



# POOOH BUSTERS



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# Monthly Scoop

## A Dog's Eye Health

We recently had an issue with our dog's eye health. One day it appeared that Mojo's left eye was closed. It seemed to bother him a little as he would occasionally shake his head and slightly paw at the hurting eye. Mrs. Big Nate and I took him to the vet. A drop of dye was administered to Mojo's eyeball, it worked in conjunction with a special light that would brighten the appearance of any lacerations that may exist. This was just one many things it could have been. In the end, we found nothing that the vet could see. We chalked it up to some hair or other foreign irritant that had since discharged itself.

So I thought, why not write a little something to keep us owners aware that eye health in our dogs is very important?

### Blindness in Dogs

Symptoms include bumping into furniture and seeming clumsy in general, having trouble finding things such as their food and water dishes, becoming easily startled, getting lost in the yard or in certain areas of the home, and a lack of normal play. Blindness can be caused by a number of conditions, including cataracts, glaucoma, uveitis, severe corneal disease, retinal inflammation and infection, retinal detachment, disease of the optic nerve, and disease of the occipital cortex (the visual center of the brain). Treatment depends on the diagnosis. Some can be corrected by surgery or managed by medication. The best thing to do to

help a dog who is going blind is to minimize the changes to his environment. He will function better if he knows where things are. Keep his water and food dish in the same place and don't move your furniture around.

The most common eye infection dogs contract is **Dog Conjunctivitis** (dog pink eye).

This is what we suspected in Mojo at first but there was no signs to indicate that this was the case.

It is an inflammation of the membrane covering the inside of the eyelids and the front of the eye also called the mucous membranes of the eye. It often just affects one eye, although it can affect both. The eye becomes red and inflamed. There may be clear or mucous discharge from the eye. It is usually caused by viruses or bacteria. Less often, it may be caused by parasites or by allergies.

Canine conjunctivitis does not cause a change in vision. Pain is not associated with the disease and redness is moderate to minor. A common primary cause of canine conjunctivitis is chronic irritation or exposure resulting from the incorrect way the eyelids (distichia, trichiasis) or eyelashes functioning. Redness may also be caused by nasal problems and exposure to environmental toxins such as chemicals, wind or dust.

Let's keep an "eye" on our mutts and make sure they are always in good health!



Dog Pink Eye

## NEWSLETTER

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### Did you know:

- ☺ ...that male dogs lift their legs when marking, not only to leave their scent but to mark *higher* than the previous dog? Could be where the phrase "Top Dog" came from!
- ☺ ...that dogs and cats can both get breast cancer? It's more common in dogs but far more aggressive when a cat does get it. Spaying your dog before her first heat eliminates the chance of her ever getting it.

### Poooper of the Month

Poooh Busters is proud to present **Revo** as November's Poooper of the Month!



Want your pooch to be showcased on our website and in this newsletter?

**Email Big Nate and get your dog featured!**

Now accepting pictures and bios for 2010.

## Winter Service About To Begin

Unfortunately we already had a taste of what is to come. The snow has fallen early on Calgary this year. It's hard to get in the Halloween spirit when it feels like Christmas. The stores don't help either. We have the Halloween costumes right next to the Christmas decorations. All I ask is that we see no signs of Christmas until after Remembrance

Day! Both when we're outside and when we're shopping.

Anyway, I digress. With the blanket of snow we received earlier in October, Poooh Busters reverted to it's winter policy and was unable to service any yards for a couple of days.

We just wanted to remind our clients that while we do provide service all year long, we must not

waste time or your money trying to find doggie doo that is completely covered by snow.

Please know that if we do skip your yard for one week, you will not see a door hanger, you will not be billed and we will return the following week to resume service as normal. Contact us anytime when you have concerns regarding our winter policy.

## Celebrity Off-The-Wall Pet Names

Celebrities have a tendency to gift their children with some pretty unique names. Well they just don't stop at their human kids, they pass along the extreme names to their fur-kids too!

