

# Go Play! August 2011 Newsletter

We have a new format for the newsletter this month! Hope you like it!

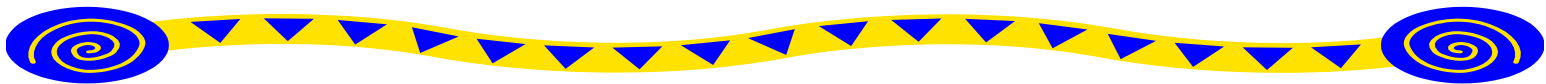
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## August 2011 Pets of the Month!

Pumpkin and Fiona are two wonderful Cavalier King Charles Spaniels who are best friends while here at daycare. Although they don't live together, they are as closely bonded as any sibling pair we've seen!

They both come to daycare several days a week, enjoy wrestling and running around with each other, and can always be found attached at the hip! ☺



## SIMON SAYS...

*What Simon is excited about this month!*



The RuffDawg Peanut is my FAVORITE TOY EVER! This flexible puzzle toy holds lots of treats – and is big enough to put my entire dinner inside! I can even play with it outside, as it will float in water and washes up easily.

If you'd like to see a video of me trying to get cookies out of this toy, [click here!](#) It keeps me busy for hours!



# Calypso's Guide for Cuteness

*What every discriminating dog needs to wear!*

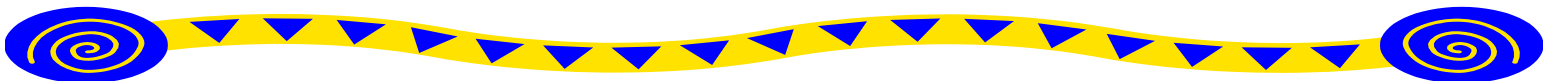


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We all know that the collar makes the dog.  
Are you wearing a stinky and outdated collar?

Tsk Tsk.

Every day is a fashion opportunity. Whether you're a plain Jane, or a fashionista like me, there's a collar to suit your personality. My favorite this month is my new Twisted Cow handmade collar. It reminds me of a tropical island getaway....that sounds pretty nice right about now!



Here's all the news heard around the water bowl this month.....

Can you believe it's already August? Where did the summer go?

Go Play! has been very busy – in fact, we are not currently accepting any new dogs into our daycare program. This decision was made because we are practically booked solid every day! Because it's been so busy here, when a lot of you want to come in for an extra day, we haven't always had space. Jen & Jen decided to stop evaluating new dogs to make sure we always have space for our existing friends.

I've heard a rumor that a new doggie daycare has opened right down the street from us! Jen P. stopped in to meet the owners of Pawwtopia. They have a very different type of program from ours here, and we wish them the best of luck!

I'd like to extend my paw to all our new friends this month; including Perri, Sylar, Iris, Dixie, Phippen & Tucker, Winnie, Katie & Henri, Rudy, Fremont, Abby, Deacon, Elly, Cocoa, Cider, Titan, and Tucker.

Looking forward to seeing you around!

## Raven's Roundup

*What's going on around Go Play!*





# Monty's Munchies

*My favorite treats this month!*



My current favorite treats are the PetKind 100% Green Beef Tripe treats.

These chews are made from fresh, unbleached tripe. Tripe is VERY healthy for dogs – it's made from the stomach contents of a cow! Studies have shown that dogs fed green tripe on a regular basis will be healthier and live longer than dogs whose diets don't include tripe.

This is me enjoying my tripe chew - [here!](#)

We also have canned tripe – I get some daily in my meals! I'm 12 years old, and VERY spry for an "old man". 😊

# Jabber's Jumping for Joy about...

*A true "toy boy," Jabber gives his monthly toy review!*



This toy is AWESOME!!!

I have discovered that I am a Frisbee dog in the making! My mom bought me a plastic Frisbee, and I liked it – but when I tried to catch it, it hurt my teeth!

The Kong Flyer was the perfect answer – it's made of a super soft rubber, so it is soft on my mouth. Plus, it floats! I can play with it in my kiddie pool, and hopefully I'll get to try it out on the lake soon!

It also comes in a smaller version with softer rubber for young puppies.



