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10 Best Holiday Gifts for Dogs



1 Boots. For normal walks, your dog's own footpads are best. But if you like to hike with your pet on rocky terrain, give his feet the same kind of protection as you do your own. Today's best dog boots are made of durable material and offer extra traction on uneven surfaces.

2. Pet car harness. If your dog loves to ride in the car, securing her in a non-choking vest harness that works as



both restraint and a chest protector will make the trip safer for both of you.

3. Dog bed. Even if yours sleeps with you during the night, he may appreciate a cozy bed of his own. On cold winter nights, a sheepskin-lined bed that's washable is the ultimate in comfort. If you live in a warm climate, a water-cooled bed could make the perfect gift. And beds for older dogs that are padded with memory foam take weight off pressure points.

4. Double-dish serving tray. A tray with legs and holes to fit stainless steel bowls for food and water can make dining a more comfortable experience for your dog. If yours has floppy ears, shop for bowls that are narrow yet deep, so he can drink and eat without sloshing his ears through the food.

5. Electronic pet door. If you have a safely fenced-in yard, then an automatic dog door, activated by an ultrasonic collar worn by your pet, gives him the freedom to come and go as needed.

Highlights from the SSCNC Club Meeting

Highlights from: 10/19 SSCNC meeting

President: Rene Nunzir gave a special thanks to everyone for helping set-up for our Specialty tomorrow morning. Special thanks to Linda Adiletti for heading up our potluck, Kim and Lonnie Studley for preparing and barbecuing the meat and Kim for being our Specialty Chairperson.
First Vice-President: Mary Lou Just
Mark and Laura Schnur of Fair Oaks who own "Pepper" and Randolph and Gwendlyn Finn who own "Topher" were voted in as new members of our club. We welcome them!

New Business: President of our Nat'l Club and SSCNC member, Harvey Mohrenweiser spoke about the 2013 Schnauzer Puluzza in MO at Purina Farms next May 8-12. First time all three Schnauzer clubs (Miniature, Standard and Giant) will join up at the National Specialty.

*Nominations from the Committee were presented for our 2013 SSCNC Board Members. President - Rene Nunzir; 1st V.P.- Mary Lou Just; 2nd V.P.- Linda Adiletti; Treasurer- John Micheltmore; Secretary- Mary Bugglin; Members-At-Large- Rhonda Davis and Kim Studley.

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News- On, For, or About our Members



New Applicant:

Sandy Zehnder and Bob Warner of Folsom own "Maggie" (Tesla's Magnetic Transformer). Sandy & Bob own one other Standard, a 14-year-old named Reba. They tell us they chose the Standard for temperament, size and companionship. Sponsored by Lonnie and Kim Studley.

SSCA 2013 National Specialty- At Purina Farms, Gray Summit, Missouri on May 8-12.

This National event will feature a Combo Schnauzer Specialty which will include participants from the Giant, Standard, and

Miniature Clubs of America.



Artists from all three clubs will be displaying their art at various booths. <http://www.scca2013national.com>

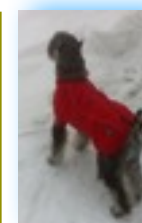
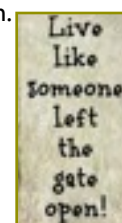
Eukanuba National Championship- December 12th - 16th, 2012- Orlando, FL

SSCA- DUES

This is a reminder to our local club members who are also members our National Club (SSCA) that your dues for SSCA will be due January 1, 2013. Renewal form is linked below www.standardschnauzer.org/SSCARenewal2012.pdf

SSCNC Annual Holiday Banquet-December 9th.....

Remember to bring a wrapped gift (\$20-30)for the auction item.



