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Holiday Pet Health Tips

Article from petfinder.com

"We see an increased number of calls related to pet poisoning during the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's," says Dr. Steven Hansen, director of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC). Here's one holiday list you can use to keep the furry members of your family happy and healthy this season.

* Season's eatings shouldn't include holiday greenery such as holly, mistletoe, lilies and amaryllis. While commonly used to deck the halls, they can make your pet sick if ingested.

* Look before you light. Lit candles produce fumes that can be harmful to birds if inhaled. And don't forget, your pet's wagging tail can easily knock over a burning candle. Liquid potpourri is also dangerous to pets, who could ingest it from decorative bowls and simmering pots.

* Oh, Christmas tree! Their branches definitely delight pets, who've been known to chew on them--and whatever decorations may be hanging from them. Place small, breakable ornaments high up, and keep tinsel and garland out of your pet's reach, as these can get caught in his throat. And make sure that pine needles, which can be toxic, don't get eaten.

* Keep batteries--loose and in packages--away from pets. They contain corrosives that can cause ulceration in your animal companion's mouth, tongue and gastrointestinal tract if bitten or swallowed.

* Shy animals can get stressed with the hustle and bustle of holiday guests, so make sure there's a quiet room to which your pets can retreat.

* Don't allow your pet access to holiday spreads, especially if you've got a chow hound. Alcoholic beverages, chocolate, coffee, onions, fatty foods, yeast dough and macadamia nuts can all cause problems.

If you suspect your pet has gotten into a potentially poisonous substance, call your veterinarian or the APCC's emergency hotline --1-888-4-ANI-HELP--for round-the-clock telephone assistance.



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News Bytes



The annual CBR garage sale was a great success! This two-day event raised money for our little beagles and will help with expenses. This is a wonderful annual fundraiser for CBR and we thank those volunteers who always pitch in to help by donating items and coming to help on the actual days of the garage sale.

Gift Wrapping Program

CBR needs volunteers for our upcoming Barnes & Noble gift wrap program that we do every year from November 20th to December 24th.

We'll soon send out a mass email with a survey about the gift wrapping program. It will ask people their name, address, phone, email and in which store they want to work, which shifts they want to work and if they will bring their well socialized beagle. Reply to this email ASAP, and this info will be passed on to the CBR volunteer coordinating each store

We have a few stores that we currently hold this holiday fundraiser at (Lone Tree, Westminster & Ft. Collins) - or you can start a program with your local store - just contact CBR for more information.

Even if you don't have a beagle, we can always use your help!

CBR has a new address

Please note that CBR has a new address -
PO Box 2704, Littleton, CO 80161

Annual Picnic

The CBR Annual Picnic was held on Saturday, June 26, 2010 and as always, was great fun. The theme of the picnic this year was "Super Heroes" and many of the beagles came in their favorite costume.

The Registration Table and Beagle Rescue Trading Post were busy places. A fundraiser "ruffle" was held with cool prizes being awarded and the famous CBR games were played. Best Costume winner was Beetles who was Bat Girl, Hope who "spread them" on the concrete wall won our Best Trick contest and Ken and Buddy were the winners of the Musical Plates contest.

Once again, we want to thank the volunteers who helped us with the picnic. We appreciate your willingness to give your day in order to make it special for the beagles and their families. Without the necessary help, it would be impossible to have such a great picnic. We appreciate you all so much!



Email Alert

If your email address has changed or you just got an email address, send CBR the update ASAP. Sending the Bugler by email will save CBR money... money that can be used to help rescue beagles!

To be added to our email list:
thebugler@coloradobeaglerescue.org

Upcoming Volunteer Meeting

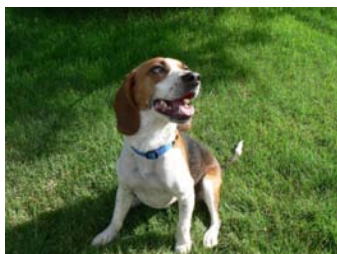
The next CBR volunteer meeting will be held on October 30, 2010 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Bemis Public Library in Littleton.