# ASK APOLLO

*Although still a puppy, Apollo is wise beyond his years!*

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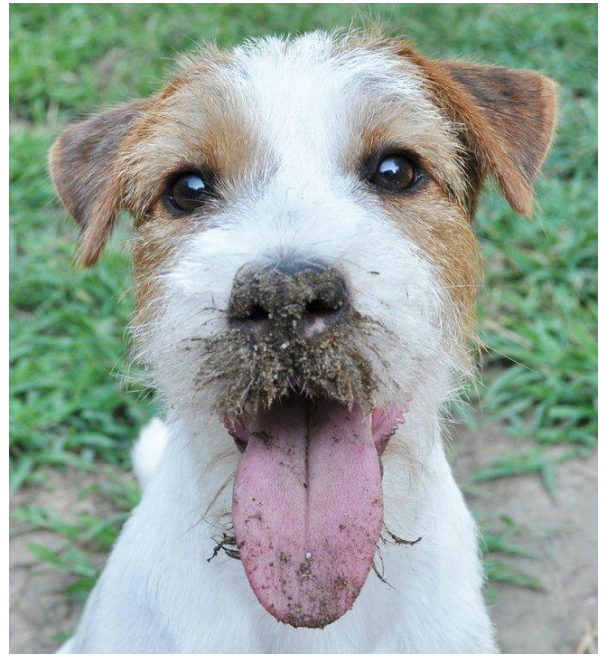
*Dear Apollo,*

*I have a serious problem. I LOVE to dig outside in my yard. I like to dig EVERYWHERE – in my mom’s flower beds, in the garden, and especially holes that my dad has already filled in.*

*I get in trouble all the time, but I can’t help myself. What do I do?*

*Signed,*

*Diqer in Despair*



Dear Digger,

Ahh, a dog after my own heart. As you can tell from my profile picture, I also enjoy a good dig as often as I can. I'm with you – digging in the flower beds and in the garden is the BEST – all the great smells, bugs, and fresh wet dirt. I mean, how come the humans get to dig there and we don't?

However, we must remember that our parents work really hard to make the yard look nice, and they don't want us messing it up. The easiest way to keep us out of these extra special areas would be to put up a fence. An extended exercise pen (or x-pen) works really well as a temporary barrier – this is what's up around our garden at home! Once the winter is here, it can be taken down to give us full access to the yard.

Make sure your parents designate a spot in your yard where you CAN dig. They can build you a dig box or make a special part of the yard available for you to dig in. Every time you dig somewhere outside of the box or that area, they can redirect you to where they WANT you to dig. An old child's sandbox works great!

The last option would be to tell your parents to fill your existing holes with some of your poop and then cover it with dirt! Most dogs won't dig up their own stool, so this can help keep those existing holes closed up. It doesn't mean that you won't dig a NEW hole right next to it, though!

When all is said and done, a dog's just gotta dig sometimes. Some dogs LOVE to dig, and some don't. I'm a firm believer on trying to turn a negative into a positive. If a dog is digging where he isn't supposed to, then tell him WHERE to dig and make a game out of it. Digging is great exercise, great fun, and can be put to good use! I help weed the yard all the time. My mom will point to where she wants something dug up, and I have a blast helping out! So, dig on my friend! See you in the dirt!

-Apollo

# NEW CLASSES FOR AUGUST:

## MONDAY EVENING CLASSES – STARTING AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

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Puppy Kindergarten / Beginner Obedience: 7:30 – 8:30pm

## TUESDAY EVENING CLASSES – STARTING AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Puppy Kindergarten / Beginner Obedience: 6:15 – 7:15pm

Outdoor Adventure (Outdoor Obedience – held in local parks): 7:45 – 8:30pm

## WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES – STARTING SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

30 / 30 (30 minutes of Agility, 30 minutes of Obedience): 6:15 – 7:15pm

## SATURDAY DAY CLASSES – STARTING SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Puppy Kindergarten / Beginner Obedience: 10:00 – 11:00am

30 / 30 (30 minutes of Agility, 30 minutes of Obedience): 11:30am – 12:30pm

## SATURDAY GO-TO-GROUND CLINIC – AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011: 2:00 – 2:45pm

(This class is for terriers and other dogs under 20lbs who can fit through a 9” square tunnel and enjoy chasing squirrels and other small vermin. A caged rat is placed at the end of a tunnel maze! The rat is our pet, and kept safe at all times.)

## COMING THIS FALL:

**Indoor Agility – “Back To School” Obedience Refresher –  
Canine Good Citizen / Therapy Dog Prep Class – Fun & Games Class!**



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