



# Dog Bytes

WVESA Newsletter

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## Winter Care for Canines

### General Concerns

Winter's cold air brings many concerns for responsible dog owners. Keep the following precautions in mind:

- Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time. Wind chill makes days colder than actual temperature readings. Be attentive to your dog's body temperature, and limit its time outdoors.
- Adequate shelter is a necessity. Keep your dog warm, dry and away from drafts. Tiles and uncarpeted areas may become extremely cold, so make sure to place blankets and pads on floors in these areas.
- Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in and get seriously injured.
- Groom your dog regularly. Your dog needs a well-groomed coat to keep properly insulated. Short- or coarse-haired dogs may get extra

cold, so consider a sweater or coat. Long-haired dogs should have excess hair around the toes and foot pads trimmed to ease snow removal and cleaning. If you do the trimming, take care not to cut the pads or other delicate area of the foot.

- Feed your dog additional calories if it spends a lot of time outdoors or is a working animal. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regulated, so additional calories are necessary.
- Towel or blow-dry your dog if it gets wet from rain or snow. It is important to dry and clean its paws, too. This helps avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads. A little petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent further cracking.
- Don't leave your dog alone in a car without proper precautions. If the car engine is left on, the carbon monoxide will endanger your dog's life. If the engine is off, the temperature in the car will get too cold.

### Health Tips

Dogs cannot talk to us when they are sick. As a responsible dog owner, it is important to pay special attention to your dog's well-being during the winter season. Remember the following health concerns:

- Antifreeze, which often collects on driveways and roadways, is highly poisonous. Although it smells and tastes good to your dog, it can be lethal.
- Rock salt, used to melt ice on sidewalks, may irritate footpads. Be sure to rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk.
- Provide plenty of fresh water. Your dog is just as likely to get dehydrated in the winter as in the summer. Snow is not a satisfactory substitute for water.
- Frostbite is your dog's winter hazard. To prevent frostbite on its ears, tail and feet, don't leave your dog outdoors for too long.

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- Be very careful of supplemental heat sources. Fireplaces and portable heaters can severely burn your dog. Make sure all fireplaces have screens, and keep portable heaters out of reach.
- Like people, dogs seem to be more susceptible to illness in the winter. Take your dog to a veterinarian if you see any suspicious symptoms
- Don't use over-the-counter medications on your dog without consulting a veterinarian.

## Holiday Safeguards

The winter season brings lots of fun holiday festivities, but pet-owners should keep in mind the following special precautions:

- The holidays are not ideal for introducing a pet into your family. New puppies and dogs require extra attention and a stable environment, which the holiday season doesn't permit. Also, a puppy is not a toy or gift that can be returned. Instead, the AKC suggests giving a gift representative of the dog to come, such as a toy, a leash, or a bed.
- Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia plants are pet poisons! Make sure they are kept in places your dog cannot reach.
- Review holiday gifts for dogs to make sure they are safe. Items such as plastic toys and small rawhide sticks may be dangerous.
- Remove holiday lights from lower branches of your tree. They may get very hot and burn dogs.

- Watch out for electrical cords. Pets often try to chew them and may get badly shocked or electrocuted. Place wires out of reach.
- Avoid using glass ornaments. They break easily and may cut a dog's feet and mouth.
- Refrain from using edible ornaments. Your dog may knock the tree over in an attempt to eat them. Also, commercial ornaments may contain paint or toxins in the preservatives.
- Whether your tree is live or artificial, both kinds of needles are sharp and indigestible. Don't leave your dog unattended in the room with the tree.
- Tinsel is dangerous for dogs. It may obstruct circulation and, if swallowed, block the intestines.
- Alcohol and chocolate are toxic for dogs, even in small amounts. Keep unhealthy, sweet treats and seasonal goodies out of reach.
- The holiday season is a stressful time for dogs. Try to keep a normal schedule during all the excitement.

