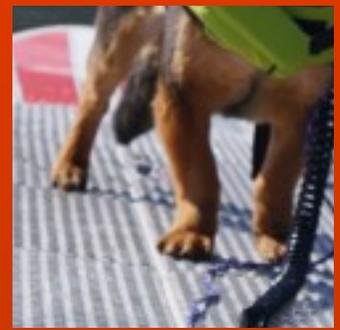




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Grooming



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AGILITY

WELCOME TO EDITION # 3

How do you exercise your dog?



Good day at the lake on the paddleboard!

I have five dogs, my daughter has six, my friends have three and four dogs, in short our households consists of multiple dogs at different ages who get to interact on a daily basis with each other.

What about your dog?

If you have one dog, and you take it for daily walk on leash , there is a really good chance that's your dog doesn't get to "talk and shake hands" with another dog without you looking over his shoulder and making sure he says the right "words". Just like your teenage kid would get very frustrated over behaviour like that, some dogs also will get frustrated over not being able to communicate with another dog on a personal and private level.

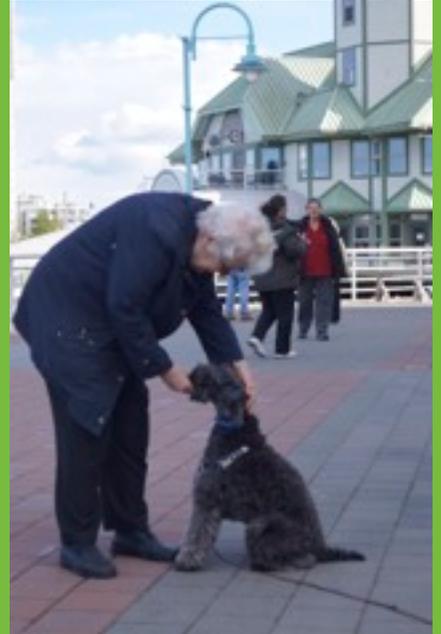
They may react and sometimes act out by pulling on leash, barking at the other dog, getting upset about seeing another dog running free and play while your dog is not being able to partake in those fun activities.

Most dogs under the age of five have an absolute need to run free and play on a dog to dog level in order to maintain a healthy physical and mental balance.

How should we accomplish that? We want to make sure the dogs are safe first and foremost. This would require your dog having a good solid recall if you are going to let the dogs run free in an area that is not fenced, and we would need to make sure that our dog was only being allowed to play and interact with another dog that was of compatible size and disposition.

As a rule, I do NOT allow my dogs to interact or greet or play with any other dog while on leash, EVER! this

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Wow!

Now that's
two piles of
hair!



prevents a great amount of stress and frustration for my dogs. Of course, I make sure there is enough off leash play and greeting going in in a secure setting with dogs that I know are friendly and well behaved.

The biggest problem with the off leash parks nowadays, is that some people do not supervise their dogs well enough, and just like kids playgrounds, some dogs act like bullies. This makes it difficult for the softer dogs to feel safe and can turn that softer dog in a reactive dog that does not tolerate dogs or people close by.

As a responsible dog owner you would make sure your dog is safe, and feels happy while playing with another dog. If not, your relationship of trust and respect with your own dog will suffer in the long run!

Classes with qualified and knowledgeable instructors can help you as a responsible dog owner to learn better about your dogs language and signs of stress and happiness so you can make better decisions for your four legged friend.

Bernadette

Summer fun!?

Looking for something fun to do with your dog this summer?

Why not try one of these fun activities

- Frisbee
- Swimming
- Boating
- Paddle boarding or surfing
- Hiking
- Biking
- Running

Remember that your dogs will need practice or safety gear for some of these events! Don't forget to water your dogs plenty during the hot season, and be sure to protect them from overheating!

Linda



CGN Test Maffeo
Sutton Park



Impulse control and trick training

Impulse control and trick training for cookie balance

Teaching your dog to control impulses such as snatching a treat can be frustrating, but if you think of it as learning a new trick it can be a lot more fun! The trick here of course, is that it takes time to master a trick that involves controlling the impulse to snatch a cookie. Work towards your goal in small steps. First, work on teaching your dog to leave a cookie by covering it with your hand. Once your dog is able to leave it alone, lift your covering hand away and pick up the cookie and give it to your dog. At first it is important that your dog never take it on its own. This is a great policy as dogs can learn that this applies to other items even those that may be dangerous or toxic. Once your dog has mastered leaving the cookie transfer the behaviour onto their paw while the dog is laying down (cover with your hand as needed). For the brave folks ask your dog to sit still and transfer the cookie to balance on the nose (use appropriate sized cookie that won't fall easily). Hold the nose steady so your dog remains seated to start, eventually get your hands off. How do you finish this trick? Ask your dog to catch the treat as he moves his head to let the cookie off! Good luck!

Linda



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DASH (Dog Agility Speed Handling)

welcome all to the newest creation and excitement in AAC agility!
DASH is here to get your speed agility game going and your handling style perfected!
Watch your fellow competitors , try to do better!
Learn how to handle pressure and to excel on course!
Details about how DASH is scored :

D.A.S.H.
Dog Agility Speed Handling

Why:

This program/concept is to reward and promote agility with a strong competitive edge where dog handler team compete at top speed and with top-level handling in mind, within the current mainframe of AAC agility.

