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December 2012 Newsletter



Grooming



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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER.

WINTER GROOMING ADVICE

now that the summer has gone, you would think that dogs and cats don't need as much grooming, however this is not true. As the weather gets damp pets tend to collect more mud and dirt in their fur, and the usual fun

doggie baths in the garden with the hose are not possible any longer due to the cold, leaving your pet mucky, damp and uncomfortable. We always advise our customers that grooming is vital to keep your pet healthy during the winter months.

This does not necessarily mean a short trim. We can style your pet longer than



Yes, we do complete cat grooming, lion trim or comb out! See our article on page 5 and 6!

the usually summer trim, but the main benefit is to keep them clean and healthy. We see so many dogs and cats that are allowed to grow extremely long over winter and then become matted. Matted fur, especially on legs, absorbs water like a sponge if out on a wet walk. The dog barely has chance to dry before going out again, causing skin problems, and possibly infection on the skin. We can offer full grooms and economical bath and tidy-ups on a 6-8 weekly schedule which prevents your pet from getting matted, so before it

becomes a problem please book an appointment. Please remember that once your pet has become badly matted there is in most cases no possibility of saving the coat, It would cause too much pain and stress to your pet, which is why we can and will not de-mat if the coat is severely matted. Remember: it is hair and grows back.

Kathryn Pate

at work with a customer!



CUSTOMERS!



We groom them all, from cats to large dogs, tall to small. And from purebred showcut to Heinz 57 home fluff!

Check our Agility and
Obedience
training programs at:

www.nanaimopetservices.com

Winter training tips.

December and January has many perfect days for doing some training indoors with your dog.

Games

Play hide and go seek.

Place your dog in a sitting position or in the down position and leave the room. Call your dog and let him find you while you're hiding behind a chair or in the closet or in the bedroom. Reward and play abundantly when he finds you. Be careful of slippery floors and hardwood flooring as your dog may slip and slide in his enthusiasm to get to you. Perfect for teaching good solid stays and nice reliable recalls!

do some shadow handling.

Let your dog find your reward zone directly beside you on the left and right. Move about in a larger circle with some sudden turns. Every time your dog ends up in the correct zone, reward by play or with a treat. great for teaching dog to find the heel position.

impulse control,

with dog lying down, place a cookie on his paw. Your dog can not reach for it until you give permission!

Lots of fun and a good trick to show off to family and friends when they come visiting for the holidays! For dogs that are really good at this, try balancing the cookie on their nose.

Agility fun

to train weave poles, you can use plungers in your hallway, place three to six of them about 24 inches apart, let the dog enter with first plunger pole on the left shoulder and you will have a head start to next years classes.

to cold outside to practice jumping? no worries, use two cans of beans and a broomstick to practice all the elements for jumping, leading out, calling over, sending post turn, pull through, etc.



Balancing

Use two pillows to get your dog used to the movement of the teeter, let him walk over and stand on the pillows, a perfect balancing act

Agility,
fun for
everyone!



Winter can be hazardous for dogs and cats , and it is important to be aware of the dangers to keep your pet health.

Outdoor Winter Hazards

Being outdoors in the winter can be a lot of fun. Digging in snow, making dog snow angels is what our dogs enjoy the most! our cats prefer to stay in when it snows, pretty smart!

Dogs and cats are susceptible to frostbite, particularly on ears and tail, Also hypothermia (low body temperature) when out for a prolonged time.

Chemicals like ice melts and salts, antifreeze and windshield wiper fluids can all be toxic and cause fatal damage to organs.

Ice melts and salts can stick to the bottom of pets' paws, so it is best to wash feet after he or she has been outdoors.

going for walks in the winter can be invigorating, but it is best to keep dogs away from frozen water. Dogs can fall through thin ice into freezing water and may suffer hypothermia or drown, they could even slide under the ice.

prevent a tragedy!

Holiday Season Hazards

Christmas trees can be very attractive to pets. Dogs may eat the needles (even from artificial trees) or drink the water at the base of the tree, which can be toxic (especially if it has any sort of preservatives in it).

Electrical wires can be a serious hazard. Dogs that chew on these wires can sustain severe burns or worse from electrocution.



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Ornaments are beautiful for people to look at, but pets may think they're toys. Fragile, breakable or edible ornaments may seriously hurt your pet. If your dog or cat eats fragments of a broken glass ornament, call your vet for advice.

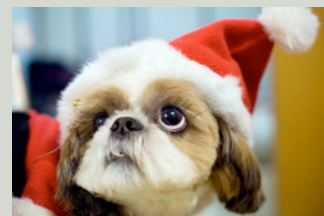
Keep Tinsel and Angel hair, which is made of spun glass, away from all pets. We do not even bring it into the house as pets really like the texture.

Human holiday foods, like chocolate, coffee, macadamia nuts, yeast dough, and alcohol, can all be hazardous to pets.

Keep our beloved pets safe!

Link to Animal Poison Control Center:

<http://dpic.org/links/aspca-animal-poison-control-center>



TO BOOK UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS - WWW.NANAIMOPETSERVICES.COM

EVENT	DATE	SIGN UP	WHERE
AGILITY TRIAL	DECEMBER 26TH, 2012	SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME!	AGRIPLEX BUILDING, BEBAN PARK
OBEDIENCE CLASSES	JANUARY 7TH, 2012	OPEN	AGRIPLEX BUILDING, BEBAN PARK
AGILITY CLASSES	JANUARY 10 & 11, 2013	OPEN	AGRIPLEX BUILDING, BEBAN PARK
AGILITY TRIAL	JANUARY 27TH, 2012	SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME!	AGRIPLEX BUILDING, BEBAN PARK
AGILITY TRIAL	FEBRUARY 24TH, 2012	SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME!	AGRIPLEX BUILDING, BEBAN PARK

IF YOU WISH TO OBSERVE ONE OF OUR TRAINING SESSIONS, PLEASE CONFIRM THIS WITH INFO@NANAIMOPETSERVICES.COM

Why get your cat groomed?

People often look in wonder at cats being groomed in our shop. You can do that? You bet! Cats need grooming and maintenance just like dogs do, especially the long haired breeds or the thick short coats. Cats have a hard time cleaning themselves and often times end up with hairballs from ingesting their coat. Many people bring their cats in for a comb out and bath to help remove their dead hair, but a growing number are choosing to have their cat clipped down. This helps to prevent the coat from matting, prevents hairballs for up to 3 months, and even helps greatly for those people who suffer from allergies due to their favourite feline friend.

Regular cat grooming involves

- Removal of matting or dead hair or even clipping down
- Trimming of nails to prevent ingrown toe nails (a common problem in cats especially polydactyl)
- Scaling of teeth
- Cleaning the ears
- Bathing

Does your cat allow you to regularly brush or comb them at home? This is the best thing you can do to help maintain skin and coat health!

A well groomed cat is a happy cat!
Mite on the right relaxes in his private box!



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IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:

- we will be giving away a free grooming appointment for your dog or cat
- importance of Pet Insurance
- warm-up your dog before exercises



We hope you have enjoyed our first newsletter.

We would like to wish you and your 4 footed companions a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2013.