

The Dog Pile

Volume 5 Issue 5

November 2007

Saturday, October 27, 2007 -- Woofles Barking Boutique is proud to host our 2nd annual WereWoofles Wag'oween!

Registration: 1PM
Costume contests:
1:30PM

Trick contests immediately after!

Where: [Historic Market Square](#)

This is a fun fundraising pet costume contest benefiting [Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders](#)

Strut your poochie's stuff on the "dog" walk. Prizes to win, and lots of poodles to see. Pet owners can also update their Pet ID. Call 385 WOOF (9663) or [email Royanne](#) for details!

Sunday, October 28th, 2007 -- PUG PARTY 2007

Time: 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m.

Where: [Ferris' Oyster Bar and Grill](#)

Theme: "Ziggy Stardust and the Pugs from Mars" Dust off David Bowie's albums and come up with a costume idea. Any David Bowie persona will do.

Cost: As usual this is a hosted event. Donations for animal rescue greatly appreciated.

There will be lots of prizes this year and karaoke too! Of course David Bowie will be there signing autographs and will also be our celebrity Judge. This Pug Party promises to be our best one yet!!

Information for Pet Owners

Last month we alerted our customers to the possibility that someone may be placing poisonous chemicals around Beaver and Elk Lake parks, after there were three separate instances where dogs died after visiting the park. We don't have any additional news to report on the first two cases, but we can report that the suspected Warfarin case was

not an intentional dog poisoning. The final information is that this unfortunate pooch died of mycotoxin poisoning, which is found in some varieties of wild mushrooms, and exhibits similar symptoms to rat-poisoning. It is very important to watch what your dogs are getting into when they are out in parks and trails, and even in the back-

yard. With their keen sense of smell, even the slightest scent can attract them, often before we have even had a chance to realize what they are up to! And always remember to clean up after your pet, to prevent providing a breeding ground for flies, maggots, and other unwanted pests and bacteria.

BC Guide Dogs Trivia Night

A couple of weeks ago, the Scoopy Doo team and a few others attended the BC Guide Dogs Trivia Night, which was a lot of fun. The evening started with some social mingling, where guests of the event could get some drinks or tea and coffee, and

then they got right down to the trivia. The questions were all well thought out and carefully crafted, and by the end of the night, all seven of us had resolved to brush up our trivia skills for next year! We didn't come in last, but we aren't going to tell you

just how close we came to being last, either! All in all though, the entire evening was a lot of fun and we are certainly looking forward to next year!

Interesting Web Site

We have recently come across an interesting website for all things doggy-related, and thought that our custom-

ers might be interested in it: The website is www.victoriadogs.com.

On this site, you will find news-postings about dog-health, events, training, etc. Definitely worth checking

Scoopy Doo Victoria

744-5474 * garry@scoopydoovictoria.com * www.scoopydoovictoria.com

January 19 and 20, 2008--The Nanaimo Kennel Club presents Monique Anstee's Dog Aggression Seminar

This seminar at Beban Park in Nanaimo will be of interest to dog trainers, dog owners, vets and vet techs, and anyone confronted with dog aggression. Working spots are limited to 8 dogs with issues. Topics include: What humans do that we shouldn't; what dogs do that they shouldn't; front brain/hind brain paradigms, dog human relationships, retraining the aggressive dog, how to read a dog's body language, and much more. Cost for a working spot is \$150; cost for an auditing spot is \$100. Deadline for registration Dec. 20th, 2007. For more information, contact beabooth@shaw.ca

Pet Safety

Every month, no matter where you live, there are always new missing pet posters around the neighbourhood. Sometimes it is not possible to stop your pet from going missing, but taking some simple steps could stop your pet from going missing or getting injured. The first step to take is to make sure your yard is properly fenced. Dogs like to dig, and can often get out of even the smallest hole. If there is soft earth around the fence, consider blocking that part of the yard off, or taking other appropriate measures to prevent your dog from digging in that area.

The fence should also be high enough to prevent someone from reaching over and taking your pet.

Both cats and dogs should be licensed, and should also wear an identification tag with their name and your name and phone number on it, so that if someone finds your pet, or takes it to the pound, your pet can be identified and returned to you. If your pet is an escape artist, consider micro-chipping.

When walking your dog off-leash, be sure that the area isn't heavily populated by traffic, in case your pet gets distracted and runs off, the chances of being hit by a car aren't as high.

Also, with the daylight disappearing even earlier, make sure that both you and your pet wear reflective material when out at night., especially

if your dog likes to run ahead.

On a final note, there seems to be more and more dogs either riding on laps of drivers, or roaming around loose in the backs of pickup trucks lately. It is incredibly unsafe to you, your pet, and everyone else on the road to have your pet on your lap while driving, and completely unsafe dogs not to be secured properly, preferably in a pet carrier, while in the back of a truck. Dogs can jump out of the back, they can be thrown from side to side, and on a leash that is too long, they can hang themselves and be dragged along the pavement if they try jumping out of the back.

Funny Section

How to Train a Cat

Our young daughter had adopted a stray cat. To my distress, he began to use the back of our new sofa as a scratching post. "Don't worry," my husband reassured me. "I'll have him trained in no time." I watched for several days as my husband patiently "trained" our new pet. Whenever the cat scratched, my husband deposited him outdoors to teach him a lesson. The cat learned quickly. For the next 16 years, whenever he wanted to go outside, he scratched the back of the sofa.

The Art Collector

A famous art collector is walking through the city when he notices a mangy cat lapping milk from a saucer in the doorway of a store. He does a double take. He knows that the saucer is extremely old and very valuable, so he walks casually into the store and offers to buy the cat for two dollars. The storeowner replies, "I'm sorry, but the cat isn't for sale." The collector says, "Please, I need a hungry cat around the house to catch mice. I'll pay you 20 dollars for that cat." And the owner says "Sold," and hands over the cat.

The collector continues, "Hey, for the twenty bucks I wonder if you could throw in that old saucer. The cat's used to it and it'll save me from having to get a dish." The owner says, "Sorry buddy, but that's my lucky saucer. So far this week I've sold sixty-eight cats."