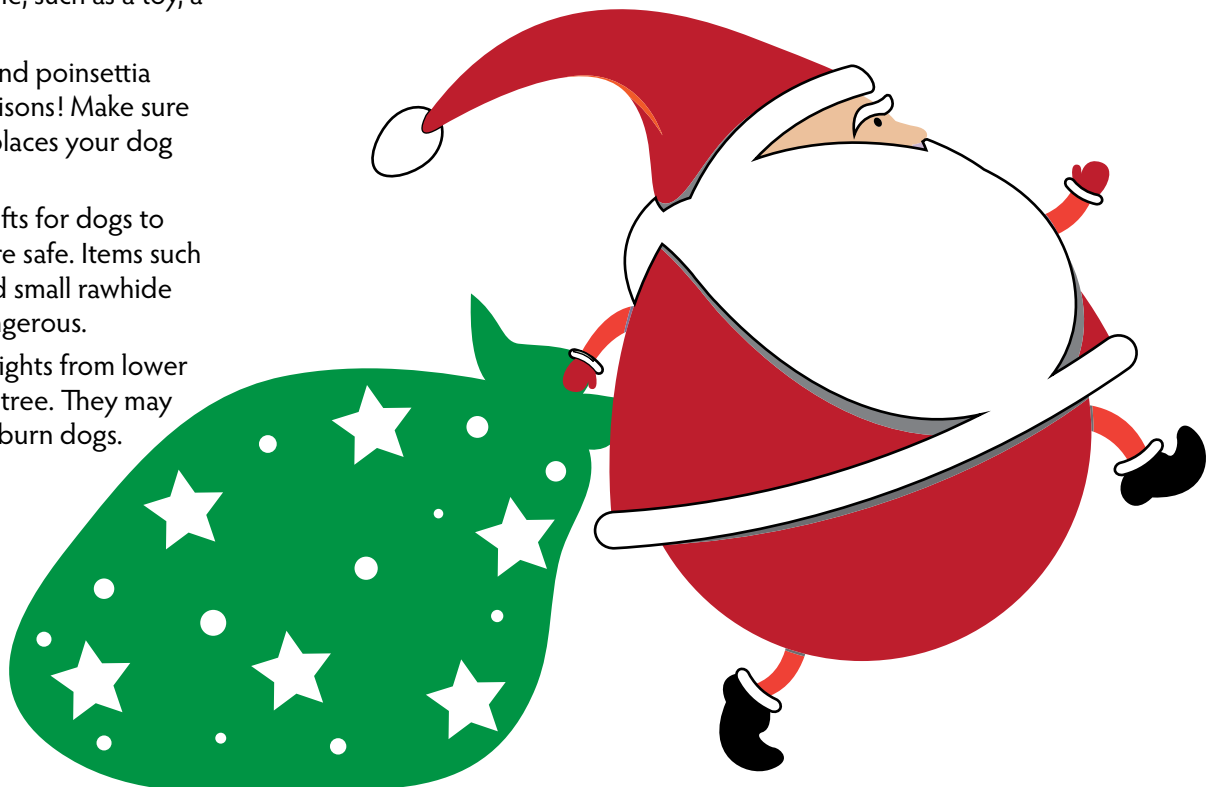
## Future Meetings December Meeting.

Saturday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Englishes. The December meeting is the annual Christmas party.

A board meeting is scheduled for 12:00 noon.

## Braggs and Wags

- GCH Oxbow's Gold Medal earned his last points for his AKC Bronze Grand Championship at the Richland shows in late September. Baker is lovingly bred, owned, and shown by Dave and Janeé Kemp.
- GCH M'Classic and Hijinks Hot Legs NA, NAJ, NF was Select Bitch at the Golden Gate English Springer Spaniel Association. BOS was the #1 Bitch in the country....so that was pretty special! "Roxie" owned by Elaine Resner.
- Donahan n' Cedar's Zoot Suit earned his Canine Good Citizenship title. Zoot is owned by Don and Carol Callahan.



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# Show Results

## **Richland KC, 9/10/13**

**BOB** GCH CH Winamere N

Goldcamp Simply "D" Best

**BOS** GCH CH Ramblewood Make

A Memory

**SD** GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

**SB** CH Mar-Ric Wheel Of Fortune RN

**BOW/WD** Mar-Ric Signature Edition

**RWD** Majic Wilbec Heart Of A

Scoundrel

**WB** Ramblewood All The Way

**RWB** Oxbow's Sweetheart of the Rodeo

## **Richland KC, 9/11/13**

**GP2/BOB** GCH CH Winamere N

Goldcamp Simply "D" Best

**BOS** GCH CH Ramblewood Make A

Memory

**SD** GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

**SB** CH Mar-Ric Wheel Of Fortune RN

**BOW/WD** Mar-Ric Signature Edition

**RWD** Ramblewood Magic Carpet Ride

**WB** Ramblewood You'Re So Vain

**RWB** Oxbow's Sweetheart

of the Rodeo

## **Lizard Butte KC, 10/10/13**

**GP1/BOB** GCH CH Hil-N-Don &

Canyonwood Seemore Of Me

**BOS/WB** Cedarwood's Heart Throb

**SD** GCH CH Polesitter's M3

**BOW/WD** Kstar Ramblewood A Fool

For You

**WB** Cedarwood's Heart Throb

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**WD** Kstar Ramblewood A Fool For You

