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A "Greet" Time at Havanese Nationals!

by Claudia DeVita with Patt McRae

I've been in dogs a long time and when our committee was discussing what we could do or say that would interest a 'newbie', or pet owner, or a novice show owner, I thought about how much fun my two friends had at this year's National Specialty held in Lombard, Illinois. Sheila has a pet Havanese and Don is not a dog person, but they felt like taking a field trip just for fun and something different to do. They decided that if they got bored they could run into Chicago and shop 'til they drop or catch a show. They did catch a show but it was the dog show for three straight days! The minute we arrived I got them involved with preparing the Meet and Greet party planned for Wednesday night. Once the festivities began, Don a photographer, found people and dogs to enjoy photographing and Sheila met people involved with genetic testing which she found intriguing.

The hallway to the ring set-ups alone was like a scene from the movie Best In Show! Dog owners hurrying to get their dog into the ring and casting looks that would kill if you touched that coat that had taken three hours to groom while promising to talk 'dogs' with you later. Neither of my friends had seen anything like it before. I kept saying to them if you find three straight days

of dogs boring do not worry about offending me. Instead, I found them at the different vendor booths; watching the dogs run their obedience, agility and rally routines.

They seemed to really enjoy watching the parade of beautifully coiffed Havanese strut their stuff in the ring while learning about the breed from me and others around them. Everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time and when the Best of Breed competition started on the final day, there were my two "non dog" friends totally riveted and wishing they had purchased front row seats.

If you adore the breed Havanese, or just love dogs, you and your family will find fun and entertainment while learning about the breed at next year's Havanese National Specialty being held in San Mateo, California. Keep your eye on the Havanese Club of America web site for further information.

If you prefer not to wait that long to go to a dog show, look on the American Kennel Club web site and find shows that will be held in your area throughout the year.

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Let's Play it Safe

By: Arlene Etzig

Yipee! One of my favorite holidays is fast approaching. Halloween is coming and pretty soon the ghosts and goblins will come a' knocking at your doors.

So, what can we do to keep our Havanese safe and stress-free during this fun time of the year?

1. Leave the treats for the trick-or-treaters. Chocolate in all forms is dangerous, and so are the pretty tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers. Please keep the yummy treats out of your dog's reach.
2. Although pumpkins and decorative corn are nontoxic, they can cause upset tummies if ingested. Dogs can develop an intestinal blockage if large pieces are ingested.
3. Please keep wires and cords for electric lights and other decoration out of reach. If your dog chews these, their mouths can get hurt from shards of glass or plastic, or even worse they can receive a potentially life-threatening electrical shock.
4. Carved pumpkins are soooo pretty, but please be careful if you use a candle. Havanese are always getting into things and can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and cause a fire even though they don't intend to!
5. Halloween costumes are fun, but some dogs don't really like wearing them, so please don't dress them up in a costume unless you are sure they love it. Those who dislike it get very stressed out! If you know they do enjoy dressing up, make sure the costume is safe and doesn't limit their hearing or movement, or impede their ability to breathe or bark. Please keep your eyes open for small, dangling, or easily chewed off pieces on the costume. They can choke on these!



Kubrik is out enjoying a gorgeous fall day.
Picture taken and submitted by Carolina Cross.

6. Trick or treating is fun, but during peak visiting hours, please keep your Hav in a separate room. Too many strangers dressed up like goblins that show up at the front doors can be scary and stressful!

7. If you decide to totally ignore number 6 above, please, please be careful and watch to make sure that your dog doesn't dart out the front door when you open it for the trick-or-treaters.

8. Please make sure your Havanese is micro-chipped and has the proper identification. If they get spooked and get away, a collar and tags or a microchip will increase the chances of your pooch returning to your loving arms.

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Horizon Quick Tip

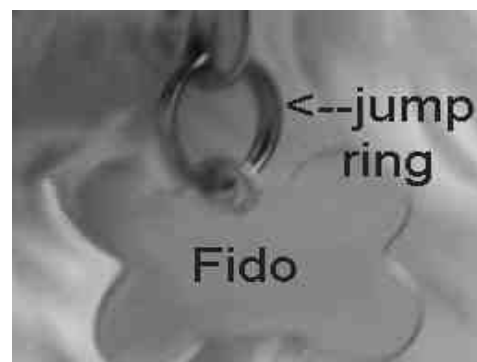
By: Jan Smith

If your dog wears a collar with a dog tag on it, please take note. The jump ring that attaches the tag to the collar should be as small as possible. Your dog can lick his chest and accidentally get a tooth caught in it. Too many times the dog can't get his tooth out and great damage is done, even if you're right there to help.

