

# Genius Dog Newsletter

## GENIUS DOG TRAINING

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

### Dog Days of Summer

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**How to avoid having a "hot dog"...** (I'm sorry, but I just couldn't resist.)

Just like humans, animals can suffer from dehydration, sunburn, and heat stroke, if overexposed to the heat.

Heat stroke occurs when a dog severely overheats – most commonly in the spring and summer months.

Here are a few precautions you can take this summer:

- Never leave your dog alone in a parked vehicle.
- If your dog is left outdoors, make sure there is some shade and plenty of fresh, clean water. *Tip – Put some ice cubes in the water to keep it cool longer.*
- Walk your dog early in the morning or later in the evening

when it isn't as hot.

- To avoid burning your dog's paws, try to avoid walking your dog on hot surfaces such as asphalt.
- Don't over exercise your dog. Always take your dog's age, health, and breed into consideration when exercising your dog.

Dogs that are brachycephalic (short-faced), such as Bulldogs, Boxers, Pugs, and Shih Tzus, may have a more difficult time during the summer months than other breeds.

- Never leave your dog unattended in water. Some dogs can't swim and others, like Wylie, hate the water. *Tip – If you're at the ocean, be careful of*

*rip currents.*

- Dogs with white, short, or non-existent coats (hair/fur) are particularly sensitive to the sun. *Tip – Use pet-safe sunscreens, if possible.*
- Keep dogs off of lawns that have been chemically treated or fertilized for 24 hours.
- If you like to go hiking with your dog, keep your dog on a leash. Rattlesnakes are more active during the warmer months, with most bites occurring between April and October.



### Fun and Games...

Playing games with your dog can be a good way to keep them exercised and mentally stimulated.

Use your dog's natural instincts and great nose to play Hide and Seek.

1. Give your dog the cue to sit or down.

2. Then give the cue for stay.
3. Go hide somewhere in your house/backyard.
4. Give the cue to find you or come.

See how long it takes your dog to locate you.

If your dog doesn't know these cues, have someone hold your dog until you've hidden.

You can also play this game with your dog's treats or toys. Make it easy at first, and then increase the difficulty level as your dog progresses.

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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](http://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

G'day Mates!

I'm just trying out my Aussie accent. What do you think?

This time I wanted to tell you about a neat place where you can take your four-legged family members, and it's just for dogs (no cats allowed) - - it's called a dog park.

If your dog is fully immunized, dog parks are a great place for your dog to exercise, play, and meet some new friends.

My human says it's good for me to get along with other dogs and not be a bully.

For the first couple of months, I was really scared, but my human did a few things to help

me get use to it. First, she took me when it wasn't too crowded. After all, having 20 strange dogs coming at you all at once can be doggone scary! Second, we didn't stay too long in the beginning. And finally, I didn't have to meet any new dogs or people unless I wanted to. But once I got use to going and saw how much fun the other dogs were having, I started making new friends.

Many newer dog parks have some nifty things like watering stations, doggie waste bags, trash cans, and most importantly for us boy dogs, plenty of trees! Oh, they also have benches for the humans, but I like to sit on them too -- when nobody is

watching.

So go out and visit your local dog park today!

PS: See me in action by visiting our website and going to the "Video Gallery" page.



*"The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed in this article are my own and do not necessarily reflect that of Genius Dog Training." -- Wylie*