



President's Message

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer. I want to remind everyone to watch their dogs in the heat and be sure that have proper shade and water. Taking you dog with you to run errands on hot summer days is not a good idea.

The CSPCA National Specialty show is fast approaching. If you ever get the chance to attend one, it is well worth your time. This year's Nationals is in Camp Hill, PA.

Occasionally we need foster homes for our rescue dogs. Mostly we need homes with no other dogs and without cats. If you know of someone that would like to be responsible for a dog only on a short term basis, please let Louise Watson know.

Remember if you have a dog that participated in the Shar-Pei research project and follow-up information you could provide would be beneficial to all Shar-Pei. If you need more information about this, please contact me.

Lastly we would like to thank everyone that has taken in one of our rescue dogs. It is a wonderful thing that you have provided a dog with a good home. We appreciate you and so do your dogs.

Alice Fix,, President

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Fallen Angels

CH. Ta-Dah's Cool Hand Luke
 owned by Bob & Kay Rosenberger. He was their first and only AKC bred by Champion finishing his championship out of the bred-by classes. So long good friend and thanks for the wonderful memories.

Farewell to Fleas

by Frances Gavin - Canine Natural Cures



Science Photo Library - FLEA

Are you worried about the effects of chemicals on your dog? Why not make your own safe, non toxic flea repellents?

CITRUS REPELLENT: Cut a lemon into quarters and place in a pint jug. Cover the lemon with boiling water and let it steep overnight. Next day you have a flea repellent

that you can use in a spray bottle. Spray all over your dog remembering especially behind the ears and around the head generally (careful of eyes), around the base of the tail (once again keep away from delicate bits) and under your dog's "armpits."

AROMATHERAPY REPELLENT: Using 10 ml. of Pure Almond Carrier Oil as your base, add 10 drops of Lavender Essential Oil and 5 drops of Cedarwood Essential Oil. Shake well and use 1 or 2 drops [of this mixture] spread over the skin at least twice a week to keep the fleas away.

A flea collar can be made by rubbing a few drops of one of the following into an ordinary webbing or rope collar or even a doggy bandanna: Eucalyptus Essential Oil, Tea Tree Essential Oil, Citronella Essential Oil, Lavender Essential Oil or Geranium Essential Oil. Don't forget to do this weekly.

YOUR HOME: Fleas spend most of their time in your furnishings and only hop onto your dog or you for their next meal. Make sure you wash your dog's bedding regularly because no flea ever survived a hot wash cycle. If you add Eucalyptus Essential Oil to the final rinse it will also kill 99% of house dust mites according to research from the University of Sydney, Australia.

Vacuum your home very thoroughly and sprinkle a fine layer of ordinary table salt over your upholstery and carpets and leave overnight before vacuuming again to evict your unwelcome guests safely but don't forget to empty your vacuum bag.

BATHING: A badly infested dog really needs to be bathed so use your favorite dog shampoo. Rinse the dog off very thoroughly and

in the final rinse add a couple of drops of Tea Tree Essential Oil or Lavender Essential Oil. An alternative is to make your own herbal flea dip which will also work on ticks. Steep two cups of fresh Rosemary Leaf in two pints of boiling water for 30 minutes. Strain the liquid, discard the leaves and make it up to one gallon (8 pints) with warm water. Pour this mixture over the dog until it's saturated. Do not rinse off and allow the dog to dry naturally so this is a remedy to use on hot summer days.

INTERNAL FLEA REPELLENTS: Garlic may not be your favorite cologne and it's not the flea's favorite smell either. When your dog eats garlic, the smell is excreted through the dog's skin making your dog less likely to be the flea's next meal. In case you think you might need to give your dog a breath freshener along with the garlic, my dogs, Mack and Josh, eat garlic every day and I don't find their breath smells from it at all. Brewer's yeast tablets will also help to make your dog less attractive to fleas because once again the smell is excreted through the skin.

Adding a dessertspoon of natural apple cider vinegar to the water bowl will make the skin more acidic and unpleasant to fleas and ticks. If your dogs don't fancy apple cider vinegar in the water bowl, dilute it 50/50 with water and use in a spray bottle instead of the citrus repellent. [Or, you can use natural apple cider vinegar tablets.]

