



Dear friends,

Welcome to our May Newsletter from www.bestdoggietips.com. In this newsletter, we have some new recipes for you, latest news, some great tips, and some weird and wonderful stories.

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We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them. - Phil Pastoret

Recipe - Beef & Greens Pasta

Dogs love eating what you eat, and this pasta is good enough for humans. One tip – I recommend using seashell shaped pasta for this, but you can use any pasta that will hold the sauce. Just make sure the size of the pasta is appropriate to your dog!

Ingredients

500g (or 1lb) blade or chuck steak, cut into bite sized pieces
1½ cups chopped green vegetables (zucchini, beans, peas, broccoli)
1 cup dry seashell pasta
2 tbsp olive oil
1 can chopped tomatoes
1 tbsp tomato paste
2 tbsp brewers yeast

Directions to Make

Cook the pasta in boiling water until al dente.

In a large saucepan, cook the beef in the olive oil until medium rare (about 10 minutes). Then add the vegetables and cook for another 5 minutes.

Now add the tinned tomatoes and tomato paste and bring to the boil. Cover and simmer for a further 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove from the heat, add the pasta and yeast and stir through. Allow to cool to room temperature before serving.

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Weekly Dog Cartoon

Have you seen the website lately?

We have teamed up with George from [Out There by George](#) to bring you a new dog cartoon. There's a new cartoon every week, so be sure to book mark the page

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and check back each week to see our new cartoons.

Joke of the Day - Why Dogs are Better Pets Than Cats

- Dogs will tilt their heads and try to understand every word you say. Cats will ignore you and take a nap.
- Cats look silly on a leash.
- When you come home from work, your dog will be happy and lick your face. Cats will still be mad at you for leaving in the first place.
- Dogs will give you unconditional love until the day they die. Cats will make you pay for every mistake you've ever made since the day you were born.
- A dog knows when you're sad. And he'll try to comfort you. Cats don't care how you feel, as long as you remember where the can opener is.
- Dogs will bring you your slippers. Cats will drop a dead mouse in your slippers.
- When you take them for a ride, dogs will sit on the seat next to you. Cats have to have their own private basket, or they won't go at all.
- Dogs will come when you call them. And they'll be happy. Cats will have someone take a message and get back to you.
- Dogs will play fetch with you all day long. The only thing cats will play with all day long are small rodents or bugs, preferably ones that look like they're in pain.
- Dogs will wake you up if the house is on fire. Cats will quietly sneak out the back door.

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Bringing Home a New Adult Dog

By: Di Ellis

There are particular challenges in bringing home a new adult dog (compared to bringing home a new puppy). Whether you have adopted your new friend from the pound or a rescue organisation, taken him from a friend of a friend, or rescued him from life on the streets, it's a little more difficult bringing a new adult dog into your environment.

Take our new dog, for example. We are his fourth owner in 3 years. He was originally picked up by a rescue organisation after he was found living wild in a cemetery. He was bought as a gift for an elderly lady, but soon proved a little too wild for her to handle. He then went to a family living on a farm, but was banished for chasing the chickens. Then a third owner, before finally finding a home with us.

Now, our little fellow isn't a bad dog, but he had very little training, and was used to living off his wits. Our first challenge was to get him both to trust us, and look up to us as his pack leaders.

Toilet Training an Older Dog

As we live in an area zoned "conservation", all of our animals are kept inside from dusk to dawn (so they don't attack the local wildlife). This meant that the dog would be sleeping inside. What we quickly realised was that the dog had never been house trained. Our previous dogs had been trained to go to the back door and bark to be let out if they needed the toilet. This little fellow, though, would hang on for as long as he could before sneaking off to a dark corner and relieving himself.

We quickly got him out of that habit by taking him outside after dinner every evening (going so far as to walk out with him in all weathers), and not letting him in until he went to the toilet. Whenever he went, we would praise him and make a fuss, and then we would go back inside.

It only took about 2 weeks to get the dog trained, and we haven't had a single mishap since then. And he can go by himself now too!

Part of the Family

Another challenge we faced was that we had two cats, one very laid back (we weren't worried about her), but one not so friendly (her name is Missy because it rhymes with hissy).

The key thing we had to do was to let the dog know that he was bottom of this pack – after the cats. So the cats got a lot of fussing over, and they were fed before him morning and night. And if you've ever had cats, you'll know that sometimes they can go a little crazy, tearing around the house and darting under chairs and tables, then leaping back out.

To a dog – this says "Chase!!". We started off rebuking him when he started to chase the cat, but we soon realised the cat could look after herself, and that she was having just as much fun as the dog. Now that we all know the pack order, we just leave them to it. Sometimes he ends up with a scratch on his nose, but most times they get along fine!

