

# ISIS Gazette



## Puppy Owners Rule

Spring is a fun time for puppies. Everyone wants to get out and enjoy the nicer weather. Take your dog to the park with you to fly a kite. They will love to run and play just as much as you do. Just be sure not to stay out to long as your dog is a bit more susceptible to the cold than you.

As St. Patrick's Day rolls around have fun with your dog and dress your dog in green and maybe even dress in a matching outfit.



Happy St. Patrick's Day



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## Take your best friend with you to Disneyland

Sometimes the ENTIRE family has to come to visit for the day at Disneyland. Not just the kids, not just the relatives, but man's best friend too. Well, never fear, the folks at Disneyland have been offering an opportunity to keep him happy too. Kennels are located on the south side of the entrance for Fido and all his lucky buddies.

The Disney employees will be pampering your dog while playing in the kennel and keep a watchful eye that the dog don't wonder home with the wrong family. The employees also keep the food and water bowl fresh and make sure all the dogs are in a cool environment. Food is included with the price ? wet and dry!



# Society Fund Raiser



Marcia and her sister have generously donated this beautiful quilt with our lovely dogs on it to our society.

We will be raffling this off on April 1st.

**Raffle tickets are just \$1 each!! The more you buy the better your chance to win!**

This is a unique once in a lifetime quilt we are offering. Don't miss out on your chance to win this gorgeous quilt for your very own.

Thank you Marcia!

# Potty Training

In most cases, potty training is done with puppies, but there are plenty of dogs that haven't learned when and where is OK to poop. Even with the popularity that housetraining had in recent years, a lot of people haven't housetrained their dogs yet. Don't underestimate the confidence that having a housetrained dog can bring you, especially when you need to leave him alone.

Some of the things you need to do effective potty training are written below. There are steps to be taken, just like with any other type of dog training:

## 1. The Timing

You can't potty train a dog whenever you want to. He needs to be ready for it. Waiting for the time when he poops is probably the best moment

to correct his behavior. When you see him do it, call him on it and invite him to go outside and finish.



Making sure that you're using a low tone in your voice, give him the stop command. Next, begin to teach him about the "outside" command, guiding him slowly to a place where you're OK with him doing his needs on a regular basis.

## 2. The Act

In most cases, people will see the effects of the accident only after it happened. When you see this, but didn't catch him in the act, it's better to ignore it and act on it next time that it happens. You shouldn't rub the dog's nose in it, because the lesson you teach him this way isn't the

proper one.

A better choice would be to bring the dog to that area and take the poop while he's watching. That's because he will not understand why you're scolding him, even if only a few moments have passed since his action. Scolding the dog while he's eating a bone will make him think that the bone is the reason you're upset. He will not be able to make the connection with the pooping he's done earlier.

## 3. The Accompaniment

In some cases, you will see your dog pooping inside the house, and you'll

tell him to go outside and do it. If he doesn't react and continues to do it inside the house, it's because he doesn't know what you want from him, so it's not his fault. If you want him to obey your commands, be patient and take him outside yourself, teaching him that he needs to do it there. You can use a leash to improve your control of the pet.

## 4. The Command

Talking with the dog is best done by using commands, which makes training much easier. What is important is how you teach him the meaning of the words. Since the dog can't understand what you're saying unless he's



trained, you need to teach him.

If you want the best results possible in dog potty training, your dog should be taught well what each command means. An example would be teaching him that the word "outside" means that he should leave the house, and "go potty" that he

should poop.

Whether he does what you ask of him or not, punish or praise him, depending on what the results are. When you do this regularly, he will be conditioned to think that "outside" and "go potty" mean that he needs to do his needs





**Miffy is our chosen Puppy Of The Month for  
March.**

**She is loved by Stephanie Cantwell**

**What a beauty!!**



Zaccheus has won the ISIS photo contest for this month. Zaccheus is loved by Julie Livesay.

Congratulations!

