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"HAPPINESS IS A WARM PUPPY."
~ CHARLES M. SCHULTZ ~

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DO YOU BELIEVE THESE DOG MYTHS?



Myths and wives' tales have persisted since the first spoken word! But do you know which ones are FALSE when it comes to your beloved dog?

A DRY, WARM NOSE MEANS A SICK DOG

When it comes to your dog's nose, the temperature and moistness usually have nothing to do with his current state of health! To accurately determine if your dog has a fever it must be taken rectally.

A WAGGING TAIL MEANS A FRIENDLY DOG

Not so quick! Yes, a wagging tail **can** mean "Hi, I'm friendly!" But it could **also** mean "I'm nervous," "I'm excited," "I'm stressed" or even "I'm feeling aggressive."

Do You Know How to Prevent a Dog Bite?
Our infographic on the reverse gives you 8 tips.

AN ITCHY DOG MEANS FLEAS

The most common cause of a dog's itching and licking is due to allergies! There are many skin irritants and diseases that can cause your dog to itch and lick affected areas.

YAWNING DOGS ARE SLEEPY

A yawning dog **may** be bored or sleepy, but more than likely they are communicating anxiety or stress because they are feeling fearful or nervous.



HYPOALLERGENIC DOGS

While a commonly held belief, the Mayo Clinic says there's no such thing as a hypoallergenic dog breed. Instead, some dogs may cause **fewer** allergy symptoms and reactions.

DOGS ARE COLORBLIND

Dogs do see color just not as many hues as their humans. But they make up for it with **much better night vision!**

(Sources: OnlyNaturalPet.com, PetMD.com and Petful.com.)

PROTECT YOUR DOG FROM LYME DISEASE!



Spring has sprung and that means nasty little critters are waiting for unsuspecting dogs, their humans and other warm-blooded wildlife. This includes ticks who carry the bacterial disease called Lyme Disease.

But there is some good news!

A tick must be attached to your dog for a **minimum of 24 hours** to transmit Lyme Disease. So **immediately** check your dog thoroughly after all walks especially in the woods and thick brush, tall grasses and marshes. Inspect their ears, lips, tail, toes and groin area too! (*Check yourself at the same time!*)

Also, only 5-10% of tick-bitten dogs will actually develop symptoms of Lyme Disease. Early detection, diagnosis and treatment of lameness, limping, stiffness or joint pain (in the knee and elbow joints) will give your dog the best chance for a full recovery.

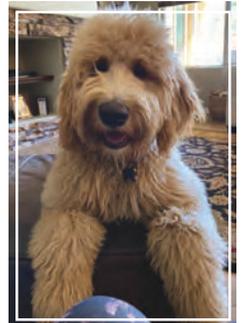
*Source: American Kennel Club
Learn about Natural Prevention at Your Old Dog.*

A Spotlight Success Story: Cooper

It's **amazing** to see how much both the dog and their handler grow in **skills** and **confidence** during their training here at East Valley K9 Services!

Each story illustrates how beneficial puppy class and subsequent training is and it's such a privilege to be a part of their journey as well!

This month, meet Cooper, the adorable, amazing and smart Goldendoodle puppy who loves to "help" with yardwork!



[Click Here to Read More About Cooper](#)

Want your own success story with your dog?
Call 480-382-0144 or email EVK9services@gmail.com today!



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DOG BITES CAN BE PREVENTED

WITH THE EIGHT TIPS BELOW

- 1 Be a responsible dog owner! Select the right dog for your family, invest in regular training and daily exercise and neuter or spay your dog.
- 2 Socialize your dog to MANY situations, people and children, other pets and animals, smells, noises and environments.
- 3 Learn your dog's body language. Learn their body postures and sounds when feeling stressed, fearful or threatened.
- 4 Avoid potential risky situations for both yourself and your dog. Understand when - and when not to - interact with dogs.



- 1 **DO NOT** approach a dog when the owner is not present, especially small children. Always ask for permission from the owner first.
- 2 **DO NOT** attempt to approach/interact with a dog who is sleeping, eating, sick or injured playing with a toy or a mother with her pups.
- 3 **DO NOT** approach a dog if they are barking, growling, trying to hide or escape or if their tail is high and slowly wagging.
- 4 **DO NOT** approach a dog on the other side of a fence or inside a car to avoid aggressive, territorial behavior.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE KID'S 'SAFE GAME' TO HELP PREVENT A DOG BITE!](#)

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COOL STUFF FOR THE DOG LOVER

WEARABLE ART DESIGNED FOR YOUR DOG'S PERSONALITY!

No two dogs are alike so why should their collars look the same? Thanks to KoKoLati Leather in Southern California, artisan and handcrafted leather collars are setting the standard for blending art with functionality for canines everywhere!

It all started in 2012, when owner Mary Esposito made her first tooled custom leather collar for her dog, Riley, to commemorate their journey and graduation as a service dog team.

Each KoKoLati collar is custom-made to creatively reflect each dog's unique personality. Original designs include:

- ~ Ink-Inspired;
- ~ Nature-Inspired; and
- ~ Food & Beverage-Inspired.

Matching bracelets and leather leashes are also available to complete the artisan look for both dog **and** owner. Customizations include a choice of design, leather color and silver or brass hardware.



[KoKoLati, the paw-fect accessories for the dog lover and their one-of-a-kind pooch!](#)



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CATS ARE NOT
THE ONLY ONES
TO GET HAIRBALLS!

Hairballs are usually attributed to our felines. But **your dog may get hairballs too!**

A **hairball** is a cylinder-shaped collection of undigested fur and when they happen occasionally, they are **usually** nothing to worry about.

Dogs can **also** be challenged by hairballs with:

- A K9 obsessed with grooming; and
- Dogs with long, dense, thick or double-layered fur; but is also possible with short or medium hair depending on the dog and their behavior.

Help your cats and dogs develop fewer hairballs with:

- **Daily grooming** to remove any loose hair;
- **Increased water** consumption and **dietary fiber** to help any fur naturally pass through the digestive tract to avoid potentially dangerous - even life-threatening - blockages.



MUDDY PAWS BLUEBERRY TREATS!

Looking for a quick and healthy dog treat recipe you can make in less than 30 minutes? The *Two Little Cavaliers* has got the treat your dog wants!

Just 4 **simple ingredients** you already have in your kitchen plus blueberries (fresh or frozen). Blueberries are **loaded** with beneficial and natural vitamins, minerals and antioxidants for your favorite canine!

"Muddy Paws" Dog Treats

- ~ 1 cup water
- ~ 2 eggs
- ~ 1-1/2 cups blueberries, fresh or frozen/thawed
- ~ 2 teaspoons honey
- ~ 2 cups flour

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (162 degrees C).

Whisk water, eggs and honey until thoroughly mixed. Slowly add to flour, stirring gently until a dough forms.

Pull off pieces of dough, roll into a ball between your hands and place on a greased baking sheet with room to expand between each one. Place blueberries on top of each ball and press lightly into the dough.

Bake for 22-25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely before feeding.

(Source: TwoLittleCavaliers.com)