Furever Home



Dottie reports that Rambo, the rescue the McCrae's adopted last October 2011, had his 12th birthday in August and has had no reoccurrence of the

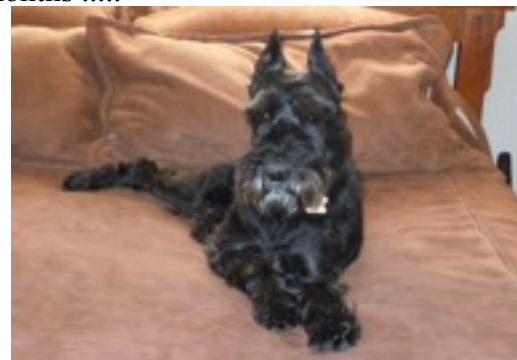
tumor that the club had removed after bringing him up here from San Luis Obispo area.



Rambo, a true Schnauzer taking a nap with his buddy!

Just an update from this past Autumn on another rescue, Miles. He continues to

make slow but steady progress towards trusting men. Dianna, his owner says, "We are working on the fear of men... Miles will now come into a room if Elvis (her husband) is sitting down and calls him...if he stands up, boom, he is gone. He will come into a room with both of us but if I leave, he does too." But she reports, he definitely is beginning to show some Schnauzer humor and it's been just a few months





SSCNC Specialty October 2012



BEST OF BREED

BOB: GCH CHARISMA MAXIM VON DIABLE, Owners: John & Linda Adiletti. Breeder: Constance C Adel

BOS: CH UHLAN A STAR IS BORN, Owner: Judith Legan. Breeder: Rise Quay

W/BW WUNDERKIND'S JOSEPHINE BAKER, Owners: Tess & Valerie Knight Williams & Mark Allen & Don Dalton (BBE GROUP.) Breeders: Dorothy Michelmores & Mark Allen & Don Dalton

SEL: GCH STEINHAUS MAXIM COURAGE RN, Owners: Donald & Dorla Morse. Breeder: Heather Pedersen

SEL: CH BLACKHAWK SHELBY OF WRIGLEY FIELD, Owners: Gordon & Dorian Chong. Breeders: Paul & R. Davis

AOM: CH CHATEAU PALOS TREATY OF GOARRHEIN TD, Owners: HW & EA Mohrenweiser and D & ML Just.
Breeders: DE & ML Just & E Mohrenweiser

AOM: CH BLACKHAWK MEYER OF COMISKEY PARK, Owner: Gerry Greenberg. Breeder: Paul. & Rhonda Davis

NON-REGULAR CLASSES

BV: CH MACH3 PARAMOUNT LONDON RANGER CDX RA HT XF, Owner: Diana M Wall. Breeders: Joel & Heidi Funk

IN SWEEPS

BSW: CHAMPAGNE RUMOR'S PERL RIESLING, Owner: Carol Henning. Breeders: L. & M. Champagne

BOSSW: GREYBEARD SIR PARKER OF OAKTREE, Owner: Kathy Hettick. Breeders: K. & R. Perez-Silva.

HIGH SCORING SS/OBEDIENCE: CH KEYGOLDE WHISKEY RIVER, RN, Owner: S. Clarke. Breeder: R Nunzir



SSCNC Specialty October 2012 cont.





Pet-Safe Holiday Food and Decorations

Celebrate this time of year with your dog — but keep your pets safe by knowing about these seasonal hazards.

Being surrounded by the pets we love is one of the joys of the holiday season. If yours enjoys the excitement and the company, include him or her in the festivities while keeping them safe.

As a conscientious pet owner, you already know that certain foods pose a danger to pets' health. Holiday decorations can also imperil. By being aware of these seasonal hazards, you can protect your pets from situations that cause harm.

Tasty & Toxic Treats

While we can handle the occasional overindulgence, pets shouldn't have to. Many of the foods we love are toxic to them and can cause vomiting and diarrhea, or even stronger and life-threatening reactions.

Pet-safe treats for dogs include nibbles of yam, sweet potato, and canned pumpkin (as long as sugar and spice have not been added). They can also tolerate lean meat and fish, steamed vegetables, and a banana slice.

The list of foods to be avoided is longer. It includes grapes and raisins, chocolate, onion and garlic, raw eggs and meat, milk, salt, sugar, candy, alcohol, coffee and tea. The bottom line: If you're not sure a treat is safe, ask a veterinarian before offering it to your pet.