Biting

Usually, a puppy is discouraged from biting too hard by his litter mates or mother, and when they are adopted out, they are then trained by their owner. But our guy had been on his own too long, and sometimes his playful bites became a bit too hard! We are big fans of Cesar Millan, so we used his technique of making a quiet, but sharp "Sssh" noise to the dog whenever he tried to play bite, and it worked a treat. We now have very few accidents.

Regular Meal Times

Another legacy of his time living wild was that he tended to eat at odd hours. As we have more than one animal, they all get fed at the same time, morning and night. However, we soon found that the dog wasn't eating his straight away. Then, over the course of the day, the cats would wander by and steal his food. By the time he was hungry, there was very little left! Apart from the fact that dog food isn't good for cats, the dog wasn't getting enough nutrition.

I have to say this has been our toughest challenge, trying to get the dog to eat regularly. However, we are getting there.

What we do is place his food down at the allotted meal time. If he hasn't eaten it within an hour, it gets thrown out. He is coming to realise that if he wants some food, he has a certain window of time within which to get it, and has started to eat at the same time as the cats. I'd say we are about 50% of the way there (and this has taken 5 months).

We also bought him one of those treat balls and part fill it with dog biscuits, so if he's hungry he just rolls it around the floor and dog biscuits fall out whenever he needs them.

Summary

Don't believe that old saying that you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Bringing home an adult dog can be very satisfying and rewarding, but can sometimes just take a bit more effort than with a puppy. And you miss out on all that chewing stage!!

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How to Stop Your Puppy From Chewing Up Your Valuables

Author: [Don Wilson](#)

When dogs chew on things, they use their sharp teeth and strong jaws and will produce some pretty awesome damage (a.k.a. destruction) in minutes if given the chance. So what I mean by "destructive chewing" is that the dog tends to chew on things that they are not supposed to chew on, such as your shoes, table legs, chairs, pillows, and so on... I mean after all, we really would prefer their chewing to be limited to their own toys as that is what they are designed for!

Dogs that chew, do so for three major reasons:

- 1.) It's fun! It passes time, it could taste good, and it gives the dog a sense of accomplishment.
- 2.) The next reason is actually just passing the time a bit. In other words, the dog is bored out of its mind and needs something to do. It could also be that the dog is angry or anxious, and does it to help cope with the situation. Kind of like what you used to do when you dug your pen into the desktop in high school.
- 3.) If the dog doesn't get enough exercise, they may use chewing as an outlet for their unexpended energy. Like you, once again, they could be likened to your tapping your fingernails on the table while waiting for your husband (or wife) to get ready to go to dinner.

Preventing Destructive Chewing

Dogs are very smart animals. They are capable of learning that chewing is not something they should do on certain items. And yet there are other items that they are welcome to chew on. But your dog doesn't know this out of the gate and it takes a little bit of effort on your part in order to instruct them what is, and is not, the appropriate toy to chew on.

Dog Proofing??

One way to do this is to dog proof your house. This is a little bit like a child proofing your house when you first have a little one come home with you. You have to consider the child's size, what they can reach and if it's an older child how high it can climb, and/or jump. The same things have to be considered, when you bring your dog home for the first time. How high can the dog reach when he gets on its hind legs? How high can the dog jump to get something off the counter? Is there a chair in the perfect position for the dog to make it to the top of the counter to eat the rest of the roast beef you had for dinner?

Another thing you have to consider just like with the child around the house is to not provide the dog with a target that it will easily be found to chew on. For example, don't leave your cell phone on the couch, don't leave your favourite book on the end table, and do NOT leave the remote control in your chair when you get up to get something to drink during the big game.

This will help prevent your dog from learning the joys of "illegal chewing". The more times these , "targets" are left out for your dog to chew on, and the more times they managed to get them, the more often they will look for these targets, and the more they will enjoy chewing them! Unfortunately, if the target is a table leg or a chair leg or the couch it's a little hard to "put away." So in this case you may have to confine them to a dog proofed area without these items until you're sure that she understands the house rules and that these are not huge chew toys meant only for her satisfaction.

Don't set her up!

Unfortunately a lot of owners set their dogs up for failure. They do this by blurring the lines between what is a "legal" chew toy and what is not. What I mean here is yes, you have a smart dog, but your dog is not going to know the difference between a \$500 Gucci's you just bought and the old discarded pumps that you used to use for work last month! So in general, don't offer her any of "your stuff" as a chew toy, lest they be confused and use more of your stuff for the same later on.

