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Dear PAWrents,

We are pleased to inform you that Groovy will be introducing new services for pet lovers, PAWrents, and beloved paws too.

1. **Groovy PAW-Resort**, at our boarding location in Curug Gunung Sindur. Since local authorities are still upgrading the main road for BSD - Parung, the PAW-Resort will be open in January 2017.
2. **Kopi-Cat Café**, our new line of services at the same location of our Groovy shop in Bintaro, 3rd floor. This will be a friendly and comfortable place where people meet cats and vice-versa.
3. Launching of **Microbubble** bathing at Groovy Shops in Kemang, Radio Dalam and Bintaro. This will also be available soon in BSD.

Unfortunately, due to the upgrading of roads to our Groovy PAW-Resort, we have to postpone our **PAWrenting** event to January 2017. The Groovy PAW-Resort is actually the much awaited facility that PAWrents and Pet Lovers are most looking forward to. Located within the area of our Groovy Boarding place, please read about this new facility in this issue. On a similar note, our boarding inside the PAW-Resort will now be called: **PAW HOTEL**, a 5-star Hotel for your dogs and cats.

Our cat café named Kopi-Cat, is a place where people can play with different breeds of cats while also partaking of our menu of light meals and cold/hot drinks. Kopi-Cat is for self-confessed cat lovers who cannot take a cat home because of limitations or restriction policies in their places of residence.

As we have informed you, our microbubble bathing service is now in operation, and we will not charge any additional fee until the end of December 2016 (bathing cost will be charged the same rate), so your beloved pets can experience microbubble bathing, especially those with skin problems. Microbubbles are safe because no chemicals are used, only water and air bubbles.

Meanwhile, if you are planning to go for a trip this upcoming holiday season and want to leave your pet behind, don't forget to book Groovy PAW Hotel for your furry paw family members. Merry Christmas 2016 and Happy New Year 2017, for those who celebrate.

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Juda Adisusanto
Groovy CEO

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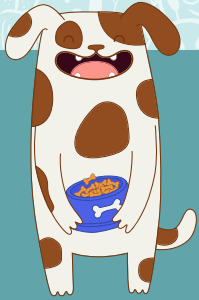
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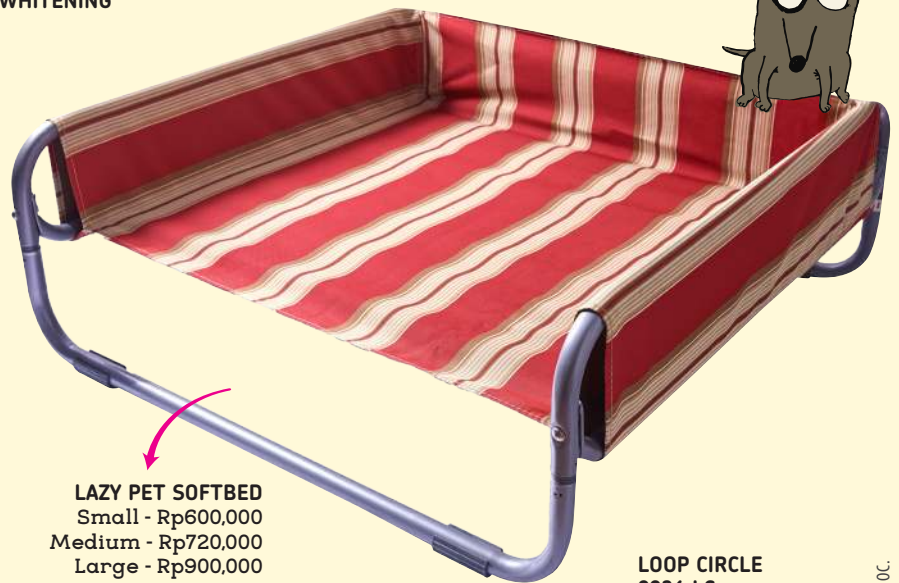


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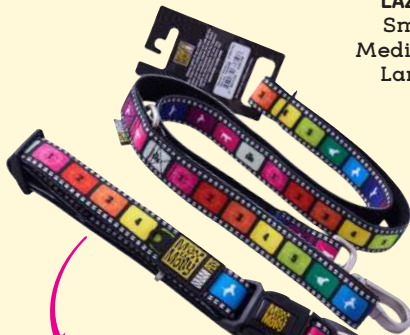
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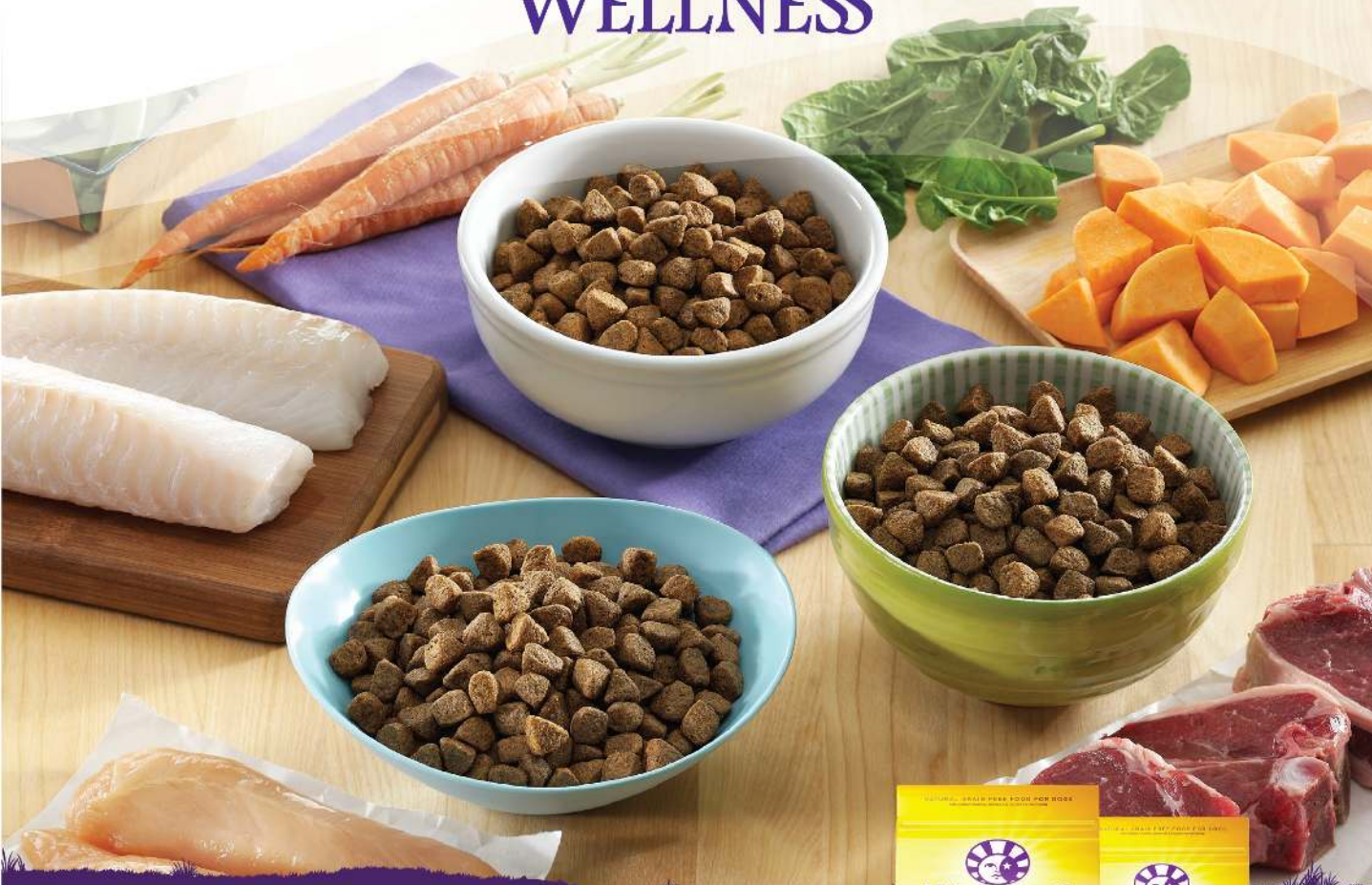
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BATHROOM ABCs

READ ABOUT SOME
EASY STEPS TO TOILET
TRAIN YOUR PET.

By Yosefin Lingga, DVM



Bringing home a new dog means a change that you and your pup need to adapt to. Toilet training is one of the first things that need to be taught to your pup on the first few days it arrives at your home. Here are some tips on how to toilet train your pup:

+ DECIDE AN AREA THAT YOU INTEND TO BE THEIR TOILET. It could be a pad, newspaper, or a spot in the outdoor area, if you have a yard. It is better if the place is consistent to avoid confusing your pup.

+ WATCH FOR SIGNS. Usually the pup will start circling and sniffing around the area before they do number one or two.

+ SET UP A CONSISTENT FEEDING TIME AND TAKE THEM TO THE TOILET AREA FREQUENTLY. Young pups usually have fast metabolism and small bladder capacity so they urinate more often than the adults. Pups have a bowel movement when

they wake up, after meals, or every few hours. The frequency of excretion will be less as they grow older.

