

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons." James Thurber

Hi Everybody!

It's that time of the year when the weather is hot and the sun is scorching. We must think about the safety of our dogs at this time. We can still play with them and have some fun, as long as we take precautions.

Dogs do not perspire like we do. They lose moisture through the pads on their feet, and cool off by panting. They do get sunburned, especially the white dogs with no coat, and their pads will burn when they walk on the hot asphalt. The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the heat stress level. For example, the size of the tongue, excessive panting, and listlessness. If you see them at the point of collapse (hopefully it never gets that far) take them inside immediately and cool them off.

Evaporative cooling is the most efficient means of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting cools it down. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is at risk of bloat, since due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, which mixes with a large amount of water and will cause them the bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate itself after the temp is normal.

If the dog looks on the verge of collapse even after all your efforts, get it to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can cause bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

Dog Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (**Next class starting June 8**)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (**Next class starting in June 15**)

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

9:00 to 10:00 AM - Advanced Agility

10:00 to 11:00 AM - Intermediate Agility

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Weaving Proficiency Class (**Beginning June 16**)

7:00 PM - Distance Control Class

Wednesday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (**New class starting in July 1**)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (**Next class starting in July 2**)

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

9:00 to 10:00 AM - Advanced Agility

10:00 to 11:00 AM - Intermediate Agility

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates:

Super Puppy:

Meg Shamblin & Baxter (Aussie)

Moore family & Wawa (Min. Poodle)

Lois Cozzi & Harvey (Belgian Malinois)

Ilene Schwartz & Charley (All American)

Debra Counsman & Dakota (Golden Retriever)

Lenora Johnson & Jasmine (Pyredoodle)

Jake Simmons & Odi (Min. Dachs Hund)

Connie Robinson & Diamond (Cane Corso)

Sonia Camache & Titan (Smooth Collie)

Erica Damschen & Oliver (Chihuahua)

Basic Obedience:

Dan Burke & Lexie (Min. Schnauzer)

Kathy Burke & Louie (Min Schnauzer)
Amy Reagan & Wally (Corgi)

The Paw Prints in Our Hearts

You no longer greet me as I walk through the door.
You're no longer there to make me smile, or to make me laugh anymore
Life seems quiet without you.
You were far more than a pet, you were a family member, a friend,
...a loving soul I'll never forget.
It will take time to heal, for the silence to go away.
I still listen for you, and miss you every day.
You were such a great companion, constant, loving and true.
My heart will always wear the paw prints left by you.

...and now, time for a paws,

Ileana