## **Vancouver KC, 10/26/13**

**BOB** CH Pawmarc 'N Darkover

Saving Grace

**BOS** GCH CH Ramblewood Don'T

Stop Believin

**SD** GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

**BOW/WD** Pawmarc's Moonlight

Kaboom

**RWD** Ramblewood Taking Care

Of Business

**WB** Ramblewood Hallelujah

**RWB** Oxbow's Sweetheart

Of The Rodeo

## **Vancouver KC, 10/27/13**

**BOB** GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

**BOS** GCH CH Pawmarc 'N Darkover

Saving Grace

**SD** GCH CH Ramblewood Don'T

Stop Believin

**BOW/WB** G&J's Sequoia Spring

**WD** Ramblewood Taking Care

Of Business

**RWD** Pawmarc's Moonlight Kaboom

**WB** G&J's Sequoia Spring

**RWB** Ramblewood Hooked

On A Feeling

## **Umpqua KC, 11/14/13**

**GP2/BOB** GCH CH Segre's Brown

Derby BN RA OA OAJ

**SD** GCH CH Mar-Ric Sir Jackson

Stonewall CGC

**WD** Cedar's Western Code Talker

## **Umpqua KC, 11/15/13**

**BOB** GCH CH Segre's Brown Derby

BN RA OA OAJ

**SD** GCH CH Mar-Ric Sir Jackson

Stonewall CGC

**WD** Cedar's Western Code Talker

## **Rogue Valley KC, 11/16/13**

**BOB** GCH CH Segre's Brown Derby

BN RA OA OAJ

**SD** GCH CH Mar-Ric Sir Jackson

Stonewall CGC

**WD** Cedar's Western Code Talker

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**BOB** GCH CH Segre's Brown Derby

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Stonewall CGC

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# Coming Events

## Conformation & Obedience

### January 11-12, 2014

West Washington Cluster

Puyallup, WA

Saturday: TBD

Sunday: Kay A. Reamensnyder

Monday: Deborah Y. Verdon

### January 17-20, 2014

Rose City Cluster

Portland, OR

Thursday: Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna

Friday: Linda C. More

Saturday: Gloria Kerr

Saturday Sweeps: Rose Cervenak

Sunday: Gloria Geringer

### February 21-24, 2014

Covered Bridge Cluster

Albany, OR

Friday: Clay Coady

Saturday: James M. Brown

Sunday: Susan St. John Brown

Monday: Loraine Boutwell

### March 8-9, 2014

Seattle Kennel Club

Seattle, WA

Saturday: TBA

Sunday: TBA

### March 22-23, 2014

Peninsula Dog Fanciers

Bremerton, WA

Saturday: Loraine Boutwell

Sunday: Marilyn C. Spacht

### March 29-30, 2014

Chintimini Kennel Club

Albany, OR

Saturday: Honey Anne Glendinning

Sunday: Valerie J. Brown

## AKC Agility

### December 13-15, 2013

Auburn, WA

### December 27-29, 2013

Elma, WA

### January 3-5, 2014

Ridgefield, WA

### January 16-19, 2014

Portland, OR

### January 31-February 2, 2014

Auburn, WA

Ridgefield, WA

### February 7-9, 2014

Auburn, WA

### February 14-17, 2014

Caldwell, ID

Auburn, WA

### February 21-24, 2014

Albany, OR

Lynden, WA

Liberty Lake, WA

### March 1-2, 2014

Auburn, WA

### March 8-9, 2014

Seattle, WA

### March 14-16, 2014

Ridgefield, WA

Caldwell, ID

Monroe, WA

### March 21-23, 2014

Auburn, WA

Moses Lake, WA

### March 28-30, 2014

Rigby, ID

Albany, OR

## Tracking

### January 1, 2014

Portland, OR

TDU

### January 5, 2014

Bow, WA

TD

### March 2, 2014

Bow, WA

TD

### March 9, 2014

Palisades, WA

TD, TDX

### March 16, 2014

Portland, OR

VST

### March 23, 2014

Monmouth, OR

TDU

### March 30, 2014

White City, OR

TD, VST, TDX

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# A Puppy's 12 Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
The Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Three  
punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon

Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Ten Christmas cards  
I shoulda mailed  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Eleven unwrapped presents  
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
A dozen puppy kisses  
And I forgot all about the other eleven days.



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