Forever Homes Needed

Right now, there are 9 dogs in Colorado that need homes and many more from the out-of-state shelters. The 9 Colorado dogs are: Marley, Spunk, Mable, Thelma, Louise, Jack-Jack, Cordie, Sparkle and Maggie.

Unfortunately, we have more dogs coming in than adoption applications. If anyone knows someone looking to adopt a dog, please refer them to CBR.

Also, please check out our website often for information on the beagles that need a forever home.



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Thank You!

CBR would like to thank Mile High Dog Magazine for being featured in the June/July issue. Be sure to check it out online at www.milehighdog.com

CBR would also like to thank Goozmo for maintaining our website

CBR Needs Your Help

Foster Families Needed

Foster families are always needed. If you have room in your home and in your heart for a little beagle to stay with you and your family until a forever home is found, please let us know. The foster family pays for the food and CBR pays for all needed medical expenses. If by chance the foster family wishes to adopt the beagle, they always have the first choice.

Call Carol today at 303-464-9403 and tell her you want to volunteer. What a great way to make a difference for a little beagle who is looking for a second chance at life!

Fundraising Coordinators

CBR still needs one or two Fundraising Coordinators to help plan events to raise funds for the little beagles in need. Anyone with or without experience would be welcomed.

Please contact Sylvia at 303-795-2837 if interested.

CBR Secretary Needed

CBR needs someone to volunteer for our open Secretary position. For more information on what is needed, please contact Sylvia at 303-795-2837.

Memorial Fund

The Mary C. Jorgenson Memorial Fund has recently been established and donations will be used to help defray some of the costly surgeries CBR has recently had. Mary C. Jorgenson had been a long time volunteer with CBR and had adopted several beagles from CBR over the years

If you would like to contribute to the Mary C. Jorgenson Memorial Fund, please send your donations to: Colorado Beagle Rescue, PO Box 2704 Littleton, CO 80161.

Secondhand Dogs

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In the past several years, I've been able to work with many dogs who have been adopted from a shelter or breed rescue. I affectionately call them "Secondhand Dogs." There are many different reasons why people wish to adopt a Secondhand Dog; some want to give back to their community and others simply want to give an unwanted dog a safe, loving forever home.

While these dogs are very special in their individual way, many of them come with unique behavioral issues that often are caused by their first owner. Adopting a Secondhand Dog can be very rewarding, but it can also be a process that involves unique challenges and frustrations as the dog settles in and his true personality comes out.

For instance, it is possible that a dog who gets along wonderfully with dogs in his foster home or shelter will be reactive or aggressive towards other dogs in its new home or neighborhood. It is possible that a dog who does not exhibit separation anxiety in his foster home could be anxious and destructive in his new home. It is possible that a friendly dog can become protective and fearful once he becomes comfortable. Dog behavior can be very context-specific and some environments can be quite different to a dog and will cause him to behave differently than in the past. Certain situations could even remind a dog of his first home, where he was neglected and/or abused and cause him to become defensively aggressive or bite out of fear.

The good news is that most Secondhand Dogs do very well in their new forever home. There may be surprises along the way, but most issues can easily be worked through. "Since becoming involved in rescue in 2004, I've personally adopted five Secondhand Great Danes — four seniors and one with special needs," says Bree Dew, COO of Big Dogs Huge Paws, Inc., a giant breed rescue in Denver. "Each came with their own quirks as a result of the neglect, abuse or lack of socialization they suffered at the hands of their previous owners, but nothing could outweigh the joy they've brought to my life. At one time or another, they all had been considered 'throw away dogs' by someone in their past, yet I consider them my most precious family members."

I recommend several things to do before and after you adopt your Secondhand Dog, not only to help make things easier, but to give your new dog the best chance possible for his future.

