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Summer 2010 Newsletter • Paw in Hand Pet Services

Hello and Happy Tails!

"June-uary" weather – it's been so wet these past few weeks but at least it is conducive to getting some inside projects done! My doggies are chewing bones at my feet and I am getting some overdue work done on the computer! If the sun makes an appearance we're outta here though!

Introducing the new Paw In Hand DOG BLOG! www.pawinhand.blogspot.com I am a blogging rookie but this blog will be a good way to keep you up to date with news about field trips, health concerns, holidays, training tips and upcoming doggie related events...and especially to let you know about the new training workshops! More info below.

Eagleview Veterinary Clinic has taken me on to help as a Veterinary Assistant one shift a week! I am excited to be part of their team on Thursday afternoons. I am also doing puppy classes with Dr. Armstrong again. This all happens on Thursdays after the morning field trip.

As always, looking after your dogs is a pleasure and an honour. Taking care of their physical and mental well-being is not something I take lightly! Please, don't hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions or requests regarding your doggie or any of the services. I will keep you informed on what I observe in your doggie as well.

Thank you for trusting me to care for your special furry family members! Happy trails and happy tails!

Arrrrrooooo!

Maren (Auntie M)

HOLIDAYS - Yours and Ours

The Bruun family will be away July 11 - 18 and then another week at the end of August.

I am not planning a replacement dog walker this year. If you need dog care please check with me. I have some possible options. If you are planning any holidays, please, let me know as well, so I can fill your doggies spot.

*Enjoy the Dog Days
of Summer!*



Training Workshops

Yes, I am finally going to teach a few classes again. The format will be single session "workshops" each focusing on a set of related training elements. Katharine Mutzke will once again be my amazing assistant! Sign up for one or more! Check www.pawinhand.blogspot.com for details.

Website and Blog

The Paw In Hand Pet Services' website was launched last year, www.pawinhand.com Now with the launching of the Dog Blog, www.pawinhand.blogspot.com, I am hoping for some input from you to make these even better, more useful and cuter too. If you have some great photos of your dog that you would like to share I will try to put them up! Better yet, enter the Dog Of The Month contest! I am also hoping for a few testimonials. Every doggie whose owner sends me a testimonial gets a free field trip!

Dog of the Month

Your dog could be the next Dog Of The Month! Send us your dog's profile then visit the Blog to enter every month. Your doggie can win a goody bag of toys and treats! Visit www.pawinhand.com or the BLOG www.pawinhand.blogspot.com to enter.

Stick Your Nose in a Good Book

I have sooo many favourite dog books! The new Paw In Hand Dog Blog lists a few of them.

In a previous newsletter, I have suggested the book "Bones Would Rain From The Sky – Deepening our Relationships with Dogs" – by Suzanne Clothier. This one is still tops on my must reads for all dog people. I order from www.dogwise.com. It's available at Squamish Public Library.

Services

Prices remain the same for services for the third year running now. There are a few new dog walking services in town. There are also more and more users on the trails these days. Pressure is on to take smaller groups of dogs or go further afield. Just a heads up that there may be some minor changes coming in the fall. Again, if anyone has any input please let me know. Thanks!

For a short while I thought I had to start collecting GST but my accountant now advises that I may not have to. I'm sure you will agree that is good news otherwise I would also have to start collecting the new HST! I have tried to contact and refund the few clients that paid GST this past Nov - March or so. If I missed you, please, let me know and I will refund you.



Stories of Rainbows

For those of you who don't know yet, our fur family member Heide crossed Rainbow Bridge at the end of May.

Heide von dem Bergen – 1995 - 2010

Lovingly referred to as

Canis Horriblisis xo!

Some pointers are wired! Heide sure was...but she taught me so much about loving and living and more about dog behaviour and training. She actually gets much of the credit for starting Paw In Hand Pet Services. Heide was a once in a lifetime dog that came into my life for a reason. She had a great life. I am so happy that we got to spend so many good times together.



Thank you Dr.Armstrong for helping her to cross to the other side of Rainbow Bridge.

