



Leash on Life

February 2010

Monday - Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 9 to 4
Sunday Closed

Don't Forget Your Sweetheart....

We have plenty of special treats for that special someone on Valentine's Day. True, they are dog treats, but we have had a few of our two legged customers sample from the treat table as well. So, *whoever* it is you are looking to make feel special we will try to accommodate.



Pure and Simple...

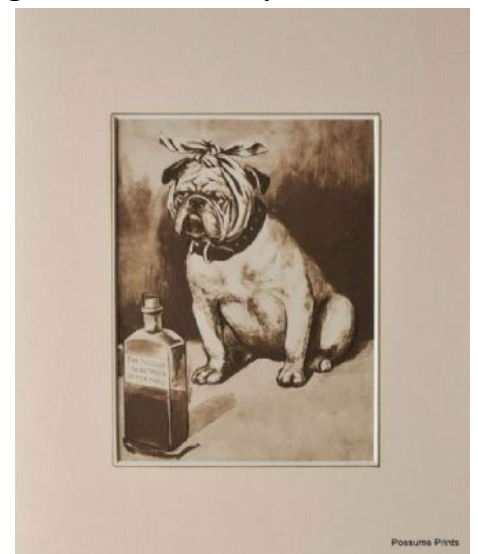


PureBites® are made with just one ingredient. Freeze dried fish, cheese, chicken or beef. A great treat for the sensitive or picky pet PureBites® are USDA inspected and made in the US and Canada. Our cat, Manchego loves the fish and, of course, the cheese Pure Bites®. These are versatile treats for the cat and dog owner, they are loved by canine and feline alike.

Let's See Those Pearly Whites-

February is pet dental month. The bacteria that live in your pet's mouth may be causing that bad breath that makes you avoid the most excited kisses. These bacteria can lead to oral disease and increase the risk for more serious illness. The American Veterinary Dental Society reports that 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats show signs of oral disease by age three. Warning signs include bad breath, tartar and swollen red gums. Fractured teeth or cavities can be painful and may result in a change in your pets eating habits. Left untreated, bacteria from poor teeth can spread via the bloodstream and infect the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys.

Prevention is the key to helping pets maintain good health. There are many alternatives for dental care with your dog or cat, but it is hard to beat daily brushing; the challenge of course is getting us to comply. Starting your pet early will get them used to having their teeth brushed (Poultry-flavored toothpaste is very popular). Hard beef bones can aid with removal of tartar, but be sure to watch aggressive chewers so they don't go overboard and break a tooth. Dental chews can also be helpful, but should not be considered the full solution to dental care; rather they should be used as a supplement to other care. Rope bones can be a good addition to your dogs toy pile. These work as dental floss, but do not cause wear in enamel. If your pet already had some tartar build up your best bet is to have the teeth cleaned and then start on a preventative routine. If you have questions or concerns about your dog or cats teeth be sure to have a talk with your veterinarian about what is right for you and your pet.



Possum Prints

Not a Creature was Stirring, except a Mouse...

Play-N-Squeak® toys fuel your cat's hunting instinct. These interactive toys make a "squeak" that is the frequency and loudness of a real mouse! Add a little catnip and your cat will go wild. We all have a little cabin fever this time of year, even the full time house cat. Play-N-Squeak® cat toys offer healthy mental and physical stimulation and fuel your cat's natural hunting instinct safely and vent pent-up energy.



Cup Runneth Over...



Sufficient water intake is critical to cats. Felines are plagued with kidney and urinary tract problems. Minimal water intake contributes to concentrated urine, increasing risk of bladder crystals, infection or inflammation. You know the old saying...You can lead a cat to water, and then they just look at you?

Studies and our own experience have shown many cats prefer to drink from a faucet or a running water source. Moving water is generally fresher—breaking the water surface draws in oxygen. The sound of running water may also trigger an instinctual response in our cats, increasing water intake. Drinkwell® pet fountains, designed by veterinarians, continuously moves water through a simple pump mechanism, filtering water through charcoal to prevent off tastes. Another added benefit, it satisfies the urge for running water and minimizes your feline friend from jumping on counters in search of dripping faucets. The Drinkwell® line is designed for all animals; dogs love this too and reap the same benefits.

Of course we still have the original Drinkwell® fountain and we now also have the 360° Fountain. There is at least one cat out there that loves running water and has not waited for their human to get into Leash on Life for a fountain.

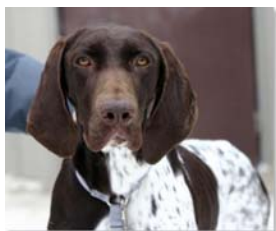


Take a look on You Tube and enjoy...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KswnjMa-MQ>

And here is another You Tube link just because cats that enjoy the water make me laugh. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdlvNX3xscE>

Adoptable dog of the Month, Virginia...



Virginia is a German Shorthaired Pointer. At a little over a year old she is a friendly and gentle girl. She loves people and playing with toys. Virginia is looking for a home where she can be frisky and playful. She is all ready for a new home. Virginia is available at the Iowa City Adoption Center, call (319) 356-5295 or visit www.icanimalcenter.org to learn more about any of the dogs and cats at the Center.

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