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The DCC Barker



Are You Making Your Dog Sad? If You're Doing This, You May Be

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- 1. Punishing your dog for potty mistakes** — When mistakes happen, and they will, there can be no shouting, absolutely no physical contact and never rub your dog's nose in his mess.
- 2. Thinking of dog crates as "jail cells"** — Your dog is by nature a den dweller, and a crate affords you the opportunity to work with the natural desire to seek out small, dark, safe spots to rest.
- 3. Ignoring the importance of playtime** — Like many busy pet parents today, you're multitasking when you're interacting with your dog. For example, you play tug-of-war with one hand while talking on the phone or checking Facebook with the other.
- 4. Failing to obedience-train your dog** — Behavior problems are the No. 1 reason dogs are relinquished to animal shelters, they don't find new forever homes, and the No. 1 reason they are euthanized.
- 5. Skipping wellness checkups** — If you wait until your pet is already sick to seek veterinary care, in most cases you have waited too long; you're being reactive.
- 6. Failing to recognize your dog's natural athleticism** — In order to stay lean, fit, well-conditioned, your dog should be getting a minimum of 20 minutes of sustained heart-thumping exercise three times a week.
- 7. Dropping the ball when it comes to socializing your dog** — Socialization means exposing your dog (preferably as a puppy) to as many new people, animals, environments and other safe, positive stimuli as possible without overwhelming him.
- 8. Ignoring those teeth and nails** — You should brush your dog's teeth if not every day, at least several times a week. Your dog's nails also need to be clipped regularly.
- 9. Choosing/using the wrong type of collar, harness or leash** — Many pet guardians don't realize the importance of choosing the right type of collar, harness and leash for their dog.
- 10. Not teaching your dog to accept handling** — The best way to prepare your pup to be handled throughout his life is to begin getting him used to having sensitive areas of his body handled as soon as you bring him home. This will not only acclimate your dog to human handling but will also help you familiarize yourself with how his body feels so you can quickly identify any abnormalities that may occur, like a lump or bump on or under his skin.

For more information visit

<https://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2019/01/28/unintentionally-breaking-dogs-spirit.aspx>

*** PLAYGROUP/BOARDING NOTES ***

IF IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN 8 WEEKS THAT YOUR PUP HAS PLAYED AT DCC, AND YOU ARE PLANNING ON BOARDING -WE DO RECOMMEND THAT YOU BRING YOUR PUP IN FOR A DAY OR 2 OF DAYCARE BEFORE THE OVERNIGHT STAY. THIS WILL HELP US RE-ACQUAINT YOUR PUP AND HELP REMOVE ANY ANXIETY JOINING PLAYGROUP. IT WILL ALSO HELP YOUR PUP KNOW THERE IS A BEGINNING AND END TO THE STAY. THIS IS JUST A RECOMMENDATION AS WE ARE THINKING ON BEHALF OF YOUR PUP'S WELL BEING. THANK YOU, MANAGEMENT!



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Spotlight Caddie:

ZACK BRIGGS

Hello! My name is Zackary Briggs and March 3rd is my 1 year anniversary working at DCC as a caddie and yard lead. I love working at DCC because of the friendly staff and the pups that come into play every day. Beside dogs, electricity is one thing I enjoy working with. In April I will be attending Lineman Academy at Cleveland Community College while still working at DCC. Some things I enjoy are hanging out with friends, hiking, long-boarding and playing Xbox. I am an Eagle Scout and also played Bass Clarinet in High School for four years. I look forward to playing with your pups and hope to see you soon.

VAIL KARP



What do you get when you mix the energy of a puppy, the curiosity of a detective and the warmth of a teddy bear?? You get a yorkiepoo named Vail. He is two and a half years old and loves Denver Canine Club. He follows the caddies around the yard and never misses a chance to sit on someone's lap. (He's a lover!!) And Mollie, his groomer and friend is one of his favorites!! When I got him, the breeder told me to, "Take this one. He's a clown and will always make you laugh!!" And, Vail does just that. The neighbors enjoy stopping us on our daily walks and watching Vail roll on his back for belly-rubs. He's a real people-pleaser. His unconditional love and companionship is a gift!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



ANDIE V.
ANNIE T.
BEEMER C.
BELLA H.
BELLA M.
BODI T.
BOHDI S.
BROTHER F.
BUCKLEY H.
BUDDHA F.

CAESAR G.
CARLEY W.
CASEY A.
CHEWIE G.
CHLOE C.
CHLOE S.
CRESIE N.
DJ E.
EDDIE S.
EIRE R.

FLUX T.
GIZMO H.
GIZMO O.
HOLLYBERRY H.
IDGIE G.
IKE T.
JAKE H.
JENNA C.
JOKER T.
LEEROY W.

LEXI W.
LILA GREY L.
LINCOLN H.
LOGAN W.
LUCIA LOU F.
LUCY L.
MAGGIE MAE D.
MILO B.
MISS DAISY D.
MOLLY R.

MURPHY N.
NALA L.
POTTER F.
RIGGS W.
ROSCOE H.
SADIE K.
TEDDI R.
TOBY S.
WALLIE S.
XENA M.
ZEUS S.