Since your dogs love to chew, it only makes sense that you should provide them with some legal tasty treats that they can chew on. They sell many of these in the pet store for you to choose from. Keep in mind that most dogs need to chew- it strengthens their teeth and jaws and cleans them too. So it would not be wise to not give them anything at all to chew on. Also keep in mind that if your dog is a puppy the need to chew is even more pronounced. My Suggestion? Go on a chew toy shopping spree! Then give her two or three of these toys to play with at a time, rotating the available toys to keep their interest and to avoid boredom with ones she has.

Pay Attention Now...

You have to keep an eye on your dog for a while. Yes it would be easier just to keep her penned up, but what's the fun in that? Getting the dog to play with you and be a companion to is kind of difficult when she's locked up in a crate all the time. She needs to be able to explore her surroundings and find her boundaries and in doing so learn what you expect of her and what the rules of the house are.

While she's out of her crate, keep her under supervision, and when she does go for one of these illegal toys clap your hands, stomp your feet or make some other loud noise. Then immediately hand her one of her legal toys, preferably one of the tasty ones like a flavoured rawhide bone and once she closes her jaws around it, praise her lavishly, stroke her, pet her and make her feel loved. Make sure that she knows when she chews on her toys you're happy with her and that anything else equals trouble for her.

Keep it real.

Remember to keep your expectations realistic. You're not perfect and neither is your dog. It will take time for your dog to learn these things. One correction will not teach your dog anything constructive. So have patience and keep with it. Also keep in mind there is bound to be at least one treasured item that is going to "go the way of the dogs jaws." Just try your best to follow the suggestions that I've given above and soon you will have a dog that won't chew on those \$500 Gucci's, but will actually want to chew on their own toys instead!

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Of all the things I've lost in life I miss my mind the most!

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Dealing With Lick Granuloma in Dogs

By : [Gerry Ronson](#)

Dogs are wonderful creatures and when they have the proper care and affection they are the best pets. There are often times where a dog will be susceptible to a disease or contract some type of disease. You may have noticed that some dog breeds are more inclined to be ill than others. One of the most interesting dog diseases or more accurately disorders is the Lick Granuloma. The lick granuloma is a disorder characterized by over licking a particular area. There are several reasons for this issue to occur.

We mentioned two causes for this disorder. The other cause is physical rather than mental. This means you need to look for the cause of the symptoms such as lice, ticks, fleas, skin tumours, parasites, and allergies. Dogs that are susceptible to skin irritations and infections usually have lick granuloma disorder. So are there ways to prevent and treat this issue? Of course, the best prevention is to keep your dog well groomed and clean. If there are no bugs or parasites your dog will not suffer skin irritation issues. You can also make sure that as a puppy the dog is not over licking and the behaviour is stopped before it becomes a real disorder. For treatment you usually remove the foreign body causing the issue or take them to a vet or trainer for behaviour modification. This treatment method is subjective so it may not work for every dog.

Another treatment of course is treating the actual granuloma or lesion that has formed. In most cases you will need to keep the dog's head away from the area until it is healed. Medication for anti-inflammation should be prescribed and given to the dog per the vet instructions. There are also medication drugs for mood altering that have been known to help stop the behaviour of over licking. You may also have to apply an antibiotic to the lesion to help it heal and avoid amputation of the limb. In severe cases a vet has had to remove the limb due to extreme infection, such as gangrene.

For the symptoms of a lick granuloma you should watch the behaviour of the dog. If the dog is concentrating on one area every day, and for more than a few minutes they may suffer from this disorder. You will also find that the dog's leg, tail, or groin area will be losing hair to where it becomes bald. The next symptom is going to be the formation of the lesion or sore. If the dog continues to lick in this area the lesion can begin to bleed. In some severe cases the dog has licked so rough in that area there has been bone fractures and nerve damage. Hopefully treatment and proper care have been sought before this occurs.

The cause of lick granuloma has been linked to a genetic disorder and can be linked to insects. Dogs in some cases just keep licking an area such as a leg, groin, or tail until the hair has actually disappeared. When the hair disappears they begin to form little red bumps or lesions that become painful, swollen, and may bleed. In most cases it is thought that dogs suffering from lick granuloma is due to excessive cleaning by the mother as a puppy. In most cases if the granuloma is left alone for a few days it will scab over and then heal. There are certain breeds more susceptible to this behaviour than other dogs. These breeds are German shepherds, Doberman pinschers, Great Danes, Labradors, and Irish Setters.

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Would A Raw Diet Be Best For My Dog?

