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Happy Holidays From DogSpot!

From the Pack Leader



I would like to say a very special thank you to all our great clients and their dogs. Without you there would not be a DogSpot. We are very blessed and I believe we have the best clients anyone could ever ask for. It's been a very busy year and it's hard to believe the Holidays are just right around the corner. I would like to

remind you to be extra careful during the holiday season and take every precaution in keeping your dog safe. At this time of year, more than any other, there's just so many things that our dogs could get into!

Dogs "see" with their noses, so if you are putting something edible under the tree always think twice. If a dog can smell it, they will find it, tear it open, and eat it. Chocolate is always bad for dogs and Bakers chocolate is especially toxic so please keep that in mind when you are baking. Dogs are almost always curious as far as Christmas Trees are concerned. Christmas trees are considered to be mildly toxic. The needles are not easily digested and can cause serious problems should your dog decide to ingest some. If your dog is over amped about having a tree in the home there are a few products on the market to help keep them away and safe, while keeping your tree intact. Boundary is a spray deterrent that dogs and cats don't like the smell of. They will stay out of the area where you've sprayed, usually you'll have to do repeated sprays, every 24 hours or so. A better approach I like to use is PetSafe's Ssscat Spray Deterrent. It is a motion activated spray can with a 3 foot sensor range. This training tool works for both dogs and cats. We don't sell Boundary, but if you're interested in Ssscat you can order directly through DogSpot.

Other holiday foliage to be cautious about is poinsettias, mistletoe, holly, lilies and daffodils. These are all toxic to dogs should they ingest them, so make sure these plants aren't in an area where your dog has access.

If you are traveling for the holidays and taking your dog along, be sure your dog is micro chipped. Micro chipping is additional insurance in the unfortunate event should your dog become lost. Remember, just because you are comfortable where you are staying, your dog may not be. Your dog will be out of his routine and element, and could easily get loose. Micro chipping can be done at the local Humane Society or your veterinarian. It's quick, easy, and a great way to insure everyone knows who to contact should your dog become lost and then found.

If you are traveling and need to board your dog, don't forget that we offer cage free boarding. At DogSpot our boarding is extra special! Boarding with us means playing all day long and then curling up at night in bed next to one of our attendants, or sleeping on a comfy dog bed that we supply. It's up to your dog where he sleeps! We try very hard to give all our dogs that stay with us a true "at home" feeling. Many kennels will run a holiday schedule for their boarding dogs, which usually means a lot of time stuck in a kennel. We believe our dogs don't understand what a holiday is! With us their routine is not changed at all, nor are they confined to a kennel or crate. They are free to play all day long (24/7 supervision) and at night they basically chose where they want to sleep. You're free to call us anytime to check on your dog. We are closed for pickups and drop offs on the actual holidays themselves (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) but other than that it's business as usual.

Until next month, wag more, bark less.

Carlene King

Owner, DogSpot

Our First Christmas Party Potluck!



It'll be a fun way to celebrate the holidays together. **Sunday, December 14, 12pm to 3pm.** We will have tables set up with beverages and holiday cheer. Bring your favorite dish to share. Our dogs will play while we eat, drink and be merry. We hope you'll be there!



Ask Carlene...

Dear Carlene:

"Already having one schnauzer, we decided to get a second one. We thought a puppy for Pepper would keep her busy. Milo is now 9 months old and they are both now out of control. Milo's bad behaviors are rubbing off on



Meet Pepper & Milo

Pepper. Their barking is out of control and walking them on a leash has turned into a nightmare. What can we do to get a handle on this right away?"

*Thank You,
Michelle*

Carlene responds:

"The first thing I suggest in a case like this is to start them off in daycare, so they can burn off their extra energy. Calm dogs listen and absorb basic obedience training much better than hyper dogs."

"Milo and Pepper came for their temperament test five weeks ago and we've been working with them since that time. I discussed with their parents the different types of training tools and what would I thought would work best for all the issues these schnauzers were having. Together we decided that the e-collar would be the best training tool for these two. They attend daycare and while here I've done one on one training sessions with each of them. The first week we worked on healing and the courtesy sit. Now at the 5th week mark we have accomplished the following commands: heal with a courtesy sit, extended sit, down, extended down, place command and we are currently working on their recall to get them to come back when called."

"While working on all the basics we also addressed their behavioral issues, ie: nuisance barking. Milo and Pepper will be finished with their obedience training next week, at which time I expect them both to be 80% reliable on their commands. Their nuisance barking is now a thing of the past. Both dogs now walk nicely on leash, and those walks are now enjoyable. When they first arrived we couldn't even get them to sit still, much less stop barking. Now they will both sit pretty for the camera."

"The best solution for dogs like Milo and Pepper is daycare, where they can run and play HARD with other dogs for hours. It takes all the energy they have stored up inside and releases it so they are calm and tired at the end of the day. Training is 15% of the solution; the remainder is getting dogs the exercise they require. Getting your dog's energy burned off in a positive way helps that energy from turning into negative energy and bad behaviors. It's nearly impossible to effectively train a dog who is hyper and can't sit still."

"Also, adding a second dog, for the sole reason of keeping your first dog company, is not always the best decision. Many times what happens is the bad behaviors rub off of on each other. Then you are left with two rebellious dogs! Luckily, this was not the case for Milo and Pepper. Their parents devoted a great deal of time and attention and their efforts have been rewarded. Milo & Pepper are now great canine good citizens! We love Milo and Pepper here at DogSpot and they have made a lot of new friends, both dog and human alike."

Have a training or behavior question for Carlene? Send your questions to info@dogspot.biz. We'll address it next month! [Visit training by Carlene.](#)

Meet Jessi!



"Hi, my name is Jessi Enriquez. I'm 22 years old and originally from Andover, Minnesota. I earned my bachelor's degree in English from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN in 2013 and mar-

ried my husband, Sam, who is a Military Police K-9 Handler for the U.S. Marines just a few months after. I have an Australian Shepherd mix named Grace, a Siberian Husky named Roman, and a cat named Matilda. We moved here to California on military orders, and I was lucky enough to find DogSpot. I love working at DogSpot for a lot of reasons. Everyone that I work with is friendly and helpful, and we really work as a team. Most of all, I love working with the dogs. My lifetime goal is to open my own dog rescue shelter and training facility, and I am currently studying with Animal Behavior College in their Dog Training Instructor program--but working as a Daycare Attendant at DogSpot was my first real job in the dog-care industry, and I am very grateful to DogSpot for getting me on my first stepping stone toward reaching my goal. Over the last few months, I have really gotten to know the dogs, and I have bonded with them. I am always excited to come into work every day and see the dogs that I have come to personally love and care about. I love getting to meet new dogs and learn their personalities and quirks. Working at DogSpot has taught me a lot about dog behavior and body language. I am looking forward to my future time at DogSpot and I am very excited to continue learning everything I can about dogs.

DogSpot is going to Pay It Forward!

Any new member of DogSpot referred by you will result in a 10% credit (10% of the amount that the new client spends) to your account. Your credit can be used in any way you wish, boarding, day care, retail items, bathing services; everything we offer is up for the discount. It's a great deal for you, and a good deal for us. New clients mean new friends for your dog! One can never have too many friends, right? ;-)

DogSpot's Holiday Hours:

November 26th 6am to 6pm*

Thanksgiving Day: Closed

November 28th: 6am to 8pm

December 24th: 6am to 4pm*

Christmas Day: Closed

December 26th: 6am to 8pm

December 31st: 6am to 6pm*

New Year's Day: Closed

January 2nd: 6am to 8 pm

**Evening taxi dogs will be dropped off between 2pm and 3pm*

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