

# Genius Dog Newsletter

## GENIUS DOG TRAINING

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

### Pet Services for the Holidays & Throughout the Year

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Holiday season is a busy time of year for most people -- potlucks at work, high school football games to attend, out-of-town guests visiting -- you know the drill. Unfortunately with so much going on during the holidays our four-legged family members may get overwhelmed or overlooked.

Try to maintain the same routine (e.g., feeding, walks, etc.) as you normally would. If you have guests visiting or staying with you, let them know the dos and don'ts regarding your pet. For instance, is it okay for your pet to have the leftovers from dinner? Also realize, that even though your pet may do well with your children he or she may not do well with other children or numerous children. Watch for signs of stress and make sure your pet has a quiet place to retreat to if needed.

If you don't have the time during the holidays to take your

dog on his or her regular walks consider hiring a dog walker to take your pet out for some socialization and exercise. Better yet, check out **Your Buddy & Me** dog excursions and walking. If you want your dog to have some fun in the sun or romp on the beach, call Your Buddy & Me today at (619) 549-4749.



Traveling with your pet can be a lot of fun. Please check out our fall 2009 newsletter at [www.GeniusDogTraining.com](http://www.GeniusDogTraining.com) for some helpful tips.

If you are traveling somewhere for the holidays and can't take your pet with you and don't have anyone to

pet sit consider boarding your cat or dog.

My personal choice is **Pet Ville Pet Hotel** in San Marcos, California. Calling it a boarding facility is an understatement to say the least. Heck, I would take my vacation there if they would let me!



Pet Ville Pet Hotel has a couple large outdoor play areas with a tree for shade, a swimming pool, special meals, toys, and a bunch of dogs to play with -- what more could a dog trainer ask for?

However, the holidays are a busy time of year for many boarding facilities so call (760) 745-2759 today to make reservations.

### Who Ya Gonna Call?

An alternative to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control is the **Pet Poison Helpline** (800) 213-6680. The Pet Poison Helpline is a 24-hour animal poison control service available throughout the U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet. They have the ability to help every poisoned pet, with all types of poisonings, 24 hours a day.

Although both provide similar services, the Pet Poison Helpline only charges a \$39 per incident fee whereas the ASPCA charges a \$65 consultation fee. Compare for yourself by visiting both websites:

ASPCA Animal Poison Control <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>  
Pet Poison Helpline <http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com>

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## DECEMBER STORE SPECIAL

Free shipping on all orders; offer expires December 31, 2013.

## NEW YEAR TRAINING SPECIAL

All new clients receive 10% off all private training when registered during the month of January 2014.

## ENTER TO WIN

### OUR HOLIDAY DOGGIE GIFT BASKET

We stuffed the basket with some great gifts for your canine family member, including a holiday picture frame, treats, toys, and more.

**RULES:** *Must be age 18 or older to enter. One entry form per household. No purchase necessary. Approx. retail value: \$120. No cash value. Drawing will be held on Dec. 20, 2013. Winner need not be present to win and will be notified via email. Winner is responsible for picking up gift basket at the Villaggio Family Pets store (41493 Margarita Road G-103) in Temecula, CA during regular business hours by Dec. 31, 2013.*

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## Wylie's Corner



Wishing you and  
your family a  
Happy Holiday  
Season!



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