



Hi Everybody!

Don't forget! Our annual After Thanksgiving NADAC Agility competition is this coming weekend: Saturday Nov 25 & Sunday November 26. We start at 8:30AM both days. The weather is going to be wonderful. If you are thinking of doing agility with your dogs, come watch and join the fun! We have vendors with handmade doggie items, a raffle, and great concession.

If you are already competing in agility, we have day of show entry, if you have not entered already.

No Classes

There will be no class Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th

From the American Kennel Club:

"Thanksgiving, for most families, is all about the bird. Hours go into the roasting and basting, and once the feast is over, there are turkey sandwiches, turkey potpies, and turkey casseroles to make. In the midst of all of that leftover turkey, it is tempting to slip our dogs some meat, or even to make them up a plate of it as a special Thanksgiving treat.

But can dogs eat turkey? Is it good for them? Are there risks? Here is what you need to know about feeding turkey to dogs to get your dog through the holidays safely:

The short answer is "yes and no." Turkey is not toxic to [dogs](#). It is an ingredient in many commercial dog foods and is rich in nutrients like protein, riboflavin, and phosphorous. When cooked plain, under the guidance of a veterinarian, it can be an essential part of a [homemade dog food diet](#).

Thanksgiving turkeys, however, are rarely cooked plain. We rub our birds with butter and oils and season them with salt, pepper, herbs, and spices. We stuff them full of stuffing, onions, garlic, and more herbs. To us, this is delicious. For our dogs, it is a recipe for unpleasant digestive upset at best, and [pancreatitis](#) at worst.

If you decide to feed your dog turkey this Thanksgiving, there are a few things you need to know to do it safely.

1. Skip the skin. All of that fat and seasoning is dangerous for dogs. The fat content can cause pancreatitis, and the seasonings can irritate your dog's stomach.
2. Make sure you only feed your dog turkey meat. Onions are toxic to dogs, and garlic is potentially toxic in large quantities.
3. Feed your dog only small quantities of turkey, and talk to your vet about adding food scraps into your dog's diet, especially if your dog has a preexisting health condition, like [diabetes](#).
4. Make sure there are no bones in the meat you feed your dog.

Poultry bones, especially cooked poultry bones, are brittle. This, combined with their small size, makes them very dangerous for dogs. [Veterinarians caution against feeding dogs bones](#) of any kind, including poultry bones, as they can cause the following problems:

- Mouth and tongue injuries
- Obstruction of the throat or intestinal tract
- Choking
- Bone fragments can pierce the lining of stomachs and intestines
- [Constipation](#)
- Rectal bleeding from sharp bone fragments
- Blockages that require emergency surgery

If you want to give your dog a bone, try a large hardy nylon or rubber chew toy bone or other size-[appropriate chew toy](#). Some of them are even flavored, and your dog will live to chew another day."

I couldn't have said it better!

New Classes Starting at Cool Critters

Monday, November 27 at 7PM ... Beginning Agility

Tuesday, November 28 at 6PM ... Weaving Proficiency (Must have finished Beginning Agility)

Thursday, November 30 at 7PM ... Obedience Foundation Class

Wednesday, December 6 at 9:30AM ... Daytime Obedience Foundation Class

Dog Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (**Next class starting Nov 20, 2017**)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (**Next class starting Nov. 27, 2017**)

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

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Distance Class

Wednesday:

9:30 to 10:30AM - Beginning Obedience (**New class starting Dec 6, 2017**)

11:00AM - All levels Rally Obedience

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (**New class starting December 13, 2017**)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (**Next class starting Nov 30, 2017**)

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!

STAR Puppies:

Patty Linde & Missy (All American)
Elena Fournier & Winston (Border Collie mix)
Sheila Voyles & Molly (Labrador)
Nick Povenzana & Sydney (Labradoodle)
Kyle Florich & Koda (Labrador)
Candy Halferty & Maggie (Boxer)
Jill Willig & Dallas (All American)
Semian Frazier & Penelope (Boxer)
Jeff, Danielle & JJ Shotwell with Yonah (Goldendoodle)
Logan Smith & Cody (Aussie)

Beginning Obedience Foundation Class:

Adrienne Wade & Victoria (Irish Setter)
Brett Rhine & Ashe (Australian Kelpie)
JoElla Young & Cailin (English Cocker)
Carrie Deming & Winnie (English Cocker)

Beginning Agility

Kimberly Norman & Trinity (All American)
Julie Coggins & Gracie (Catahoula)
Linda Edler & Macho (Boxer)
Ron Tucker & Libby (Standard Schnauzer)
Morganne Morrison & Tia (Flat Coated Retriever)

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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