



THE DOG GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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Hi everybody,

Welcome to the March 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 us.

Dogs with jobs by Tyler

We already learned about guide dogs, mobility assistance dogs, hearing assistance dogs and police dogs. This month I would like to talk about therapy dogs.



They visit lots of places like hospitals, schools, and even libraries. They are specially trained and have to pass several tests. Just like you, they have to go to school too so they can learn how to be good therapy dogs.

They can help kids in many ways. Imagine being in hospital. Wouldn't you love to have a dog visit you? They can make the scariest tests bearable. They listen to you. They love your hugs and will give you lots of

doggie kisses. You can even read to them. They are very patient while you are trying to read them a story with difficult words. They are also very good in keeping your secrets. Lots of kids want to become doctors, teachers, etc. to help others, while lots of dogs dream of becoming therapy dogs to help children feel better.

Helping with your dog by Morgan

In this section I would like to tell you how you can help take care of us. I really like the chart in the Love Your Dog website “Age Appropriate Dog Duties - What's Your Job?” Click on <http://www.loveyourdog.com/ages.html> and click your age. This month we are going to concentrate on 4 year old dog owners: <http://www.loveyourdog.com/ages.html#age4>



You can pet us. Bet you already do that. With your parents’ help you can brush us. Just a few minutes a day, please. You can even give us a treat by dropping it on the floor. We love getting treats.

(A special note for parents from the website <http://www.loveyourdog.com/ages.html#parentsfirst>

“As parents, you know that some kids are more independent and mature than others. Use your own judgment to decide if the activities on this page are appropriate for your child's

maturity level. Pay close attention to your dog. Children may not complete their chores, and the dog will need assistance.

The age level activities on this page are only guidelines. Always supervise young children when they're with the family dog.”)

Dogs' Den storybook (by Morgan and Tyler)

Meet our “Dog Safety Tips to Remember” bone. Doesn't the bone look yummie? I guess you have to be a dog to like bones (woofie). The safety bone asks you to be calm around us and tells you why.

Thank you for being calm around us. Some of us get frightened by kids jumping or screaming and they may bark or growl at you.



Now 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 eager to meet you, 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 of us 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. When one of us you don't know runs up to you, stand very still like a tree. One of the ways to be safe is not to reach through the fence to pet us.



Colouring Contest (by Tyler)

Your Mommy always tells you not to talk to a stranger unless she gives the stranger permission to talk to you. Well it's the same with us. In our eyes you are a stranger because we don't know you. So please ask our owner before you pet us. Our owner will ask us to sit and then tell you how we like getting petted. We all have our favourite ways.

Page 8 in “The Fido, Friend or Foe?” Activity booklet

<http://www.responsible-dog-owners.ca/studies.html> gives you another reason. It says “Always ask the owner’s permission before petting a dog - some dogs are service animals working to help their owners, and must not be distracted.”

Colour the picture of the cute dogs below. Scan or take a photo of the picture you coloured, and send it to us at morejulie@hotmail.com with your email address.



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Game (by Morgan)

Tyler and I really like word puzzles. What about you? We had fun coming up with these puzzles. When you have finished all the questions, the answers are at the end of the newsletter (no peeking until you have finished the puzzles!) 😊

1. It's in a bowl and it tastes yummie
2. You take your pup here to learn how to be a good and smart dog
3. It's round and dogs love to play with it
4. You attach it to your dog before taking him for a walk
5. Your dog's private room
6. Place you take your dog to when he is ill
7. It's wet and comes out of a tap
8. You give it your dog because he is a good boy
9. Your dog likes to chew on this
10. You use this to clean up after your dog when you take him for a walk

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



Answers to word puzzles

1. Dog food
2. Doggie school
3. Ball
4. Leash
5. Crate
6. Vet
7. Water
8. Treat
9. Bone
10. Doggie bag