+ WHEN ACCIDENTS HAPPEN (AND IT IS MOST LIKELY TO HAPPEN), DO NOT PUNISH THE PUP. It will only create a fear of you. Instead, praise them when they do their business on the intended area. It is better if you can be with the pup all the time during this training period. If it is not possible to do so, crate or confinement training can be done. Most dogs won't urinate or defecate in their sleeping area. They will only do it there when they really can't hold it anymore. This is why you need to take them out every few hours to avoid accidents.

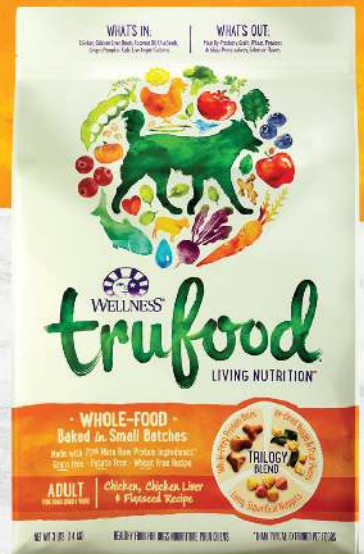
The most important thing is be consistent and patient to avoid confusion. When they understand the routine they will do number one or two on their toilet spot every time. Usually it doesn't take more than a few days to toilet train pups or even older dogs. 🐾



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LOVING YOUR SENIOR

WHEN ADVANCED IN
AGE, SENIOR PETS WILL
REQUIRE MORE LOVE
FROM THEIR PAWRENTS.

By Agnya Sinung, DVM

With better veterinary service and better knowledge of PAWrents nowadays, our pets can live longer. Most of them can now live into their senior years or even until geriatric age. The beginning of senior age between cats and dogs are different. Cats start their senior age at around 9-11 years old. Small and medium breed dogs start at 10 years old, while large and giant breed dogs are considered senior by 6 years old.

Just like human beings, our dogs and cats need a different type of attention in their senior age. With the increase of their years, they will undergo some physiological and behavioral changes. The behavioral changes are usually due to the physiological changes. Their eyesight, activities, way of walking, appetite and drinking, defecating and urinating could change because of a change in their physiology. They also easily get stressed than when they were younger.



CARE FOR SENIOR DOGS

PAWrents need to change some regular routines and adapt the environment to their pet's new habits. When they are young, they

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can climb the stairs easily. But in senior age, their eyes may start having cataracts and their joints will start to wobble, so it is more comfortable for them to have water and food situated near them. Sleeping or playing areas should be on the ground floor and PAWrents should place pillows or foam on the walls or table corners, so it will be safer for dogs with cataracts to do their activities.

Although they are getting older, PAWrents still need to bring their dogs out for some exercise. The exercise could be shorter and less strenuous than when they were younger. Regular exercise, at least once a day, will help them maintain their body weight and keep their joints healthy. Dogs that are overweight are more prone to get joint problems, diabetes or even experience a heart attack.

The changes in your pet's metabolism could be observed through the way they eat and defecate. They can have some dental issues that might make it difficult for them to eat. When tartar builds up, it is suggested to do dental scaling so it won't become gingivitis or systemic bacterial infection. Senior pets need special food for their age that usually contains lower calories, adequate protein and fat, and more fiber. With a slower metabolic rate, a lot of caloric intake will cause your senior pet to become overweight. It is also suggested to give daily supplements like glucosamine, antioxidants or omega-3.

Visit your vet at least once or twice a year. When your pet gets old, his/her physiological functions change. You might see some symptoms like decreasing appetite, cloudy eyes, easily gets tired while doing exercise or other symptoms. Your vet will do a general

check-up including regular blood work, dental care, heart condition or other examinations to your pet. Some diseases are more prone to happen to specific breeds. German Shepherds are prone to hip dysplasia, Labradors usually get cardiovascular complications and Jack Russel Terriers are prone to glaucoma. Other breeds have specific diseases that can appear in their senior age. Ask your vet about this and for tips on how to help your senior dog maintain a high quality life.



CARE FOR SENIOR CATS

Most of the changes that happen to senior dogs also occur in senior cats. The behavior of cats will mostly change when they get old. Some will be more attached to their PAWrent, but some of them might feel more comfortable when left alone and might not like being touched. Mostly they prefer to sleep more and do less exercise or go out. Even though they sleep more than usual, some will awaken and meow at night. Because they are likely to be less active, their nails will grow faster. Regular nail trimming will be needed to avoid the nails from being overgrown and curling around into the foot. PAWrents should understand their new behavior and adapt to their

habits to make their lovely cats feel comfortable.

Just like dogs, the metabolism of senior cats also get slower. To aid them in their digestion, feed them several meals in a day, but do not overfeed them. It is easier for them to save energy as fat and this could make them overweight. Same with dogs, the health of their mouths is also important. Regular brushing will help to avoid tartar build-up. But when tartar is already bad, dental scaling could be done. Supplements can also be given to your senior cats.

Age-associated disorders that may develop in senior cats include renal impairment, diabetes, hyperthyroidism or arthritis. These disorders could be detected as early as possible with regular check-ups and visits to the veterinarian. Some changes that you may notice include smelly breath, increase in drinking and urinating, wobbling walk, or weight loss.

Finally, give your senior pets care and abundant love to make them happy. Happiness will help them to maintain good immunity which in turn will aid them in fighting off more diseases. 🐾



"WITH THE INCREASE OF THEIR YEARS, THEY WILL UNDERGO SOME PHYSIOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGES."

Be Co-Sleepers



FIND OUT HOW
YOU CAN MAXIMIZE
SHARING A BED WITH
YOUR PET.

By Agnya Sinung, DVM

Many PAWrents enjoy sleeping with their furry pets in bed. While there are lots of pros and cons to letting your pets sleep with you, here are some reasons why sleeping with them could do you a world of good.

PETS RELIEVE ANXIETY AND IMPROVE DEPRESSION

Pets are known to relieve anxiety and reduce symptoms of depression in humans. Their unconditional love helps you feel better at night, offering you tranquility and alleviating depression.

PETS, ESPECIALLY DOGS, MAKE US FEEL SAFE

This is probably one of the most common reasons why we sleep with our dogs. They will bark and warn you when they feel anxious or sense danger with something that you might not see or hear, whether they are trained dogs or not. Feeling less fear will help you sleep deeper.

PETS LOVE TO BE SPOILED

Most pets like being spoiled. One time you spoil your pet, they will relive their enjoyment and repeat what made them feel good. The happier the pets, the happier and calmer the PAWrents become.

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🐾 THEY ARE WARM AND COZY

With their soft fluffy hair and their warm bodies, you can get warmer and derive comfort from sleeping with them at night. Even a small dog can help you sleep better than your pillow.

Although these are some good reasons to sleep with your pet, the following tips can ensure that you maximize and enjoy sleeping with your pets even more.

🐾 MAKE SURE YOUR PET IS WELL-TRAINED

Sometimes they want to urinate at night; train them that the bed is not a place to urinate in. Schedule regular toilet time before sleeping to prevent them from urinating on the bed. Consider the size of your pet, especially dogs, with the height of the bed. Puppy or small breed dogs need help to go up and down the bed safely. There are modified beds for pets that have stairs so it will be much easier for them to go up and down the bed safely without your help.

The bed is yours and not theirs. Don't let them jump on to the bed by themselves when you haven't invited them. Ask them to wait for ± 10 minutes before inviting them to bed so you can maintain your dominant position. If they show dominance, remove them from your bed.

Eating should also not be allowed in bed. Make it a habit to eat outside of the bedroom and do not put snacks near the bed so they will know that eating is not allowed in bed or in the bedroom.

🐾 KEEP YOUR BEDS CLEAN

Comb your pet's hair daily to minimize the shedding of hair on the bed. Regularly grooming and bathing is also

a must, especially if they tend to play outdoors. Do some simple inspections through their hair, in case there are skin lesions, ticks or fleas. This is because some pet skin problems may be transmitted to you.

Put an extra sheet on the bed just for your pets. Rotate these sheets and wash them more frequently. Use laundry sanitizer to eliminate germs, as well as allergens from fur or bacteria. Use unscented or gently fragranced detergents to help reduce allergic reactions in sensitive pets.

🐾 CHOOSE A BIG BED

When your pet sleeps with you, they will snore, stretch, roll around, kick and scratch while sleeping. A study about sleep disorders found that half of the patients that had a dog or cat, said their pets disturb their sleep in some way at night. Some people who sleep with dogs develop spinal deformities because the dogs use more space on the bed and only leave a small space for the PAWrent to sleep in the proper position. Some jealous pets will even sleep in between a couple or shove us to the floor. A queen or king size bed will help you to avoid most of these

pet habits when sleeping together with them.

