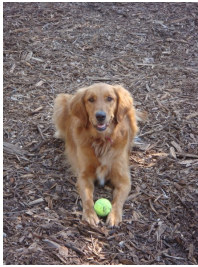




The Beaufort Dog Newsletter
June 2010



PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW

We'd like to take this time to say farewell to a few of our loyal customers who will be leaving us for greater adventures in the month of June. Roxy, a golden retriever many of you have had the chance to meet and be hugged by, will be moving away with her family who is military. Cecil, a chocolate lab who can be regularly found keeping us on our toes, will also be leaving with his military family. Roo, a dear Aussie and German Shorthair mix will be moving to North Carolina with his mom.

We wish you all the best and we will miss seeing you and your families regularly! Good luck in all future endeavors, and remember to stop in and see us if you're ever back in town!

WHATS IN YOUR DOG'S FOOD?

Reading the back of a bag of dog food can be like reading Greek if you aren't sure what you are looking for. So we have decided to do a series of articles regarding ingredients you want to see, and those you don't want to see.

Menadione sodium bisulfite (also listed sometimes as Menadione, dimethylpyrimidinol bisulfite, and menadione dimethylpyrimidinol sulfate) is a synthetic form of vitamin K---vitamin K3 to be exact. So whats so bad about this chemical?

According to *The Dog Food Project*, this ingredient has been blamed for everything from liver cytotoxicity, its mutagenic effects, supressing the immune system, skin irritation and eczema, and even irritation of the mucous membranes. Dog food companies claim that this ingredient is a more digestible form of vitamin K, and helps in blood clotting. Neither of these claims have ever been proven.

What *has* been proven is that vitamin K3, in high direct doses, causes vomiting and albuminuria (albumin in the urine, usually a sign of of kidney damage). Also according to *The Dog Food Project*, Menadione has never been approved for long-term use (such as in dog food), has been banned from use in food and supplements in many European countries due to serious injury or death, and has been banned by the FDA from over the counter supplements due to it's high toxicity.

Is menadione in *your* dog's food?

<http://www.fda.org>
<http://www.thedogfoodproject.com>

CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL

I have been sending Clarice to doggy day care for the last 6 months. Clarice is a rescue Pom-mix, who was battered and starved before I adopted her. Rebecca, a staff member who is also a teacher for the obedience classes, has been extraordinary in her commitment to help me provide this cute little dog a safe and loving environment, and to teach Clarice that humans are safe to interact with. Rebecca has demonstrated an unending amount of patience toward Clarice, through respecting Clarice's fears and requiring Clarice to adopt appropriate social behaviors. Actually, I don't know what I would have done without her.

Kelley has created an atmosphere at Beaufort Dog that not only cares for dogs, but also us humans who have not been 'dog people'. I've asked questions and everyone there is more than willing to answer anything they can.

We, in Beaufort, are so very fortunate to have this place. GO DOGS!

FEATURED PRODUCT

BULLY STICKS



These are a great, all-natural chew for your dog. They are 100% digestible, unlike rawhide, and are appropriate for dogs of all shapes and sizes. Stop by and pick up your bully stick today!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2ND ANNUAL PET FAIR

When: August 14th

Where: Habersham Marketplace,
Beaufort SC

Projected Agenda:

10:00- Nutrition 101

11:00- Basic Veterinarian Advice

12:00- Problem Behaviors

1:00- Acupuncture and Alternative
Veterinary Medicine

2:00- Advanced Nutrition by Dr.
Janice

3:00- Preventative Care Q & A

Entertainment:

- Family photography sessions
- Dog Water Park
- Dog Obedience
- Agility Demonstration
- Dog Games
- Dog Ice Cream Eating Contest

For the Kids:

- Pirate ship play yard
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Dog games

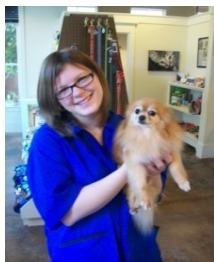
WATER PARK OPEN ON SATURDAYS

Keep your dog cool this summer by visiting our water park from 11 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. Please stop inside to sign a liability waiver before entering the dog area. See you there!



TAKE HOME GROOMER

Tips from Katelyn the Groomer



Teeth brushing at least once a week is an important part of your dog's hygiene. Use an enzymatic dog toothpaste, or scrub his teeth with a little baking soda on a damp cloth if he'll let you. Clean teeth will also help freshen his breathe so you can keep enjoying getting kisses!

LOWCOUNTRY LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER OPTIONS

The Beaufort County Animal Shelter is going to have a male cat clinic on Saturday, June 26, at St. Helena Fire Station on Lady's Island. The cost is \$15 for the neuter, and \$5 per shot. The rabies vaccination is mandatory, but other medicines or shots are optional. Dr. Murphy will be performing the operations in his mobile clinic. People who want to participate can call the shelter at 843-846-3904 to put their name on the list. Cats from all over Beaufort County are welcome, not just from Lady's Island.

Additionally, every Wednesday and Thursday the Hilton Head Humane Association will be hosting a no-cost spay and neuter clinic. The only charge for eligible participants is a \$5.00 microchipping fee. This program is offered to low-income residents, full time college students and owners of Pit Bulls and Rottweilers. Call the shelter at 843 681-8686 to confirm eligibility and to make appointments.

SIGN UP FOR AGILITY



Photo Courtesy of Photos by Harpo

We will be starting a new agility class this summer. Classes will be on a weeknight and last for 6 weeks. This is a very basic class, so no experience necessary. We have a lot of fun and it's a great way to bond with your dog! Please email Rebecca at rebecca@beaufortdog.com for more information or to sign up!

NEW DROP-OFF/PICK-UP SYSTEM

As many of you have already seen, we have implemented a new system for dropping off and picking up your dogs for daycare and boarding. Now all you have to do is pull up at the back fence, and we will be waiting to meet your dog, or at pick up time we will bring your pooch to you. Want to make a purchase while you're here? We can radio up to the store and have them have the items ready for you by the time you pull around.

Thanks for being patient with us while we're working out the kinks of this new system!

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB
<http://www.beaufortdog.com>