Used with permission of Frances Gavin of Canine Natural Cures

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Removing every flea from your dog and house is not enough when you then let your dog go back into a yard that is full of fleas. Keep him in the house while you spray the entire yard, patio, etc., with a flea killer. You can use a pesticide in the yard anywhere except on a vegetable garden. And do not use pesticides on the dog's bed, or on chairs with canvas or fabric where dogs like to lie since these items are absorbent - instead, spray on the combination of essential oils mentioned above for making your own flea collar. When you have finished, keep all pets out of the yard for the time specified on the can. You can also use the homemade spray inside your home if you do not have cats.

LARGE amounts of garlic cause the same problems as onions. Garlic contains only a small amount of the problematic substance that is in onions. Just as with people, moderation is the key.

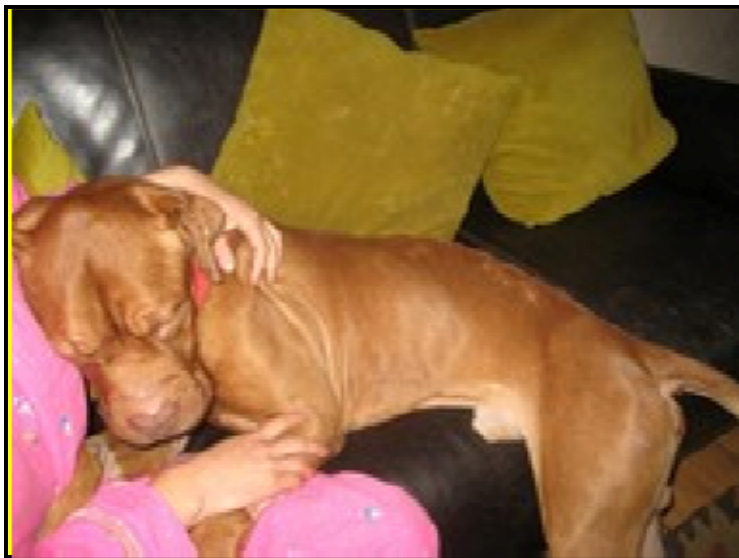
Care should be taken when using rosemary if you are pregnant (wear gloves and avoid breathing the vapors - or have someone else apply this rinse.)

THE RECIPES ABOVE ARE NOT FOR CATS - MOST ESSENTIAL OILS CAN KILL CATS, AND GARLIC WILL MAKE THEM SICK

<http://lacetoleather.com/safefleacure.html>

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE THE GIFT OF COMPASSION TO DOGS ABOUT TO DIE

By Penny Eims



Manhattan, NY - Tails Magazine recently published a story about a truly phenomenal group of individuals in New York - volunteers with the Compassion Program.

The program, which started four years ago, is designed to give dogs that are scheduled for euthanasia, one final, special moment with a loving person.

The night before dogs are to be killed, volunteers are presented with a list of names or ID numbers - those on the list will be gone by the same time 24 hours later....

In this program, the volunteer spends some special, one on one time with the dog slated to be killed - walking, snuggling, playing, or enjoying a treat.

The program is currently in place at the Manhattan Animal Care and Control Center in New York - the hope is to expand to other shelters throughout the state.

Those involved with the program participate in this heart-wrenching act of love because they see the need - and they feel that they are making a direct impact on the dogs - providing those about to die with one last beautiful act of love and compassion.

** I was going to write more - but I simply can't. I have never heard of a program like this and the entire concept has completely brought me to tears.

The volunteers that are a part of this program are made of much stronger stuff than I am - I can barely write about their courageous act of compassion - I cannot fathom how they go in and spend time bonding with these dogs - knowing that the dogs will be dead in the morning.

<http://www.examiner.com/dogs-in-national/volunteers-provide-the-gift-of-compassion-to-dogs-about-to-die#ixzz1MR81j7Q1>

Pet Insurance: Good or Bad for the Veterinary Profession?

