

Dog's Best Friend News

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Kids and Dogs Edition

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Welcome

Dear Dog-Lovers,

Welcome to our Kids and Dogs Edition!

School's out, so we couldn't think of a better time to celebrate the two things we love the most, Kids and Dogs!

They have more in common than we sometimes realize and are both equally special in our lives.

In this issue we'll focus on those similarities and how we can make the Summer fun and relaxing for the entire family (yes, I said relaxing).

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Dog of The Month

Baxter Streader

Baxter has had many adventures in his short life...

He found a loving home in the Streader family, with an awesome big brother, Luke (shown below).

He has lots of canine friends, including DBF's own Karma, Cricket and Toby, and has spent many days chasing his pals around his yard.

Baxter is a feisty little guy who took a wasp sting like a trooper, endured several trips to the vet and has worked hard on his Basic Manners.

Thanks to the hard work of his Mom, Dad and Brother, this adorable puppy does a mean Sit/Stay, goes to his Mat when you ask him and loves playing Hide-n-Go-Seek

Welcome to the world, Baxter!

We look forward to watching you grow-up!



Happy Birthday

Max Primbsch Buddy Aguirre
Bailey Novoa Aksel Brown

Raise Your Paws in Praise For...

Patron Ellis for Passing his
Canine Good Citizen Test

Burley Overdorf for
Passing his Therapy
Dog International Test

Coming In July...

Kids and Dogs; Teaching Your Kids To Be Their Dog's Best Friend
One Hour Seminar July 11th

Dog's Best Friend's Basic Manners
Group Class Starts July 11th

Canine Good Citizen/Becoming a Therapy Dog
Group Class Starts July 11th

Rove Reactive/Dealing with Leash Aggression in Dogs
Group Class Starts July 16th

All classes taught by Rebecca Mandell
To register please contact
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rebeccadogblog.blogspot.com

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Check out Rebecca's quote in the
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Featured Article...

Raising Kids and Dogs; How It's Not That Different By Rebecca Mandell

Raising dogs is just like raising kids.

It's true!

Both take lots of love, patience and understanding. Dogs, just like kids, have good days and bad days. Rather than punishing your dog for misbehaving, it's best to try to understand why they're acting up. Was their routine interrupted in some way? Did they get less attention than usual? Is it possible that they're just not feeling well? Give your dog the benefit of the doubt and try to answer these questions before getting too upset with them for having an accident or eating your favorite Jimmy Choo's. Maybe they're just having a bad day and need a hug and/or a nice walk with Mom or Dad.

Routine is VERY important to dogs.

Just like kids, dogs get used to the everyday routine of their daily lives. They can feel uneasy and frightened when things in their normal lives suddenly change.

If something new or different is happening in your home/life/schedule, try to ease the transition for your pup by giving them something positive to focus on, such as a new, fun toy or bone, or by setting up a special play date, walk or trip to the park.

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Dogs are sentient beings. Try to be empathetic to their feelings of fear and anxiety. An extra walk on The Strand or throw of that tennis ball can often make a huge difference in their lives.

Dogs need quiet time in their "room." too. Summer is lots of fun because of all the exciting activities we plan and the people that come to visit us here at the Beach.

Dogs enjoy this fabulous time just as much as the kids, but they can get overwhelmed by doing too much or by having one too many well-meaning relatives shower them with unsolicited affection.

Pay close attention to signals of stress in your dog. The tucked tail is the most obvious, but also pay attention to their breathing; are they panting a lot? Eating habits; have they stopped taking those treats they usually love? How's their energy level; are they usually rambunctious, but are now acting lethargic?

If so, maybe they just need some quiet time in their crate or hanging out on their bed in a cozy bedroom with their favorite chew toy and TV show (my boys watch NFL Live).

See, kids and dogs are not all that different. With a little bit of love, compassion and smart parenting, your family can make it through the Summer with happy Kids and Dogs!

The Tail End

Woofs of Wisdom ...

"No symphony orchestra ever played music like a two-year old girl laughing with a puppy."
Bern Williams

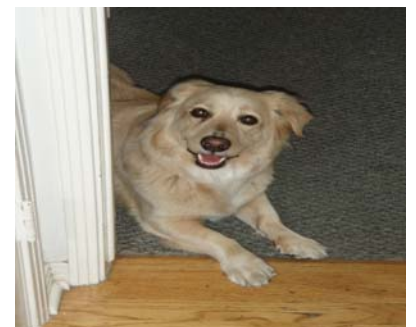
Teach your Kids to be their
Dog's Best Friend by
teaching them to...

- Ask if it is okay before you pet a dog
- Let an animal sniff you first & never raise your hand above his head
- Tell an adult if you see a stray or injured animal
- Act kindly & gently towards animals

Courtesy of Denise Fleck Sunny-dog Ink, www.sunnydogink.com

Rescue Corner

It's time for Rover Rescue's Run for the Life of A Dog. If you'd like to support Spencer in his bid to get the most donations, please send checks payable to Rover Rescue to DBF, 703 Pier Ave., Suite 144 Hermosa Beach, CA 90254



Spencer, Saved by
Rover Rescue in 2003