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The Dog Pound Press



Join Us for the 7th Annual Twin Cities Pet Expo

Once again Dog Day Getaway is excited to be an exhibitor at the Twin Cities Pet Expo. Held annually at the Minneapolis Convention Center it is a fun and informational event for any animal lover. We will be just one of over 150 exhibitors in attendance. Each exhibitor on display will be showcasing a variety of services and products. There will be contests, demonstrations and expert speakers. As always, there will be a variety of entertaining shows and competitions to enjoy. There is even an opportunity to enter

your own dog in some of these competitions as long as you pre-register for the event. It is fun for the whole family but they do ask that unless your pet will be participating in a scheduled event that you leave them at home. Come join us and show your support on February 21 & 22, 2009!

For more information on this event please ask one of our staff or visit them online at www.twincitiespetexpo.com.

Introducing Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance

Dog Day Getaway is excited and proud to announce that we have started carrying Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance dog food. In our search for a new product we were looking for a company with a great mission and high quality products. We couldn't be happier to have discovered Natural Balance! Started in 1989, Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance has strived to produce one of the healthiest pet foods available and we feel they have succeeded. Not only have they created a variety of foods and treats for dogs & cats but they also have created a large carnivore line which is utilized worldwide in zoos and

wildlife reserves to feed lions, polar bears, tigers and the like.

Natural Balance has created "The Food for a Lifetime" with their products. Stating that in nature animals would not have the choice for puppy or senior varieties in their diet. Instead Natural Balance has created their formulas to provide all the nutrients your dog needs throughout each stage of his life.

Not only has this company diligently worked to provide quality products for our pets but they also work hard to help charities and rescue organizations. They even offer rebate programs on all of their prod-

ucts that will benefit the rescue or charity of your choice. They seem to truly care for the animals!

We feel that Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance is a great company with a great product line. We are not only serving this line to our customers at Dog Day Getaway but are also feeding it to our own dogs at home.

For more information on this company (& we'd recommend checking them out!) please feel free to ask one of our staff or visit them online at www.naturalbalanceinc.com.

New & Improved Dog of the Month Contest



We are very excited to announce a new relationship with the very talented local photographer, Patrick Nau. Patrick has been beautifully capturing memories around the Twin Cities for over 25 years. About 3 years ago he decided to marry his photography talents with his love for animals & has focused on photographing people & their pets. He takes the animals we love in our

homes & manages to somehow capture their personalities & their wonder in a portrait. He is truly gifted.

DDG has had our Dog of the Month contest for some time now, but Patrick Nau has offered to make it much more exciting. Any dog that is chosen from our drawing each month will win an absolutely FREE photo session with their

family & pets at Patrick Nau's studio. Not only has he offered each Dog of the Month winner a free photo session, valued at \$75, he will also include a FREE 11 x 14 portrait as well.

We welcome you to register your dog to win each day they spend with us. Perhaps your dog will be the next winner!

Featured Breed: The Hungarian Puli

The Hungarian Puli descended from Hungary several thousand years ago where they were used primarily as sheep dogs. Then, they were most revered for their agile movements as a herding & droving dog. They are typically only about 14-17 inches in height and weigh anywhere from 20-35 pounds. In the UK they are

recognized as part of the Working Group but the AKC classifies them in the Herding Group.

Today they are known as being an excellent & very loyal family dog that is extremely intelligent and reliable. They are a breed that get along very well with children as well as other animals and make great watch dogs.

The Puli is energetic & enjoys exercise therefore tends to train easily and thrive in agility & fly ball sports.

Other than a personality that will adapt to just about any surrounding or circumstance, the Hungarian Puli is clearly most remembered for its unusual coat. At about 6 months old the softer undercoat begins to intertwine

with the harsher outer coat to naturally form "cords". By about age 3 the cords are fully developed & can reach the ground. They do not need to be brushed and they do not shed. However, the cords can pick up dirt & debris and the Hungarian Puli can take 2-3 days to fully dry after a bath!