## Ear Infection In Dogs - Symptoms and Causes

Brian Kilcommons relates a terrible story about a beautiful golden retriever dog who was usually very gentle and kind with children. It's owners had a girl aged 3 1/2, and they normally got along very well. Then one day the little girl grabbed the dog's ear. It snarled and bit her face. She needed 47 stitches in her face, and they put the dog down. The parents had the dog euthanized without bothering to find out what had caused this sudden change in their dog's behaviour. The vet, however, did an autopsy, and found out that this dog was suffering not one but two severe ear infections that were incredibly painful.



Ear infections usually start out mild, and in the outer ear. This dog's health was effectively neglected by it's owners. And when their toddler grabbed the infected ear, the dog, already in constant pain anyway, reacted out of instinct. By not taking the time to properly care for their pet, these owners were in fact responsible for what happened to their child. And then blamed the dog. And probably out of ignorance or anger, or both, they had it killed. Their emotional response to what happened to their child as a result of their own neglect aside, I find this absolutely reprehensible. And the tragedy that happened to their dog when they chose to kill it instead of investigating further, as well as their child, was totally avoidable.

Unlike these owners, show your dog the same level of care and love you'd show your children. Become aware of the signs of ear infections, what causes them, and how to avoid

them, taking dogs to get treatment when it seems like they have one.

Ear infections can be caused by any number of things. Wet ears not dried after swimming or bathing, a build up of ear wax, grass seeds and fox tails, untreated ear mites, using cotton tips to clean ears (which pushes things further into the ear), and growths in the ear canal, can all lead to ear infections. If your dog is scratching at his ears, rubbing them, holding his head to one side, or down, shaking his head, or if they look bloody or waxy or swollen, they should be checked out. And if he cries when his ears are touched, this is another sign of a potential ear infection.

When untreated ear infections progress deeper into the ear, the pain the dog is in increases sharply. The dog may hold his head as still as possible, and to one side. And opening his mouth, or touching his head, will cause him pain. Dogs can also be-

## How To Make Puppy Pie

**Take one puppy, roll and play until lightly pampered, then add the following ingredients.....**

- 1 cup patience....**
- 1 cup understanding....**
- 1 pinch correction....**
- 1 cup hard work....**

**2 cups praise and 1 1/2 cups fun...**

**Blend well. Heat with warmth of your heart until raised or until puppy has doubled in size.**

**Mix with owner until consistency is such that owner and puppy are one.**



come dizzy, with poor balance and coordination, when the infection progresses to the inner ear. Dogs may walk around in circles, and vomit.

Ear infections are also related to skin allergies, especially food hypersensitivity dermatitis and canine atopy. Dogs with these conditions often develop inflamed ears. The dog's ears become very itchy, which creates an 'itch-scratch-itch' cycle that in turn creates scabs around the ear, hair loss, crustiness, and raw skin. The ear canals become filled with a brown wax.

Some dogs are also allergic to some ear medications. A common one is an antibiotic called neomycin, but can be any ear treatment products including cortisone, nystatin, chloramphenicol, thiabendazole, gentamicin, miconazole, and clotrimazole.

One thing of concern in dogs that are professionally groomed is the practice of plucking the hairs out of the dog's ear. The serum which then comes out of their pores is an excellent breeding ground for bacteria, which is a common cause of ear infection. Vets generally don't recommend you allow your dog's ears to be plucked unless there is a good medical reason to do so. An example of a good medical reason is if there is a large mat of hair that is blocking air flow.

If the mats of hair are in the ear canal, they should be removed by a vet only. If they're not, first soak the hair in a coat conditioner for a few minutes to soften it. Then, with your fingers, separate as much of the mat as possible. You may be able to untan-

gle the rest of the mat with a comb, but more likely you'll need scissors or a mat splitter. Be very careful if you're using scissors. Using a comb, position it under the mat to protect the skin. Hold the scissors at right angles to the comb, and cut into the matted fur in narrow strips. Very gently, tease the mat out, and then comb out any snarls that are left. Regular grooming, with the right tools, will avoid mats forming in the first place.