By: Irreverent Vet

Pet insurance – is it a good thing or a bad thing? This is an interesting topic.

I believe pet insurance is a good thing for pet owners at this time. And I say "at this time" because that may not always be the case. I don't have a crystal ball to see into the future, so it's safe to say I can't predict how the pet insurance industry may change in the future.

Before I go any further, let me introduce myself for those of you that don't know me. I'm the Irreverent Veterinarian. I speak my mind and give you my honest opinion. I won't sweet-talk you or sugarcoat the truth. I tell it like it is – to you, the drug companies, the pet product manufacturers, professional breeders and pet owners. Some might say that I'm truthful to a fault. Some of the pet owners, drug companies, pet product manufacturers and breeders who read my columns get really angry. It is hard hearing the truth.

So back to the topic of “Insurance”.

In many ways – human health insurance companies have nearly ruined human medicine. The question is – will pet insurance change the practice of veterinary medicine?

I know several physicians that hate their jobs – and it has everything to do with HMO's and insurance companies. And many people who have health insurance agree that it is less than ideal. Insurance companies have gone as far as dictating the care a patient receives for a given condition. This has caused frustration amongst human medical staff and reduced quality of care (in the opinions of many). Instead of doing what is BEST – physicians find themselves doing what is covered. Instead of taking their time with a patient – the insurance coverage per exam is so low – they are forced to see man patients in an hour.

So there are really two questions.

First - is insurance good for pets and vets? At this time, I believe that pet insurance is a good thing and that this will continue to be the case, at least for the next several years. So if you have pet insurance, or if you're thinking about getting pet insurance – don't worry. There is another article that covers this topic.

Second – is insurance good for the veterinary profession. This is what I'm not sure about.

Every February there is a large veterinary continuing education meeting in Las Vegas called the Western Veterinary Conference.

It is a very good and big meeting that veterinarians and veterinary support staff attend to learn what's new in veterinary medicine and practice management.

At the last meeting, there was an open forum and discussion about insurance and that discussion led to speculation about what pet insurance could do to the profession of veterinary medicine.

Many old school veterinarians have been VERY reluctant to sign up with insurance – as they have seen the bad changes that has occurred in human medicine.

So the real question is – is there a chance that the veterinary profession could one day find themselves under the control of insurance companies as human physicians are now? There is. But it is not even close – years and years away as far as we can tell.

This is a concern amongst veterinarians. But right now this is definitely not the case. Insurance companies do not currently dictate how veterinary cases are managed.

My Final Thoughts on Pet Insurance

Nobody knows what the future will hold, but the pet insurance industry, as it exists today, is a good thing. It gives pet owners the ability to provide the veterinary care their pets needs. And many pet insurance companies allow the pet to be treated by any veterinarian their owners choose. There is no approved "network". So you can continue to see your current vet and your pet insurance will help pay for your pet's treatment. In many cases, pet insurance even covers well care visits and vaccinations to help keep your pets healthy.

Disclaimer

The Irreverent Vet is a columnist that regularly contributes to PetPlace.com. The goal is to add a balanced and alternative view of some controversial pet issues. As happens with all of us, veterinarians can't always say what they really think without offending some clients. This commentary allows vets to say what they think and give you, the pet owner, the opportunity to consider

another point of view. All opinions are those of the Irreverent Vet and not the views of PetPlace.com and are not endorsed by PetPlace.com.

http://www.petplace.com/dogs/pet-insurance-good-or-bad-for-the-veterinary-profession-the-irreverent-vet-speaks-out/page1.aspx?utm_source=dogcrazynews001et&utm_medium=email&utm_content=petplace_article&utm_campaign=dailynewsletter



Dr. Jeff Vidt's Comments on Health Insurance:

With the popularity of veterinary pet health insurance increasing and receiving more press I thought I should make a few comments:

1. I don't have any particular company or plan that I recommend at this time. Bear in mind that all plans currently reimburse the owner — you are initially responsible for the veterinary care costs.

