



## **THE DOG GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER**

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Hi everybody

Welcome to the May edition of the Kids 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 Kids newsletter needed articles written by us dogs. We want to give you guys our perspective of being responsible around us.

## We Are Special by Morgan



Hello, my name is Morgan, and I am a brown Standard Poodle. That's me, in the picture on the left. Last month, my friend Tyler told you all about Labrador Retrievers. Now it's my turn to talk about Poodles.

Poodles come in 3 sizes – Standard Poodles (largest), Miniature Poodles (medium size) and Toy Poodles (smallest). We come in lots of colours – black, brown, silver, blue, apricot, red, cream, white, and many more. Our coats are thick and curly, and have to be clipped (cut off) every few weeks because they grow so quickly. We are good pets for people with allergies to dogs because we are said to have hypoallergenic coats (less likely to cause allergies), and we don't shed.



Poodles are one of the smartest of dog breeds, if I do say so myself! We are gentle, very energetic dogs who love long walks, playing with children, swimming, jumping, learning tricks and fetching balls.

<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/poodle-miniature-standard/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypoallergenic\\_dog\\_breed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypoallergenic_dog_breed)

## **Helping With Your Dog** *by Tyler*

Socializing your puppy is very important, and you can help. What's 'socializing', you ask? It's a long word, isn't it? Let's read what the Love Your Dog website (<http://www.loveyourdog.com/fun1.html>) says: "If you take your new puppy to many places when she is young, she will be more comfortable with people and different environments. This is called 'socializing' your dog. Socializing is fun. It teaches dogs to have good manners when they are with different people at different places."



Your parents take you to many fun places so you can learn about new things. Your puppy needs the same thing. With your parents, plan outings where you think your puppy will learn new things. How about going for a ride in the car, going for a walk, taking him to friend's house etc.?

Take your pup near a playground where he can see kids playing on swings, going down slides, running around and just being kids. Take

him into a pet store where he can see other dogs, birds, fish and many more small pets.



Another adventure for him would be going downtown, walking on a busy street where he hears car horns and sirens. He can see buses, people, street vendors and other fun things. Of course, to keep him safe, your pup should always be on his leash any time he is outdoors in an unfenced area.

Click on this link to get more suggestions for fun field trips:

<http://www.loveyourdog.com/fieldtrips.html>

## **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 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. We really like it when you are calm around us. Some of us get

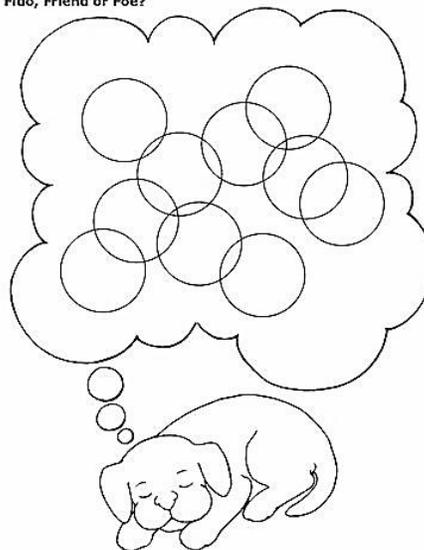
frightened when you jump or scream. We wag our tails for many reasons. Sometimes we are happy, but other times we wag our tails because we are afraid or scared.

This month we would like to ask you not to wake us up suddenly. No loud noises, please. You wouldn't like it if somebody jumped up and down beside you when you are sleeping. Or yelled at you. Not very nice, is it? It puts us in a grumpy mood.

We know you love us very much, but please don't disturb us when we are sleeping. That includes hugging and, please, no loud noises. Some dogs may growl at you, and even bite you when woken suddenly.

We bet you don't like being woken up from a deep sleep either.

Fido, Friend or Foe?



## **Colouring Contest** by Tyler

The picture on page 11 of “The Fido, Friend or Foe?” Activity Booklet <http://www.responsible dogowners.ca/studies.html> asks you, “Please don't touch us when we are hurt”. The best way to help us when we get hurt is to call an adult. They will know how to help us.

Colour the picture of the sad puppy on Page 7 of this newsletter. Don't worry, he will feel better soon after your adult friend takes him to the vet.

Can you draw a picture of a happy puppy thanking the vet for looking after him so well?

Scan or take a photo of both pictures, and send it to us at [morejulie@hotmail.com](mailto:morejulie@hotmail.com) with your email address.





Never touch a dog that is hurt.  
Get an adult to help the dog.

## The Socializing Game by Morgan

This is a fun game, and it's easy to do. You only need an adult, a puppy and a park. Ask your Mom, or Dad, or an adult friend to go to the park with you and your pup. Remember earlier in this newsletter we talked about 'socializing' your pup? Showing him different things? Good, I am glad you have such a good memory. 😊

See how many things from this list your pup can see, smell or meet:

1. Leaves
2. Stroller
3. Trees
4. Swings
5. Puddle
6. Boy
7. Girl
8. Bicycle
9. Slide
10. Man
11. Woman
12. Another dog
13. House
14. Toy
15. Kid's wagon

## Thank You

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*Tyler and Morgan*

