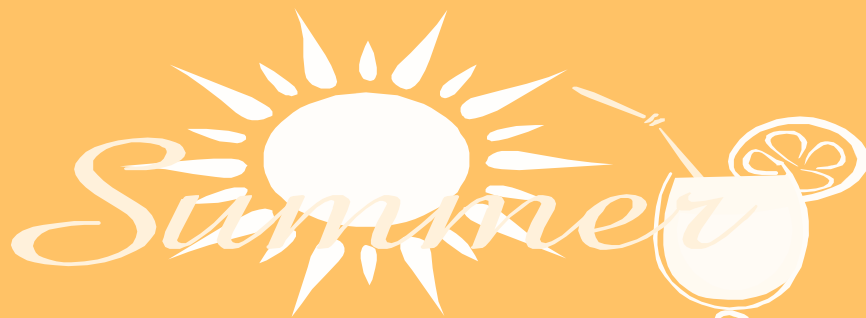




ISIS Gazette



We would like to congratulate Jeri Raymo for becoming our newest Trusted Breeder.



She is the breeder of Arizona Shih Tzu. She is a proud owner of Nestle the darling dog featured on the cover of our newsletter this month. Her website is <http://arizonashihtzu.com> Take a tour of her website and see why she has the privilege of being a Trusted Breeder of the greatest Society on the web.

Housebreaking Advise

The best piece of advice I can ever give any puppy owner **is to get a newspaper, roll it up very tight, secure it with a rubber band and leave it on the coffee table. Then when the puppy piddles in the house, chews up a slipper, or does anything it is not supposed to do, simply take the newspaper and bang it on the top of your head very hard while repeating.....**

**"I should have been watching my puppy"
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Congratulations
to Truffles and
Nadine for
having the cutest
puppy
picture entered
in the Photo
Contest.

You can see more pictures of little Truffles on Nadine's
website OhLaLaImperialShihTzu.com

Jace is available and you can see more of him at ChineseImperialPuppies.com

Congratulations!

Linda Duncan for
having such a
wonderful
Tiny little guy.



How many words can you make?

A	D	O	F	I
T	B	R	O	S
G	L	U	E	H
C	M	N	P	K

● **Creation**

● On the first day, God created the Dog.

● On the second day, God created man to serve the dog.

● On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the dog.

● On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the dog.

● On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.

● On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

● On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but He had to walk the dog.

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By Marcia Hedrick



Society Gals



Let's start by introducing Barbara's pack to you. From the left we have Duke the son of Monty and Kimi. Next we have Monty and then Niki the youngest. Then we have Kimi the mother of Duke and Duchess. Next up is Missy and holding up the end is Duchess. Duke and Duchess were born at home which Barbara got to assist Kimi with the delivery. She opened the sacs and cut the cords... What an amazing experience that was for her.

She got her first Shih Tzu 7 years ago, Monty being her first. She went to buy a book about Shih Tzu and came home from my local Pet shop with Monty. The owner works with the local pet breeders in the area and sold all breeds of puppies in her shop. Monty came from a Champaign Line of Shih Tzu. How lucky she felt to be there that day looking for a book and come home with the best puppy. After getting him it was like eating Lays Potato Chips, "You can't have just one!"

Barb lives with her best friend, her husband Tommy in Covina, California since 1980 and worked in sales and then managed and owned with other shareholders a Glass Decorating Company that just closed in December of 08. So now she is retired along with her husband.

Tommy loves to cook, bake, shop and go shopping and he even makes the cookies for their "Six Pack." Their lives revolve around their dogs. Barb does all of her own grooming which she learned by reading and watching videos. The rest was by trial and error. With Shih Tzu their hair grows so fast, it is ok if you make a mistake. In two weeks you do all over again. Practice make perfect so she keeps on practicing every two week or sooner depending how dirty they get. Since they all sleep in their bed they have to be clean!!

(Tommy, Barbara and baby Missy)



Talk about being clean, with all those furry faces, drinking water was always a messy time in the house. Anyone with a furry face pet knows what we're talking about. So one day Barbara told my husband that they need to make something they can drink from so their faces will not get wet and they will not have water all over the floor. With that in mind, Tommy's artistic juices started to flow and they designed as a team, what they call



the WATER POST.

The Post is made of wood and Tommy makes them in their garage at home. The bottle holds 32oz of water. The Lixit bottle is filled with clean, fresh water. They lick the tip and the water comes out in their mouths. No more wet faces, no more wet floors. You can even put ice cubes in the bottle in the hot weather to keep the water cool for them. It is also a good way for them to get their dental care products. You can use a Plaque and Tartar control and put a tablespoon in the water which helps with that and keeps their breath fresh. After they made a few proto types and got the right size, it looked amazing. Barb then decided to build a web site and sell them. You can find them at www.mypetpleasures.com. Good stuff for your Pets.