By : [shanti pathak](#)

There has been a lot of debate recently over what types of food are best for dogs, commercial food versus homemade food, raw food, cooked food, etc. There are advantages and disadvantages associated with all of these diets, and in this article, we will cover the views on the raw food diet for your dog, covering both sides of the issue, so that you can make your own decision. There are many benefits that your dog will receive from being on a raw diet, according to some vets. If you choose to allow your dog to have bones, then some say that their teeth will stay in better shape, and will be cleaner, than those on other diets. This could potentially mean less money that you have to spend on dental care at the vet's office, which is considered to be an added bonus for you, the dog's owner.

Many dogs' digestive systems are better able to tolerate raw food than commercial dog foods that are filled with by-products and preservatives. You also don't have to worry as much about potential food allergies, since you know exactly what is in the food that you are giving to your dog. Another belief is that dogs that are on raw diets have significantly reduced risk of becoming obese, which can cause many serious health problems, just as it does for humans. They are only eating what they need, without getting all of the fillers that many commercial dog foods contain, which cuts out excess calories.

One of the most common complaints that dog owners have about a raw diet is that it takes a lot longer for them to prepare their dog's food than normal. They can't just go to a bag and scoop out kibble into a bowl; they have to actually prepare the food, much as they would for themselves. You have to have enough meat on hand to feed your dog, you have to measure out the correct amount, and then mix it with the proper amount of vegetables, and bones if you choose to go that route. You have to determine how much food your dog should eat each day, depending on his or her ideal body weight, and then either prepare the food on a daily basis, or prepare it in batches and store it in the freezer until it is needed. Either way, you have a lot more time invested in the entire process, and for busy families, this isn't always an option.

When you purchase meat, depending on where you live, it can be pretty expensive, so you will likely have to spend more money on a raw diet than you would a commercial dog food diet. To make this option more affordable, you will need to look for sales and then buy as much as you can afford and store it appropriately, which could also mean investing in a separate freezer, if you don't already have one on hand.

Anytime you think about raw meat, you have to think about parasites and bacteria, which could be potentially harmful for your dog. Some meats are more dangerous than others, for example pork, but in general, you should be okay. Raw beef and chicken usually don't pose any problems for dogs, as long as it is stored properly at the correct temperatures.

You will need to decide whether or not to give your dog bones. Some vets say that you should never give your dog any kind of bone, because they could choke, or the bones could damage their digestive

system, but others say as long as you are careful about the types of bones you give, this isn't a problem. Many advocates of the raw diet grind bones up and mix them in, but again, that is your choice.

If you are thinking about putting your dog on a raw diet, you need to take the time to look at all of the information you can find, and then make your own decision based on your findings. The raw diet requires a commitment from you the dog owner, both financially, and time-wise, if you aren't prepared for that, or aren't certain that is the way you want to go, then you might want to think about other options.

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Holy Dog: Pooch Prays With Zen Master

As Zen Buddhist monks at a temple in southern Japan adopt their positions for daily prayers their pet dog makes sure he is not left out.



Conan the Chihuahua has become the talk of the town after he began joining his master before the altar.

Sitting up on his hind legs alongside priest Joei Yoshikuni, the one-and-a-half-year-old presses his paws together in front of his nose.

It took the black-and-white dog just a few days to pick up the pose at Naha's Shuri Kannondo temple.

His master said: "I think he saw me doing it all the time and got the idea to do it too."

Conan at daily prayers

Yoshikuni said Conan generally goes through his prayer routine at the temple in the capital of Japan's southern Okinawa state without prompting before his morning and evening meals.

The priest is now trying to teach him how to meditate.

Well, sort of.

"Basically, I am just trying to get him to sit still while I meditate," he explained.

"It's not like we can make him cross his legs."

He added: "Word has spread, and we are getting a lot more tourists."

Abandoned baby girl rescued by stray dogs in India

Stray dogs rescued a baby girl abandoned under a mound of mud and leaves in eastern India, a government official said.

The newborn was discovered when a pack of dogs began barking and alerted villagers to her whereabouts in Narhan, in Bihar state on Sunday, the area's district magistrate Asangba Chuba Ao said.

She was hidden under mud and dry leaves in a fruit orchard in the village, he said.

The child was being looked after by a local farmer and his wife. Local officials had no information about the infant's birth parents yet, he said.

A strong cultural preference for boys in India means women face a great deal of pressure to produce male children. Sex-selective abortions and the abandonment of female infants are common.

According to UNICEF, about 7,000 fewer girls than expected are born every day in India.

According to the British medical journal The Lancet, up to 500,000 female fetuses are aborted every year.

Abortion is legal in India but sex-determination tests were outlawed in 1991 - a law nearly impossible to enforce.

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