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Look for our New Sign - Coming Soon

We are excited about getting a new sign put up for Paws & Effect. The sign will be located on the corner of 104 and County Route 63. We keep hearing from new shoppers that they didn't know we were here. Hopefully this will help to increase our shoppers for the store and with gas prices being what they are, save some people from driving to Syracuse to shop for specialty foods and other pet supplies.

What Dog is Right for Me?

By Kathy Shumway

When you decide to bring a dog into your home, it's important that you select one that will mesh with your lifestyle. It is therefore important that you understand a little about the different types of dogs. According to the American Kennel Club, there are seven main categories of dogs:

- ◆ Sporting
- ◆ Hounds
- ◆ Terrier
- ◆ Toy
- ◆ Working
- ◆ Herding
- ◆ Non-Sporting

In their book, *Good Owners, Great Dogs*, Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson describe the first six groups listed above as follows (taken directly from page 26):

- ◆ "Sporting breeds were bred to hunt for man. They are trainable, active and happy. If untrained, they may chew, run and can be as sensitive as a brick.
- ◆ "Hounds use their eyes and nose to pursue game animals. They do not work with man; man runs after them as they run after game. These active, friendly and comical dogs can be chewers, howlers and hard to housebreak if not directed.
- ◆ "Terriers, created to hunt down and kill vermin, should be sold with their own leather jackets. They are often feisty, lively and self-assured. You live with terriers, you do not own them. Out of control they can be aggressive, barksy and disobedience.
- ◆ "Working dogs are intelligent, trainable and territorial. With direction, experience and activity, they make first-rate companions. Otherwise they can be aggressive and disobedient.
- ◆ "Herding breeds are similar to working dogs, only with a tendency toward shyness and nipping at heels if left to their own direction."

If selecting an All-American Dog, combine breed information and you'll have an idea of the behaviors to expect.

Whatever dog you pick, it is important that you take a leadership role in his or her life. Start from day one providing your new dog with consistent rules and direction. Give him or her adequate exercise and mental stimulation. Provide healthy foods and treats, and of course plenty of clean water. Make sure all vaccinations are up-to-date and ensure your dog is on heart worm preventative. As soon as your dog is old enough, have him or her altered. Taking these steps will help to ensure you will have many years of fun and companionship with whatever dog you choose.

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Training Classes:

Behavioral /Obedience Classes — Classes are scheduled Monday or Thursday Evenings 6:30—7:30 PM. Classes are seven weeks in length. Registration is required. Call 343-0001 to for more information or to register.

Game Night – Cancelled for the summer months. Every Tuesday evening from 6:30—7:30 PM. No registration is required, but we ask that you call 343-0001 the day of the class to let us know you are coming. Games are selected based on the number of attendees.

Puppy Kindergarten—Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM. For puppies up to 6 months of age. No registration is required.

Basic Obedience Class—Saturday morning 10:00—11:00 AM Registration is required. Please call Andrea at 439-2594

Fun with Agility—Wednesday evenings at 6:30—7:30 PM. Call 343-0001 for more information.

Our complete training schedule is located on our website:

We're on the Web!!!
www.pawsandeffectinc.com

Separation Anxiety

By Kathy Shumway

Do you come home to chewed or otherwise destroyed belongings? Do your neighbors complain that your dog barks constantly when you are away? Does your dog soil in the house only when you are gone, but is otherwise housebroken? These may or may not be signs that your dog is suffering from separation anxiety. So how do you know?

Most home-alone problems are the result of boredom and opportunity rather than separation anxiety. I came home one day to find pillow stuffing all over the living room floor. Did Ellie panic because she was left alone? I think not. It is more likely that she and Brandie, our other dog, found the opportunity to have a rousing game of tug-of-war with the pillow. How do I know? Because Ellie is fine when I leave her all day with my husband to go to work. She is also fine when my husband leaves and she is alone with me. Ellie is not overly

attached to either one of us, and that is a good thing.

A dog who suffers from separation anxiety is usually over-bonded to one person and he panics whenever that person leaves. The panic the dog feels is real. Having another person or another dog around does not help. He wants that one person and only that person. So how do you prevent separation anxiety? Below are a few tips:

- ◆ Make sure it's not all about you. If you are constantly holding, tickling or petting your dog, it's likely you want your dog's affection as much as your dog wants your attention. So think twice. All that attention could be causing your dog to become overly-dependent on you.
- ◆ Don't make a big deal about leaving or returning. Keep leaving low key. Leave for short periods - even for just a few minutes- when you

first bring a new dog home so he learns that you will return. Keep your return low-key, too. Don't make a big deal that you have come home.

- ◆ Demote your dog. If you want to give attention to your dog, make him earn it. Give him praise and hugs for "sitting" or "downing." Don't give that attention away for free.

- ◆ Up the Exercise. I've stated this over and over again, but a tired dog is a good dog. A dog that is tired does not have the energy to fret because you are not right there with him.

Dogs that suffer from true separation anxiety will likely need behavioral modification to overcome the problem. So start by preventing the problem in the first place. Let your dog learn that it is okay to be alone.

