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Poooh Busters Newsletter!

Hope Everyone is Having a Great Summer So Far!

Poooper of the Month

Poooh Busters is proud to present Diesel and Baxter as August's Pooopers! They are a loveable but unlikely pair. Check them out in the Feature section of our website at www.pooohbusters.com

Frequently Asked Questions

Sometimes being in the dog service business, we get asked many different questions about many different subjects. What types of things can my dog eat or not eat? How do we deal with specific behaviour or health issues? I wanted to dedicate this issue to presenting some answers to these FAQs in hopes to help everyone who might never get a chance to ask. Please remember that I am not a vet and do not claim to be a professional dog nutritionist. These answers come from my own experience and research. If you have any health problems with your dog, contact your vet immediately.



Q:Can my dog be fed carrots?

A:It is an excellent idea to supplement your dog's diet with fresh vegetables, and especially in substitution for a chew. Many dogs like carrots, and there is nothing harmful about providing the odd raw carrot. Their diet, as in humans, should consist of a lot of different things in moderation. Your dog can eat any vegetables that humans eat, provided that they are in moderation. A little left over vegetables from the family meal the night before are an excellent addition to your dog's meal.

Q:Why does my dog eat grass all the time?

A:There are many common opinions about why dogs eat grass, most are ill-founded. Most people think dogs eat grass to intentionally make themselves sick. In most cases when a dog eats grass, he is not. In most cases, routinely eating small amounts of grass will do no harm, and is perfectly normal. The dangers exist where this consumption is excessive. Apart from not being easily digestible, there is a danger where vomiting occurs that pieces of grass are deposited in the nasal cavity, which can lead to infection. If grass consumption becomes excessive and has occurred suddenly, check his stools and urine for any changes.

Q:My dog's urine turns my grass yellow. What can I do?

A:Dog urine causes dead patches and lawn burn due to the high levels of nitrogen that is released into the lawn through the urine. Every dog owner who has a yard will be familiar with this. The best way to help prevent urine burns and dead spots is to saturate the spots with water. This will allow the excess nitrogen to leach or dilute through the lawn and reducing the concentration in one area.

Q:How often should I bathe my dog? Some say it is not good to bathe too frequently.

A:This is not entirely true. It is perfectly OK to allow your dog to swim in natural water as often as he likes (within reason) but what is not OK is to wash your dog using soaps or shampoos very regularly. Using human shampoos on dogs leads them to develop dry, itchy skin. I would personally recommend dog-specific shampoos and these will have a recommended usage detailed on the bottle, so be sure to refer to the directions on the bottle.

Q:Why do some dogs eat their own feces?

A:This is far from as unusual as many people think. The official name for this behavior is "Coprophagia". Before dogs were domesticated, they used to eat the feces of their offspring in order to keep their nest clean. Many new Mommy dogs still do this and is perfectly normal. For a different reason, dogs may also seek out the stools of herbivorous animals such as cows and deer for the nutrients they contain (my dog loves rabbit poooh). Some dogs also eat their own or go grab a nice snack from the kitty litter box. Yech! The easiest way to prevent this behavior is supervision. And be sure to call Poooh Busters to help keep your yard clean and poooh free! If the dog's behavior continues and seems compulsive in anyway, it may indicate a behavioral or medical condition which you should discuss with your vet.

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We still need a couple of more pictures of dogs for the Poooper of the Month for October and November.

Dress your dog up and we'll showcase them for the Halloween edition!

Send in those pics to roland@pooohbusters.com