🐾 REGULAR CHECK-UP

Bring your pet regularly to your vet if they sleep with you. Too much shedding hair could be a symptom of unhealthy skin in your pets. Some skin problems like fungal infection, scabies or ticks and fleas infestation might infect you also. When they are diagnosed early, it is easier and faster to treat. More serious illnesses such as salmonellosis, toxoplasmosis, worms, blood parasite infection, leptospirosis and any other disease could be transmitted to humans via contact with their excretion, saliva or hair. Do not let your pet lick your mouth or wounds, and regular vaccination will prevent some deadly diseases to be transferred to you. Pregnant women should avoid cleaning cat litter trays to avoid toxoplasmosis. And don't hesitate to ask your vet questions if you find any subtle symptoms or changes in the behavior of your pet.

Once you've done all these things, the only thing left to do is cuddle up to your furry baby and enjoy a good night's rest. Sweet dreams! 🐾





THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

BEING A PARENT AND A PAWRENT SOUNDS LIKE THE SAME THING, BUT ONE HAS TO BALANCE THE TWO ROLES TO ACHIEVE TRUE SAFETY IN THE HOME.

By Maria Zarah Gregorio Viado

It feels like you've had Spotty all your life. He has been an integral part of the most important moments of your life – your graduation, your birthdays, your engagement, even your wedding. There's nothing you would not do for your furry baby and you're 100% sure that Spotty would not hurt a fly. But then you get pregnant, and nine months later, you find yourself not only a PAWrent but also a parent. With the birth of your child, you feel your family has finally become complete and you can't wait for your two babies to be joined at the hip and become siblings for life.

But how sure are you that Spotty will welcome the newborn into the

household and that it will be totally safe for you to let your beloved pet play with your infant child? Just like you have prepared for the arrival of your baby, it is imperative that you also prepare your pet for the homecoming of your baby. Below are some helpful tips to ensure that peace will prevail in your home.



Hone Your Dog's Skills

Even before you give birth, it would be wise to do a refresher course for your dog. Review basic commands with him such as 'sit', 'stay', 'leave it', 'drop it'.



Help Your Pet Adapt

Prepare Spotty for your baby's arrival by introducing him to the new scents

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spends more time with Spotty, it is important to retain an extra observant attitude. This is because when you keep an eye on your dog, it will be easier for you to notice any irritation or discontent on Spotty's part and you will have ample time to diffuse any unpleasant situation.

If your furry baby has a tight mouth or stiff body posture, these are signs that the dog is uncomfortable, so it would be best to call the dog away or take your baby to another room. Other signs that may be harder to see include turning, licking lips or yawning. These gestures mean that the dog needs space.

When Spotty growls or bares his teeth, he may have been hurt or may feel threatened. Do not scold him or punish him. Instead, take him to another room to relax.

As a PAWrent and a parent, it is in your hands to keep the situation in control. All you need is some vigilance and patience. Of course it doesn't hurt to have extra sets of eyes to help you out, so share these tips with your partner, as well as your family and friends. And above all, don't forget to convey love and rejoice in the new addition to your growing family. 🐾

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and sounds that would be associated with the baby. Some examples would be: baby powder, baby wipes, baby rattle, etc.

Baby Bonding

Another way you can help your dog is by familiarizing him with the mannerisms of a baby or the situations that might arise when your infant comes home. You can try to gently tug at his ears or pat his nose, then reward him with a treat afterwards.

Bring In A Stand-in

To better acclimate Spotty, you can use a doll that cries or makes some gestures. Carry the doll around while your dog is in the same room or when you take him out for a walk. This will help him get used to having a small 'human' around.

Let the Nose Do The Work

Prior to introducing your baby to Spotty, you can bring home a blanket the baby has used and let the dog sniff

the baby's scent. This will serve as an initial introduction and will hinder your dog from being alarmed when the baby comes home.

Keep Your Cool

When you do bring baby home, try to be as calm and relaxed as possible. Greet your dog like you normally would and don't ignore him. Speak to him in a calm, happy voice.

Eye On The Dog

Even though you've had Spotty longer than your baby, it doesn't mean that you should just let Spotty do his thing and not keep an extra close eye on him. Remember, dogs are still guided by their animal instincts and despite the fact that you consider Spotty part of the family, he may not necessarily feel that way about your infant. Best to always have an adult supervise both the dog and the baby.

Be Extra Observant

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By Rista Fuji Leluni

A new service and a part of Groovy Corporation, Kopi Cat is a place to relax or to hang out with cat companions. At Kopi Cat, Groovy customers can have an enjoyable, relaxing time while waiting for their pets to receive treatments at the grooming facility.

It has been on our minds for quite some time now to provide a facility for cat lovers and PAWrents so that they can interact and show love to cats of

various breeds. Then came this idea to establish a cat café, which we now aptly call Kopi Cat. This café is located at the same location of Groovy Pet Store in Jl. Bintaro Utama 3A, at the 3rd Floor of Ruko Victorian Blok C No. 5 Sector 3A.

Kopi Cat is a cozy place to spend time alone or with friends and even family. We have enough space for up to 20 people in our tastefully adorned establishment. Furthermore, the company of cute and well-tended cats will



definitely make your visit unforgettable. Tasty food and beverages will be served to you while you play with these lovely creatures.

In Kopi Cat, each visitor pays for an entrance fee which comes with a complimentary glass of our fresh drink. In case you crave for more, snacks and beverages will also be served in our café at relatively affordable prices.

In the future, as part of Groovy's service, Kopi Cat will facilitate cats for adoption. There will be a regular adoption day, with plans to hold the event

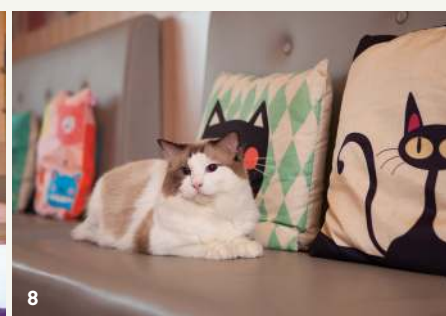
monthly. Kopi Cat will post the corresponding information regarding cats for adoption on our bulletin board.

Kopi Cat is the latest addition to Groovy's ever-growing roster of facilities and services which includes pet stores, PAW hotel, clinic, grooming, pet transport, and our latest PAW-Resort.

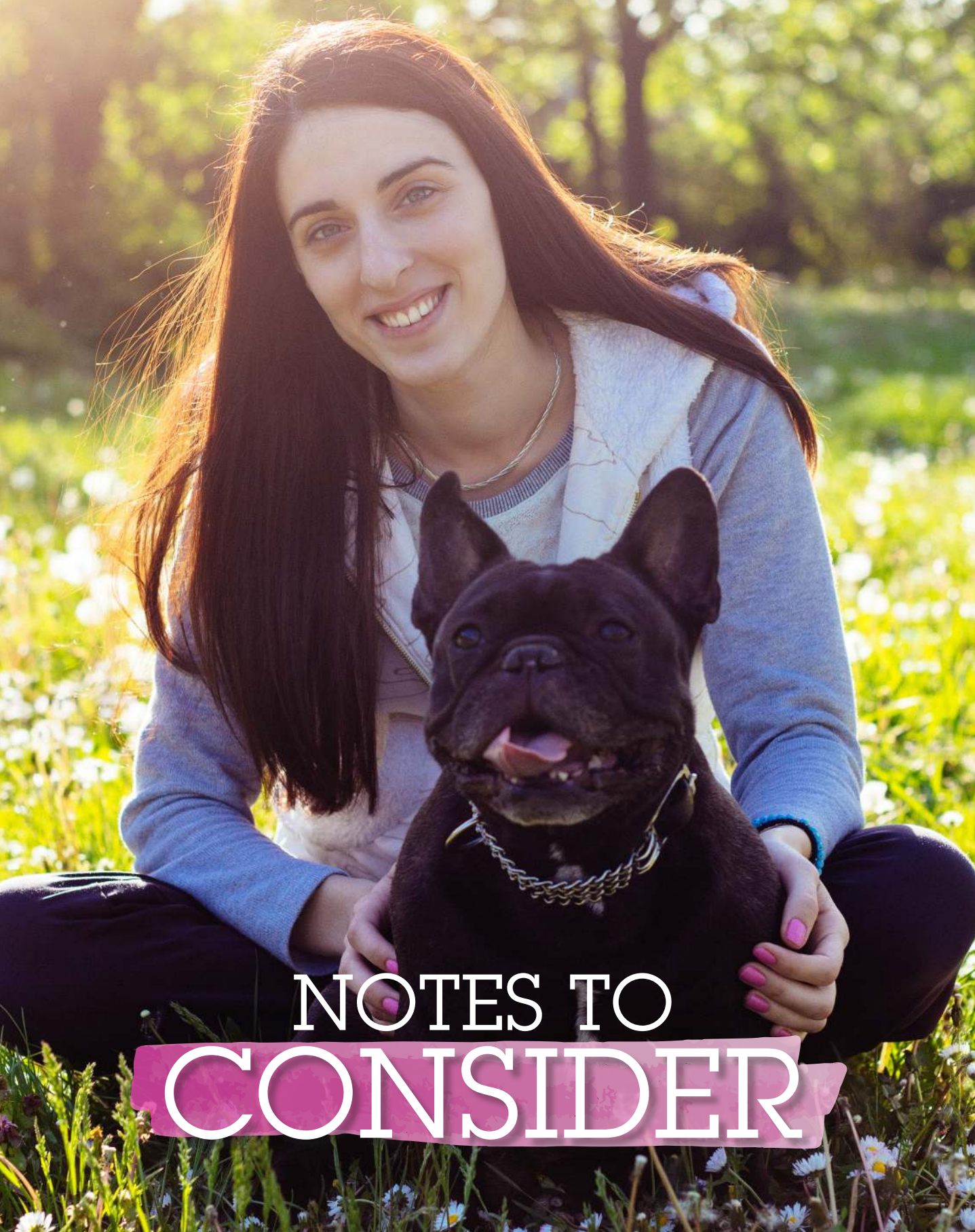
Furthermore, Kopi Cat is expected to nurture the cat community as cat lovers and PAWrents could gather together and receive information regarding cats or Groovy's services. We also plan to hold regular events such as talk

shows featuring special guest speakers, which will cover a wide range of topics such as diseases, health, house training, pet first aid, as well as useful tips regarding cat wellness.

