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Has Spring Finally Sprung?



Spring! Webster's says it's simply "the season of the year, occurring between winter and summer, during which the weather becomes warmer and plants revive". After the blustery, arctic, sub-zero weather we've called winter for so many months it tends to mean so much more. The ice melting and the sun shining means lots of time outdoors with our families & pets.

Enjoy!

With the warmer weather finally creeping in we will be taking part in many community events & activities. Check out our events page for all the details & fun places to be. We hope to see some of you there!

Kindest regards,

Carey & Nicole

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"My goal in life is to be as good as my dog already thinks I am" ~Author Unknown

Flea & Tick Season is back....are you ready?

After a long & cold winter, Spring is a very welcome change....especially in MN! However, with increased time outdoors also means increased risk of fleas & ticks finding their way to your pet. Taking the necessary precautions can help ensure

that your pets & home stay safe from fleas & ticks. When looking for fleas or ticks on your dog you will want to first check their head & ears. It tends to be an ideal place for these little creatures to set up camp however they can be found all over a dog's

body....so check thoroughly. Flea & Tick season is considered to be May thru September but many pet owners choose to protect their dogs year round to be on the safe side. Though there are many ways to protect against fleas & ticks the

best way is to medicate. No special trips to the vet are necessary, DDG keeps Frontline on hand just for our customers! We can even offer you the added convenience of letting you know when Frontline is due each month. Please ask a staff member for more details!

What You Need to Know About BSL



Minnesota state Representative John Lesch has proposed recent Breed Specific Legislation (BSL). In an attempt to increase public safety and lessen the cases of dog bites and fatal attacks, the proposal is to completely ban 5 dog breeds from the state of MN. These breeds include Akitas, Chow Chows, Rottweilers, Pitbulls & Wolf-hybrids. The legislation is also to include any dogs mixed with any of these breeds. However, BSL does not stop dog bites or attacks. Instead, the financial

burdens on taxpayers, animal control agencies & shelters are increased. It does not put an end to irresponsible dog owners or criminals. Good dogs & responsible dog owners are the ones who suffer from BSL. In a variance from state to state, law abiding dog owners are required to keep their pets within the confines of their home or ordered to euthanize their pet. Identifying a dog's breed or mix can prove very difficult. Innocent dogs are mislabeled and euthanized based on preconceived prejudices.

Taking a "problem" breed away will not take away the problems. It will not dissuade criminals nor irresponsible dog owners. It will be all too simple to create aggression in a new breed. The legislation instead needs to focus on "problem" people not innocent dogs. Contact your representative to voice your opinion. Go to www.leg.state.mn.us. Locate your representative & call or email to help stop BSL. **Will your dog be next on the list?**



We all love our animals. They are no longer just pets in the home but important members of our family.

Since 1915 the American Humane Assoc. dedicates one week a year to "celebrate the unique bond between humans and animals". Here are a few

- ways the AHA recommends for you to "Be Kind" during the week of May 4th -10th:
- Speak out for Animals - get active in local animal welfare & legislation.
- Report Animal Abuse
- Share Kindness - teach others in your life about the importa-

nance of being kind to animals.

Adopt a pet from a shelter or rescue - Approximately 8 to 12 million animals enter shelters each year & need good homes.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner - Keep a collar & ID tag on your pet. Visit the vet annually for current vaccines and check ups.

Appreciate Wildlife - Create an inviting space in your yard/garden for birds, butterflies & other creatures.

Make a Donation - Tax deductible donations to local area shelters & organizations are a great way to show support.

What can you do?

Happy Hybrids @ DDG

The latest trend in the dog world that seems to be sweeping the nation are the "hybrids". From the Puggle, to the Schnoodle to the Labradoodle they are all the rage. Some call them hybrids or designer dogs and some just call them mutts. Whatever you call them we love the ones we've got! Here are a few "hybrids" from the DDG pack

we thought were worth mentioning:

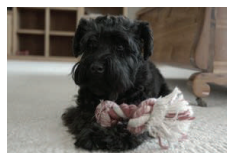
Sadie - Malti-Poo



Scoops - Teagle



Zoey- Schnoodle



Wilbur - Puggle

