

Best Fido Friends Monthly

November Edition



Thanksgiving Safety Tips

Thanksgiving is a time for friends, family and holiday feasts - but also a time for possible distress for our animal companions. Pets won't be so thankful if they munch on undercooked turkey, a pet-unfriendly floral arrangement, or if they stumble upon an unattended alcoholic drink.

Check out the following tips for a fulfilling Thanksgiving that your pets can enjoy, too:

Talkin' Turkey: If you decide to feed your pet a bite of turkey, make sure it's boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer them raw or undercooked turkey, which may contain salmonella bacteria. **Do not give your pet the left over carcass! The bones can be problematic for the digestive tract.**

No Bread Dough: Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him access to raw yeast bread dough. When ingested, the yeast continues to convert the sugars in the dough to carbon dioxide gas and alcohol. This can result in bloated drunken pets, which can be life-threatening!

A Feast Fit for a King: Give your dog a small feast of their own. Stuff their usual dinner with a bit of turkey, vegetables, and gravy inside a puzzle toy.

November Events

- 11/4 -11/10 National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
- 11/6 & 11/27 Tasty Treat Tuesday - All daycare dogs get a treat with consent.
- 11/7 Camp Fido: Mini Training Sessions - Owner's Choice (included in daycare)
- **11/8 Employee Training - There will be no daycare today!**
- 11/13 \$20 Daycare Special (All-Day!)
- 11/20 Thanksgiving Party - Dogs will enjoy arts & crafts and a thanksgiving feast for snack time.
- **11/22 Thanksgiving - CLOSED**
- 11/29 Frozen Kong Day - All daycare dogs will get a frozen kong with

Pumpkin Pie (Dog-friendly)

Ingredients:

- 16 oz. can of pumpkin (plain)
- 8 oz. plain low-fat yogurt
- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour, or a mixture of all-purpose and whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 1/4 cup applesauce, unsweetened
- 3 – 4 Tbsp. water

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Mix oatmeal and flour together in a food processor.
3. Add applesauce slowly, continuing to run the processor.
4. Add water slowly, using only enough to make a ball (too much will make the dough sticky).
5. Spray wax paper and muffin tin with olive or vegetable oil cooking spray.
6. Roll out dough onto wax paper and cut out 8 circles, about 4" across (or divide dough into 8 small balls before rolling out).
7. Press individual circles into bottom and sides of muffin tin.
8. Bake for 8 minutes.
9. Let crusts cool, then remove from the muffin tin.
10. Fill each crust with about 1/4 cup (2 ounces) of canned pumpkin.
11. Top with a dollop of yogurt. (optional)

Food For Families

Food for Families is a food drive that collects non-perishable food and stocks the shelves of area food banks and pantries beyond the holiday season. Best Fido Friends will be collecting food starting **November 12th through November 16th**. Items most needed are Canned Meats, Tuna, Chili, Stew, Chicken, Canned Vegetables, Sugar, Corn Meal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Cereals, Flour, Baby Food, Peanut Butter, Dry Beans, Flour, Rice. Together we can help our community!



TRAINING TIP OF THE MONTH: WORK IS PLAY. PLAY IS WORK.

So many people start out on a training regimen with their dogs, only to grow bored of it and give up on it. It's usually due to one of two things: lack of results, or it feels too much like work. You can help both of these issues by simply changing the way you think of training. EVERY interaction you have with your dog teaches your dog something. Make time to PLAY with your dog, and incorporate some training into your play. Both you and your dog will enjoy the training more, and the results will come even faster!