This is unlike the human health care insurance system. I recommend that pet owners set up an HAS or Healthcare Savings Account for their pets. This is simply a savings account that you periodically put money into on a regular basis for those emergency pet bills you don't plan on. This will tide you over until you are reimbursed by the pet insurance company.

2. Be sure to specifically check that the company you are inquiring about insures the Chinese SharPei breed. Ask specific questions about claims concerning entropion repair, cherry eye surgery, Familial Shar-Pei Fever, Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome, hernias and other conditions they may consider "pre-existing", "hereditary", "breed-specific" or "congenital". Some companies may not cover some conditions so ask about the exclusions.

3. Ask specifically about "preventable" diseases. For example, some companies will not cover heartworm treatment because it is preventable by using heartworm preventives. Other conditions might include pyometra (severe uterine infection) and breast

cancer in an unspayed dog, leptospirosis, distemper, parvovirus, etc.

4. GET EVERYTHING IN WRITING! This would include notes on phone conversations, deductibles, claim handling, answers to your questions, etc. Save everything as well.

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*This license plate was seen on a car:*



### Dog Shoots Man in the Rear

A man in New Zealand was shot in the bottom and needed emergency surgery when he was accidentally shot by his dog.

The Sun reports that the incident happened when the man was getting into the back seat of his four-wheel drive with the rifle beside him when the dog jumped in after him.

Police thought that the dog must have triggered off the .22 bolt-action rifle that went straight into the man's left buttock in a freak accident.

Let's hope he makes a speedy recovery!

## DOGS GRIEVE JUST LIKE HUMANS



My husband died at 46 after a four-year battle with cancer. During my husband's illness, our dog Friday, laid beside his bed, provided support when my husband walked, and never left his side. He obviously knew something was wrong and was devoted to his master. Before my husband was ill, he was a senior sports-and-news cameraman for a major TV station. Owing to the nature of his assignments, my husband's work hours were unpredictable. Regardless of the hour, Friday always knew when my husband was headed home and ran to the front door, wagging his tail and sitting patiently until my husband's car pulled into the driveway. After my husband's death (in the hospital), Friday sat at the front door all day, every day, whining and waiting for my husband's return. He stopped eating and wouldn't leave the front hallway. He refused to play with our children whom he loved because "guard duty" was his only purpose. He left his post only when he needed to be waked. My heart was breaking for this dog. After one week of watching Friday's vigil, I decided to help him understand what happened. Hesitantly, Friday left his post and got into the car with me. His car behavior was unusual: He paced from window to window, looking everywhere for my husband. I drove to the cemetery, and we walked together toward my husband's gravesite. As we got closer, Friday pulled away from me and ran directly to my husband's grave. He lay down on the grave, closed

his eyes, and just stayed there, quietly. I didn't try to talk to Friday or to disturb him -- he needed to grieve, too. After an hour, Friday got up and walked over to me, using his mouth to hand me his leash. He was ready to go home. On the way back home, Friday laid down quietly in the backseat. After we arrived home, he kept kissing my hands as if to say "thank you" and never again sat by the front door waiting for my husband to return home. He now understood. Although obviously sad, his behavior returned to normal around the children and he began eating again. In time, he healed as we did.

<http://www.twobitdog.com/DrFox/QandA/post/2010/07/31/Im-writing-in-response-to-your.aspx>

## STARKBIER SHAR-PEI BEER



I saw this ad for Shar-Pei beer that is sold in Chili. The company owner must have a Shar-Pei.



This ear powder that is sold by Petco was highly recommended on one of the Shar-Pei groups. We are not endorsing the product but merely passing the information along. It sells for \$6-\$7.

### **PETCO Ear Powder**

- Provides relief from itching and irritation
- Formulated to aid in the inhibition of bacterial growth
- Helps keep dog's ears dry, clean and healthy
- Eliminates unpleasant ear odors
- Dries ear discharge and makes it easy to remove

The main ingredient is Iodoform powder.

## **Dog Bite Prevention: Is There Anything New?**

Daniel Estep, Ph.D. and Suzanne Hetts, Ph.D.

