



Tribal Tales



The 2013 Fall Newsletter for the Chief Solano Kennel Club

PUPPIES GALORE!! It seems that there is something in the refreshments at the Chief Solano Kennel Club meetings..**Cynthia 's Sassy.** is the proud momma of two beautiful fawn cuties. **Kathy and Allen** are expecting Neci to have four little Pulies..that' right...4! AND...rumor has it that **LINDA** is expecting for **the first time in 14 years!!!**It is going to be like a nursery around here soon...I can't wait!
Pam wants to invite all of us the the Lawler House Auction to benefit the Suisun Wild Life Center on September 21st.from 5-8. She is a tireless volunteer for many worthy causes.
Mike's great dane (now that he is not showing) has filled out to a whopping 162 pounds! **OMG!!!**

Collar to Cool Your Canine

Ceva D.A.P. Behavior Modification Collar is an adjustable collar for your dog that employs a unique formula to calm dogs prone to situational anxiety. It's nontoxic and contains embedded pheromones. The design of this collar is customized for small and large dogs.

Ceva D.A.P. Behavior Modification Collar:

- Unique pheromone formula
- Adjustable collar with plastic buckle
- Easy to use, no side effects, nontoxic

The product is ideal for canine behavior issues involving anxiety displayed by pet due to loud noise, long hours of travel, separation from owner, territorial dominance or arrival of new pets or guests in the house.

A Closer Look: The product contains embedded pheromones that are emitted by your pet's body heat. Pheromones calm your pet's anxiety and check unruly canine behavior. The collar induces a sense of security that mother dogs offer to their pups and gives pups a feeling of pleasure, comfort and well-being.

There are many other calming and travel medications both topical and edible.

The Thing to Remember with Puppies



Be patient and give them a

break, puppies have really short attention spans.

A puppy may also take several disconcerting sessions before it seems like they have learned.

We as humans get frustrated because we want to see almost immediate learning, but this isn't always how puppies learn.

Some puppies learn quickly and others take many sessions of repetition.

But training puppies is tricky because you have to remain **FUN, fun, fun** and not tedious or they won't want to engage in training.

So when you work with puppies, reward good behaviors in the hopes that you will be conditioning a number of good behaviors that he will remember

after some repetitious training.

Always make sure it is fun and rewarding!

Always leave your puppies wanting more, not wanting to run away.

No frustration or corrections, only play and rewarding things you want to continue to see!

This way you build the dog that one day you can take everywhere and be proud of!!!

See more at:
<http://www.thedogtrainingssecret.com/blog/puppies>

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How to Stop The Itch

by Nancy Kerns

Most holistic veterinary practitioners recommend switching any itchy dog to a complete and balanced home-prepared diet containing “real foods.” This will decrease the dog’s exposure to unnecessary or complex chemicals and give his body the opportunity to utilize the higher-quality nutrients present in fresh foods. Whether the diet is cooked or raw, the increased nutrient quality and availability of

fresh whole foods will improve the health of any dog who currently receives even the best dry or canned foods. “Feeding fresh, unprocessed, organic foods provides more of the building blocks for a healthy immune system,” says Dr. Lisa Pesch, a holistic veterinarian in Sebastopol CA. “Dogs who have allergies are more likely to be deficient in trace proteins and sugars (proteoglycans) that are used by the immune systems. Deficiencies in these nutrients will increase allergic response.”

From the Whole Dog Journal



BREEDING VS ADOPTION

It is possibly the most contentious rivalry in the whole of the pet community — Breeding vs. Adoption. Both camps have die hard advocates and both have a well thought out stance. Some say it’s an issue of morality, some call it genetic preservation, while others still think it is nothing more than preference.

To expedite the process, I crafted a brief list of each side’s key talking points

PURCHASING FROM A BREEDER

Any die hard purebred enthusiast is quick to rattle off their list of reasons why getting a pet from a reputable breeder is of the utmost importance. They are also some of the first to admonish the practices of puppy mills and/or breeders who are not whelping healthy dogs, since it is these types of institutions that give breeding an unjustly earned bad name (so please refrain from attacking purebred enthusiasts on these grounds, since it is safe to say that anyone reading this is against the practices of these types of establishments).