The Bruun family

Maren, Espen, Metta, Sonja and fur family

Stories of Storks



Our family is getting a new Wirehaired Hungarian Vizsla puppy in a couple of weeks! Well ... not really ours. The puppy is a half-sister to our Opal and is from the same breeder in Michigan. The new owners live in Vancouver but they are overseas for the first three weeks so we get the joy and busy days of caring for a 8 week old puppy! Oh oh ... what was I thinking?!? Must be puppy love!

Safe and Healthy

Maren re-certified her Canine First Aid training this spring. Dog Safe Canine First Aid in North Vancouver offers great courses and workshops that teach you the necessary knowledge and skills to empower you to take positive action in the event of any emergency involving a dog. They also teach you how to conduct a "head to tail" check so that you can notice changes in your dog's health before they become serious problems. See www.dogsafe.ca/index.html.

Follow your veterinarian's advice for routine vaccinations including yearly updates for kennel cough and parasite control. Having your dog on a flea preventative program is a good idea even if you don't see a flea...it also may prevent lice. Dealing with dog lice is something no one wants! As for icky ticky creatures... they seem to be dwindling now that we are into summer...but it is always a good idea to give your dog a head to tail body assessment every day anyhow! If your doggie shows any signs of illness (such as coughing, itching or gastrointestinal disturbances) please, let me know as soon as possible. If there are any contagious conditions in our pack I will contact everyone to let them know. Thank you, for helping ensure that none of us have to deal with our dogs having these problems!

Wise Dogs and Cute Too!

"The DOG does not need to be lowered in rank so much as the PEOPLE need to act like people worth listening to."

– S. Clothier- *Bones Would Rain From The Sky*



"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."

– Roger Caras



Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am a diamond glint on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gently autumn rain.

When you wake up in the morning hush; I am the swift uplifting rush
of mighty geese in circling flight. I am the soft moonlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there; I did not die.

– Unknown

Good to Bite!

New suppliers for raw dog food and new dry food products are appearing all the time. Check out www.dogfoodanalysis.com to help educate yourself on all the confusing aspects! I subscribe to Whole Dog Journal www.whole-dog-journal.com It has an annual review of dog foods and lots of other good stuff to chew on.

Why has giving "Human food" to dogs got such a bad rap over the last couple of decades anyhow? Dogs are omnivores... hmmm just something to contemplate and research :0)

No homemade dog treat recipes this month ... just remember the most enticing treats are usually those from mainly meat sources. How about baked chicken liver hearts? Well, for those a little more squeemish than me -- maybe try some small pieces of chicken breast :0)



Surfing Dogs!!!

The new Paw In Hand Dog Blog is the best place to find the best surfing. For links to the best websites, articles, toy and treat suggestions, and fuzzy stories see:

www.blogspot.pawinhand.com

Here are a couple of my favourites to get you started:

www.4pawsu.com/articles.htm – collection of articles from various authors.

www.marinhumanesociety.org/behavior/handouts.asp – you have to sign in to this one but it is well worth it. Check out the article on "Trailiquette".

Training Tips

You may already be using the "Premack Principle" in your daily interactions with your dog. What is it you ask? When used in dog training it means that we can use a behaviour that a dog enjoys and is likely to do to help us get a behaviour that we want our dog to do even if they may not find it as desirable and are less likely to do it. Or in a dog's mind – "first I must sit and make eye contact with my owner and then I get let off leash to run and play yipeeee!" Not entirely different from us asking our children to eat their broccoli before they get dessert! I am making a short video to go on the Dog Blog to show you how to start using the Premack Principle – keep an eye out for it!



Important Doggie Information

Please, ensure I have all your current contact information including cell phone and e-mail. Keeping me up to date with your doggie's health and behaviour details helps ensure their safety and well being too. For your pets safety please have at least three tags on your dogs collar: 2010 Dog Licence, an ID tag with your contact information on it and the bright green Paw In Hand tag (I just ordered a new batch). It has my cell phone number on it so I can respond if a rescue is ever needed.