Always check your dog's ears after he's been playing in long grasses. If you think there is a foxtail in his ear, take him to the vet's and don't try and get it out yourself. Fox tails can really damage the ear. If when you press gently on the ear canal he cries out in pain, there's a good chance there's a fox tail in there.

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What's happening when you hear "woof... splat... meow... splat?"

It's raining cats and dogs.





## Who would have known?

By Linda Duncan

Don't you all even try and act like you all ready knew this either.

I had to go into the kitchen and check this out for myself. Whoever looks at the end of your aluminum foil box? You know when you try to pull some foil out and the roll comes out of the box. Then you have to put the roll back in the box and start over. The darn roll always comes out at the wrong time.

Well, I would like to share this with you... Yesterday I went to throw out an empty Reynolds foil box and for some reason I turned it and looked at the end of the box. And written on the end it said, Press here to lock end. Right there on the end of the box is a tab to lock the roll in place. How long has this little locking tab been there? I then looked at a generic brand of aluminum foil and it had one, too. I then looked at a box of Saran wrap and it had one too! I can't count the number of times the Saran wrap roll has jumped out when I was trying to cover something up.



I'm sharing this with my friends. I hope I'm not the only person that didn't know about this.



## Society Gals

by Marcia Hedrick

Not only does the Imperial Shih Tzu Information Society focus on our puppies new owners, we also like to focus on our Trusted Breeders. This month we would like to "Thank" Bobbi R ansier with The Shire Shih Tzu. Bobbi has been breeding Chinese Imperials and Shih Tzu for over 7 years. Prior to that, she bred Siberian Huskies for close to 20 years. Her love for her dogs goes further than just having a "family pet" in her house. They are her "kids". She treats each and every one of them with love and tenderness.

The love and support that she receives from her husband Pat and sons Chance and Cullen, is way beyond words. Pat is Bobbi's right hand man so to speak. They talk, and sleep (with) Chinese Imperials daily. They both are guilty of cooking "special" meals on occasion for their dogs and literally share Thanks-giving meals with their pets.

Bobbi has seen her share of sorrow as to many breeders do. When one of her babies cross over the Rainbow Bridge, Pat makes sure that the puppy is buried in the family "doggie cemetery". Bobbi has been known to perform CPR on her puppies in order to help them survive. Her family grieves for their loss. These puppies are part of their family and they receive the joy and happiness it brings to them.

Bobbi not only helps her fellow breeders by referring some of her clients to them or by simply offering them general support. Whenever you need a helping hand, Bobbi is the first in line. Bobbi's integrity says it all.

Not only are her clients pleased with what they have adopted, they are just as please with the "new" trusted friend they've now have, which they can depend on whenever they a question. The lifetime supports just aren't for a month or two, with Bobbi she means LIFETIME SUPPORT! Bobbi's puppy owners are her friends for life! Not only do they purchase one of Bobbi's puppies, there's a pretty good chance that they come back for another pup. She says that she can count on one hand for those who have never come back for a second Shire pup. Wow! What a compliment!



## *I Am Your Puppy*

I am your Puppy, and I will love you until the end of the Earth, but please know a few things about me.

I am a Puppy, this means that my intelligence and capacity for learning are the same as an 8-month-old child.

I am a Puppy; I will chew EVERYTHING I can get my teeth on. This is how I explore and learn about the world. Even HUMAN children put things in their mouths. It's up to you to guide me to what is mine to chew and what is not.

I am a Puppy; I cannot hold my bladder for longer than 1 - 2 hours. I cannot "feel" that I need to poop until it is actually beginning to come out. I cannot vocalize nor tell you that I need to go, and I cannot have "bladder and bowel control" until 6 - 9 months. Do not punish me if you have not let me out for 3 hours and I tinkle. It is your fault.

As a Puppy, it is wise to remember that I NEED to go potty after Eating, Sleeping, Playing, Drinking and around every 2 - 3 hours in addition. If you want me to sleep through the night, then do not give me water after 7 or 8 p.m. A puppy pen with a den will help me learn to housebreak easier, and will avoid you being mad at me.

