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Hi everybody

Welcome to Issue #2 of the “Kids and Pups Edition of the Dog Guardian Newsletter”. Please welcome my new co-editor, Gus. He is Betty's (our treasurer) and Jennifer's (our board member) dog. I will let him introduce himself: *“Hi, I'm Gus, Betty and Jennifer's dog. I am a Portuguese Water Dog. You might have seen my picture in past newsletters about Portuguese Water Dogs and the walkathon. I am the new co-editor with Tyler. Woof...Woofy...Woof!!”*



Gus, photo by Ivan Harris

For those of you who are new members, let me explain. This newsletter is written by dogs, for kids, on how to be safe around us while having fun. We decided this newsletter needed articles written by us. We want to give you our perspective of being responsible around us.

We Are Special by Tyler

This month I would like to tell you about Yorkshire Terriers, or “Yorkies”. They are small dogs (about 9 inches or 23 cm tall) with great personalities. According to [Wikipedia](#), they weigh about 7 lbs. (3.2 kg) and can live for a long time, between 13 to 16 years, or more. They are very active and playful dogs. They don’t like to be alone, so lots of people have 2 Yorkies. This way they won’t get lonely. They are protective of their owners, are curious and love attention. They do better with older kids (10 years or older) and are easy to train.

Here are some fun facts from the article [“7 Things We Bet You Didn’t Know About Yorkshire Terriers”](#) by Liz Donovan:

- They are “tomboys”, very active. They love doing everything, from dog sports to therapy work.
- Their coats feel a lot like people’s hair.
- They were bred to catch rats and other vermin that live underground.
- They love people.

One famous Yorkie was Toto from “The Wizard of Oz”; another was Smoky, a war hero, who also became the first known therapy dog.



Very Useful Things To Learn *by Tyler and Gus*

In our July newsletter we started a new section called “Very Useful Things To Learn”. We are going to tell you about things we learned that make us safe, well behaved, and (best of all) earn us lots of cookies. Woofie! Woof! They are easy skills to teach us. In the last 8 months we covered “sit”, “come”, “learning your name”, “leave it”, “focus”, “lie down”, “speak”, “quiet” and “fetch”.



This month we would like to discuss teaching us the emergency “STOP” command. This is a very important safety command; it may even save your life.

Just imagine you are in your front yard playing, and you see your owner coming home. You are so excited that you run towards her, not seeing the car coming down the road at great speed. Your owner sees it, and yells “STOP!!!”. You know that means stop whatever you are doing, and lie down immediately. So you do, and the car passes you safely. If you didn’t know about this emergency stop command, you would have continued running, and might have been hit by the car.

Ask an adult friend to help you read “[How to Train Your Dog to Make an Emergency Stop](#)”. The article suggests 3 different ways of teaching your dog this command. You and your adult friend can decide which method you will use to train your pup.

Dogs' Den *by Gus*

Over the last year we shared with you all our thoughts about having fun and being safe around us. Now it’s your turn. Ask us questions about things you want to know about dogs. Email your questions to morejulie@hotmail.com and we will try to answer them.

Here is this month's question from my friend,
Mary L.

"How do you teach your dog
to get along with cats?"



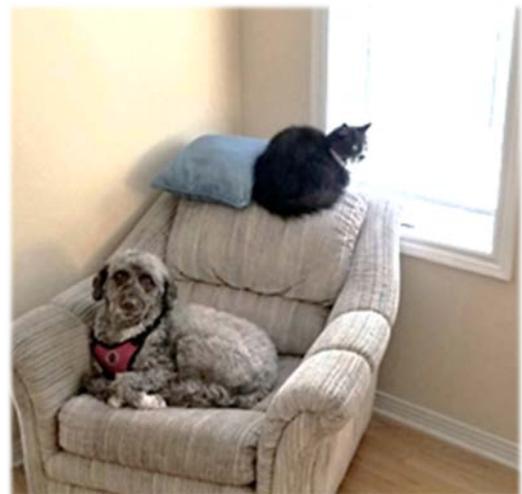
A very good question, Mary. I am an expert on this subject. You see, I am a rescue dog. I came to my new family when I was 7 years old, because my previous family didn't want me anymore.