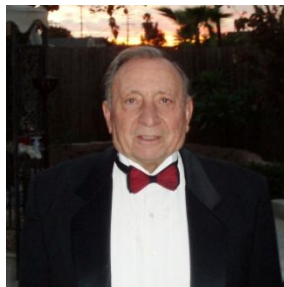
Tommy is someone that has to keep busy. This is the perfect thing for him to do and he LOVES to do Wood Working. How lucky can a girl get?

Tommy is 83 and Barb is 66 and they are having fun with their amazing dogs and keep busy with their web site.

Hope to see you all at our web site. Need to keep the man busy!!



Me and Niki



Tommy's 80th Birthday

DIARRHEA

See your vet if your dog has diarrhea accompanied by black, tarry stools or stools with a lot of fresh blood, loss of appetite, frequent vomiting, lethargy, bloating, signs of pain, or if the diarrhea lasts for more than two days. For occasional diarrhea with no other symptoms, try these remedies:

- **Fast** the dog for 12 to 24 hours (**liquids only**) to give the gut time to heal. It will heal quickly if given the opportunity, but if food keeps irritating the digestive tract, the diarrhea may continue and your dog runs the risk of dehydration and possible other problems. For puppies and very small dogs, you may need to limit the fast to 12 hours or less to avoid problems like [hypoglycemia](#). Make sure your dog drinks enough liquid during this time to avoid dehydration. Broth made from vegetables, rice, and meat and bone is good for providing electrolytes; serve only the liquid at room temperature several times a day. Rice congee (see below) can also be used. Do not continue to fast your dog after the initial 24 hours. If diarrhea continues without improvement, you should then see your vet.
- **Rice congee** is made by boiling one cup of white rice (not minute rice) in four cups of water for 20 to 30 minutes. The liquid is soothing and can help stop both vomiting and diarrhea. Mix in a little chicken baby food or honey for flavor, if needed. Start by feeding the liquid alone, then try mixing the rice as well with cooked chicken breast or boiled ground beef.
- **Probiotics** (beneficial bacteria) help to keep harmful bacteria in check and restore intestinal balance. They can be added to rice water or other food. There are two strains that may be particularly good for dogs: [Lactobacillus sporogenes](#) (available at [Amazon](#)) and Enterococcus faecium, a strain that is native to dogs. Several canine probiotic supplements, such as [Jarrow Formula's Pet Dophilus Powder](#), contain Enterococcus faecium. You can also use products made for people, available from your health food store or department. Continue to add probiotics for several days up to six months, to help repopulate the beneficial bacteria in the gut.
- **Feed small, frequent meals** after fasting, if possible. Feed boiled chicken or hamburger (boiling will remove the fat), baby food or cottage cheese, along with white rice (overcooked with extra water) or other bland foods, such as white bread.
- Add **pumpkin** to the food. Pumpkin helps by absorbing the liquid in the system and adds fiber to help firm the stool. Canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix) works fine. Use small amounts only, as too much can actually lead to loose stools. **Sweet potatoes** are also supposed to help.
- **Cabbage juice** is also recommended for soothing and helping to stop diarrhea.
- **Enteric coated peppermint**, which you can find in a health store. Peppermint helps with the lower bowels, but must be coated to make sure they reach there intact. This is

given 15 minutes before a meal. You can also try peppermint tea. Do not use peppermint in any form if your dog has problems with reflux.

- **Ginger** is also good for both nausea and diarrhea. You can use ginger capsules or ginger tea.
- I've seen several products recommended from people who have used them successfully with their dogs. Note these products are not meant to be used for more than three days at a time (numbers in parentheses are posts where these products are mentioned):
 - **Diarsanyl** for dogs with periodic colitis or occasional acute diarrhea. It contains Montmorillonite clay, which should be safe to use as directed (twice daily for three days). This product is also safe for cats and is available in other countries as well as the US. Also available at [Amazon](#). (133305, 133355)
 - **Bene-Bac Pet Gel** beneficial bacteria (probiotics), also available at [Petsmart](#) and [Amazon](#)
 - **Forco** (164229)
 - **Dia Bac Diarrhea Control** (134279)
 - **Fast Balance-G.I.** also called **Immediacare G.I.** and **Quick Relief** all made by a company I like and trust. Also available at Amazon: [Fast Balance](#), [Immediacare](#), [Quick Relief](#). (149706)
 - **Endosorb** (124057)
 - **MediBulk** from Thorne Veterinary
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 - Certain over-the-counter human anti-diarrhetic products can be used for up to three to five days. There are several things to be aware of when using these products:
 - **Pepto-Bismol** and now **Kaopectate** (which was recently reformulated) contain salicylates, which are related to aspirin and may cause gastric problems, although these products are used for dogs. **Warning:** Do not use any product that contains salicylates if your dog is also getting **aspirin** or any NSAID drug (**Rimadyl, Deramaxx, Metacam, Etogesic, etc.**) without your veterinarian's direct advice, and never use them at all with cats. There are other **kaolin-pectin** products such as [Pet Pectillin](#), [Durvet Kaolin-Pectin](#), [Proviabile KP](#) and [Priority Care Kaolin-Pectin](#) that do not contain salicylates and would be a safer choice, or you can use plain **Pectin**.
 - **Imodium** (loperamide) can be used for severe diarrhea to help reduce fluid loss, but it may cause problems for certain breeds of dogs, notably **Collies** and also [Australian Shepherds \(including miniatures\)](#), [Shetland Sheepdogs](#), and [Old English Sheepdogs](#), plus [English Shepherds](#), [German Shepherds](#), [McNabs](#), [Long Haired Whippets](#) and [Silken Windhounds](#), Imodium is contraindicated for dogs with intestinal infections, as it slows GI transit time which increases absorption of toxins from bacteria (see [Drugs](#)

