



Summer's Coming...

Ever walked by a car on a muggy day and spied a cute furry face appearing to be in distress? Even if the windows are cracked, temperatures in vehicles can quickly rise 20 to 40 degrees higher than the outside, leading to brain damage and even death.

Is it okay to dial 911? Yes! This situation is considered "cruelty to animals". According to the Humane Society, the preferred protocol is to call 911. They will dispatch Animal Control Services. Visit www.kitsap911.org for complete details.

Overweight Pets

The sun is shining, flowers are blooming, what a perfect day to go play outside. For our furry companions, play isn't just a fun time, it is the exercise they need to stay healthy. According to the most recent report from the Association for Pet Obesity, everyone should go play with their dogs far more often.

The USA continues to have alarming pet obesity rates, with 59% of cats and 56% of dogs considered to be overweight or obese. For a cat or dog, carrying around extra weight can lead to arthritis or spinal issues, diabetes, kidney disease, and heart or breathing complications, which also lead to much shorter life expectancies.

Here are some ways to help reduce your pet's weight and avoid common mistakes.

1 - Do not free feed. Always measure or weigh the amount of food being fed. Portion based on your pet's life stage, activity level, current and ideal weights.

2 - Ensure your pet gets at least 30 minutes of activity every day (this includes kitties).

3 - The more moisture the better! Add canned, fresh, or raw food, which are also lower in carbohydrates and calories.

4 - Feed a biologically appropriate diet without ingredients their body can't digest

These are simple starting points to get you thinking. Everyone's journey is unique, and our trained staff are eager to help you navigate the best path to a healthy pet.

Training Center

The next round of Guiding Hands Pet Obedience classes will start the week of May 9th. Unfortunately, all classes in that next series have filled and registration has been closed.

The following series of both Guiding Hands and Pup Pawsitive classes will begin in late June / early July and will be the first ones held in our brand new 3,500 square foot Training Center.

Our new facility will be twice as big as our Silverdale Way location, allowing us to host fully sanctioned competition events in Competitive Obedience, Rally Obedience, and Nosework!

Both trainers are excited to offer new group classes including Competitive Obedience, Heeling & Leash Manners, Nosework Level 1, Nosework Level 2, Puppy Exploration, Introduction to Rally, Rally Level 1, and Rally Level 2.

Both trainers will also be changing up their schedules once we move into the expanded facility. Initially, group classes will be offered every Tuesday through Saturday with Private Lessons, Massages, and Evaluations available every Tuesday through Sunday.

For complete details on our trainers, schedules, pricing, and class descriptions, please visit our website's Dog Training page (under Services).

<u>Stores Closed</u> Thursday, May 12th Staff Training Day Silverdale location open 10a - 6p for Curbside Pickup only

> Monday, May 30th Happy Memorial Day!

Silverdale Construction

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Our bakery (Paws Gourmet Bakery) is now moved in and fully operational. If you shop the Silverdale location on a weekday, be prepared to smell delicious dog treats baking in the oven! Very soon you can visit our Silverdale bakery case and find a plate of our most freshly baked recipe samples for your favorite furry friend.

Now that we can see the light at the end of our construction tunnel, we are thrilled to announce our plan to coincide our Silverdale Grand Re-opening with our 16th Annual Birthday Event in late June. Please note that we are still subject to any construction or inspection delays. Final details will be released in our June Flyer.

Mark your calendars!



16th Birthday Event Silverdale Grand Re-Opening June 24th – 26th

June 24th – 26th Store Wide Sales!



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