Do Your Homework

Just as if you were picking out a puppy, research different dog breeds to find out which one will best fit into your lifestyle. Please keep in mind that most dogs from shelters will be a combination of breeds. For example, if a dog is a Border Collie/Labrador, you will have a very high energy, athletic and intelligent dog...This mix of dog would not do well with someone who is a couch potato. If the dog is a blue heeler (Australian Cattle Dog) or Australian Shepherd mix, it is possible she will 'herd' with her mouth which some people may find troublesome and the dog may not do well with young children. If the dog is a Schnauzer or Yorkie mix, he may bark all the time. If the dog is a St. Bernard or Mastiff mix, she could grow very large and your dog food expenses will grow exponentially with her!

Ask Questions

When adopting from a breed rescue or shelter, always ask a lot of questions about breed, temperament, known history, health, etc. Be wary of rescues or shelters who try to convince you to adopt a certain dog. Be sure the Secondhand Dog you are adopting is right for you.

Set Up For Success

Please do not expect your newly adopted dog to be welcoming and happy with eight people over for a dinner party the day of your adoption. Please do not expect your dog to know where to eliminate, or what not to chew on. Consider confining your dog for the first couple weeks until you get to know him. If you keep your expectations low, you will inevitably be setting your Secondhand Dog up to succeed much more than if you expect too much. Your Secondhand Dog will need training just as if she were a puppy — expecting her to 'behave' just because you want her to is not a fair expectation. Bree says, "When we are counseling our prospective families prior to adoption, we set the expectation that bringing a new dog into your home isn't always a smooth transition and everyone needs to be cognizant of the adjustment period, which affects not only the new dog, but the resident animals and all of the family members. It is critical that a new family be realistic and if things are not going well it is imperative to reach out to the experts, like an animal behaviorist, for direction." Also, it is important that you don't compare your new Golden Retriever to your old Golden Retriever. Every dog is different and comparisons will only hurt your relationship.

Ease the Transition

Please do not bring your dog to the pet store or dog park immediately after your adoption. If you are plan-

ning on adopting a dog, be prepared with a collar, leash, bed, and meat-based dry food ahead of time. If possible, take a day or two off from your job to spend with her to ease the transition.

Give your Dog a Job!

Even if you adopt a senior dog, he will still need something to do while you're gone; keep in mind that mental exercise will often tire your dog out more than physical exercise. I always suggest using a rubber Kong toy as a food bowl and freeze your dog's kibble with some wet dog food and water for every meal. Also, other problem-solving toys (not squeaky toys or balls) can keep your dog busy for hours.

Refrain from Punishment

As with any dog, but especially with Secondhand Dogs, do not physically punish their behavioral infractions. It is important to give your dog verbal and visual cues, but don't force them to do anything. If they are afraid, don't attempt to be 'dominant.' Give them space and time to warm up to you. If your dog submissively urinates when you pet her, she is either scared or excited and punishment will make it worse. If your dog growls at you, turn your back and take a moment to let him relax and then try to redirect him without force. Use a happy voice and small pieces of hot dogs or cheese to lure him where you want him to go — do not force him! If you punish growling (a very appropriate dog warning), next time he may skip the growl and go directly to snapping and/or biting. Remember, it is likely that he was punished and forced in his former home and this will inevitably damage the bond you are trying to build.

I encourage you to consider a Secondhand Dog the next time you are looking to add a pet to your home. Without a doubt, when you open your home to a Secondhand Dog, you are saving a life. There may be challenges along the way, but in return you will enjoy many years of unconditional love and joy.

Kari Bastyr is the owner of Wag & Train in Denver and is a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant. For more information, please visit www.wagandtrain.com or call 720-312-5499.



Colorado Beagle Rescue Welcomes New Members to the Board

President - Jesse Catalano

Jesse has been volunteering with CBR since 2003. She has three beagles in the family, Howie, Banjo and James. Jesse also has a wonderful husband named Mike and a 4 month old son, Michael Jr. Jesse lives in Thornton and spends most of the time chasing after the dogs and baby. Jesse has served on the board as Vice President previously and we're glad to have her on board.



Vice President - Lisa Sell

Lisa is very excited to be a part of CBR. She adopted Sally, a beagle mix, last October and Casey, another beagle mix, in November. Lisa lives in Denver and spends most of her free time walking her dogs!





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