

Genius Dog Newsletter

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

Pet-Friendly Events & More

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Like many dog owners, I often take my dog with me when I go out. To my surprise, Wylie has really turned into a wonderful traveling companion.

Because it's sometimes hard to find a hotel, restaurant, or things to do with him (many places are not pet-friendly), I thought I would give you some ideas of what you and your four-legged companion can do.

Escondido Humane Society's Paws in the Park dog walk is March 27, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The annual dog walk raises money and awareness for homeless and abandoned animals.

For more information, visit the Escondido Humane Society website listed below http://www.escondidohumanesociety.org/ehs_003.htm

Pet Day on the Bay 2011 is Saturday, May 14. This fun

event takes place on the Adventure Hornblower with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the homeless animals of Helen Woodward Animal Center.

I have never attended this event but it sounds like a lot of fun. Wylie is not that fond of the water and I get sea sick (not a great combination).

For more information, visit the Hornblower website at

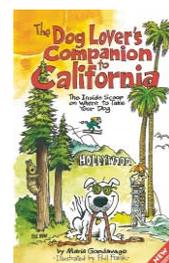
<http://www.hornblower.com/hce/port/overview/sd+petdayonbay>

Loews Coronado Bay is a very pet-friendly hotel ("Loews Loves Pets" program). They do charge \$25 per stay, but that's a lot less than many hotels (Residence Inn usually charges \$100). Money aside, there are places for you to walk your dog and Wylie even received a welcome gift that included dog waste bags,

treats, and a dog tag.

They even have a special room service menu for dogs and cats. Some of the menu items included "Chow Hound Chicken" and "Kitty's Salmon Supreme."

If you really want to know where to take your dog (at least in California), I would strongly suggest reading **The Dog Lovers Companion to California: The Inside Scoop on Where to Take Your Dog**. It includes dog-friendly beaches, hiking trails, hotels, etc. What's even better, a new edition will be available on May 31, 2011.



Potty Training Tips

Housebreaking your puppy can be rather frustrating at times. Here are a few things to keep in mind (at 4:00 AM when your puppy needs to go potty!).

Every puppy is different. Some puppies pick it up very quickly, whereas others can take a few months.

Take your puppy out often. In most cases, very young

puppies need to go every couple of hours (if not more).

Use a crate. It should only be large enough for your puppy to stand up, turn around, and lay down comfortably. Do not leave your puppy in the crate for longer than she can physically "hold it."

Accompany your puppy outside to go potty. This way you'll be

certain that she went and you'll be able to reward your puppy immediately.

If your puppy does have an "accident," clean it thoroughly.

For more tips, email us at info@geniusdogtraining.com. Remember, the more consistent you are, the more successful you'll be.

Good Luck!

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Puppy Class (10 wks. – 5 mos.)

Beginner Class (6 mos. & older)

For a list of available classes, visit our website at www.GeniusDogTraining.com and go to the "Service Request" page.

Important Information:

- Training Location – California Pets, 200 E. Via Rancho Parkway #363, Escondido, CA 92025.
- Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required.
- All puppies and dogs must be current on their vaccinations.
- Classes are six (6) weeks, one (1) hour each week.

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Wylie's Corner

Hi everyone! Spring is almost here and I wanted to do something fun for this edition. No, not tug-of-war or fetch -- it's a guessing game.

My mommy is often asked what I am. Because I came from a shelter no one knows for sure. It was someone at the shelter who decided I was a Queensland Heeler (aka Australian Cattle Dog) and Australian Shepherd mix.

Well, mommy always thought I was part Australian Cattle Dog (pretty sure), but she didn't think I was an Australian Shepherd.

After thinking it over, she finally decided to have me DNA tested. There are several

different companies that offer Dog DNA test kits. Some can only be done by a veterinarian, but others can be done at home.

My mommy used Wisdom Panel Insights Dog DNA test. This is not an endorsement for this product; it was just the cheapest one she could find at the time that seemed reputable.



It was pretty easy to do. She just filled out the form, swabbed the inside of my cheek twice, sealed each swab individually, and then dropped it in the mail. The results came by email in about 2 weeks.

Don't be disappointed if the results aren't what you expected. Humans can make mistakes too. Just have fun with it.

So guess what breed I am?

- Wylie



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