# PawPrints

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# What's New At Fullerton Pooch Park



ell, it looks like all the hard work has paid off! As many of you know, the large dog park was closed for six weeks for grass recovery and maintenance repairs from heavy use. The Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Landscape Maintenance Division, did an awesome job reseeding and repairing the troubled areas. They even mowed the entire area with push mowers to make sure everything is perfect for our June 7th Anniversary Event.

We now have a water faucet in the chip park. Many of you have asked about getting a water faucet in the small dog park. Rest assured your request has been heard and it's on our "to do" list; you will see something happen in the upcoming months.

You should also keep your eyes and ears open for more Pooch Park seminars and events. We will be working with local dog care professionals to bring you more lectures on pet CPR, pet first aid, canine wellness, outdoor activities, adoption events and much more.

Until next time, keep your tails waggin' and paws movin'.

## Doggie Fun Facts

The expression "three dog night" originated with the Eskimos and means a very cold night - so cold that you have to bed down with three dogs to keep warm.

The first dog to star in an American movie was Jean the Vitagraph Dog, a Border Collie mix, who made his first film in 1910.



Seventy percent of people sign their pet's name on greeting cards and 58 percent include their pets in family and holiday portraits, according to a survey done by the American Animal Hospital Association.

It has been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.

The term "dog days" has nothing to do with dogs. It dates back to Roman times, when it was believed that Sirius, the Dog Star, added its heat to that of the sun from July 3 to August 11, creating exceptionally high temperatures. The Romans called the period dies caniculares, or "days of the dog."

Before the enactment of the 1978 law that made it mandatory for dog owners in New York City to clean up after their pets, approximately 40 million pounds of dog excrement were deposited on the streets every year.

Contrary to popular belief, dogs do not sweat by salivating. They sweat through the pads of their feet.

Most pet owners (94 percent) say their pet makes them smile more than once a day.

Some 39 percent of pet owners say they have more photos of their pet than of their spouse or significant other. Only 21 percent say they have more photos of their spouse or significant other than of their pet.





## **DANGEROUS FOODS** FOR YOUR CANINE

s pet owners, we often like to share with our pet all of the things that we ourselves enjoy in life, including food. However, there are a couple of reasons that you should always be very careful when considering introducing special treats to your pet. The first reason is that the food you want to share may not be a particularly healthy food item and, therefore, you should think twice about allowing your pet to acquire a taste for something he or she shouldn't have. Secondly and most importantly, although you may very well enjoy a particular food yourself, it might actually be very poisonous for your pet.

Here are some foods to avoid:

 Chocolate- It's not the chocolate itself which is harmful to your dog, but rather the theobromine contained within the chocolate. The obromine can cause different reactions in dogs; if your dog has epilepsy, then theobromine can trigger epileptic seizures. Other effects include chocolate poisoning which can cause an irregular heart rate and rhythm, restlessness, hyperactivity, diarrhea, vomiting, panting, muscle tremors, abdominal pain, bloody urine, increased body temperature, seizures, coma and possibly even death.

- Walnuts-Walnuts (amongst many other kinds of nuts) can have harmful side effects on dogs because of their high phosphorous content. Walnuts can potentially give your dog bladder stones and can cause gastrointestinal problems such as vomiting and diarrhea, as well as respiratory issues such as sneezing, breathing and coughing.
- ➤ Onions and Garlic Onions and garlic, especially raw ones, are known to cause hemolytic anemia in dogs where red blood cells are removed and destroyed from toxic compounds.
- ➤ Potatoes-Poisoning from potatoes has been known to occur for both humans and dogs. This is from the solanum alkaloid that is found in green sprouts and green potato plants. However, this doesn't mean that all forms of potatoes are bad for your dog. Mashed and cooked potatoes are actually quite nutritious and healthy for your dog, but stay away from raw uncooked potatoes.
- Potato and Tomato Leaves and Stems Can cause problems with the digestive, nervous and urinary systems.
- ➤ Turkey Skin- When Thanksgiving rolls around, the last thing you want to do is feed your dog leftover turkey. Turkey Skin has been found to cause acute pancreatitis in dogs. Pancreatitis is where the pancreas becomes inflamed and can lead to bleeding in the gland, tissue damage and infections.



#### **FIRST POOCH WALK**

Get off the couch and join us outdoors for the 1st Pooch Walk! Enjoy the scenery as you and your pooch experience Laguna Lake. No it's not in Laguna, it's in the heart of Fullerton! Bring the whole family for some fresh air!

Date: TBD - visit www.FullertonPoochPark.org or

check Pooch Park Bulletin Board

Place: Laguna Lake – 3120 Lakeview Drive, Fullerton

#### **DOGGIE & ME TRAIL HIKES**

This canine-friendly class will introduce you to the best dog hikes of Fullerton. All participants and dogs must be able to walk about 2 miles. Limited to the first 8 pairs (min 6 pairs). Additional restrictions apply. For details, call the Parks & Recreation Department at

714-738-6575 or visit classEconnect.com

**Date:** Wednesdays starting 7-02-2008 through

7-23-2008 (4-week series); 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: \$20 per pair

- ➤ Sugarless Candy Containing the Sweetener Xylitol Can cause liver damage and even death.
- Alcoholic Beverages Any type of alcohol can be poisonous to your pet and, aside from intoxication, can cause a coma or even death.
- ➤ Apple Seeds and Cherry Pits Can have varied effects on pets including respiratory difficulties such as breathing, coughing and sneezing.
- ➤ Apricot Pits Can cause respiratory difficulties such as breathing, coughing and sneezing.
- ➤ Coffee Can result in increased breathing and heart rate, restlessness and affects the central nervous system.
- ➤ Grapes and Raisins Can be poisonous to dogs and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, abdominal pain, renal failure and kidney damage.
- ➤ Hops May cause panting, elevated temperature, increased heart rate, seizures and possibly death.
- Macadamia Nuts Can cause vomiting, lethargy, hyperthermia, abdominal pain, stiff joints, lameness and tremors.
- ➤ Mushrooms Different types of mushrooms can have varied effects on pets such as, depression, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain, tearing, hallucinations, defecation, liver failure, seizures, drooling, urination, kidney failure, heart damage, hyperactivity and, in some cases, death.

http://www.earthclinic.com/Pets/poisonous foods.html#detox

NOTE: If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned, contact the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435. This is a 24 hour a day hotline. (Note that in some cases a consultation fee may be charged to your credit card.)



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## The benefits of spaying or neutering your dog:

There are several benefits other than responsible ownership and stopping unwanted pregnancies.

#### For Males:

· Decreased sexual behavior, including leg-lifting, marking, roaming, aggressive behavior and fighting.

Decreased desire to escape from the yard.

 Protection from testicular cancer.

#### **For Females:**

- Decreased incidence of breast cancer.
- Protection against cancers of the reproductive system.
- · Decreased female aggression.

### Low Cost Spay & **Neuter Clinics:**

Costs and services vary by clinic. Please call individual clinics for detailed information.

**Animal Medical Center** 16540 Harbor Blvd. Suite A Fountain Valley, CA 92708 (714) 531-1155

**Animal Discount Clinic** 13252 Euclid Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92843 (714) 537-0570

**Golden State Humane** Society-**Animal Care Center** 11901 Gilbert Street Garden Grove, CA 92841 (714) 638-8111

**Golden State Humane Society-Animal Care Center** 

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