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Dog Training and Puppy
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Soon!

Don't miss out.
Classes start in May.
Email
contact@saveadog.org
for an informational
flyer.

Dear David,

Come join us and other dog lovers for a day filled with family and canine fun on May 23rd from 10-3 while helping us raise funds to help homeless dogs! This is our 10th Annual Paws in the Park and we are thrilled to announce a new location this year at Longfellow's Wayside Inn field (3 minutes from Save A Dog) just off Rt. 20 (Boston Post Road) in Sudbury, MA.

You can start raising funds to help our mission of rescuing abandoned dogs by creating your own online pledge page. Just include a photo of your pet and then send the link to all your friends. We'll keep an online tally of your pledges and you and your dog can enjoy free admission to Paws in the Park (minimum \$10 pledge to waive admission fee). The first 100 dogs receive a nice bandana and a bag of goodies stuffed into an Eco bag. Save A Dog alumni receive a special marked bandana so that we can spot our alumni and give them a special greeting.

You and your dog will enjoy a fun-filled day of doggy games, contests, swimming pools, a doggy drencher, relay races, music, Frisbee dogs show, an agility course to try out, and over 50 vendors with free treats and information on everything "dog". There will be a silent auction with all sorts of items including Taylor Swift tickets! The day is filled with food, games, prizes, demos, and of course, a dog walk through the beautiful woods at Wayside Inn near the Grist Mill. Dog rescue organizations of all breeds will be our honored guests and will have dogs for adoption and information on how to adopt. There will be a Parade of Adoptable Dogs for those looking to add a new best friend to their family.

For the children we have face painting, a kid's corner with games, and a bouncy house. Children under 12, accompanied by an adult, are given free admission.

If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's Paws in the Park, or if you know someone who might be interested, we still have vendor space available. Our new event space in Sudbury at Longfellow's Wayside Inn is almost twice the size of last year's event space, so we have plenty of room for new vendors, returning vendors, and those of you who have been with us for the past ten years!

Save A Dog is a 501c3 tax exempt Humane Society whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and find

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adoptable homes for abandoned dogs. We are a holistically-minded organization that believes in providing the highest quality care to our rescued dogs. We give the dogs vitamins, herbal supplements, and probiotics from day one as our shelter protocol. Each night the new arrivals are serenaded to animal healing music while enjoying a fresh meaty bone on their kuranda beds. We have a very strong foster home program so that the dogs are transitioned into the home environment as soon as possible. We educate our adopters on holistic care for their new dog and our Retail room carries the house food and all the holistic supplements at a very low cost to our adopters and supporters. Please come visit us during our open hours. Save A Dog was incorporated in 1999 and funded entirely by private donations.

News Flash to all our adoptive pet owners!

The EPA is currently reviewing 44,000 complaints that were filed last year concerning potentially dangerous - and sometimes deadly - "spot-on" flea and tick products for pets. Please use the links provided below to read up on the situation and to protect your beloved pets!

[Updated:EPA to Increase Restrictions on Flea and Tick Products](#)

[NEW EPA: More Pets Injured By Flea And Tick Products - Posted 03/17/2010](#)

Does your dog have lyme? Read this interesting article on a natural treatment: <http://www.cassia.org/ledum.htm>. We have used this treatment with great success. Shirley Moore, our Director, is a Homeopathic Consultant and is willing to guide you through this alternative treatment for lyme. She has guided many of the volunteers who have used this method on their own dogs. As well, we have sent new dogs home with the homeopathic nosode for lyme. We also sell the Bug Off Garlic for tick prevention in our Retail Room.

Why Give Probiotics to Dogs?

Probiotics are gut-friendly living bacteria that are found naturally in a healthy digestive tract. They can be found in food such a yogurt, although they are not numerous enough in yogurt to colonize the guts of animals effectively. High-quality powdered supplements in powdered form are more effective for therapy as they are far more concentrated. Each teaspoon contains literally millions of good bacteria.

Probiotics improve the health of the digestive tract by changing gut acidity, aiding digestion, and helping to detoxify harmful substances. They boost the dog's immunity and actively produce antibiotic substances. They are particularly crucial for dogs who have been on a poor diet and for stressed dogs. They are also helpful

after the use of antibiotics, steroids, or anti-inflammatory agents.

- Probiotics may be useful in chronic skin disease, allergies, arthritis, cystitis, candidiasis, colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, and some forms of cancer (Chaitow and Trenev, 1990).
- Diarrhea: supplementation can help rebalance the population of bacteria that are affected by acute and chronic diarrhea.
- Before switching a dog to the raw diet, it is recommended that you build them up on probiotics first.
- Probiotics work at night, so it is best to give in the PM feeding.
- At Save A Dog, we give all kenneled dogs probiotics in every afternoon feeding.

Why Feed Your Dog the Raw Diet

Dogs are meat eaters. Their entire anatomy is adapted for a meat diet, from the teeth fashioned for tearing and crushing, the powerful jawbones and muscles, the small, very muscular stomach, the short intestines (to avoid putrefaction of flesh foods) and above all, the very powerful digestive juices that can dissolve even lumps of bone. In a healthy dog. Food which would kill a human being in a day can be eaten without harmful effects by a dog, raw food that is. If other food is substituted, the carnivorous organs deteriorate. Therefore, if you are switching to a raw diet, you must first repair the damage by adding probiotic supplements to the dog's diet first.

There are countless testimonials of pets who were cleared of a host of ills, simply after switching to a raw diet. Skin problems, eye problems (including dry eye), incontinence, obesity, arthritis, bowel, kidney, and heart, as well as orthopedic problems, are amongst the issues addressed by the raw diet.

Nature never taught the dog to cook or to use a can opener.

Feeding Raw Meaty Bones -- Firstly, never ever give a cooked bone to a dog. The cooking makes the bones brittle and causes a serious choking hazard. But raw meaty bones are very healthy for dogs. They act as the dog's tooth brush and provide natural calcium to the dog.

Start adding a little raw, 1 T to the kibble mixture. Increase by 1 T every day and slowly decrease the kibble.

Also add RAW meaty marrow bones to the diet, especially when he is having some "Crate time" and also not when children are around (as some dogs tend to guard a bone in the beginning).

A Testimonial from the Raw Feeding Yahoo Group:

I have 3 small dogs and as I was getting their meal ready tonight I could feel the excitement in them (they knew it was something special). I included a small piece of lamb rib in each of their plates - well it brought tears to my eyes watching them chew and chew with such enthusiasm - tears were because I feel I have been a terrible mother to them, depriving them of this enjoyment all this time. You see I worked at a Vets for many years and was led to believe that dogs should have 'balanced good quality dry kibble for different life stages and tins of meat' like we sold. Well, my 10 year old dog now has diabetes. It was whilst looking online for info on this disease that I found the raw feeding site - I can't thank you enough for all the material and guidelines you offer - my 3 dogs thank you too. Barb

Good sources for information on raw feeding are <http://www.pawnaturaw.com> and the yahoo email group rawfeeding@yahoogroups.com. A good source for purchasing raw for your dog is on <http://BoneDepot.com>.

We hope to see all of you at Paws in the Park on May 23rd!

Sincerely,

Save A Dog, Inc.