Objective:

to reward the dog handler team that has the Top Score for one day of a trial.
The winner of that day will be given a DASH shirt with the honor and prestige that will go with that accomplishment and will be able to participate in the invitational DASH runs at the end of the season. There will be no money or other prizes offered.

Who:

Dogs running at Masters level in competition or at Masters level FEO would be able to compete and qualify for the DASH invitational at the end of the season.
Opening up Masters at FEO level for advanced and starters dogs will allow everyone to participate.

For more information see the DASH facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/DASH/512622318795929>

**The first crop of
"Dashers"!**



anal glands , what are they and why should we check them regularly?

From wikipedia:

In [dogs](#), these glands are occasionally referred to as "[scent glands](#)", because they enable the animals to [mark their territory](#) and identify other dogs. Cats have anal glands as well, and can suffer from the same anal gland related problems as dogs.

The glands can spontaneously empty, especially under times of stress, and create a very sudden unpleasant , sometime "fishy" smell .

Dog and cat feces are normally firm, and the anal glands usually empty when the pet defecates. When the pet's stools are soft they may not exert enough pressure on the glands, which then may fail to empty. This may cause discomfort as the full anal gland pushes on the anus. Sometimes a dog that is nervous will produce more gland fluids than they can express naturally and it will build up.

The glands can be emptied by the pets keeper, or more typically by a groomer or veterinarian. This is an important aspect of pet grooming. As professional [pet groomers](#) , we addresses this need by gently externally squeezing the gland so the contents are released through the small openings on either side of the anus.

This technique is known as [anal sac expression](#). Anal sac expression should be performed to maintain the pet's hygiene and to eliminate discomfort. Discomfort is evidenced by the dog dragging its posterior on the ground ("scooting"), licking or biting at the anus, sitting uncomfortably, having difficulty sitting or standing, or chasing its tail. Discomfort may also be evident with impaction or infection of the anal glands, which in turn is a medical issue and your dog will be referred to your veterinarian.

Anal gland impaction results from blockage of the duct leading from the gland to the opening. We routinely check the health of your dog and cat's glands and give you the information in your pets grooming report .

In [cats](#), these glands may become impacted, causing the cat to defecate outside the litter box, almost anywhere in the house. A veterinarian can empty the clogged glands, and defecating outside the litter box will stop immediately in most cases. Too often this problem is incorrectly interpreted as behavioral, when it is entirely a problem of clogged or blocked anal glands or difficulty defecating.

Canine Good Neighbour (or CGN)

the Canine Good Neighbour program is sponsored by the Canadian Kennel Club and the program is open to ALL dogs regardless of their parentage. It exist to promote better behaviour and an improved relationship between dogs and their humans. Dogs learn to control their impulses to run and play and sniff, while their human assist the dog in making better choices so they will become a team that can go out in public and enjoy and relax instead of being frustrated with each other and possibly unsafe.

Some of the steps of the CGN test involve: being petted by a stranger while sitting calmly by the owners side, walking politely through a crowd on a loose leash, passing by another dog on leash without pulling or barking, sitting when told and staying, coming when called from a distance, and being able to calmly stay with another person while the owner goes out of sight for a short while.

Nanaimo Pet Services hosted a CGN test on May 1st and we had an enormously positive response! 18 dog handler teams participated, and all qualified with flying colours!

This certification allows dogs such as bully breeds to be designated "safe" dogs in public and the requirement for them to be muzzled in public is lifted.

We had the pleasure of having one pit bull participate, it was such a treat to see this beautiful dog work so well for its handler!

Other dogs participating included: several Mixed breeds, Portuguese water dogs, Schapendoes, Bernese Mountain Dog, Standard Poodle, Labrador, Golden Retriever, Doberman Pinscher, Schipperke, Papillon, Chihuahua,

It was great to see students from our DAWG classes excel at their test, and warm congratulations to you all! To view some video of the test held in Nanaimo, see our face book page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nanaimo-Pet-Services/551597888184063>

The next DAWG classes to prepare for CGN test start June 25.

You can sign up for classes through this link:

<http://www.nanaimopetservices.com>

More details about the CKC CGN testing program: <http://www.ckc.ca/en/Default.aspx?tabid=91>

Bernadette

TO BOOK UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS - WWW.NANAIMOPETSERVICES.COM

EVENT	DATE	SIGN UP	WHERE
AGILITY TRIAL	August 24/25, 2013	SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME!	Centennial grass field, BEBAN PARK
OBEDIENCE CLASSES	June 25, 2013	OPEN	Crow & Gate Field, Cedar
"NEW" TRICK DOG CLASS	June 26, 2013	OPEN	Crow & Gate Field, Cedar
AGILITY CLASSES	June 26/27, 2013	OPEN	Crow & Gate Field, Cedar

IF YOU WISH TO OBSERVE ONE OF OUR TRAINING SESSIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US AT: INFO@NANAIMOPETSERVICES.COM

Draw for free grooming and classes

We have drawn the new winners, see name below! Winners are drawn from people that have registered for our newsletter.

The winners this month are:

free grooming for one dog:

Mr. & Mrs. Desrochers with Peanut & Stuart

free set of 6 weeks of classes: (your choice of obedience, agility or our new Tricks class).

Korinna Gilchrist & Riley

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:

- swimming with your dog
- frisbee dog sport
- how to treat overheating dogs and prevention
- more parasites on your pet



What is going on here???



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