Kopi Cat is a Groovy facility where cat lovers can enjoy the companionship of cats in a fun and safe setting. It is a place where pet lovers can gather to discuss interesting subjects. Kopi Cat also offers a solution to PAWrents who need a place to relax in while waiting for their pets, as they receive treatment at our store. No matter who you are, if you love cats, Kopi Cat is the place to be. 🐾



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NOTES TO
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BRINGING PETS INTO OUR LIVES IS AKIN TO HAVING OUR OWN BABIES. IF YOU CAN'T LOVE A PET ENOUGH NOT TO ABANDON IT, THEN YOU SHOULD NOT BECOME A PAWRENT. By Maria Zarah Gregorio Viado

Martin Luther King said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Yes, challenges may bring out the worst in us, but we do not need to succumb to them right?

Unfortunately, this is a sad reality that many pets go through. Sure, their owners love them when they're cute and small and still easy to care for. But once problems arise, such as a change in work assignment or a shift in finances, there are some PAWrents that walk away from their pets and abandon them, sometimes even locked up in a house, or left alone in a kennel. This kind of practice has to stop. And Groovy believes that this attitude will only change if we all become aware of what it really takes to be a PAWrent. Here are some things to consider BEFORE you even think about getting a pet.

1 COMMITMENT AND LOVE

Getting a pet doesn't just stop with bringing it home. You will need to make time to walk your dog, bathe your dog and bring him/her to the vet. It takes COMMITMENT, and a whole lot of LOVE, before any one person can become a PAWrent. Think once, twice, three times, four times before you get a pet.

2 A WHOLE LOTTA MONEY

You will need money to buy cat food, to pay the vet, to bring the animal

to the groomer's. It is NOT CHEAP to care for a pet. Consider getting one only if you have the means to do so.

3 A PET NEEDS SPACE

Apart from commitment and love, your pet also requires space to move around. So if you live in a condo that's too small even for you, it's highly inadvisable to get a pet.

4 CHECK YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR IMPOSED REGULATIONS ON PETS

Even though you own a house in a good subdivision, it does not mean you can have pets. Some neighborhoods have imposed regulations about animals, especially ones about loud noises such as barking etc. Best to check these first before you move into any neighborhood.

5 NO HOARDING

Pets are living things, they are not like books you can pile up on a shelf or clothes you can fold in a cabinet. Do not get more animals than you can possibly care for. If you are on a budget, maybe it's better if you don't have another living thing to pay for. Instead, you can visit a cat or dog cafe or even a petting zoo to be near animals.

6 TILL DEATH DO YOU PART

So we've already mentioned commitment, but really, becoming a PAWrent is as serious as getting married to another person. Though you don't get a legal and binding contract when you adopt or get a pet, it is understood that

once you bring that dog or cat home, you are therefore RESPONSIBLE for the entire duration of its life. There is NO RETURN POLICY and you cannot exchange your pet for something cuter, or better behaved. Getting a pet is a LIFELONG commitment (or at least as long as your pet's life).

7 R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Even though pets are animals, they still deserve our RESPECT. They should not be exposed to any abuse or neglect or be kept in inhumane conditions. Each animal is a gift from GOD and they should be treated as such.

8 WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

Granted, sometimes in life our circumstances can change and maybe one day you will find yourself without a home or a salary. It is understandable to panic and not know what to do, but please DO NOT ABANDON YOUR PETS. As a PAWrent, it is your responsibility to find new homes for your pets if you can no longer care for them yourself. Or better yet, stick it out with them. They will absolutely love you more for it and they might possibly become the most loyal companions you can ever have in your life. 🐾





Watch The Signs

EVEN PETS GET STRESSED TOO. FIND OUT WHICH SIGNS YOU SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR TO AVOID ANY UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT FROM HAPPENING.

By Maria Zarah Gregorio Viado

Your pet means a lot to you and maybe you have friends or family that would also like to get to know your furry baby. So they come over to your house and fuss over your dog. This is a classic scenario wherein you, as a PAWrent, should be more vigilant than ever. Bringing new people to the house and introducing them to your dog may cause him/her undue stress. And before you know it, your dog's growling or worse yet, s/he may inflict pain or even bite the friend or family member trying to get its attention.

To prevent this from happening, we as PAWrents should know the tell-tale signs of stress that our dog can manifest.

BACKING AWAY

Once a new person or even a child enters a dog's space, the most natural reaction of your pet will be to step backward. If the person advancing continues to move towards the dog, s/he will show other signs of stress.

FLAT EARS AND COWERING

Flattening of ears and cowering may indicate that your dog is really not into meeting his/her new 'friends' right now. S/he may be feeling threatened and allowing these 'new' people to advance further may not be a good idea.

TAIL UNDER

Another sign that your dog is really fearful or stressed is when s/he puts his/her tail under. Remember, you must observe and keep your eyes open at all times to see these gestures when they occur.

YOUR DOG LOOKS THE OTHER WAY

When a dog turns his/her head away it means s/he is not interested in this 'new' person. It would be best to give the dog some space and perhaps take up 'getting to know' him/her on another day.

At the end of the day, vigilance is key. You wouldn't want your dog's survival instincts to kick in and go overdrive before s/he gets your attention. Give your dog some allowance and don't force situations on him/her. Your furry baby's social skills will depend on how much time you devote on teaching, socializing and practicing with your dog. 🐾

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PAW RESORT



When it comes to our beloved pets, we always crave to provide better and give them more things in order to see them happy. That is exactly what we have in mind here at Groovy. We are continuously trying to improve our services and facilities for our precious PAW friends and PAWrents.

By Rista Fuji Leluni

Mr. Juda Adisusanto, Groovy's CEO, revealed that late mdm. Lucia (founder of Groovy) once had a dream of having a place where people could gather, interact and have fun together with their furry friends. That dream has finally come true. We have conducted various upgrades and improvements to one of our facilities, formerly called Groovy's Boarding, and with the completion of recent construction activities, we proudly introduce to you our PAW-Resort.

What is PAW-Resort and what changes have been applied to the facility? Here is a list of upgrades that makes PAW-Resort so special.

PAW Hotel

There is no need to worry when you leave your furry friends with us while you go on a trip or vacation. We have upgraded our boarding kennels into

PAW Hotel rooms with various facilities and services such as air conditioners, meals, veterinarian visits and fun-filled activities. Your pets will be carefully taken care of by our loving and professional staff to ensure their health and safety while you're away.

Indoor Playground

Just like humans, pets need physical activities to keep them healthy. That is why we have an indoor playground, not only to provide an area for exercise, but also to enable pets to share in as much fun as possible. Here you can play with Groovy's pets, or bring your own pets so that they can learn to interact with one another.

Pool Area

Water! Imagine how much fun and laughter you could have watching your cute furry friends playing in a swimming pool. That is why we equipped our PAW-Resort with a 15x6x1,2 meter pool, which makes it suitable for both dogs and humans.

Interested in playing with your own dogs in the pool area? By all means, enjoy and frolic in the water with your pets after your furry friends have been checked by our staff. Following their check-ups, you can take your beloved canines for a swim, play games with them, or simply enjoy the fresh water in the pool.

Café

Tired or hungry after having fun with your PAW friends? Come and relax at Groovy's café. There are sumptuous

food and beverages on our menu that you can order to satisfy your appetite or quench your thirst. Oh, did we mention coffee? Coffee is a must in every café!


Grooming Facility

In our PAW-Resort, you can have your beloved furry friends groomed while you relax or enjoy our other facilities. Let our professional staff take care of them, and before you know it, your pets will be sporting new looks that will definitely call for a lot of wefies!!

Spacious Parking Lots

It sucks going to a cool place but not being able to find a spot to park your car. That, we understand. This is why we prepared a spacious area wide enough to park ± 30 cars inside the PAW-Resort. Still not happy? We have also set-up an outside area for ± 40 cars. Now that's what we call a parking lot!

