

Go Play! September 2011 Newsletter

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As a reminder, we will be closed on Saturday, September 3rd through Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Holiday.



August 2011 Pets of the Month!

Bootsie and Bodie are about as different as you can get! Bootsie is a beautiful yellow lab gal and Bodie a dashing handsome black and white mixed breed boy.

Despite their differences, they both enjoy romping with their friends at daycare, and riding in the shuttle van. They make a pretty cute couple, don't they? ☺



SIMON SAYS...

What Simon is excited about this month!



There's nothing better than sitting back and watching a fall football game with plenty of snacks – am I right, guys?

Well, now us dogs can join in the fun, too! Merrick has an entire line of new canned food and with awesome flavors like Gameday Tailgate, Autumn Leaf'tovers, Little Italy, and Homecoming Holiday, we dogs can enjoy fall goodies!

My favorite is the Gameday Tailgate – whole chicken thighs and BACON!





Calypso's Guide for Cuteness

What every discriminating dog needs to wear!



I HATE cold weather.

I can tell that Fall is in the air. Twice already I've insisted that I wear a coat outside in the mornings as it's too chilly for me. Mom says that winter will be here soon for sure.

Drat.

That's why I love my Foggy Mountain attire. I have a snuggler, which is like a warm and fuzzy blanket to keep me all snuggly (get it?) when there is a chill in the air. These are perfect for fall outings and long walks through the leaves! And they come in such CUTE patterns! Wait till you see what is in stock – simply adorable!



Here's all the news heard around the water bowl this month.....
Farewell summer, wish I had gotten to spend more time with ya!

Lots of exciting news this month – first of all....

DO YOU LIKE MY NEW HAIRDO????

Did you know that they have hair dye for dogs? Well, my mom decided to experiment with me two weeks ago and now I have a purple Mohawk. I think I look pretty amazing.

We have a fall special and are offering complimentary hair dye with a scheduled grooming – make your dog look as awesome as I do! We have blue, green, red, purple, pink, and orange dye!

I'm going on vacation at the end of the month! Very exciting! Make sure you check your calendar to see our schedule changes.

We also have lots of awesome fall collars now in stock!

I'd like to extend my paw to all our new friends this month; including Tesla, Rafe, Wookie, Kid, Sadie, Lily, Ceili, Lilly, Cooper, Rufus, Gus, Sadie, Roxie, Durga, and Kass.

Looking forward to seeing you around!

Raven's Roundup

What's going on around Go Play!





Monty's Munchies

My favorite treats this month!

Did someone say “BISCUITS AND GRAVY?!?!?”

How can one little dog cookie be this tasty? They are the perfect size for a dog like me – yet easily break in half for my ‘little’ brothers and sisters.

Best yet, they are wheat free and handmade in Minnesota by the Sojos company.

AND – Sojos makes a dehydrated raw food that I can’t get enough of. It’s nice to support American-based companies at this time, especially when the products are inexpensive (only \$6 for 12 ounces of the Big Dog treats), high quality, and as yummy as BISCUIT AND GRAVY dog cookies!!!!



Jabber's Jumping for Joy about...

A true “toy boy,” Jabber gives his monthly toy review!



Guess what?

There’s this toy that kind of is shaped like a KONG, but instead of a kong, it’s a SQUEAKY TOY!

I know - awesome, right???

So it’s really fun because it has these floppy tail pieces that fly all around when I shake it. The best part is that it comes in a bunch of different colors, textures, and sizes.

There’s a wubba for every dog!



Dear Apollo,

This summer, everything was great. My mom stayed at home most of the time, I spent my days going on long walks, swimming at the pond, and spending every moment with my family.

Now, everything is different. The kids are going to school, my mom is back at work, and I'm lonely.

I'm getting in the way because they don't 'have time' for me in the morning when they are getting ready. When I'm alone all day I'm so sad and bored that I get myself into trouble and am wrecking things.

I want summer back AND I don't want to be a bad dog.

Signed,

Sullen about Summer ending

ASK APOLLO

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



Dear Sullen,

Oh man, I hear you! I mean, look at this picture of me and my brother, Jabber. We were playing with the hose on a perfect summer day. Summer is great – birds chirping, sun shining, dead worms to roll in....I could go on and on forever. Did I mention the dead worms to roll in???

Unfortunately, the days are starting to get shorter, the nights are colder, and everyone has a different routine. I wish our parents understood just how important we dogs find our routines to be. I mean, we are really just creatures of habit and enjoy knowing what is going to come next. When that suddenly changes, it can really make us upset. There are a few things our parents can do to help us ease into a NEW routine.

Tell your parents to stuff a kong or other busy buddy toy with your breakfast to help you stay busy during the crazy morning time. If you have your breakfast all made for you (and even frozen) in your treat toy, you can calmly lie in your crate and enjoy it while the rest of the family gets ready. That will keep you out of the way AND make you work for your breakfast! We have a lot of different busy buddy toys here, so try one!

And, did you know that when we dogs chew, we feel better? It's true, chewing provides us with lots of comforting feelings. Our parents should provide us with lots of yummy things to chew on while we're alone.

Your parents should also be increasing your exercise this fall. When we're home all day with the family, we usually play and nap throughout the day but when we are home alone, we don't have much entertainment. We will have lots of energy when the family returns. Sometimes taking a nap during day when alone can be a bit troublesome when we aren't accustomed to it. We may hear a noise that makes us afraid, or we'll anxiously wait at the door for you to return. Remember, a tired dog is a GOOD dog! There are great places like daycare where you can romp while your family is at work!

I always feel better at home alone when I'm tucked nicely in my crate. I have a big fluffy bed and lots of goodies to chew on, plus my own little water bowl! I love it! I run right inside for cookies before my parents leave, and it's my own little secure spot. I don't have to worry about anything.

As long as your parents help you out, in no time you'll adjust to your new routine, I promise! - Apollo

NEW CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER:

MONDAY EVENING CLASSES – Starting September 12th, 2011 (No Class 9/26)

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MONDAY EVENING CLASSES – Starting October 17th, 2011

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

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

TUESDAY EVENING CLASSES – Starting October 4th, 2011

Indoor Agility: 6:30 – 7:30pm

Graduate Obedience / Canine Good Citizen / Therapy Dog Prep: 7:45 – 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES – Starting October 19th, 2011

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

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SATURDAY DAY CLASSES – STARTING SEPTEMBER 10th, 2011

Puppy Kindergarten / Beginner Obedience: 10:00 – 11:00am (3 SPOTS LEFT)

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

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, September 15th, 2011: 7:00 – 8:00pm

PET FIRST AID SEMINAR @ Go Play!

This seminar is open to our current clients and their dogs only.

More information coming soon!

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