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Training Tips

- Say a command only once.
- "No" should sound like no. Use appropriate tone.
- Make a list of house rules—then be consistent.

Health Tip

Parasites and ticks can be an icky part of dog ownership. Common signs of infestation are persistent scratching, and irritated skin. The tick is a parasite that buries their mouthpiece into the skin of your dog. To remove a tick, swab the tick and the surrounding area with rubbing alcohol. Using tweezers, grasp and "unscrew" its mouthpiece from the skin with a rotating action. See your vet about parasite prevention medication.

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Pet Blood Bank In Wilton Manors Saves Lives

Last year, I met two very dedicated animal lovers that truly are making a difference for pets in our community. In February 2005, Larry DeLuca and Rick Johnson opened Sun States Animal Blood Bank to meet the rising demand for animal blood products. They were joined by their vet, Sharon Glass, who signed on as the bank's medical director. All three volunteer their time and have become somewhat famous with coverage from the Sun-Sentinel and WB39 news. They really are heroes! They were inspired by Larry's dog Fluffy, who has hemophilia, a disease that prevents his blood from clotting. When Fluffy was 14 months



Larry gets a pint of blood from a brave donor

old, he almost bled to death while Larry and Dr. Glass desperately tried to find the animal blood products to save his life.

Sun States Animal Blood Bank is a non profit bank that relies on volunteer donor pets for their supply. They recruit donors by visiting local dog day care facilities, posting signs in local animal

hospitals, and conducting blood drives. In April, we saw them at DoggiePalooza in Happy Tails Park in Plantation. Sun States registered close to a dozen new donors. Donors got special care and attention on the table under their tent. They were given bottled water and dog treats in place of the human tradition of orange juice and cookies. The process of blood donation takes about seven to ten minutes. If the dog is calm and cooperative the volunteers will draw a pint of blood. They will not force an unwilling dog. Donating dogs get a free screening for parasites and infectious dis-

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Making A Pet First Aid Kit

Do you have a First Aid Kit in your house? Maybe you have one for the people in your house (maybe not). But even if you do have a First Aid Kit for people, did you know that your dog may require some things that may not be in that handy kit? Unfortunately, there is no 911 for dogs...no ambulance that comes in time to take

your pet to safety and care for him en route. We as owners must keep a clear head and get the injured animal to a vet while minimizing further damage and administering immediate care.

On page 3 is a list of contents for a First Aid Kit. Put them in a plastic container in a place that is readily acces-



sible. Even if you have these things in the home, they may be scattered around the house. You will

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Blood Bank In Wilton Manors Saves Lives

eases. If the volunteers find a problem they notify the dog's owner and discard the blood. The bank processes all of its own blood products. They break down whole blood into red blood cells, plasma, and other components, ensuring that veterinarians get just the part that they need.

Sun States has already saved



Working on the donation

lives with their hard work. Last summer, they provided plasma for a K-9 officer named Oscar. He had suffered from heat stroke while on the trail of a drug suspect. The veterinary technician that helped Oscar credits the transfusion with saving Oscar's life. Larry's dog Fluffy still receives transfusions every month to control his hemophilia, but now they don't have to wait for a delivery truck.

If you are interested in enrolling your dog as a donor, please check the following criteria.

Full Pints Program:

- At least one year of age (dogs over 8 years of age require the approval of their veterinarian)
- Healthy and even-tempered, well behaved, and good with veterinarian exams
- Weighs 50 pounds or more
- Must have current vaccinations
- Must not have any communicable blood-borne diseases

Half Pints Program:

- At least one year of age (dogs over 8 years of age

require the approval of their veterinarian)

- Healthy and even-tempered, well behaved, and good with veterinarian exams
- Weighs 35 pounds or more
- Must have current vaccinations
- Must not have any communicable blood-borne disease

For more information, please visit www.ssabb.org. The website has great information on their cause.

It's A Gas, Gas, Gas: Help!

When Liesel was a puppy, I used to feed her Puppy Chow. After her feedings she would get THE WORST GAS!! We'd be sitting watching TV, puzzled by why she suddenly left the room. Of course, when our noses were met with that burning smell... we knew. Intestinal gas is a natural part of digestion, but is quite unpleasant to the rest of the occupants in the home.

Liesel grew out of the puppy gas, but recently, senior gas has infiltrated my home. Furthermore, due to the fact that Liesel points her nose out the windows when resting, her butt is pointed towards me! Frustrated, I did some research into this smelly inconvenience. Here are some solutions...