Please take a minute to check the jump ring. If it's large, you can find different sizes of jump rings in most hobby stores to replace it.

There are some collars being made now that have the tag flat on the collar with no jump ring. Doing a Google search will help you find them

Here's an example of a jump ring that is too large for your dog's safety.



Recipes Review

By: Cindy Lisai

BOO-berry yogurt

1 cup organic plain yogurt
1/4 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
sprinkle of cinnamon
serve 1 or 2 tablespoons at a time with meal or as a treat

GHOULISH-goulash

1 cup fresh cooked lean ground beef
1 fresh diced tomato
1/4 cup diced fresh summer squash or zucchini
1/4 cup shredded cheese
1 tablespoon olive oil
serve 1 or two tablespoons at a time with meal or as a treat

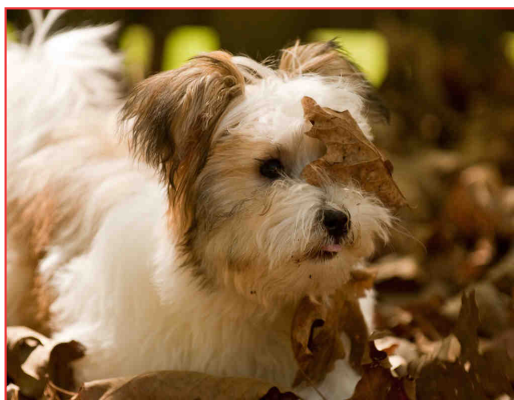
Muffins

(from: Dr Khalsa's Natural Dog by Deva Khalsa, VMD)

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
2 cups oats
1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup olive oil
3 beaten eggs (shells optional; can put eggs with shells in blender)
2 1/2 cups yogurt or buttermilk
1 cup grated cooked chicken

Mix together the oats, flour and baking soda. Blend the olive oil, yogurt or buttermilk, and eggs. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients. Stir in the grated chicken. Pour into oiled muffin tin for 30 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Yields 12 medium-size muffins. Extra muffins can be frozen for six weeks. If you are going to make mini-muffins, the baking time will be a little more than half of what's indicated in the recipe. Muffins can be given as a snack or crumbled and used as toppers.

Dr Khasla's book "Natural Dog, a Holistic Guide for a Healthier Dog" is a pleasure to read and even re-read. She shares a wealth of information in this one little book, all of which is presented in a very friendly and understandable manner. That, along with all of the great recipes in her 'canine cafe' make this a book a 'treat' in itself! I find myself going back to this book over and over again.



Murphy loves playing in the fall leaves. Photo taken and submitted by Ann Adams.

Havanese Roundtable

Q: I would like to see a dog show, but I am not sure how to find one in my area, but more specifically how to find the times that the Havanese would be shown? Will the people showing the Havanese allow us to visit their dogs? Sally

A. If you visit www.infodog.com you will find a list of upcoming dog shows by geographical area and date. The closing date of the show is also shown as well as the name of the show superintendent (Roy Jones, Onofrio, etc.). All superintendents have web sites. A week prior to the show the superintendent will post the Judging Program which will show the ring number and the ring times for each breed.

The best time to approach a competitor is *after* they have shown their dog(s). Before ring time most people are busy grooming their dog. Most dog shows today are un-benched, meaning those showing their dogs arrive in good time prior to their posted ring times and then once they are finished showing, they pack up and go home. However, there are still a few *benched* shows. At a benched show, entrants must stay from the start of the show until they are dismissed by the show superintendent. This means competitors have a lot of time on their hands once they have finished showing and are usually eager to visit with spectators and talk about their dogs. Some well-known benched shows are Westminster in New York City (takes place in February) and the International Kennel Club Dog Show in Chicago, which takes place a week after Westminster. Benched shows offer by far, the best opportunity to see dogs up close and personal and to talk to owners, breeders and handlers about the breeds.

Gloria Dittmann



Sammy is king in his home. Photo taken and submitted by Marjorie Rowe-Callisto.

Trick or Treat!



Okay, so where's my treat? This is Sissie, and her photo was taken and sent to us by Marie Krier.



Oliver & Comet smile and wait for their treats also!
Photo taken and submitted by Sally Minton.



Make no bones about it, Sammy is the new boss in town!
Photo taken and submitted by Marjorie Rowe-Callisto.



Scooter is ready for some good ol' fashioned trick or treatin' . Picture taken and submitted by Ann Adams.



Weeee!! Nothing better than a wild romp in the fall leaves! This is Kubrik and his photo was sent to us by Carolina Cross.



Sophie looks absolutely beautiful in this fall scenery.
Photo taken and submitted by Jackie Tellier.