**Kathy Lee Gifford** named her dog after her former co-host Regis.

**Fran Drescher (The Nanny)** named her Pomeranian, Esther.

**Jake Gyllenhaal** owns a German Shepherd, Atticus and a Pug called Boo Radley whom he named after a character from his favourite book, To Kill a Mockingbird.

**Britney Spears** gave her Chihuahua the Disney Princess name, Snow White.

**Reese Witherspoon** takes walks with Coco Chanel, a French Bulldog.

**Nicole Richie** has been seen on the red carpet with her Pomeranian, Foxy Cleopatra. She named her pooch after Beyonce's character on the Austen Power's movie.

**Jessica Simpson** totes her Maltipoo, Daisy. This after the character she played in the Dukes of Hazzard movie, Daisy Duke.

## What's Happening in Calgary?

Let's take a look around Calgary for month of November. There always lots of events and gatherings in the interest and benefit of pets and pet owners!

**November 1** - Grand Opening of Sleep Rover Doggie Hotel & Daycare. Visit their website [www.sleeprover.ca](http://www.sleeprover.ca). This new Calgary business has an amazing facility coupled with their fresh, new concept for doggie daycare. The open house is Noon - 2:00pm. There will be finger foods and a tour of their 'home' from the mini boutique, to their bakery, Reiki room and specialty groomer.

**November 6** - The Calgary Humane Society is hosting their annual Cocktails For Critters event. Join them for an evening of people, pet art and fashion! It's happening 7:00pm - Mid-night at Artists of the World Gallery, 514—11 Ave SW. Tickets are \$150. Visit their site at [www.calgaryhumane.ca](http://www.calgaryhumane.ca) for more info!

**November 27, 28 & 29**—The Calgary Kennel and Obedience Club will host their Winter Dog Show at the Lower Big Four, Stampede Park. Be sure to check their website for more details as the show draws closer. [www.ckoc.com](http://www.ckoc.com)

If you know of any events or happenings coming up, email Big Nate! We'll be sure to add any events you want people to know about! [bignate@pooohbusters.com](mailto:bignate@pooohbusters.com)

## Poooh Busters

# Tip of the Month!

### Use Proper Voice Tone When Giving Commands To Your Dog:

Try to keep the same tone of voice when you give a command to your dog - the tone of your voice is as important as the command word itself.

Keep in mind that your tone needs to be consistent in order to get a reliable response from the dog. Change the tone of your voice and you may be changing the whole meaning of the command.

This training tip of the month provided to you courtesy of [CanineCorrection.com](http://CanineCorrection.com)

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## Top Ten Least Intelligent Dogs

10. **Basset Hound** - Housebreaking and training a Basset Hound can be difficult, but what they lack in intelligence is more than made up for in their devotion to their work (just try to distract a Basset Hound when it is trailing a scent).
9. **Beagle** - another breed that can be a challenge to train. Not so much due to their intelligence level, but more for their independent and wilful nature.
8. **Mastiff** - can be quite stubborn at times, which some may confuse with a lack of intelligence. When training a Mastiff, try keeping the sessions short but frequent.
7. **Pekingese** - one of the most difficult dogs to train. They have a very independent and dominating nature that requires firmness and consistency.
6. **Bloodhound** - may not be the most intelligent of dogs, but what a nose! These dogs can track any scent, even a scent trail that is over one hundred hours old.
5. **Russian Wolfhound** - surprisingly cat-like in its free thinking and independent nature. They keep themselves very clean, and aren't as driven to please their masters as most dogs. This makes them a little bit harder to train.
4. **Chow Chow** - extremely loyal to their family, and can be quite jealous of visitors to its master's home. They have a dominant nature and require a strong-willed owner and firm hand, or they will quickly take charge of the household.
3. **Bulldog** - great family dogs that require a lot of human attention and affection to ensure their happiness.
2. **Basenji** - The "barkless dog". They can be a bit temperamental (A lot of human contact from the puppy stage helps with this) and harder to train than most dogs.
1. **Afghan** - Their low "obedience level" is well known among dog breeders and trainers. Are Afghan Hounds really the least intelligent dog, or the most independent thinking? With their sweet nature, it doesn't really matter to us!