When I first came into my new family, I hated cats. As soon as I walked into my new house and saw Tuxedo, the cat, I barked ferociously, and chased poor

Tuxedo all around the house until my new Mom caught me. Tuxedo was terrified and hid under the bed, and would not come out for a very long time. Tuxedo and I had to be separated, and I was kept on a leash until I was trained.

Mom and Dad bought a stuffed cat that looked just like Tuxedo. From a distance I thought it was Tuxedo!

At first, the stuffed Tuxedo was brought into the room as far away from me as possible. My Dad would call my name and feed me the yummiest treats. I stopped barking to eat the treats. Mom, Dad and my big sister, Jennifer, did this every day for months and months.



I began to look forward to seeing the stuffed Tuxedo come into the room, since that meant treat time for me. Gradually, Mom brought the stuffed Tuxedo closer and closer, and I was still more interested in eating the yummy treats than barking. If I barked or lunged, then the next day the stuffed Tuxedo would be further away from me again.



Eventually, I was ready for the real Tuxedo. Mom and Dad followed the same procedure, gradually bringing Tuxedo closer and closer to me, while I got treats. I began to think that this cat was a good thing.

Finally, one day Mom brought Tuxedo right up beside me and I turned around, sniffed him and gave him a kiss, and he rubbed his

head against me. Now we are good buddies, and we like hanging out together.

Photos of Gus & Tuxedo by Ivan Harris & Ann Empey

Colouring Contest by Tyler

The authors of the “Fido, Friend or Foe?” activity booklet (P.21)

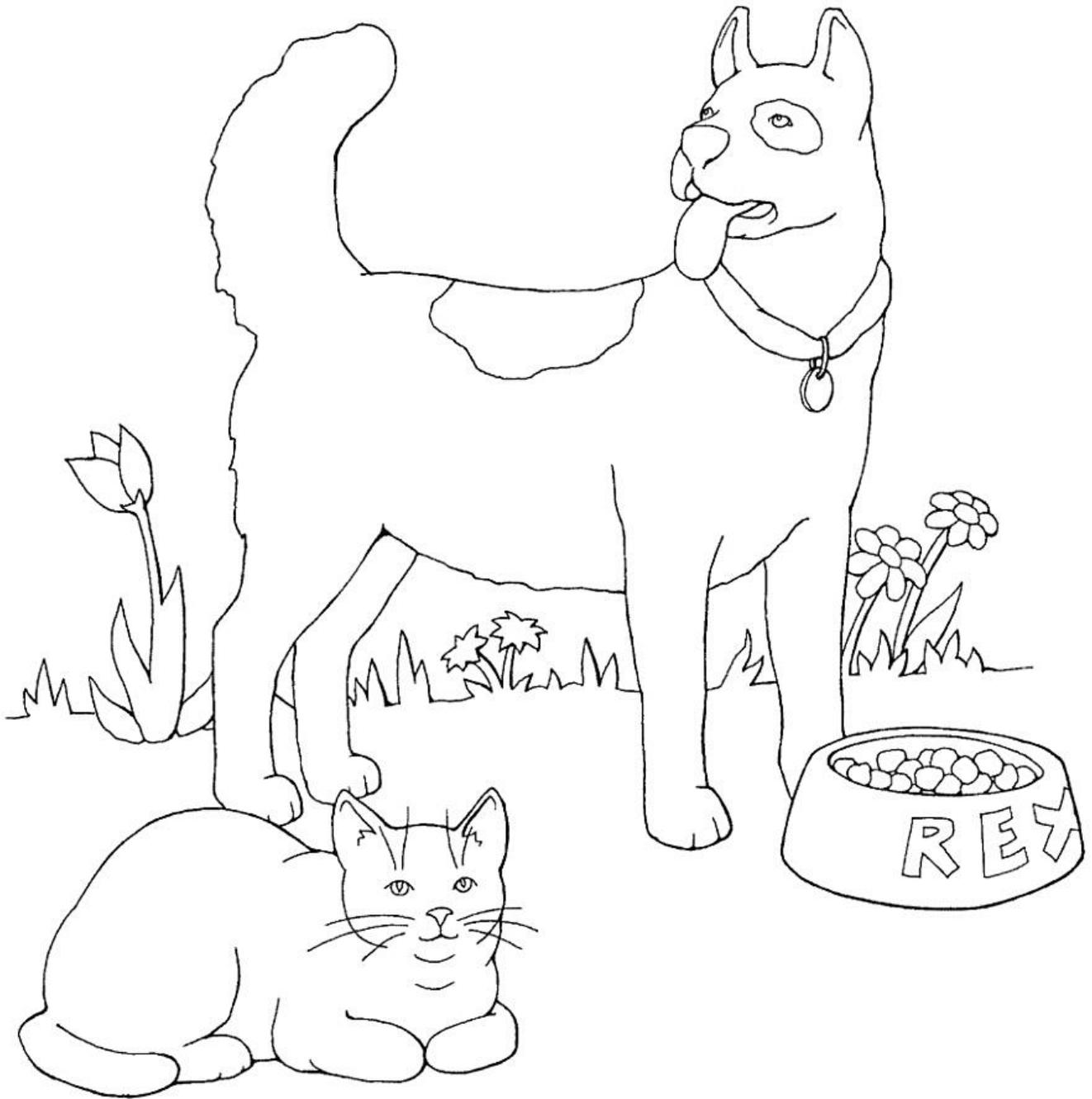
<http://www.responsible dogowners.ca/education.html> ask you not to disturb us when we are eating. Some of us get very possessive of our food, and may bark or growl at you. Where food is concerned, we don’t want to share.

