

A Message From The Top Dog...

Welcome to the second issue of "The Urban Barker." For those of you new to our mailing list, we hope you will enjoy this issue. Our goal is to keep dog owners well informed with both insightful information and tips on the health and well being of our four legged friends. The Urban Puppy Shop continues to be as hectic as always and this quarterly news letter is late, however do read on for some great information and news about new services and upcoming events. I hope each and everyone of you have a great spring and summer. We look forward to seeing you and fido soon.

Best Wishes,
Philip

Upcoming Events

We are scratching our heads about holding the First annual *summer pup gathering* and *barbecue*, would love some suggestions on location and timing, and of course should there be anyone who would like to volunteer some of there time to help with organization. It would be a lot of fun to get as many of our customers and puppy owners out and have some fun doing it. Let me know by email or phone you can email me at prooyakkers@telus.net or by phone 604-736-0557. We will send out a invitation to all our subscribers in the near future.

Favorite Bark-toon

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"House training a puppy isn't covered by flood insurance."

Canine Communications...

Fido and Spring

It is spring again and you can feel it in the air, but, with spring here it brings on new and old hazards. One of the most common of all, of course, is it brings on flea season again. Although we do see some fleas all year long they usually start cropping up their ugly little heads more so this time of the year. So just remember to see your vet and get Fido onto a flea control program. This time of the year for many of us is also the start of gardening season, and that brings on the extra hazard of accidental poisoning. Just be extra careful not to leave lying around garden products where our pets can get at them. Products such as slug bait, insecticides, and fertilizers can all be extremely hazardous to dogs (and cats) well being. There are also many different plants that contain a variety of poisons. Most cause vomiting, some cause tremors, and or respiratory, heart or kidney problems. If you suspect that your dog has ingested a poisonous substance it is important to induce vomiting first and foremost. One of the best ways I have personally found to get a dog to vomit the contents of his/her stomach is to use (depending on size of dog) a couple of tablespoons of table salt place onto the back of their tongues. This usually will start a vomit reaction within a few minutes. It is of course extremely important that you immediately seek veterinarian help or assistance should you suspect that your dog has been poisoned. Some of the most common poisonous outdoor plants include:



- Soapberry
- Daffodil
- Foxglove
- Skunk Cabbage
- Wisteria
- Poke weed
- Wild Mushrooms
- Azalea(rhododendron)
- Buttercup
- Tomato Vine
- Rhubarb
- Jasmine
- Morning Glory
- Wild Mushrooms
- Poppy
- Nightshades

These of course are but a few of the many plants out there, if you are in doubt your local nursery or plant store should be able to assist you in identifying different plants that may be hazardous to your dogs health. So with that little bit of frightening news we here at The Urban Puppy Shop wish you a very happy spring.

Fido the Sun and Heat

Remember that it is hot out and your dog will overheat very quickly, signs of heat stroke are:

- heavy excessive panting
- difficulty breathing
- tongue and mucous membranes appear bright red
- vomiting
- rectal temperature rises to 104 to 110 F

Emergency measures to cool the dog must begin at once. Move the dog out of the source of heat, preferably into an air-conditioned building. Take rectal temperature every 10 mins. Mild cases respond by moving the dog into a cool environment. If rectal temperature is above 104 F, begin rapid cooling by spraying the dog with garden hose or immersing him in a tub of cold water for up to two minutes. Alternatively, place the wet dog in front of an electric fan. Monitor his rectal temperature and continue the cooling process until the rectal temperature falls below 103 F. At this point, stop the cooling process and dry the dog. Further cooling may produce hypothermia and shock.

Never leave your dog in a car with the windows closed, even though the car may be parked in the shade.

News Update

Good News on Parking

For those of you who drive and find it a challenge to find parking while visiting the store we have recently started and shortly should be completed the removal of the last twelve feet of our building. The parking area is located directly behind the building and is accessible from the alley off of Yew St or Arbutus. This will allow you to park while you are bringing in your dog for daycare, grooming or just picking up supplies. We just ask that you use it for when you are in the store only and allow other customers the opportunity to park when your finished. There is a quick way to the side walk from

the rear of the building, if you travel a little west in the alley there is a walk way between Bishop's restaurant and Fab clothing store. Just so you know the rear entrance will not be able to be used, the back of our building is our sterile puppy room and we do not allow adult dogs inside or walk through traffic.

New Services

The Urban Puppy Shop is happy to announce we will now be offering pickup & delivery of dogs for daycare and or grooming. We will pickup or deliver your dog 6 days of the week Mon-Sat. Starting at 8:00 am and bringing them back at around 5:30 pm. There will be a service charge added to the daycare or grooming fees. If you are interested in this service please call us directly to arrange a scheduled time or day for you. We will pick up from anywhere in the downtown core, through the Arbutus and UBC area as far east as Commercial Street.

Product Review

Book Early! Spring Cleaning...

Present this coupon and

SAVE 15%

On Your Next Dog Grooming

(Valid until June 30, 2005)

The Urban Puppy Shop

2172 West 4th Ave. Vancouver

604 736 0557

We are happy to be bringing in the BARKING MAD product line of dehydrated treats. These treats consist of dehydrated ostrich, beef, turkey and buffalo liver. We guarantee your dog will love them. We have personally tried it with all our six dogs and they give it a full two paws up.....

Available June 1st is another new line of gourmet doggy treats called **Lucky Dog Biscuits**. They are all natural, human grade biscuits in four different flavors and again all six gave it a paws up for taste, flavor and lickability.

Remember it is summer time and for those of you planning n doing any boating that we have a full line of floatation vests for your dog. Like humans a dog falling in the water is a dangerous thing so make sure if you have your dog out on a boat that he is in a proper life vest. Vests come in extra small to extra large.