[Used in Treatment of Diarrhea](#)). A single dose is probably OK, but if your dog needs more than that, you should see your vet. See [Loperamide \(Imodium AD\)](#) for more info. Also see [Multidrug Sensitivity](#) for an article about other drugs the breeds above may be sensitive to, which include Ivermectin, certain chemotherapy drugs, digoxin, and possibly morphine. Also see [MDR1 Problem Drugs List](#) with North American Brand & Trade Names for a more extensive list of drugs and their brand names that should be avoided if your dog carries this gene.

- One vet recommended **Metamucil**. Although Metamucil is commonly used as a laxative, apparently the fiber can help absorb water in the colon and thus control diarrhea. It is important that your dog drink lots of water when taking a supplement like this.
- Dosage for most of these products is given in the links above. For others, adjust the dose according to the size of your dog (large dog would get an adult human dose, medium dog half the dosage for an adult human, small dog one quarter the dosage). None of these should be used long-term, just on occasion as needed. If diarrhea continues for more than a day or two, or if your dog is showing other symptoms such as vomiting, fever, lethargy, etc., see your vet rather than trying to treat at home.
- There are several natural remedies that will help soothe and heal the gastrointestinal tract. These include **slippery elm bark**, **l-glutamine** (an amino acid supplement), and **marshmallow root** (herb). [Phytomucil](#) (also available in [4 oz size](#)) from Animal's Apawthecary contains two of these. I have also seen a Chinese Herbal remedy recommended called **Huang Lian Su** that can be used for dogs, but I personally am somewhat leery of using these types of remedies without the specific advice of a holistic vet trained in Traditional Chinese Medicine..
- [Carob powder](#) can also be used to treat diarrhea, as well as vomiting and lack of appetite, just add 1/2 to 2 teaspoons to food, honey, water or yogurt three times a day for three days.
- Here is Dr. Pitcairn's recipe for using **slippery elm bark** for diarrhea, from his book, [Dr. Pitcairn's New Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs & Cats](#): *Thoroughly mix 1 slightly rounded teaspoon of slippery elm powder with 1 cup of cold water. Bring to a boil while stirring constantly. Then turn the heat down to simmer and continue to stir for another 2 to 3 minutes while the mixture thickens slightly. Remove from the heat, add 1 tablespoon of honey (for dogs only -- cats don't like sweets, so leave it out), and stir well. Cool to room temperature and give 1/2 to 1 teaspoon to cats and small dogs (under 20 lbs), 2 teaspoons to 2 tablespoons for medium dogs (20 - 40 lbs), and 3 to 4 tablespoons for large dogs (over 40lbs). Give this dose 4 times a day, or about every 4 hours. Cover the mixture and store at room temperature. It will keep for a couple of days. Slippery elm capsules are available at health food stores. [Urban Carnivore](#) offers a convenient powder form. Powder form is also available at [Amazon](#).*

Obedience Quiz

Please choose the correct answers

Heel on lead means

- A) Walk kinda behind your handler, always staying out of peripheral vision.
- B) Have fun playing, this may include biting the lead, pants, or a playful nip to the heel of your handler.
- C) This is really a towing exercise. Either tow your handler or be towed by them.
- D) All of the above.

Figure Eight is for

- A) Making friends with the posts.
- B) Your last chance to play with the lead.
- C) A good time to practice those Stays.
- D) All of the above.

The Stand for Exam is for

- A) Licking the judge.
- B) Sleeping.
- C) Checking out the audience and finding new folks you want to meet.
- D) All of the above.

Heel Free means

- A) Sniff until something interests you then wander away from your handler.
- B) Time to meet those friendly people you had your eye on during the Stand.
- C) Time to show your potential for Utility and do a "Go Out".
- D) All of the above.

Recall means

- A) Hummmmm I don't recall what this means better just sit here.
- B) Run as fast as you can to your handler and jump on them.
- C) Run to that spot that smelled so interesting and proceed to check it out.
- D) Alternate all of the above responses.

Finish?

- A) I'm almost am finished.

Stays are for

- A) Twitching to freak out your handler.
- B) Licking your parts. Like you are a guest on the Howard Stern Show.
- C) This is a play time. I guess I'd better get started.
- D) Just pick one or two of the above.

CD means

- A) Nothing
- B) Creative Dog
- C) Confused Dog
- D) Clueless Dog

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