

Cubby's Canine Castle Castle Crier

Spring 2007



Where your pup is royalty!

Spring is here and with it the second edition of our quarterly newsletter. We are pleased to announce that we now have a groomer. We are thrilled to welcome Karen to the team and are sure you will be too when you read her bio and credentials. All grooming appointments must be booked in advance so please let us know if you would like to get on Karen's schedule.

Greater Philly Tails magazine is conducting a pet food drive to benefit local shelters. With the recent pet food recalls many shelter food stocks have been depleted so they have called on local businesses to help. Cubby's is participating as a drop-off location for food donations. Please place any donations in the can available at the front gate. Open bags of dry food are welcome.

Cubby's will be hosting Canine Good Citizen testing on Sunday, June 24th, proceeds to benefit Brookline Lab Rescue. Please contact Nicole McBride at 610.272.0300 for more information or to register.

Also, please note that while we will be caring for boarding dogs, our office and daycare will be closed on the following holidays: Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter!
Sarah & Cubby

Welcome to our new Groomer!

We're very excited to welcome Karen as the newest member of the Cubby's team. Karen has been grooming dogs for the past 13 years. She honed her grooming skills by training under and working for the late Debbie Fegan, a local favorite to many dogs and their owners.

Her experience ranges from the basics of bathing to the finest details of hand scissoring. She is even capable in custom grooming and has done the Nike emblem and Olympic rings!

Karen shares our love of dogs, having two yellow labs of her own, Abby & Mike.



Come on Chestnut,
Chase me Chase me!
Please, Please, Please!
Sadie

Welcome New Dogs!

Bear Berkeley
Chewy & Tate Bocchino
Duncan & Isadora Booker
Molly Brown
Abby, Peter & Henry Costello
Summer Curley
Nick DeLisi
Sophie DelRicci
Chesnut & Bruno Diegel
Denver Drabick
Dakota Dye
Chewy Fadden
Chuckie Fried
CJ Gallo
Duke Gambone
Lucy Giacalone
Melba Ginsberg
Radlee Goltzer
Dawber Gomish
Kira Grosso
Teddy & Chloe Ianiello
Molson John
Rocky Karpinski
Trixie Korman
Grady Kramer
Halusky & Bobalky Makara
Darla Markley
Stella Meyer
CoCo Miller
Monte Robinson
Cali Ross
Joe Rothman
Stanley Stocker
Shadow Sievert
Sophie Silva
Rocky Sostek
Porter Tempesta
Wilma Waters
Meesha West

Announcing..... The Royal Canine Court Sibling Spotlight



Princess Isadora

Isadora or "Izzy," is a 9 month old cockapoo who was a puppy mill rescue. She was a little timid at first but now she flits around the playyard like a little hummingbird. She likes to go through the tunnel and down the slide on the Little Tikes.



Prince Duncan

Duncan, a 1 year old Cocker Spaniel, enjoys tugging his sister's ears, wrestling with his friends and chasing after bubbles. His full name is actually 'King Duncan' so he definitely fits in at the castle!

Trainer's Tidbits by Nicole McBride

To come or not to come? That's what most of our dogs ponder when we call them! So how do we fix it?

Here are some key points to remember:

Don't: Call them to you to punish them or when you are angry. If you need to correct your dog's behavior, go get them. Calling them for something unpleasant will never make your dog WANT to come to you!

Do: Always reward them for coming to you, with a pat on the head!

Don't: Always give them a treat for coming to you, this will create a dog that will ONLY come for treats and you may not always have treat on you. And create a fat dog!

Do: Reinforce a recall by calling them for different reasons, or for no reason at all, but praising when they do!

Don't: Create a game of chase if he won't come-after all a game is a game!

Do: Make a game of coming to you-especially if the dog has something they are not supposed to have! "Let me see what you have?" good dog!

Don't: Give them the opportunity to ignore you. If you don't enforce a command, your dog will begin to ignore them. (How many times must you repeat a command before your dog does it?)

Do: Say commands only ONCE and have your dog complete it, with your nudging if necessary.



So, how do you do all this? Keeping a long lead on your dog, even in a fenced yard, and giving a slight tug when you call him will teach him that you won't let him get away with ignoring you! Obedience training in this manner also works. Have your dog sit and stay, and you walk to the end of the lead. Call him and give him lots of praise when he comes! Click and treat is also a great method in which to train dogs. But the bottom line is be consistent and follow through with completion of commands!



Summer Curley hanging on the curly slide!

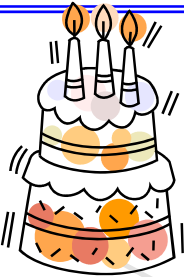
Upcoming Events



June 9th Brookline Lab Rescue Walkathon & Pet Fair -
Norristown Farm Park, Norristown, PA



June 24th Canine Good Citizens Testing
Cubby's Canine Castle
See Cubby's website for details.



Happy "Bone"Days!

March: Snoop, Colby,
Raiden, Chewy B., Stella M.

April: Abby, Toby, Rocky
K., Molly, Lucy G., Tate

May: Dawber, King Duncan



Naptime!!!

Upcoming Basic Obedience
Class Starting Dates:
May 29 & August 14th

Upcoming Puppy Kindergarten
Class Starting Dates:
August 2nd

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