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From Lost Cause to Proper Paws !



Mark Your- Calendar

- **Christmas Craft Fair & Open House**
Nov. 2 , 11 am - 3 pm
Racine Campus
- **Teacup Agility Run-Thru**
November 7
Kenosha Campus
- **Rally Run-Thru**
November 23,
Racine Campus
doors open 6 pm
- **Holiday Parade**
Nov. 8, Racine
Come join us!
- **TDAA Teacup Agility Trial**
Nov. 8 & 9
Kenosha Campus
- **APDT Sanctioned Rally Trial**
January 10 & 11,
2009
Racine Campus

The Nose Knows - Read the Label First!

The animals in our lives and homes depend on us to protect them. Many common household cleaners and pesticides can hurt a pet if not stored or used properly.

Always read the labels first before buying, using or storing household cleaners and pesticide products. Keep all products out of reach of both children and pets.

Labels tell us

1. How to use a product safely & effectively.
2. How to store the product safely.
3. First aid instructions.
4. Phone numbers to call for help.
5. Lists warnings and directions for correct and proper use.

Labels help us to keep our pets and children safe. If you throw away the label you may be throwing away important information needed in case of an emergency.

In case of an emergency know where to call. Have your local poison control center phone number handy. Have your veterinarian's phone number handy. Have the product label with you when you call! The label provides those helping you with important information about the product.

For more information visit ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center www.apcc.asPCA.org



After 150+ photos submitted and over 3200 votes cast by e-mail and paper ballots the results are in. The top three PPU 2009 Calendar photo contest winners are: **Jasper Demicchi**, **Finnley Mackey** and **Hunter Pie**. APAWS APAWS !!



The Bare Bones—Holiday Hazards

Christmas

- Christmas rose, Holly, Lillies and Mistletoe are all toxic plants to dogs and cats.
- Although it make look cute, placing a ribbon around your pet's neck may cause them to choke.
- Angel hair (spun hair) is not only irritating to our pets skin and eyes, it can cause intestinal obstruction if eaten in large quantities..
- As our Christmas tree water stands stagnant it can upset our pets stomach.
- Swallowing ornament hooks or tinsel can cause blockage and/or trauma to gastrointestinal tract
- Ornaments may look like toys to cats and dogs but they can cause serious injury if they break and then get swallowed.
- The older forms of bubbling lights may contain methylene chloride which is highly toxic .

The Dog's Dish—Peanut Butter Biscuits

4 cups whole wheat flour

2 cups oatmeal

1/2 to 3/4 cup chunky peanut butter (EXTRA chunky)

2 1/2 cups hot water

Mix all ingredients, adding more hot water if dough is too sticky.

Knead well. Roll out to 1/4" and cut into shapes with cookie cutter. Bake on greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Turn off heat and let cool in oven overnight.



Scout

Paws To Ponder—

Aquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative.

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FYI ~

On January 10 & 11 2009 PPU Racine will be hosting an **APDT** sanctioned **Rally Trial**.

If you plan to compete you **must** first register your dog with APDT. Allow 2 to 4 weeks!

Applications are available at www.APDT.com.

Rally run-throughs will be held on the 4th Sunday of the months of November and December at the Racine Campus at 6:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00.



Paws Upon Your Heart— Their lab was our lab's best buddy, their loss is ours

In Eternal Peace

Here lies UMA Our Faithful Labrador Retriever

Born March 25, 1995 Died September 1, 2008

Loved by All

We buried Uma by candlelight under a red maple tree at our country house overlooking beautiful Lac Chevreuil in the Laurentian Mountains in Quebec .

She died in our arms at about seven pm. She had a growth obscuring her windpipe and it got worse and she finally just couldn't breathe enough. We stroked her and comforted her and told her that she was the best dog ever and to rest easy and to close her eyes and she finally stopped breathing and we cried tears of sorrow. Our faithful, loving companion of 13 ½ years was gone to eternity.

I'm still crying as I write these words. Uma lived 4907 days. She was 7 weeks old when she came to us. A short life but a long one for a Lab, I am told.

She was loved by everyone whose life she touched. She loved people and other dogs, and even cats as she got older. This summer she loved riding next to me in the pickup truck with the windows open, watching where we were going, her pink tongue

showing as she smiled. She sat with me on the front porch in the mornings while I had my toast and coffee, watching people walking by, her wet nose sniffing the fresh cool air. She slept beside our bed her whole sweet life, waking us at dawn when she was a puppy, and lately sleeping in even after we got up. She would come downstairs slowly, plump,plump,plump, when she smelled the toast. She loved bread, and I can imagine her now sharing some challah with my late dad up in heaven.

The last thing she ate was a piece of a baguette from Lisa's hand. She was like Lisa's shepherd, she followed her around the house, and told her it when was time for bed by barking and turning to the stairs, as if to say, "Let's go" and would wait for Lisa.

She loved to swim in the lake. She was a great swimmer and would follow me and the kids to the island where she would climb up on the big rock and watch over us, barking as we jumped off into the water as if to say, "Be careful, its dangerous, and I wouldn't do that". This was the first year she didn't go swimming in the lake. She only came down to the dock once. She knew she was getting weak.

We have so many memories, they could fill a book. If you knew Uma, please share yours with us. We still can't believe she's gone.

Love from Lisa & Steve

This story is shared with us by Tiffany Behrends.
Tiffany's own labrador retriever frequents our groomer at PPU.
Thank you Tiffany for sharing Uma's story. We appreciate the paws she's left upon your heart!.



The Poop Scoop

*We thank our PPU 2009 Calendar sponsors: **3 Goldens And A Gator, A-1 Grooming By Barbie, Beechwood Veterinary Clinic, Sue Causey** of Coldwell Banker, **Elegant Pauper, Shooting Memories, L.E.A.R.N.** Labrador Education And Rescue Network **H.O.P.E Safehouse, Inc., Sanders Paint and Wallpaper, and Mo's Coffee Lounge and Café.**

* Congratulations to Becki Buscemi who won first place in the employee pumpkin carving contest for her cannibal-pumpkin.

*On October 15, 3 Dogs earned their CGC Certificates when they passed their test. Our new CGC (Canine Good Citizen) dogs are **Lucy** Gozdowiak, **Tanker** Wasik and **Gracie** Makovsky. Well done!

PPU "November" Kenosha Daycare Dogs of the Month

Sephera and Rusty Briggs

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since Sephera and Rusty first attended Kenosha Daycare. Sephera was only 5 months old, a cute little red Standard Poodle full of tail wags and kisses. Rusty was 7 months old when he started coming. He was a tiny toy Poodle that just wanted to cuddle all the time. One year later and Sephera is in the "big" play yard, running, swimming, catching balls and being the big sister to the new dogs in the "BIG YARD".

Rusty still likes to cuddle but he enjoys his runs in the "little dog play yard" and he is best friends with many of the dogs and the staff.

Both Sephera and Rusty are gentle, funny, active, social and wonderful to have in the Proper Paws family. Every morning they come into the lobby excited and ready to start playing. We have enjoyed watching them grow and mature.

Their humans, Mike and Joyce Briggs, are very active in Proper Paws activities and have been in many of Proper Paws classes.

The Briggs family is Pawrific !!

Congratulations, Sephera and Rusty, November Daycare Dogs of Kenosha.



Rusty

Sephera