Walk it off. Exercise helps move the gas out of the intestine. If you're lucky,

your dog will release the air DURING the walk, OUTSIDE your home.

Skip the soy. Some pet foods contain up to 25% soy, which can be a problem for some dogs and cats. If your pet has problems digesting soy, refer to the food labels to find a soy free food.

No abrupt changes in diet. Ok it happens... Expect the consequences and save the innocent. If your dog never

gets table scraps and suddenly at your dinner soiree you find that your guests have slipped the dog some people food, TAKE ACTION. Get your dog to another room or outside.

Ask about enzymes. Some vets sell products containing enzymes that help break down food so they can be digested more efficiently - with less combustion.

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Next Month

Tips on getting that special dog photo. This is Bubbie, my friend Rachel's dog.

Taken 4 weeks after Joshua, the new baby, came home.

Making A Pet First Aid Kit

want to have everything in one place so that in an emergency you are not searching around when seconds count. In addition, when your pet is ready to be transported, you can easily throw the kit in the car. Also have an old, large towel or blanket nearby to transport the pet. Although the muzzle is third on the list, it should be first on your mind. Your pet, although loving and sweet under normal circumstances, can be dangerous when injured. If you get bit, you will have to divert attention away from your pet to deal with your injury. So please be safe.

You can make a muzzle with a leash, necktie, pantyhose, ace bandage, or belt. Do not muzzle an animal that is unconscious, vomiting, with breathing difficulties, or jaw or facial trauma.

Make sure you do a head to toe assessment of the pet before tending to any injuries. Although a paw laceration may be the most obvious injury because of bleeding, if the pet also has a breathing problem, it needs to be treated more immediately. Remember "ABC" – Airway, Breathing, and Circulation come first.

Beth Hewitt, an Animal First Aid Trainer says, "Our pets provide us with so much joy

and love in our lives. It's our turn to return the favor; and part of being a caring and responsible pet owner is knowing what to do in an emergency situation".

Good First Aid training can not be covered in a short article in a newsletter. If you have these items in a kit, please get training on how to help your pet in an emergency. Beth Hewitt does a First Aid Training Class that can save your pet's life in an emergency. She will come to your home or office to teach this important 4 hour course. The course is fun and informative, and includes lecture, demonstration and hands-on skill practice on

dog and cat CPR mannequins. She is extremely knowledgeable and loves dogs. Beth was very active in the HSBC Walk for the Animals 2005. She started her own pack to raise money for this event!! Kudos to Beth!! For more information or to schedule a class, please call Beth Hewitt at (786) 514-2556, or log on to www.spotlesspups.com.



DoggiePalooza: Seeing double

Items For Pet First Aid Kit

Pet ID information	Latex or rubber gloves (two pair)
Leash	Large irrigation syringe
Muzzle	Medicine dropper
Roller Gauze	Pepto-Bismol
2x2, 4x4 sterile gauze pads	Benadryl tablet
1" adhesive tape	Cold pack
Elastic bandage roll	Space blanket
Two triangular bandages	Pet CPR barrier
Cotton swabs	Purell hand cleaner
Tongue depressor	Paper towel tube (for splinting)
Tweezers	Activated charcoal
Triple antibiotic ointment	Hydrogen peroxide
Saline solution	First aid booklet

Don't forget!

Bark at the Park Marlins Game

Thurs May 26 7:05pm

Adults \$12 Kids \$6 Dogs \$6

Dolphins Stadium

A Proper Bath

Bath time is a touchy subject for some dogs. Did you know that there is a method to the dog bath madness? Here are some simple steps to a proper dog bath.

- 1) Rinse the dog completely. Make sure all fur is wet.
- 2) Apply shampoo to the back, working up as much lather as possible. Do the same to the belly, legs, neck, and tail.
- 3) Rinse the coat with one hand to run water on dog and the other hand in a kneading fashion to work the soap out. Make

sure all the soap is out. Dry soap causes a dull coat and skin problems.

- 4) Before towel drying, squeeze water out of the coat by pulling the hair straight out and squeezing at the same time.
- 5) Use a washcloth to clean the dog's face and avoid getting water in the ears.
- 6) Towel dry. You may use a dog dryer, but not a human dryer as they run too hot.

Result: A Clean Dog!