As for buying from a reputable breeder, the arguments in favor are:

FINDING THE BREED YOU WANT

It can be nice to be able to do some research, pick out a breed that has all the characteristics you are looking for, go out, and get one. And while you may be

able to find a purebred at a shelter, chances are

KNOWING WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Since some breeds are genetically predisposed to have certain characteristics that others might want (i.e., Dalmatians aren't always good with kids), it is good to know what you can expect, insofar as temperament and size are concerned, from your new addition to the



GETTING 'EM WHILE THEY'RE YOUNG

Again, while a shelter may have young dogs, actual puppies are hard to come by, and many people feel that these first years play a huge part in developing a dog's overall temperament. To guarantee that your dog does not have any ingrained and unwanted behaviors, training them early is the only way, and to do that you need to get them as a puppy.

ADOPTING FROM A SHELTER

Rescuing a dog or cat from a shelter often makes people

think they have the moral high ground on the issue, and not without some decent claims. A few of the key arguments are:

SAVING A LIFE

The first thing any shelter advocate will tell you — **adopting a pet** saves them from life in a shelter, or being put down. **That's pretty great.**

SUBTRACTING FROM THE NUMBER OF UNWANTED DOGS

Go to a shelter, and it's not hard to see — there are way more dogs out there than homes willing to take them in. A decision to own a dog is a long and often expensive commitment. If you are not planning to show your pet, many times a shelter dog can more than meet your needs. **OFTEN MUTTS ARE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS**

While this is **not** a hard and fast rule, there is a good chance that a specific breed's genetically transmitted health concerns are less likely to be inherited if they are cross-bred with another breed, or breeds, that don't share that trait. **Which ever way you decide, remember the most important thing you can do for your dog is TRAINING. Train your dog to behave**

and you will enjoy many wonderful years regardless of the breed you choose.



Adapted from petcrerx.com

MANY HOUSEHOLDS ARE SACRIFICING TO PAY FOR PET HEALTHCARE

“I would consider paying almost any amount of money to keep my pet healthy,” agreed 82% of pet parents polled. These dedicated pet parents are willing to make a number of lifestyle sacrifices to fund care for a sick pet.

- 87 percent of respondents would be willing to cut back on eating out or going out to provide better healthcare for their pets
- 76 percent would tighten their belts to be more frugal on other household expenses
- 71 percent would skip a vacation
- 7 percent would be willing to move from their current home!

HOW PET PARENTS ARE MANAGING COSTS

Pet parents are employing a variety of tactics to manage the costs of their pets' healthcare.

Making Do With Less/ Doing Without: Many are making difficult choices to cut back their spending in key healthcare areas including vet visits, flea and tick and heartworm preventatives, vaccinations, and medications. 27 percent of pet parents admit to going to the vet less to save money. While 21 percent of dog-only parents have dialed back their vet visits due to cost, a full 35 percent of cat parents have made this tradeoff. In fact, 43 percent of cat-only parents surveyed say they only go to the vet when there is an active health issue; a notable 67 percent do not take their cats in for a yearly checkup.

Smart Ways Pet Parents Are Cutting Costs

- ✓ Purchased flea and tick and heartworm protection online
- ✓ Bought prescriptions online
- ✓ Chose generic prescriptions
- ✓ Invested in prevention and well pet vet visits
- ✓ Used in an in-store vaccination clinic
- ✓ Signed up for pet insurance or a pet health benefits plan

Never leave a Child Alone With a Dog

Many preventable tragedies

resulted because young children were left alone and yet the dog still had access to the child.

Keeping an eye on your children and monitoring them with dogs is important, but some parents don't realize that a dog should never even have access to an unpredictable young child. There are cases where the dog took the baby out of the crib when the parents stepped outside.

Never leave your baby alone where the dog could access him or her. Attacks and incidents can happen in the fraction of a second. Prey drive is a strong urge in many breeds and often dogs do not view children as young adults. Shut the baby's room door and make sure it is secure and, if needs be, put your dog in a crate. Leaving your baby alone in a baby swing is just asking for trouble. **Make sure your biggest asset (your child) is safe!**

Education, understanding and control are what keep our children and our dogs safe!

- See more at:

<http://www.thedogtrainingsecret.com/blog/children-safe-5-simple-rules/#sthash.ONB7Vh1B.dpuf>

A Chief Solano Kennel Club Reminder

Each and every **Wednesday** the dedicated trainers of the Chief Solano Kennel Club hold training and confirmation classes at the **Elmira Fire Station**.

Puppy training classes at 6:20 p.m. that offer a **Star Puppy** certification upon completion.

There is a six week adult training class at 7:00 that offers an award of **Canine Good Citizen**. **A lot of good will towards dogs in general would be created if everyone had a Canine Good Citizen as their pet.** And the conformation sessions at 7:50 are a sure way to win in the show ring.

