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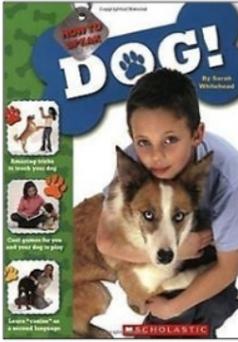
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Hi everybody

Happy New Year!!! Welcome to the January edition of the *Kid's Dog Guardian* newsletter. For those of you who are new members, let us introduce ourselves. We are the *Dog Guardian* newsletter co-editors' dogs - Tyler, Julie's pup, and Morgan, Jill's pup. We decided the Kid's newsletter needed articles written by us dogs. We want to give you guys our perspective of being responsible around dogs. 😊



Book report

By Tyler

Books are very important. So is reading. Books tell you lots of things. They give you information about everything you want to know. This month I want to tell you about “How to Speak Dog” by Sarah Whitehead. <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/how-to-speak-dog-by-sarah-whitehead/>

It's written for you kids and it tells you about welcoming us dogs into your family. I really like the article my Mom, Julie, wrote about the book in the RDOC Dog Guardian Fall 2016 newsletter <http://www.responsibleogowners.ca/newsletter.fall2016.html>.

She said it's a well written book, talking about important topics like owning dogs, bringing us home, basic house rules, learning our body language, and many more. The pictures are great. They show you our different (dog) emotions like playfulness, fear, etc. They use easy words. The pages are colourful and the paragraphs are short and easy to read. It even has short quizzes all through the book.

What if You Can't Have a Dog?

By Morgan

This month I would like to tell you about hamsters. They are much smaller than the pet rabbits I told you about last month. In her article <http://www.responsibleogowners.ca/kidspage/activitypage-winter2016.html> my Mom, Jill, wrote that they are very cute with their

large cheek pouches. Those cheek pouches come in very handy for gathering food and nesting materials. Your Mom uses grocery carts to collect the groceries in the supermarkets; hamsters use their pouches to collect their food. The difference is that your Mom has to pay for your groceries at the cashier. The hamsters don't have to pay. 😊



Hamsters live about 2 years, so you don't have to worry about sending them to University. 😊 They are smart, friendly, and like being handled once they know and trust you. It's fun to watch them play on their ladders and exercise wheels or balls. You can teach them tricks, using treats. They will sit up or stand on their back legs, hang from your fingers using their “hands” and do twirls for you. Hamsters are not good in sharing their homes with other hamsters. In fact, two male or two female hamsters living together will likely fight. They are clean little animals who don't like having their nests and food hoards disturbed. I guess their Moms don't need to tell them to clean up after themselves. 😊

Dogs' Den storybook

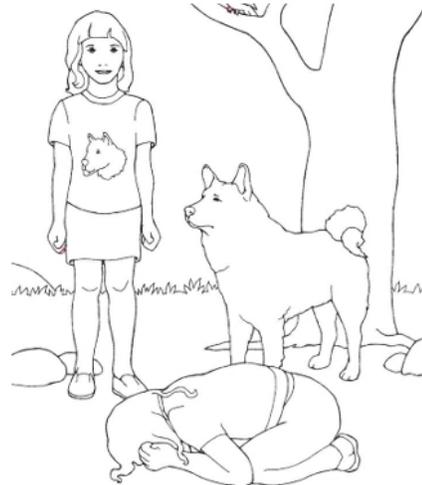
By Morgan and Tyler

Let's review what we have learned so far. We talked about how much we love to play with you guys, but do not like being teased or chased. We also reminded you that it is important for us to go to the vet for regular checkups. We pointed out that most of us are very friendly and are eager to meet people, but please ask our owners before petting us. Remember it is important not to run up to us. We know you are eager to meet us, but some dogs are nervous and may bark or growl. We love to go to dog training classes. We are very eager to learn. Please don't pull our ears and tails. It hurts and we don't like it. After all, how would

you like it if we pulled your ears? Not very nice! The best way to help us when we get hurt is to call an adult. They will know how to help us.

This month we would like to talk to you about what to do when a dog you don't know runs up to you

We know you love us and want to play with every dog you see. However some dogs are not friendly. When a dog you don't know runs up to you stand very still like a tree, or curl up like a rock. If you run, the dog may chase you.



Colouring contest

By Tyler

When you are lucky enough to meet a new dog, always let the dog come to you. The Fido, Friend or Foe? Activity booklet

<http://www.responsible-dog-owners.ca/education.html#Fido> on P.6 explains “Dogs have their own way of meeting new people. They use their sense of smell to understand who and what you are. Sometimes they need a little time to feel comfortable around you.”



When meeting a new dog, always
let the dog come to you.

Colour the picture of the cute dog. Scan or take a photo of the picture you coloured, and send it to us at morejulie@hotmail.com with your email address. We will choose a winner, and post it in our newsletter for everybody to see.

Puzzle

See if you can find these 11 words in the puzzle below

LEASH WATER COLLAR PUPPY BOWL PLAYTIME
TREATS TRAINING BALL FOOD LOVE

The answers are at the end of the newsletter

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Thank you

A big thank you goes to our committee for proofreading this newsletter. We really appreciate your help. You are the greatest. A special thank you to Kit Watson for the final proofreading of the newsletter.

Tyler and Morgan

The answers to the puzzle