[www.AnimalBehaviorAssociates.com](http://www.AnimalBehaviorAssociates.com)

National Dog Bite Prevention Week was held in May and organizations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and The United States Postal Service (USPS) put out news releases encouraging people to be safe around dogs. Raising awareness of the dangers of dog bites and providing advice about how to avoid them is a laudable undertaking. But has anything really changed in the last 20 years or so in terms of injuries and what we know about the risks and causes of dog bites? The answer is yes, we DO know more about dog bites and the good news is that injuries seem to be declining in the U.S.

First the good news about frequency of dog bite injuries. Drs. Gilchrist, Sachs, White and Kresnow of the CDC conducted a survey of U.S. citizens in 2001-2004 to try and determine the frequency of dog bites. These data were compared to similar data collected in 1994. The results: The estimated number

(extrapolated from numbers reported in the survey) of dog bites per year in the US declined from 4.7 million people in 1994 to a little over 4.5 million in 2003.

Interestingly, this decline was not across the board but was attributed to fewer dog bites to children and particularly young boys. According to the authors, there was a 47% decline in dog bites to children during this time period but NO decline in bites to adults. And, there was a slight increase in the estimated number of people seeking medical attention for their bites – from 800,000 in 1994 to 885,000 in 2003.

These data are particularly meaningful because the estimated numbers of dogs in the US increased during this time from about 53 million to 72 million. One way to look at this is that not only are the numbers of bites per thousands of people declining, but also the number of bites per thousands of dogs is as well.

What accounts for this apparent decline in bites to children? Certainly the publicity about dog bites and particularly bites to children has increased over the last 17 years. A number of organizations including the AVMA, the CDC, national humane organizations and state and local agencies have vigorously promoted dog bite safety education for children.

At the same time, these same organizations have also promoted more responsible pet ownership and in some cases, state and local agencies have instituted more stringent laws against keeping dangerous dogs. Perhaps all of these efforts are having an effect.

Also during this time our knowledge about dog aggression and dog bites has increased substantially. A study by Sachs, et al. (2000) found that the breeds most responsible for deaths in the US has changed over time, and that there are serious difficulties in concluding that one breed is necessarily more dangerous than another.

Books by Bradley (2005) and Delise (2007) have questioned the ways that dog bite statistics have been collected and analyzed, further calling into question the idea that dangerous dogs can be

easily identified by breed. Studies by Guy, et al. (2001) and Duffy et al. (2008) found that when wider populations of dog owners were surveyed, many breeds not considered dangerous in bite statistics reports, were at a higher probability of biting than previously thought. These breeds included Chihuahuas, Beagles, mixed breed dogs and Golden Retrievers.

A study by Herron, et al. (2009) found that people using physical confrontation (hitting, scruff shaking, rolling and pinning) were more likely to elicit aggression from their dogs than those that did not use those techniques, and that dogs presented for aggressive behavior problems were more likely to respond to confrontational methods than dogs without aggression problems.

The more we know about the characteristics of biting dogs, their victims, and the circumstances of bites, the more likely we'll be able to find even more effective ways to prevent dog bites in the future. Current findings make it clear that we probably should put more effort into educating adults about behaviors that can elicit aggression in dogs.

### The Most Dangerous Dogs in the World



#### 5. Badly fed dog.

Badly fed dog is the animal who's been fuelled up with a diet fit for an Olympic weight lifter, but who only ever gets to expend about 20% of the calories he takes in. He's got lots of energy and his mismatched diet can manifest in bouts of sudden energetic rampaging. Badly fed dog would ask you to consider; how you would feel spending your day in an office when every inch of your body is throbbing and twitching as you crave the opportunity to actually use up some of those excess calories. Badly fed dog would be happier and safer if his diet reflected his lifestyle.

#### 4. Never had any friends dog.

Otherwise known as 'totally under socialized dog'.

He was a little naughty when he was a puppy, so his owner decided he'd be better off being kept away from all other forms of animal life. He now spends his days obsessing over what it would be like to chase other dogs around and, by George, one of these days he's gonna actually do it!

