Submitted by Denise Gaboury

Dogs need something to chew on, but how safe and effective are the chew items being marketed today? Several years ago there was quite a scare in regard to the presence of arsenic in rawhides and melamine in China-sourced products. Here are five tips for the best chew selection.

Consider the source

It is best to buy American made for this type of item because American manufacturers are keenly aware that the pet-loving population is concerned about safety. However, there is no guarantee that American made means safe. Any company can become profit-driven or be misinformed as to what is safest or healthiest for a dog. There are differences of opinion in this arena as well. One man's steak is another man's hamburger! Visit the manufacturer's website and Facebook page to get a sense for their reputation and priorities. If organic and non-GMO and BPA free are important to you, then be sure the producer of your dog's chew things cares about these characteristics as well.

Consider your dog's size

Choking is always a concern. Be sure the chew item is big enough to not be gulped and caught in the pharynx. Take the item away when it gets small. If it is an edible item, be sure it will be chewed and ingested slowly over time. Too much of a good thing can cause a bellyache due to over indulgence.

A small dog could have fun with a small or large rubber chew toy. A large dog could ingest and choke on a small rubber chew toy or develop an intestinal obstruction.

A raw marrow bone that is too small and flat can get lodged in the throat or caught on the dental arcade. A marrow bone that is too large will be filled with too much marrow and will cause diarrhea. In this case, simply thaw the bone and spoon out and discard some of the marrow.

Poultry bones can be safe and healthy if they are the right size and uncooked. Cooked bones become brittle because the molecular structure changes. They are not digested properly, so they are more likely to lodge or perforate the gut lining if they have been boiled or smoked. Whether your dog is little or big, a chicken neck may be appropriate if he is a chewer and not a gulper. A raw duck neck is slender and long: great for most medium to large dogs. Turkey necks in my opinion are too large of vertebrae for all dogs.

These are the type of bone most likely to lodge., so I advise against feeding turkey necks.

Biscuit-style chew bones vary in size and quality of ingredients. Because these are edible, the ingredients and digestibility matter most.

Consider the ingredients

Biscuit-style chew bones, which are edible, often do not last very long. Those that do may be less digestible. Therefore, a small piece is likely to leave the stomach too soon and lodge in the intestines. Or it may roll around in the stomach, causing indigestion and even vomiting. If your pet vomits, or if large, discernible bits are seen in the stool, then this chew item is being poorly digested. This can even occur with tough, fibrous, dehydrated veggies.

Most biscuit-style chews are starch-based. Realize this if you are trying to avoid feeding starch to your dog. The starch source might be potato, tapioca, wheat, corn, rice or another grain. These ingredients can be an excessive source of calories as well as potential allergens. They might be a source of unintended gluten or GMO-laden food. Gluten and genetically modified foods can irritate the bowel and wreak havoc with the immune system.

Consider the processing

The best chews are all natural or even organic. Avoid those that have been chemically processed. Cowhide — typically rawhides — are not so raw. They have been bleached or processed in other ways to make them look clean for the human consumer.

Smelly, natural, brown/tan, bully sticks, tendons and tracheas are more natural, healthy choices for our carnivores! Beware of today's FDA-initiated efforts to sterilize all our foods. Many natural pet products are now being irradiated. This process can damage proteins, making them toxic.

Purchase chew toys made from a quality rubber, not PVC-laden vinyl. Fiberglass-covered tennis balls wear teeth flat and can contribute to lip fold dermatitis. Ropey pull toys are often made with toxic dyes and are notorious for becoming entangled in the intestines.

Provide supervision

Always monitor how your pet handles a chew product. Ultimately, your pet needs to be able to count on you to keep him safe and healthy!



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Secretary's Notice of GGDFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFA will be **Tuesday, May 12th**, promptly at 7:30 pm PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 4200 NW 39TH AVE, Gainesville, FL

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, **May 26th**

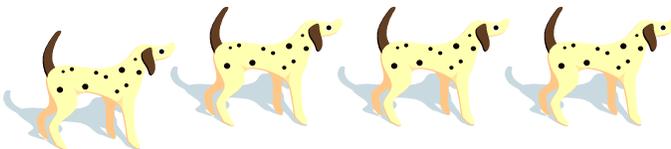
Training Classes

LOCATION:

OAK HALL SCHOOL - Covered and lighted
Tower Road , Gainesville

Obedience/Rally classes— Thursdays 6:00 pm
With Denise Gaboury

Conformation classes—Thursdays 7:00pm
With Claire Hedrick 339-6208



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