December Flyer



Holiday Safety Tips

Did you know that the holiday season can be dangerous for our furry companions? Dangers include getting lost or ingesting poisons, so here are a few tips to help get through this season safe and sound.

While at home, make sure no one sneaks outside when you greet your guests at the door. Resist the temptation to let them out unaccompanied due to weather. Even our older friends have the gift of disappearing in just a single unfocused moment.

Be sure they have a tag with your current contact information. If they are microchipped, ensure that the company's database has your current information.

To help prevent poisonings, be mindful where you place your holiday plants. Holly, ivy, mistletoe, poinsettias, and lilies are all toxic to various degrees. If your furry friend ingests these plants, be sure to contact your vet right away.

Other common poisonings come from our favorite holiday foods. Chocolate is a common danger. The darker the chocolate, the more toxic it can be. Also avoid onions, certain mushrooms, grapes, raisins, and macadamia nuts. Don't panic if they eat a small bite from this list, but do contact your vet if they ingest any substantial quantity. Symptoms can vary.

Set ground rules for your holiday guests. Even though a small bite of holiday turkey isn't harmful, if you have 10 guests and each one shares, it's indigestion time!

Training Center

The next round of all Guiding Hands and Pup Pawsitive classes will begin the first week of January. Registration will open on Tuesday, December 13th. For complete details, please speak with any team member or refer to our Dog Training web page (located on our Services menu).

Our First ASC of WA Trial

We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting our first sanctioned competitive trial in our Silverdale Training Center!

The ASC stands for the Australian Shepherd Club of Washington, but our event is open to all breeds. Our trial is named "In With A Bang" and will be held on Saturday, January 14th and Sunday, January 15th.

Two Rally trials will be held on that Saturday. In Rally, a dog and their handler move together through a course made up of about 10-15 signs. Each sign displays a skill to perform (sit, down, stay, etc.). Four skill levels are available to compete in, Master, Excellent, Advanced, and Novice.

Two Obedience trials will be held on that Sunday. During an Obedience trial, dogs must demonstrate abilities like walking politely, staying, retrieving, and jumping, all while showing they enjoy working with their handler. There are three levels of Obedience: Novice, Open, and Utility.

If you'd like to try your hand at either of these fun (yet competitive) events, we offer both group classes and private lessons to help you prepare.

If interested in competing, trial registration information can be found on the Events page of our website. Pre-entry deadline is December 31st, 2022. Trial slots are limited, so early registration is advised.

Even if you are not the competitive type, everyone is welcome to come out and watch the trial in person. However, entry will be restricted to the double doors in the back of the store. The "normal" training entry doors will be unavailable as they enter directly into the competition area.

Modified Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve: 10am – 5pm Christmas Day: Closed New Year's Eve: 10 am – 5 pm New Year's Day: Closed Santa Paws is coming to town!

Pictures with Santa Paws! (Silverdale only)

Friday, 12/2: 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 12/3: 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 12/4: 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday, 12/5: 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, 12/6: 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Appointments are recommended, and photo studio hours are displayed above. The sitting fee is \$15 and includes a photo and a special gift from Santa. (Additional photos are \$1.00 each.) Sitting fee is due at time of registration and can only be refunded with a minimum cancellation notice of 24 hours. Call 360-633-3166.



Yappy Hour w/ Santa Paws! (Poulsbo only)

Wednesday, 12/7: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

After he finishes with his photo shoots in Silverdale, our Christmas Canine will be hosting a "Yappy" Hour in our Poulsbo location. If you miss your opportunity for an official photo session, stop by for some holiday snacks, special deals, and shoot a selfie or two with *Santa Paws* before he heads back to the North Pole.



As 2022 draws to a close we would like to thank everyone for the incredible support of our community.

From the Naturally 4 Paws family to yours, we wish you a safe and festive holiday season!

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