



The Dog House News

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Christmas Plants

Flowers and plants add beauty to any holiday, and they make great holiday gifts. But if your family includes pets, you may want to learn which plants are safe and which ones you need to avoid.

Here is a list of plants to avoid. Remember that ingesting bulb plants often cause the most severe illnesses.

1. **Holly** - Can cause intense vomiting and diarrhea. Mental depression can also occur.
2. **Amaryllis** - Ingestion can result in vomiting, diarrhea, depression, lack of appetite, tremors, drooling and abdominal pain.
3. **Mistletoe** - Causes significant vomiting and diarrhea. In addition, this plant has been associated with difficulty breathing,

slowed heart rate, collapse and, if a lot is ingested, death can occur. Some animals may even show erratic behavior and possible hallucinations.

4. **Poinsettia** - This plant can cause irritation to the mouth and stomach and sometimes vomiting. It has a low level of toxicity and is overrated as a toxic plant.
5. **Christmas cactus** - In dogs, if large quantities of this plant are ingested, vomiting, possibly with blood, diarrhea, possibly with blood and mental depression have been reported. With small ingestions, typically there are no signs of toxicity.

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Lady Bug's Corner

What Humans Can Learn From Dogs

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- Thrive on affection and let people touch you - enjoy back rubs and pats on your neck.
- When you leave your yard, make it an adventure.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout - run right back and make friends.
- Bond with your pack.
- On cold nights, curl up in front of a crackling fire.
- When you're excited, speak up.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

What's New At the Dog House

Visit us at Towne East Mall for unique and fun gifts for dogs and the people who love them

Crunch Cards – Greeting Cards made from rawhide you can mail to your dog friends

Birthday Cakes – Made to order for your dog's special day

Grooming to Prevent Winter Problems

You can keep your dog comfortable and prevent frostbite by checking the hair on your dog's underbelly, chest, tail and in-between pads for accumulations of snow and ice. Gentle brushing will remove most of it. Follow with a brisk toweling. Towel rubbing is a good natural warmup for the dog, increasing blood circulation

and stimulating muscles and skin, as well as drying the dog's hair. Hair dryers can cause dry skin and even burns.

Also, keep the excess fur between your dog's pads trimmed so winter chemicals, ice and snowballs won't get trapped. Leave some hairs, however, for warmth and protection in this sensitive area.

Cook for your dog!!!

December's Recipe: Christmas Mint Cookies

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1 1/2 cups bisquick
1/2 cup mint chopped leaves
1/4 cup milk
4 tablespoons margarine
1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoons corn syrup

1. Combine all ingredients in food processor, process until well mixed
2. Roll out on a floured surface to 1/4 to 1/2 inch thickness.
3. Cut with holiday shaped cookie cutters, place on non-stick cookie pan.
4. Bake at 375 F for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.
5. Cool and store in air-tight container.

Basic Obedience Class and Puppy Training Class now Forming

Subjects Covered:

Sit, Down, Settle, Stay, Wait, Loose Leash Walking, Drop it, Take it, Taking Treats Gently, Come, Basic House Hold Manners, Potty Training, Barking, Running off with anything inappropriate, Chewing and digging problems, and any other issues you might need solved

- Classes begin January 12th and last 7 weeks
- Basic Obedience Class will be held every Sunday afternoon at 3:00
- Puppy Training Class will be held every Sunday afternoon at 4:30
- The Cost is \$70
- The trainer for this class is AKC accredited
- Space is limited so register as soon as possible by calling 682-7974



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"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful." -- Ann Landers