Never had any friends dog is going to present his owner with a lifetime of problems, he has no social skills and has never had a chance to learn natural interaction through the teachings of his own kind. He'll meet new dogs and will be about as socially adept as a 45-year old virgin at a Playboy mansion party. He's going to blow it. Big time.

#### 3. Shouty.

Shouty is the dog who has spent most of his life shouting at folks or being shouted at himself. He sees people on his street, he shouts at them. In turn, his owner shouts at him. Shouty presumes being shouted at is a recognition of his excellent work. In fact, hearing his owner shouting in response to his own shouting encourages his assumption that they're just as upset, anxious, nervous, angry as HE is about the audacity of other people/dogs/pigeons to walk past his window. Shouty is relentlessly encouraged and endorsed in his shouty behaviour and, a bit like no friends dog, shouty spends his days imaging how good it will be when he FINALLY gets his chance to get face to face with the objects of his ire.



## 2. House proud.

House proud dog is SO touchy about people coming to his digs unannounced, he'll happily maim you for your insolence in trying to visit his abode without obtaining the correct visitation paperwork.

House proud dog does a line in dishing out injuries to posties, meter readers and delivery people. Fortunately for house proud dog, his owners absolutely REFUSE to believe he is capable of violence, so leave him completely unattended to dish out his own brand of justice to anyone brash enough to consider entering his domain.

## 1.Spoilt dog.

That's mine and these are mine, those are mine, I'm entitled to that, I believe that I saw that first, I lay claim to those, I own all of these, I'm the rightful proprietor of this..."

Welcome to the world of spoilt dog. Quite simply, he believes everything he wants, he can have. Woe betide anyone to tell him differently. His timid owners have never had the heart to let him know that in the human world, simply showing your teeth and growling doesn't constitute a legal contract on the ownership of goods. They let him off and, worse, they let him keep his spoils, which he'll gather up and place in his own corner of the world.

Sadly, spoilt dog is, one day, going to meet someone who is unaware that he has previously laid claim to every possession on earth. Unfortunately, unlike spoilt dog's owners, this person is going to have to find out the hard way just how deep spoilt dog's sense of entitlement runs. Really hard luck if it happens to be a youngster, blissfully ignorant to the fact that the shiny ball on the floor is spoilt dog's most prized possession (at that VERY moment). A few stitches and a spell in hospital ought to serve as a permanent reminder though.

[What? You didn't think there was a such a thing as a list of 'dangerous dog breeds' did you? Pffft.]

<http://www.totaldog.co.uk/dog-articles/talking-points/most-dangerous-dogs/>

## PROTEIN MAY HELP DIAGNOSE AND TREAT LYMPHOMA IN PEOPLE AND DOGS

*ScienceDaily (July 14, 2011)* — A protein that appears to play a key role in the formation of lymphoma and other tumors by inhibiting a tumor-suppressing gene has been identified by a team of veterinary and human medicine researchers at the University of California, Davis.

The researchers suggest that the newly identified protein may be a potential target for diagnosing and treating lymphoma in humans and animals. They will report their findings July 15 in the journal *Genes & Development*.

"Results from this study suggest that a gene known as RNPC1 may play a key role in the development of lymphoma," said Xinbin Chen, a veterinary oncologist with appointments in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and the UC Davis School of Medicine. Chen led the study.

### About Lymphoma

Lymphoma refers to a group of blood cancers that start in the lymphatic system, a network of lymph vessels and lymph nodes that play a vital role in the body's immune system.

Lymphoma occurs when a type of white cell, known as a lymphocyte, undergoes a malignant change and begins to multiply out of control. As the lymphocytes multiply rapidly, they eventually crowd out normal, healthy cells. In time, the cancerous lymphocytes accumulate in the lymph nodes, liver, spleen and other locations in the body.

Lymphoma occurs spontaneously in dogs, representing 6 percent of all canine cancers. It is remarkably similar to lymphoma in humans.

To read more about this research go to:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/07/110714191429.htm>

This ad is in the Martha Stewart Living magazine- August issue. It is also in Dog World- August issue as well. The dog is Ch. Margem's Ya Gotta Have A Gimmick "Gypsy".