I am a Puppy, I like to play. I will run around, and chase imaginary monsters, and chase your feet and your toes and 'attack' you, and chase fuzzballs, other pets, and small kids. It is play; it's what I do. Do not be mad at me or expect me to be sedate, mellow and sleep all day. If my high energy level is too much for you, maybe you could consider an older rescue from a shelter or Rescue group. My play is beneficial, use your wisdom to guide me in my play with appropriate toys, and activities like chasing a rolling ball, or gentle tug games, or plenty of chew toys for me. If I nip you too hard, talk to me in "dog talk", by giving a loud YELP, I will usually get the message, as this is how dogs communicate with one another. If I get too rough, simply ignore me for a few moments, or put me in my crate with an appropriate chew toy.

I am a Puppy; hopefully you would not yell, hit, strike, kick or beat a 6-month-old human infant, so please do not do the same to me. I am delicate, and also very impressionable. If you treat me harshly now, I will grow up learning to fear being hit, spanked, kicked or beat. Instead, please guide me with encouragement and wisdom. For instance, if I am chewing something wrong, say, "No chew!" and hand me a toy I CAN chew. Better yet, pick up ANYTHING that you do not want me to get into. I can't tell the difference between your old sock and your new sock, or an old sneaker and your \$200 Nikes.

I am a Puppy, and I am a creature with feelings and drives much like your own, but yet also very different. Although I am NOT a human in a dog suit, neither am I an unfeeling robot who can instantly obey your every whim. I truly DO want to please you, and be a part of your family, and your life. You got me (I hope) because you want a loving partner and companion, so do not relegate me to the backyard when I get bigger, do not judge me harshly but instead mold me with gentleness and guidelines and training into the kind of family member you want me to be.

I am a Puppy and I am not perfect, and I know you are not perfect either. I love you anyway. So please, learn all you can about training, and puppy behaviors and caring for me from your Veterinarian, books on dog care and even researching on the computer! Learn about my particular breed and it's "characteristics", it will give you understanding and insight into WHY I do all the things I do. Please teach me with love, patience, the right way to behave and socialize me with training in a puppy class or obedience class, we will BOTH have a lot of fun together.

I am a Puppy and I want more than anything to love you, to be with you, and to please you. Won't you please take time to understand how I work? We are the same you and I, in that we both feel hunger, pain, thirst, discomfort, fear, but yet we are also very different and must work to understand one another's language, body signals, wants and needs. Some day I will be a handsome dog, hopefully one you can be proud of and one that you will love as much as I love you.

Love, Your Puppy (Author Unknown)

Shared by Bobbi Ransier

# Show and Tell



Bobbi and Marcia would like to announce their new tiny stud ROMEO soon to be called RUFF will soon be coming home to them. They are super excited!! Romeo is from

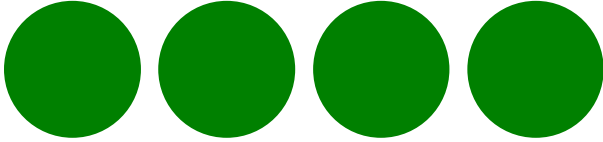


My little Mouse just had his first litter. Congratulations Mouse!! 4 females and 1 male Wow Good Job Mouse!





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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

<http://isisociety.com>



## Aromatic Dry Shampoo

- 250 ml (1 cup) cornmeal
- 250 ml (1 cup) baby/talcum powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) rosemary
- 5 ml (1 tsp) lavender

Combine all of the ingredients in a large, airtight container and let them sit overnight. This will allow the rosemary and lavender to scent the other two ingredients lightly.

When ready, sprinkle generously over your dog and brush it into her fur by working your fingers against the lay of her coat.

Once it's worked in thoroughly, use your fingers or a hard rubber brush to massage her coat in the direction of the fur but working in circles.

Brush until the mixture is completely out of the coat.

Your baby will smell great, the powder and cornmeal help absorb excess oil and dirt to clean her, and she won't have had to go through the trauma of having a full bath!

How great is that?