The Groovy PAW-Resort is a special place for all PAW-lovers to have fun and interact with furry friends, in this case, dogs. You can simply come by yourself to enjoy the companionship of dogs. Or if you prefer, you can even bring your own dogs to have fun at PAW-Resort under special terms and conditions.

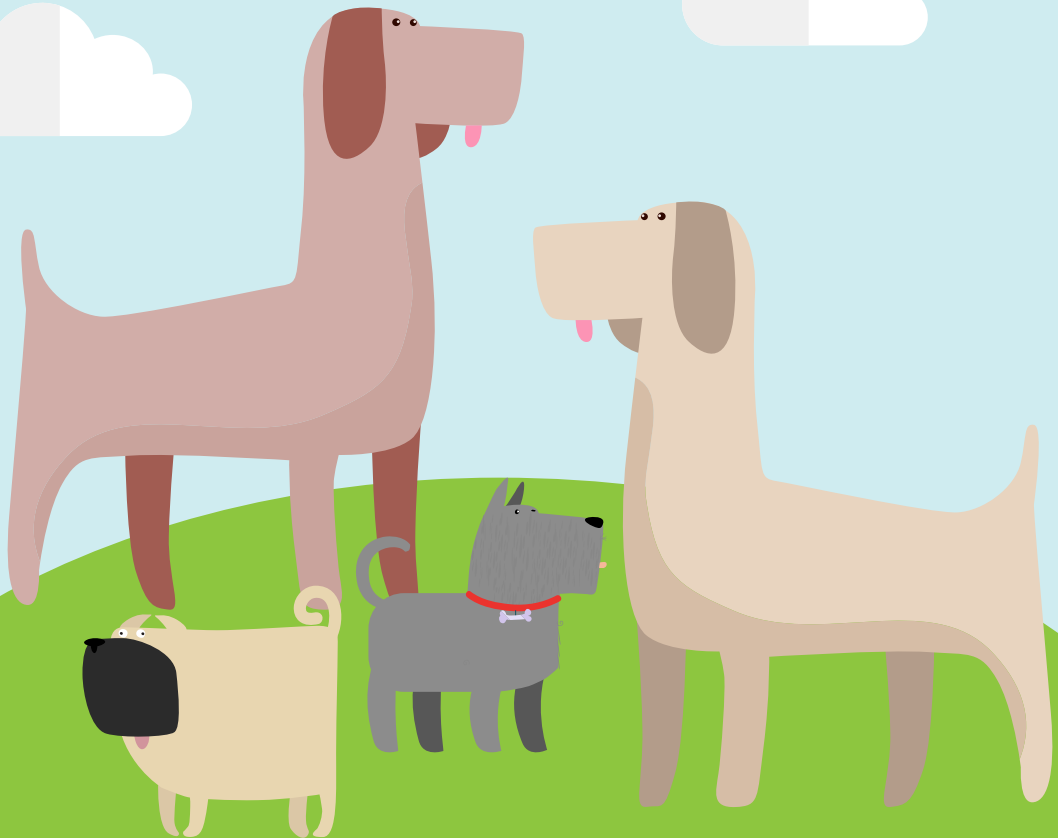
Located in Curug, Gn. Sindur, Bogor, Jawa Barat, PAW-Resort will be your ultimate pet destination. This new Groovy undertaking will be unveiled on January 2017. For further information about PAW-Resort, please do not hesitate to contact us or visit www.groovy.co.id. 



Four Times the Fun!

FOUR PETS MAY BE TOO MANY FOR OTHER PEOPLE, BUT IT'S JUST THE RIGHT NUMBER FOR ANIMAL LOVER, **KAEMITA BOEDIONO**.

By Maria Zarah Gregorio Viado







PAWrenting is truly hard work, but TV host, model and actress Kaemita Boediono makes it look so easy. Every day begins with a leisurely walk with her four babies, "Since I work for the entertainment industry, I don't have strict or early work hours, so in the morning I take them for a walk, to avoid the bigger crowds in the afternoon. My neighborhood is not too pet-friendly, so I really have to make time to take them out for their daily exercise."

Being mommy to four furry babies may not be everyone's cup of tea, but Kaemita attests to the fact that her doggies are not that hard to love, "It's not really difficult to care for them. Daily exercise, good food, clean lodging, enough love. That's all it takes to keep them happy," said the host of MNCTV's infotainment show, Tuntas. A true animal lover, Kaemita was raised by her parents surrounded by pets and she believes her love for animals was developed in her youth, "I also had pets when I was growing up, dogs and cats."

Obviously she carries this fondness for animals to the present day, and especially showers affection on her four kids, namely: Zoey, a three-year-old Brazilian Golden Retriever; Zeus, a two-year-old French Bulldog; Rudolph, a nine-year-old Golden Retriever; and Kitkat, a three and a half month old English Bulldog and the baby of the family, "I got Zoey and Kitkat from breeders, while Rudolph is adopted; he's a rescue dog from Garda Satwa Indonesia. Zeus, I got from open adoption as his previous owner could no longer take care of him," shares



"IT'S NOT REALLY DIFFICULT TO CARE FOR THEM. DAILY EXERCISE, GOOD FOOD, CLEAN LODGING, ENOUGH LOVE. THAT'S ALL IT TAKES TO KEEP THEM HAPPY."

Kaemita who happily describes each furkid in turn.

"Zoey is independent and playful, she's very confident. Rudolph, perhaps because of his background, is a bit scared but he's calm and tends to take care of his siblings. Zeus, on the other hand, since he is a teenage dog, is a bit unpredictable. He likes to play, but he chooses his friends and he is quite sensitive. I cannot show too much affection to the others as this makes him sad and then, he wouldn't want to eat. Kitkat, since she's still a baby, is playful but her personality has yet to develop, so we don't really know how she will turn out."

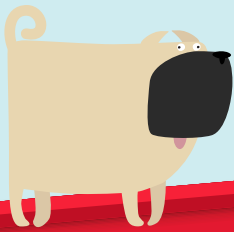
Since Zoey was the first dog to come into Kaemita's life, the other three tend to follow her lead and they have mostly adopted Zoey's friendly personality, "I have not trained the dogs per se, nor have I sent them to training school.

I think they pattern their behavior to Zoey's behavior, as well as Rudolph's, since they are the two eldest in the family. They're well-behaved and not afraid of people," adds Kaemita, who often posts pictures of her dogs out and about town in her Instagram account. "I sometimes take them to the mall or bring them with me to restaurants. Occasionally, we also go out of town."

Apart from bringing her babies out for walks and socialization, Kaemita also regularly takes them swimming, "I take them swimming on the weekends, either Saturday or Sunday." This is an activity that her furkids seem to enjoy, as they swim across the pool to get their toys. Not only do they get to play in the water, they also get a full body workout, which their mom supports greatly and also does for herself. Kaemita leads a healthy lifestyle and sets aside time for Muay Thai or Pilates.

PHOTO: MARIO ARDI, MAKEUP: BUNLAY, LOCATION: KAEMITA BOEDIONO RESIDENCE.





She tries to eat a balanced diet and also manages the diet of her pets, "For their snacks between meals, I give them fruits or vegetables that they can eat, such as boiled carrots. Even though they also enjoy regular treats, I think it's healthier that they snack on fruits or vegetables."

Of course part of leading a healthy life is proper hygiene. Kaemita and her brood are loyal customers of Groovy and visit Groovy Kemang often, "I take my babies for their hair cut at least once a month, and for grooming maybe twice a month," said the doting mom. Feeling happy with the service and genuine care that her furkids receive, Kaemita has even dubbed the staff at Groovy Kemang "...our extended family."

Surely the support she receives from Groovy, as well as her friends and fam-

ily, has helped her greatly in raising her four dogs. This is especially important to someone who has a busy schedule, what with hosting a regular show, preparing for a movie and a theater production, as well as starting her own clothing line. One wonders how Kaemita does it all. She even has time to rally behind causes and organizations she believes in, such as Garda Satwa Indonesia, "When I have the time, I join their events. But regardless of whether I'm busy or not, I always extend support for

their activities and do my part in raising awareness about animal welfare by sharing it on social media."

Asked if she has any plans of getting additional pets, Kaemita says, "I'm afraid if I get more, I won't be able to take care of them. Right now all I can do is contribute to animal welfare by giving donations or by supporting their events and activities. My hands are full right now." Just like her heart, which is full of love for her four babies. 🐾




"FOR THEIR SNACKS BETWEEN MEALS, I GIVE THEM FRUITS OR VEGETABLES THAT THEY CAN EAT, SUCH AS BOILED CARROTS."

THE DIGNIFIED CHOW

Get to know the somewhat aloof yet cuddly Chow Chow.

Said to have originated from Mongolia and Northern China, the Chow Chow is considered one of the oldest dog breeds. Renowned for their distinguished countenance and mane of hair usually likened to that of a lion, Chow Chows have deep-set eyes and unique blue-black tongues.

Though not really fond of being hugged or fussed over, Chow Chows can be quiet and loyal companions to people they trust. They normally have an aloof and independent nature, but if they are socialized from a young age they can grow up well-adapted to meeting new people and being introduced to new situations. 