Is your dog stressed?

By Kathy Shumway

Fight, Flight, Freeze, Faint or Foolishness - These are the ways dogs handle stress.

- ◆ Fight - A stressed dog may become assertive and aggressive
- ◆ Flight - Some dogs, especially shy, sensitive ones, may run away from situations that stress them
- ◆ Freeze - A dog, standing motionless with his head down, tailed tucked and mouth closed is also a dog under stress
- ◆ Faint - A dog under stress may simply flop down on the ground and refuse to do anything
- ◆ Foolishness - Some dogs run around, spin, wiggle, grab at the leash or jump up on people when they are stressed

Other signs of stress include excessive panting, heavy breathing, drooling,, pads of feet sweating and refusal to eat even treats. If your dog is under stress, remove him from the situation that is causing the stress. Do not try to sooth him a stressed dog. Take him to a place where he feels comfortable and just let him relax.

Meet the Fosters

Note: We foster dogs through Paws Across Oswego County. They are a not for profit group made up of volunteers who work on donations and fundraisers. If you are interested in meeting any of our fosters, please call the shop to make arrangements.

Sherman



Sherman has been adopted by a very nice couple. We are sure he will be great fun to have around the house and a great companion.



Otis

Otis, the little Pomeranian Cairn Terrier mix, has found been adopted. Even though, while at Paws, he seemed somewhat dog aggressive, he has a new little sister that he absolutely loves. We are so happy he has found his "Forever Home."

Summer Guests by Marjorie Wentworth

In our perfect world all of our dogs would be social and behave perfectly while guests are in our home.

In our dogs perfect world all visitors would be non-threatening, always share their food, and scratch or pet areas as needed.

The world of dog and human not being the same, we need to teach our dogs what is acceptable and always have a "safe place" for them to rest away from guests. Your guests should always be informed that you do have pets before they arrive. If they have concerns, discuss them. Some dogs do not do well with com-

pany in the home. In this case you may need to board them for the duration of your guests stay.

Remember, even the best of dogs can get tired of poking fingers of a small child. The safe place you set up for your dog should be just that. Explain to small children that when the dog goes there (To his bed, kennel, etc.) that they must leave the dog alone. If this doesn't work, place the dog in a separate room with his bed, some treats, and busy toys.

For "dog people" like us, it is always hard to have non "dog people" in our homes. They may not understand that fur on every article of clothing worn is a stan-

dard dress code or that the loving stare from two feet away as you eat is never threatening. My dogs are trained to live in my house with what is acceptable to our family. We don't mine them on the couch and bed with us nor do we mind those drooling, loving stares as we eat. Other people may not agree with the way your house is run, but don't change the rules for your dog because you have company. This will surely confuse your dog and make him anxious when visitors come.

Work together with your guests, your family, and your pets to keep everyone happy and safe.

Studies have reported over 8 million animals are euthanized in shelters across the US. PLEASE spay and neuter.

Looking for a new member of the family? Check out petfinder.com

If you would like to make a donation in memory to Paws Across Oswego County send a picture and tell us about your much missed and loved pet and we will place it in our next newsletter



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"We have more in store for your
best friend."

Recycled Love

When your family is ready to bring a new dog into your home, think about adopting an older dog. Be sure that before adopting, everyone in the home meets the dog, including other pets in the household. All dogs have different personalities and abilities. Be patient. What you want and expect from your new friend will need to be taught and reinforced. There are many reliable resources. Trainers, groomers, and the former foster home will be willing to help you through the transition. Always remember to reward the behavior you want and be fair with expectations.

All my dogs had former owners—recycled. My first, a female, about 5 years old and very afraid of loud noises and new places. She had been a throw away, put out of a car to be left sitting at the side of the road. She waited there, but they never came back. She is our tender soul, and it took us a very long time to reassure her that we will always be her forever home. We worked with her fears and reassured her. She has become a very loving and wonderful friend.

Our second was about 10 years old. He drooled so badly for the first month that every one in our house had to have a towel on their lap to keep dry. His pacifier was a tennis ball he carried everywhere. The drooling stopped and now he brings much joy to our lives and his ball for play and car rides.

Take time to get to know your new best friend. Find out the strong points of their personalities. If they like to play ball, this is a good bonding game to play. Everyone in the home should take time to bond with the newest member of the family. If your dog shows fears, be sure to be gentle about them, never force them too quickly into a stressful situation.

I was once told by an owner of an older adopted dog that she didn't know what she would do without her new friend. She just knew they were meant to be together. Why else would anyone consider not keeping such a treasure for themselves?

The pure love of a dog who feels the love, trust, and security of a new forever home is amazing! Enjoy your best friend!

Marjorie Wentworth
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It will only take about 10 minutes and the \$15.00 service fee includes:

- ◆ Nails trimmed
- ◆ ears cleaned,
- ◆ breath spray,

- ◆ body spray and a
- ◆ bow for their collar.

As with any of our services here any pet over 8 months old **MUST** be spayed or neutered.