I'm a rock star  
inside and out.  
(Itching and scratching  
just isn't good for my image.)

**Introducing Iams Sensitive Naturals.**  
Works inside for healthy skin and coat.  
Itching and scratching could be a food problem. That's why Iams Sensitive Naturals has protein-rich ocean fish as its first ingredient and limits other ingredients that may cause problems with sensitive dogs. You'll like what's in it, and love what's not.

**I am more than just a dog.  
I am an Iams dog.**

NO CHICKEN NO WHEAT NO SOY NO CORN

## Wappy Dog



The next evolution of virtual pets will come to the Nintendo DS™ family of handheld systems this holiday season when Activision Publishing, Inc. (Nasdaq: ATVI) releases Wappy Dog, a toy puppy, developed by SEGA TOYS, that interacts with the player through the Nintendo DS™.

Already hailed by TimeForKids.com as “the best of the toy world and video-game world,” Wappy Dog teaches young gamers to raise their very own puppy in both the real and virtual worlds and teach it cool tricks, play mini-games together and even converse! Each pet is a fully personalized experience, enabling players to customize both the in-game version and physical dog with different colors and accessories.

The player's interaction with their Wappy Dog determines the pet's constantly evolving personality, skills, and happiness. Players communicate with Wappy using commands given through the Nintendo DS™ and he responds both virtually, by wagging its tail among other tricks, and physically, with vocal barks and movements, just like a real pet! One that also sings and dances that is.

“We were excited about Wappy Dog from the moment we saw it,” said David Oxford, Activision Publishing. “This one-of-a-kind toy and video game combines a strong emotional bond and exciting virtual experience with the interaction of a physical pet. Wappy Dog is a truly innovative next generation toy and video game that gives kids an instant companion.”

Players choose between “Home Mode”, which enables them to engage with Wappy Dog through the Nintendo DS™, or “Travel Mode”, which gives on-the-go players a chance to continue caring for and playing with their pet virtually without the physical dog. When the player returns home, their dog’s progress instantly transfers to the toy as if they’ve never been apart.

<http://www.dognews.co/wappy-dog-interactive-dog-game-for-nintendo/>

### Thunder Shirt



Photo by Gina Engbarth

My niece recently bought one of these Thunder Shirts and said that for her dog it worked great. She first used it for a dog that needed to be crate trained for awhile. She said it didn’t work so

well for that, but when she put it on her dog that was scared of thunderstorms, it worked great.

With its patent-pending design, Thundershirt’s gentle, constant pressure has a dramatic calming effect for most dogs if they are anxious, fearful or over-excited. Based on surveys completed by over two thousand customers, over 80% of dogs show significant improvement in symptoms when using Thundershirt. Thundershirt is already helping tens of thousands of dogs around the world, and is recommended by thousands of veterinarians and dog trainers.

As for **WHY** Thundershirt’s gentle pressure works to calm a dog, experts such as Dr. Temple Grandin believe that **pressure has a calming effect on the nervous system. Using pressure to relieve anxiety has been a common practice for years.** For example:

- TTouch dog trainers use pressure to address a wide variety of anxieties.
- Veterinarians use pressure to relax cattle when they are administering vaccinations.
- People with autism use pressure to relieve their persistent anxiety.
- Children with certain behavioral problems use pressure shirts and weighted vests to relax and focus.
- Parents use swaddling to calm an inconsolable newborn infant.

Until now, there just hasn’t been a well-designed, inexpensive pressure wrap commonly used for dog anxiety. Thundershirt is changing that! Thousands of veterinarians and dog trainers now recommend Thundershirts for their anxiety cases.

If you have a dog with any anxiety problem you might give this shirt a try for only \$36.

<http://www.thundershirt.com/>

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We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to contribute an article to this newsletter. The Rocky Mountain Wrinkle is a club publication, and as such requires the participation of club members throughout the year. Your participation will help to make this publication meaningful and worthwhile for the membership of the club. All contributions and ideas are greatly appreciated.

Please forward your input for inclusion to the Publisher at the address listed below.

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