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



SIZE AND WEIGHT

Growing to a height of 17 to 20 centimeters, male Chow Chows can weigh around 25-32 kilograms while females around 20-27 kilograms. A recommended feeding schedule for

this breed would consist of 2 to 2 ¾ cups of a high quality dog food daily, which can then be divided into two meals.

MALE:
25-32 kg
FEMALE:
20-27 kg



HAIR AND GROOMING

Chow Chows can have two coat types, namely rough and smooth. The commonly seen type is the rough coat, which is thick and abundant, and has a tendency to stick out from the body. It has a tendency to be thicker around the head and neck forming a ruff or mane. The tail is also thick. The smooth type, on the other hand, has a hard, dense,

smoother outer coat and no noticeable ruff or mane.

The coat needs to be brushed at least three times a week to keep it in good condition and prevent loose hair from spreading all over clothing and furnishings. Regular brushing will also prevent doggy odor. These dogs are seasonal shedders

so they may require more attention in certain seasons. Never brush a dry coat, instead use a diluted coat conditioner to mist the coat as you brush.

Monthly baths as well as regular brushing of teeth and nail care will also do a world of good.



IDEAL ENVIRONMENT

Chow Chows are adaptable to different homes, but they cannot be left out in the yard. They do not tolerate heat well so keeping them indoors is ideal, preferably in a cool environ-

ment. They do require daily exercise to keep healthy, perhaps 15-minute walks a couple of times a day or if you are pressed for time, maybe a longer walk once a day.



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(Shih Tzu, 4 years)

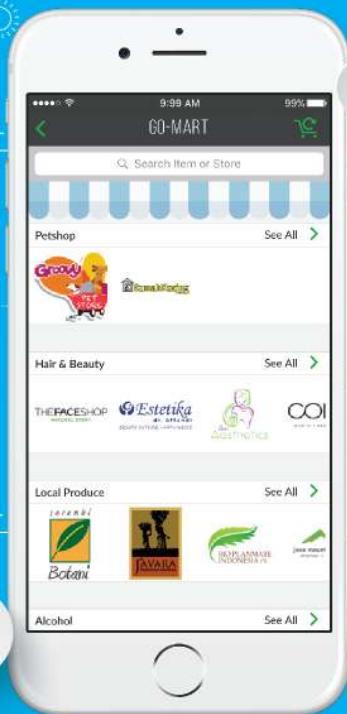


Kika with Eevee
(Red Toy Poodle, 4 months old)



Riri Sajid with Balto
(Samoyed, 1 year old)





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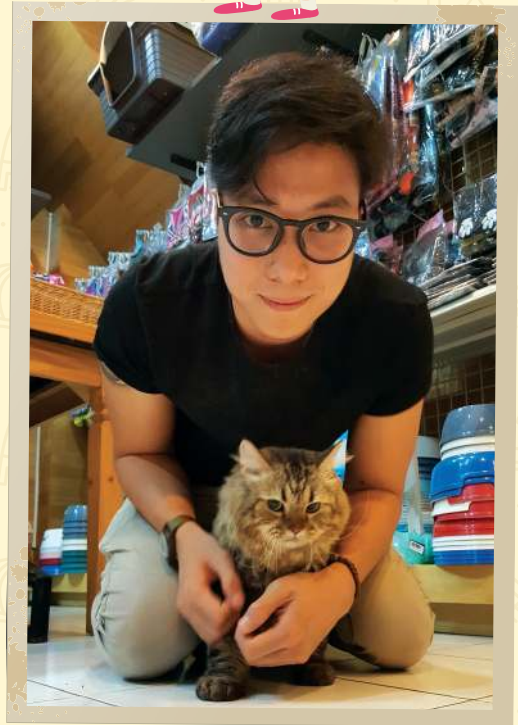


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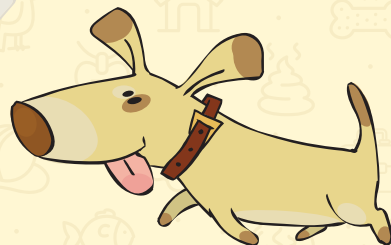
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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white lab coat, is smiling and holding a small, fluffy white dog. She is in a veterinary office, with another person in a lab coat visible in the background. A yellow sticky note with a paperclip is in the top left corner.

Dr. No!

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN
EASE YOUR PET'S ANXIETY
WHEN YOU TAKE HIM/HER
TO THE VET. By Yosefin Lingga, DVM



As a vet working in a small animal clinic, I see dogs every day. So many cute fluffs, but not every dog is cooperative. There are dogs that are fearful or aggressive. It is difficult to do a check-up on these dogs without having the fear of being bitten. I've been handling a lot of dogs and, yes, I am still afraid of being hurt. I believe many clinic staffs and vets feel the same way.

Fearful and anxious animals usually are difficult to handle thus causing stress not just for the clinic staffs but also the owner. Most dogs behave like this either because they are nervous being in a new environment, or they associate the vet's clinic as a place where bad things happen. Here are some tips to help ease your pet's anxiety in going to the vet:

⚡ START YOUNG IF POSSIBLE. If you've had the dog since it was still a puppy, you can try to bring him often to the vet clinic not just for check-ups. Surely the staffs won't mind just to interact with your dog and get him used to them. Plus you probably can check your dog's weight while you are there. At home, you can touch your dog's paws, ears, and muzzle to accustom them with the handling normally done during real vet examinations.

⚡ KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE AND CALM DURING THE TRAVEL TO THE VET. Put on calm music, remove strong odors and any stress stimulants in the car. This will help to keep the travelling stress as low as possible so at least they won't be so tense when they arrive at the vet's office.

⚡ USE CALMING SPRAY LIKE ADAPTIL. This calming hormone is supposed to help in relaxing your dog. Spray them in the car during the trip to the vet or in the crate.

⚡ GIVE THEM TREATS AND REWARDS when they behave well after any procedure like ear cleaning, nail clipping or blood collection. This will help to break the bad association with the vet clinic. Do not punish them for bad behavior since it will associate the vet with an even worse experience.

⚡ DO NOT PANIC. This is for you, not the dog. I have seen dogs who will behave much better during an examination when the owner is not around. Dogs can catch the signals when people around them are having certain emotions, so when you are anxious, they will feel it and make them even more anxious. Be calm and you can calm your dog. Pet your dog and praise them when they show good behavior.

You can try to talk to them calmly to soothe their anxiety during a procedure but do not exaggerate your reaction. Most dogs wouldn't mind a tiny sting during vaccination but when you start to panic, they will think that there actually is something wrong with the situation.

⚡ ANOTHER SUGGESTION IS TO GET THE VET TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE. Your dog will most likely feel safer since it is his own environment. Of course this can't be done if your dog needs further examination and procedures like X-rays.

When your dog is very anxious to the point that they struggle and cannot be handled, the vet might have to use sedative drugs on him which has a risk on its own. So practice, practice, and practice so your dog will be less anxious going to the vet.

When all else fails, your dog might need some calming medication. Different individuals react to different medicines and dosing. Discuss with your vet if this is necessary, and find out what options you have and how to manage the medication trials.🐾





THE TELLTALE SIGNS

REGULAR VISITS TO YOUR VET SHOULD HELP YOU KNOW HOW YOUR PET IS FARING. HOWEVER, BELOW ARE SOME DEFINITE SIGNS WHEN YOU SHOULD RUSH YOUR BABY TO THE VET. By Deasy Anellis, DVM

Our pet is a part of our family. Our dogs are our best friends, they accompany us on morning walks, eat whatever food we can't finish, but they are not able to complain when they get sick. Here are some signs that should let us know that they are not feeling well:

→ **ODD EATING HABITS**

Some diseases cause dogs to develop unusual eating habits.

→ **EXCESSIVE THIRST**

Your dog might have developed kidney disease or diabetes.

→ **ROUGH OR DRY COAT**

This may indicate an allergy or other skin disease.

→ **SLUGGISHNESS AND BEING TIRED**

Your dog might be uninterested in going for a walk, playing, or participating in activities that usually bring him/her enjoyment.

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→ VOMITING

This symptom may lead to dehydration, therefore PAWrents must bring their pet/s to the vet immediately.

→ UNUSUAL STOOL

Your dog might have worms, a bacterial infection, or other dietary problems.

→ SUDDEN WEIGHT LOSS

A sudden drop in your pet's weight could indicate a serious health condition.

→ CLOUDY OR RED EYES

This could be a sign that your dog has an eye infection, glaucoma, or ulcer.

→ SCOOTING OR DRAGGING REAR

When you see your dog dragging his rear, this could be a sign that s/he has worms, blocked anal glands, kidney disease or diabetes.

The best thing to do when you are faced with these scenarios is to seek the medical opinion of your veterinarian. By bringing them in for a check-up, you will be instrumental in preventing their condition from worsening. However, as a rule of thumb, it is advisable to regularly bring your baby to the vet for routine check-ups.

