

Genius Dog Newsletter

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"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." Roger Caras

Have Dog – Will Travel

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Going on a road trip with your dog can be either a nightmare or a dream. The key to an enjoyable trip with your four-legged family member is research and preparation.

Packing for your pooch...

The following are some basic items you will need for your trip:

- Food & water (including pet dishes)
- Waste bags & potty pads (if needed)
- Bath wipes & brush
- Vaccination records (some hotels may require it)
- Prescription medication
- A favorite blanket and toy (to make your pet feel more at home)

- Collar (with license and identification tags) and a 6 ft. leash
- Pet carrier (if needed)

On the road again...

Here are a few things to keep in mind while traveling with your pet:

- Don't let your dog roam around inside your vehicle while you are driving. Your dog could impair your ability to drive safely, and in the event of a collision, your dog could become seriously injured or killed.
- Make frequent stops so your dog can go potty and exercise.
- NEVER leave your dog alone in the vehicle.

Are we there yet?

When planning your trip, finding the right place to stay is very important.

Here are several questions you may want to ask before making your reservation:

- Are pets allowed?
- Is there a fee for pets?
- Are there size/weight restrictions?
- Do you limit the number of pets per room?
- Are pets allowed to be left alone in the room?
- Are some areas of the hotel/motel restricted to pets?



HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE TRIP!

Pet First Aid Class

Has your pet ever suffered an injury and you didn't know what to do?

Did you know you can perform CPR on your pet?

The American Red Cross San Diego/Imperial Counties offers classes in Pet First Aid.

The class is 3 ½ hours in length and is currently being offered once a month, either during the week (evenings) or on the weekends (mornings).

Price includes the Dog First Aid Handbook, Cat First Aid Handbook and two DVDs.

Prerequisites: None

Cost: \$65

Note: American Red Cross Pet First Aid Certification does not expire.

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Our training programs use dog-friendly techniques, with an emphasis on positive reinforcement.

Available Services:

Beginner Through Advanced Obedience, Behavior Consultations, Potty Training, Crate Training, and Socialization.

Please feel free to contact us for more information about our training programs.

Here are a couple articles we're currently working on for upcoming issues: "Pet Insurance – Is it worth it?" and "Barking Dogs – Nuisance or nonsense?"

If there is a topic you would like to see featured in our newsletter, please visit our website and send us your comments and suggestions.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Wylie's Corner

Hi! I'm Wylie, CEO of **Genius Dog Training**. Check out the company logo...that's me. Not too bad for a mutt from the shelter.

Anyway, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and thank you for subscribing to our newsletter. I hope you find the information both useful and entertaining.

-- Wylie

Because I like to play with toys so much, I thought my first article would be about, what else, toys.

One of my favorite toys is the KONG Flyer. I really like playing catch with it.

It's a red, rubber disc that comes in two sizes, 7" and 9".

It's flexible, easy to throw (so my human says) and doesn't have any sharp edges.

As long as you don't let your dog turn it into a chew toy, it should last longer than the cheaper plastic kind. I've had mine for at least three years.

Depending on which size you choose and where you purchase it, the cost can be as much as \$12.99.

By the way, if you go to the KONG website (www.kongcompany.com), you can enter to win a FREE KONG Toy and Treat Basket.

Well, that's all for now (my paws are getting tired from all this typing). This is really *ruff* work. Next time, I'm going to get the cats to do the typing.



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