Colour the picture of the puppy with his food bowl (on the next page).

Scan or take a photo of it, and send it to us at morejulie@hotmail.com with your email address.

We will publish the winning picture in the next newsletter!





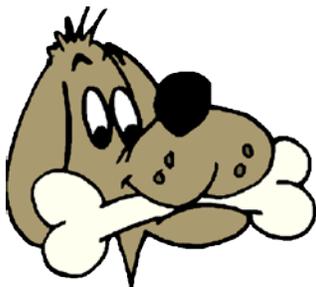
Do not bother a dog when he is eating.

“Mission Impossible” Game *by Tyler*

This is a very interesting game. That’s because I made it up myself. Woofie! Woof! First, I thought up word categories, and then I thought up words that are very useful in the world of dogs.

Your mission is to decide which word goes into what category. The answers are at the end of the newsletter. No peeking!

Here are the categories:	And here are the words that need to go into the categories:
TOYS	1. Leash
DOG BREEDS	2. Ball
SAFETY ITEMS	3. Labrador Retriever
DOGS' FRIENDS	4. You
DOGS WITH JOBS	5. Guide dog
GROOMING AIDS	6. Brush
DOGS WITH JOBS	7. Service Dogs
DOGS WITH JOBS	8. Kids
DOGS WITH JOBS	9. Shampoo
DOGS WITH JOBS	10. Frisbee
DOGS WITH JOBS	11. Police dogs
DOGS WITH JOBS	12. Bone
DOGS WITH JOBS	13. Miniature Schnauzer
DOGS WITH JOBS	14. Fenced in backyard
DOGS WITH JOBS	15. Adults
DOGS WITH JOBS	16. Comb
DOGS WITH JOBS	17. Collar
DOGS WITH JOBS	18. Poodle



Thank You

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Answers for the "Mission Impossible" Game

Toys: Numbers 2, 10, 12

Dog breeds: Numbers 3, 13, 18

Safety items: Numbers 1, 14, 17

Dogs' friends: Numbers 4, 8, 15

Grooming aids: Numbers 6, 9, 16

Dogs with jobs: Numbers 5, 7, 11