Below is a schedule of when you should take your pet to the vet:

KITTEN OR PUPPY

→ (newborn to 1 year)

Baby pets need their first vaccination and boosters, a deworming program and sterilization. You will have to bring your little one in for vaccines every 3 to 4 weeks until s/he is about 16 weeks old. Dogs will get shots for rabies, distemper-parvo and other diseases. They may also need shots to protect them against other health conditions such as kennel cough,

influenza, and Lyme disease. Cats should be tested for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus and will need vaccinations for several diseases. At this early stage, your pet should also start heartworm and flea and tick-prevention medications, especially if they are recommended for your area. The vet will examine your puppy or kitten to ensure s/he is healthy, developing well and shows no signs of an illness. The vet will check again at around 6 months, and you can also bring your pet in to be spayed or neutered.

ADULT

→ (1 to 7-10 years)

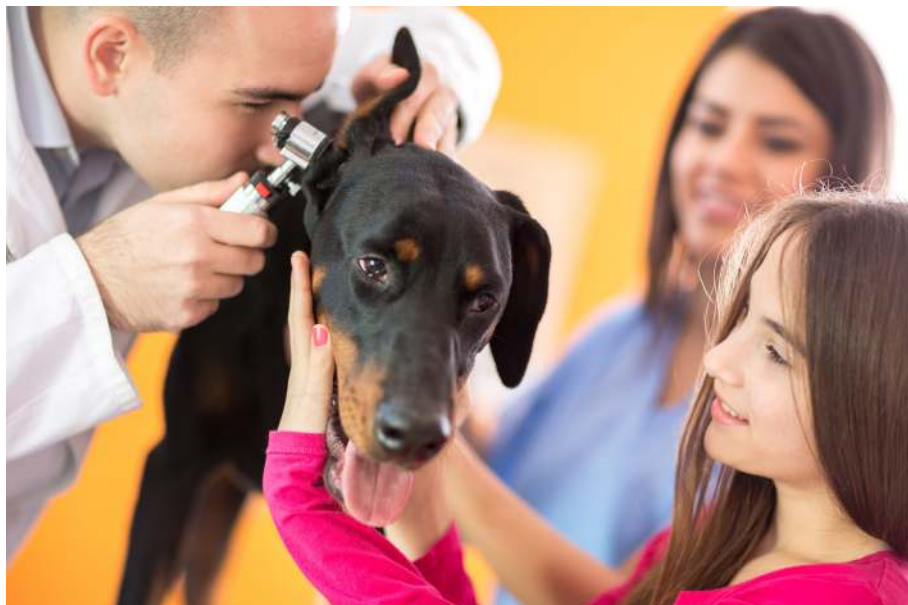
At this stage, your pet will require yearly checkups. Boosters of their vaccination can be given; seek the advice of your vet. A stool sample from your pet will also help the vet check for intestinal parasites.

SENIOR

→ 7 to 10 Years and Older

As our pets get older, they will need more frequent trips to the vet, around twice a year. Your cat or dog will get vaccinations when needed and should undergo a thorough physical exam, along with tests to follow up on any problems. Blood and urine tests can allow your vet to check your pet's kidney and liver health, thyroid hormone levels and more. Like any vigilant PAWrent, don't forget to mention any changes you see in your pet, for example, if you notice your cat is drinking more water or your dog is no longer interested in his daily walks. These can be signs of kidney disease or arthritis.

Since our pet's survival instincts are higher than ours, s/he might not show outward symptoms of being sick. It is vital as a PAWrent to observe and be aware of any changes in our pets. We know our furbabies better than anyone, so if something seems wrong with them, we should not hesitate to bring him/her to the veterinarian for a check-up. 🐾





PESKY PARASITES

FIND OUT THE DIFFERENT
TYPES OF PARASITES THAT
CAN HARM YOUR PET.

By Yosefin Lingga, DVM



A parasite is defined as an organism that lives on or in an organism of another species, known as the host, from the body of which it obtains nutrients. A parasite might harm its host not just by absorbing the nutrients but many of them work as a vector of other infectious agents. Here are some of the possible parasites that can harm our pets:

✓ TICKS AND FLEAS

FLEA. These little insects live by sucking the blood of our pet (and sometimes ours). Fleas are usually difficult to catch since they can jump really far but you can detect them when scanning through your pets' coat for their droppings. Since they

eat blood, the stool they pass looks like black sand. Sometimes you might see the fleas scurry between the hair shafts. Aside from causing blood loss and possible allergic reactions, fleas also can transmit tapeworm to your pet.

TICK. Ticks also live by sucking the blood of our pet. Ticks can cause blood loss, skin irritation, and transmit deadly agents such as Lyme disease that can be transmitted to humans, in the form of Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, and Ehrlichiosis.

Ticks and fleas have complex life cycles that are completed on the bodies of our pets and the environment. This is the



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reason they can be difficult to control, once they invade the environment, you can't only treat your pet. You need to clean the house as well or these parasites are going to keep coming back to you and your pet.

There are a lot of products to control ticks and fleas from spot-ons to sprays or even oral tablets. To treat the environment, you can use a spray containing insecticide and acaricide. These substances need to be sprayed deep into the crevices of walls and floors. You can contact the nearest pet shops that provide house-spraying service. Be sure that your pet won't ingest the house spray substance as it is most likely toxic to them.

✓ MITE

SARCOPTIC MANGE. This is caused by a mite species named *Sarcoptes scabiei*. This mite can burrow into the skin layer, causing extreme itchiness and hair loss. The affected areas are often dry and looks thickened with scabs. To diagnose this, your vet will take a sample of skin scrapings and examine it through the microscope to see the mites.

DEMODICOSIS. This is caused by *Demodex*, that can be passed from mother to pups or kittens during the first few days of their life. The mites can cause hair loss and itchiness from very mild to severe. You can't totally get rid of demodex infestation. Once your pet has it, it will have it for the rest of its life. This is one of the reasons a demodex infested pet is not good to be bred. However, this mite's population can be controlled. A good immune system is the best way to fight the demodex mites. You can give immune booster supplements, a stress free environment, avoid allergies and give lots of TLC. An Amitraz collar can be used to help and Amitraz bath can also be given under supervision since your pet might be sensitive to it.

EAR MITES. Different from the other mites, ear mites live inside the ear canal. If you see your pet scratching their ears a lot and there's a lot of dark ear wax, ear mites might be the cause. To get rid of ear mites, there are ear drops or spot-ons that can be given.

Mite infestation can cause skin trauma from the scratching which can lead to skin infection, making it even more difficult to heal. Be sure to see your vet to discuss the cause and treatment.

✓ WORMS

INTESTINAL WORM. Roundworms and tapeworms usually cause diarrhea



in our pets. Severe infestation in young pets might even cause death since they absorb the nutrients from the host. Some worms like hookworms can even attach to the intestinal wall, in the process destroying the intestinal wall.

The most common sign of worm infestation is diarrhea, other signs such as lethargy, vomiting and anemia might be observed as well. Your vet can diagnose a worm infestation by doing a fecal examination to find the eggs of the worms. Sometimes a severe worm infestation can also cause worm vomiting. When suffering from a worm infestation, you need to give your pet deworming tablets. Some spot-ons can also kill worms.

HEARTWORM. Your dog can get this from mosquito bites that contain the larvae of heartworms. The signs are unspecific like coughing, being exercise intolerant and weight loss, among others. Sometimes there is no sign at all and suddenly the dog has a heart attack! You can discuss with your vet about heartworm prevention but if your dog is already diagnosed with heartworm, these preventive measures will be harmful instead.

Giving parasite prevention such as deworming tablets or spot-ons regularly might be necessary depending on your pet's lifestyle and environment. Discuss with your vet regarding the parasite occurrence in your area to see how you can treat or protect your pet from parasites. 🐾



DESTINATION:

PHILIPPINES

WHERE DID YOU LIVE IN
INDONESIA?

"We lived in **Cipete Utara**."

HOW LONG DID YOU LIVE IN
INDONESIA?

"**Skipper** was born in Indonesia, and **Jamie** lived there for 3 and a half years."

WHEN DID YOU LEAVE
INDONESIA?

"We left end of **May 2016**."

WHERE DID YOU
MOVE TO?

"We moved to **Manila**."



WHAT
AIRLINE
DID YOUR PETS USE?

"The dogs travelled with
Philippines Airlines."

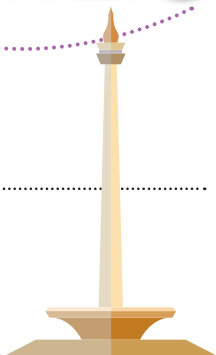
WHAT
ACTIVITY
DO YOUR PETS ENJOY?

"Our dogs love **walks and playing in the garden**, both in Jakarta and in Manila."

PLEASE DESCRIBE
THE
PERSONALITIES
OF YOUR PETS

"They are both **friendly** dogs, who like people and other dogs too."

PHOTO: CAPTAIN ROY WATSON



Maria
Attwood
with Sandy
and Ned

WHERE DID YOU LIVE IN INDONESIA?

"We lived in **Bintaro, Sektor 9.**"

HOW LONG DID YOU LIVE IN INDONESIA?

"Both dogs were born in Indonesia. **Sandy** is 6 and **Ned** is a little more than 1.5 years old."

WHEN DID YOU LEAVE INDONESIA?