Holiday Decorations

Do keep your pet in mind when planning to decorate your home for up a Christmas tree, snip off the narrow bottom branches and keep dog won't be tempted to drink it. Tuck away electric wires and house? Run a Q-tip dipped in Bitter Orange along exposed cords to Tinsel has also been responsible for many unfortunate emergency can wind around the intestines of the animal who eats it, and surgery it.

Hooks on ornaments and glass ornaments that break can cut tender position lit candles only in places where a pet can't knock them over.



the holidays. If you're putting tree water covered so your cables. Have a chewer in the discourage curious mouths. visits to veterinary hospitals. It is usually required to remove

mouths. And remember to



Plants that Poison

Green plants add color to winter holidays, yet they can spell danger to pets. According to the Humane Society of the United States, "More than 700 plants have been identified as producing physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals."

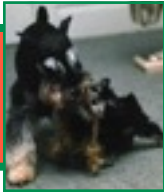
Two of the most popular holiday plants, mistletoe and holly, are considered moderately to severely toxic. In addition, oil licked off the needles of a fir tree and the

needles themselves can irritate a pet's mouth and digestive tract, leading to drooling or vomiting.

To find out if a specific plant is safe or toxic to animals, check the ASPCA website. If you believe your pet has eaten something poisonous, contact your veterinarian or call the HomeAgain Emergency Medical Hotline for assistance.



Thanks to HomeAgain newsletter



CAN PLAYING TUG-OF-WAR MAKE A DOG DOMINANT?

A SCIENTIFIC STUDY DISPELS THE MYTH

“A common misconception among many dog owners is the belief that certain games played between dog and owner can cause behavior problems. The biggest offenders are tug-of-war and other rough-and-tumble games. Many have argued that allowing uncontrolled “wins” can shift the dominance relationship in the dog’s favor, over the owner. This never made sense to me, as there is no data to substantiate these claims. AND according to learning theory, as long as all parties are having fun, tug, like fetch and other games, are opportunities for your dog to learn a positive association about you and what happens in your presence.

Thank goodness two researchers out of the University of Bristol in England studied the effect of various types of play on the dominance dimension of the dog-human relationship (Rooney & Bradshaw, 2003). Fifty participants, each having owned a single dog for at least a year, were filmed playing with their dog in the style of their choice for three minutes after acclimating to the researcher. Participants took a one- hour test consisting of numerous tasks to be performed with their dog. Tasks measured behaviors commonly associated with “dominance” and “attachment.” Looking at rough-and-tumble play, defined as wrestling without an object present and consisting of high levels of contact between human and dog, exposed dogs scored significantly lower on Separation-Related behaviors, meaning they were less likely to display anxious behaviors in the owners absence, and higher in Amenability, meaning they were more obedient. The exact explanation of the effect of this play style on separation behaviors is unknown. The authors suggest it may have something to do with fulfilling the dog’s need for contact thus inhibiting exhibition of contact seeking behavior. This along with increased amenability is desirable as the dog is comfortable being alone and more likely to obey learned cues.

Tug-of-war also failed to substantially alter the dominance relationship between dog and owner. Dogs playing tug and/or fetch scored higher on Confident Interactivity. High scoring dogs are more playful, approach quickly when called, and lick their owners frequently. Plus fetch, an entirely human controlled game, has the same confidence building effect as tug, a result opposing predictions of the dominance enhancement theory.

Finally, there is no evidence that allowing a dog to intentionally or unintentionally “win” has any effect on dominance. In fact, dogs may find winning so much fun that they want to play or interact with you more. Plain and simple, they learn that you are fun to be around. Overall the results of this study suggest that the way dogs play is a reflection of their temperament, learning history, and general relationship with their owner. In no way do the games dogs play with humans affect the dominance aspect of a relationship.

So there you have it! Tug-of-war and other rough-and-tumble games are not only fun, but they also make your dog more obedient and confident.

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(depicts the Standard Schnauzer)
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