"We left at the end of **June 2016.**"



DESTINATION:

CHINA



WHERE DID YOU MOVE TO?

"We moved to **Changchun, Jilin Province, China.**"

WHAT AIRLINE DID YOUR PETS USE?

"**Malaysian Airlines.**"

WHAT IS YOUR PET'S FAVORITE ACTIVITY IN YOUR NEW HOME?

"Sandy likes to go for **walks** and **meet other dogs** - there are many parks where we live. Ned, on the other hand, likes to **play with a tennis ball.**"

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PERSONALITIES OF YOUR PETS

"Sandy is a **quiet**, but loyal dog. She loves to watch her surroundings. She enjoys meeting new people and dogs."

Ned is somewhat **skittish**. He likes to bark and growl at anything or anyone new. When he is alone with his human and Sandy, he is highly energetic and eccentric. He has been known to throw his tennis ball and play fetch by himself, stand proudly atop a sleeping person and cannot help but follow anything that moves." 🐾





SECOND TIME AROUND

GROOVY WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER AND PARTICIPANT OF THE PET EXPO II.

By Rista Fuji Leluni

Organized by the Indonesian Veterinary Medical Association (*Perhimpunan Dokter Hewan Indonesia* or PDHI) and PT TEMALI INDONESIA, the Indonesia Pet Expo II was held at the Indonesia Convention Exhibition (ICE), BSD City, Tangerang, on 23 to 25 September 2016. Dubbed as the biggest annual pet expo in Indonesia, the event showcased a range of furry favorites such as cats, dogs, hamsters and rabbits. There were also birds, horses, exotic reptiles and marine animals that attracted visitors to grace the event and take pictures. Moreover, there was an exhibition of food products and a variety of supplies for pets.

Not only showcasing animals, Pet Expo II also held pet competitions and various demonstrations. Also on the agenda were workshops and seminars for those who work with animals. Service

groups also conducted activities to raise public awareness as well as educate those in attendance about their pets or animals in general.

Groovy Pet Supplies and Services was very excited to participate in Pet Expo II. Located at booth G-10, Groovy offered cool items and accessories for sale at very competitive prices and even provided special discounts. We also held demonstrations of Microbubble Bath and Grooming, which is now available at Groovy stores. Our vets were also on hand at the booth to help visitors who had problems or questions regarding their pets' health. 🐾





1. Groovy's booth at Pet Expo
2. Mrs. Tara having her pets Milo and Maru groomed after Microbubble bathing trial
3. Product samples
4. Microbubble free trial
5. Sale items at the booth
6. The booth's corner
7. View in front of the booth
8. They even had a foodtruck at the venue

A photograph of a person's legs in blue jeans and brown shoes standing on a ground covered in orange and yellow autumn leaves. Two dogs are sitting on either side of the person's legs, looking up at them. The dog on the left is black and white with a red collar. The dog on the right is white and brown with a blue collar.

DEALING WITH CONFLICT

UNDERSTANDING
WHERE CONFLICTS
ARISE BEGINS WITH
ACKNOWLEDGING
THE EXISTENCE OF
A HIERARCHY.

By Lance Tan

Aggression between household dogs can be difficult to treat. A common owner error is the desire to make life “fair”. This often results in owners allowing subordinate dogs access to resources, such as attention, treats, toys, or entry into territory that they would not normally have. Usually the subordinate dog would not behave in a manner that would challenge the dominant when no one is around to “protect” it. If you encourage or protect the subordinate dog, it may be “tempted” to break the “rules”, and the dominant dog may become aggressive to enforce

the “rules”. If you then punish the dominant dog for aggression, the subordinate dog learns it can engage in prohibited behavior while the owner is present. This is why, in many households, there is no fighting when the owners are gone. The subordinate is aware of the hierarchy, and does nothing to challenge the dominant dog, unless the owners are around to intervene.

🗨️ **My dogs have lived together for some time and now they are fighting. Why?**

Fights between dogs in the household

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are often about dominance or social status. Social status aggression most often occurs when dogs reach social maturity at 12-36 months of age. Fights will be about those resources that are considered important to dogs. Therefore fights may occur over treats, owner attention, greeting the owner upon return, sleeping positions near the owner, entering or exiting the home, high arousal situations such as fence running, or movement through tight spaces. These fights occur most often between dogs of near equal status and often, but not always, dogs of the same sex, and seem to be most severe between female dogs.

☺ **I try to treat my dogs equally, but they still fight. What am I doing wrong?**

Trying to treat two dogs as equals will only serve to counter the natural tendency toward a hierarchy. The dog that is the more dominant in a relationship needs to be supported in its position and the more subordinate must be taught to accept the relationship. When you support or encourage the subordinate dog as it tries to gain access to resources such as your attention, the dominant dog may begin to challenge and fight, in an effort to keep the lower ranking dog in its "place". If you then discipline the dominant dog, or pull the dominant dog away, you have favored, supported and come to the aid of the subordinate dog.

☺ **Both my dogs are the same age, and after a third, older dog died, they began to fight – why?**

Conflicts may occur between dogs when the dominance status is ambiguous or when they are particularly close in rank. After the decline, illness or death of an older dog, fighting may begin in the remaining dogs even when one is

clearly dominant. This is because the older dog may have been dominant to both dogs, and now they are trying to establish new positions. In any case, the fighting can be severe and injurious. Although you should generally attempt to allow dogs to resolve their differences on their own, you will need to intervene if there is the potential for injury. Under no circumstances should the dogs be allowed to "fight it out". However, you could be injured due to redirected aggressive attacks, or when you attempt to break up the fight.

☺ **My younger dog always deferred to the older dog, but now they fight.**

One scenario that can result in social aggression is when an older, previously dominant dog, is challenged by a younger, more domineering dog. This may happen as the older dog ages, or as the younger dog reaches behavioural maturity at 12 to 36 months. This is often clearly an attempt to alter the existing hierarchy. Sometimes the older dog will acquiesce and things are fine but at other times the owners do not want the change and intervene. In some situations, the older dog will not relinquish the dominant role even though it cannot physically compete with the younger dog. This can result in severe, injured fights.

☺ **How should I break up fighting if it occurs?**

This can be a dangerous situation for people and dogs alike. Owners usually try to reach for the collar of the fighting dogs, or if one is small, pick it up. This can result in severe owner injury if the fighting is very intense. If both are wearing leashes they can usually be pulled apart. If all else fails, you might be able to break up the fight with a water rifle, broom, or another distraction (such as pepper spray or a

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fire extinguisher). Reaching for the dog is usually the worst thing to do, as you could be injured (either accidentally or intentionally).

When people intervene in dog fights, redirected aggression is possible. Aggression (growl, snarl or bite) can be redirected to a person, animal or object other than that which evoked the aggression. Be very careful in trying to break up fights. After all, this is your pets' way of acting out their natural instincts or tendencies. 🐾

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THE FIGHT CLUB

What do I do when my dogs get into a fight?

By Lance Tan



The first step is for the owner to gain complete control over both dogs. As leader or alpha your presence and commands should be sufficient to prevent all dominance challenges between dogs and to intervene as needed when threats emerge. Control of each dog is achieved through the use of verbal commands, by leaving a leash and head halter attached for immediate control, and by withholding all rewards unless earned.

Attention on demand not only encourages situations where one dog may challenge the other, but also allows your dogs to control you. Inattention on demand teaches the dogs that all rewards are provided only when you

choose, and reduces or eliminates those situations where challenges might occur.

Head halter with leash control and obedience-reward based training of each dog should first be done separately. With a head halter and remote leash on each dog you will have effective control, and a means of controlling and separating the dogs if needed. With control of the head and mouth, aggressive threats can be curtailed and either dog can be placed in a subordinate posture, by pulling up on the leash, closing the mouth, looking the dog in the eyes, or pulling the head sideways so that the dog's gaze is averted.

Next, treatment must be designed to

identify and support the dominant dog. In most cases, this is the younger, larger, more physically capable dog. Often, this is also the aggressor. You must allow the dominant dog priority to go outside, to come in, or to receive food or owner attention and affection. If you are petting the dominant dog and the subordinate dog approaches, make it wait. Avoid all circumstances that elicit aggression. If the more dominant dog approaches or challenges the subordinate dog and the subordinate dog assumes a subordinate posture, the owners are not to intervene as long as the dominant dog stops. If the dogs are likely to fight when you are away or at homecomings, separate the dogs whenever you are out, or are not available to supervise. 🐾

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4 FACTS OF LOWER URINARY TRACT DISEASE (LUTD) IN CATS & DOGS

MYTH

LUTD can only
be healed with
medicine

FACT

Majority of LUTD
depends on
nutritional
management

MYTH

LUTD only
happen in
male pets

FACT

It can occur in
female pets, with
ratio of 2:1
between male &
female pets

MYTH

LUTD only
occur once in
their lifetime

FACT

42% calcium
oxalate urinary
stone cases
relapse within 2
years

FACT

70% LUTD in cats
associated with
stress, the disorder
known as feline
idiopathic cystitis
(FIC)

MYTH

LUTD in cats
unrelated with
stress





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