

News from the DogHouse

Don't Forget Father's Day

Spring is in the air and summer is just a paw around the corner! Don't forget Father's Day is June 21st. OurDogHouse is where any distinguished pup from Airedale to Yorkie will find the perfect gift for Dear Old Dad's special day!

Featured Product



This month's featured product is our 'Proud Dog Grandfather' bumper sticker. Father's Day is also the perfect time to remember your pooch's grandpa. Available in our 39 breeds, it's a great way for grandfathers to show pride in your pup!

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The C Word

Using Soy for Canine Cancer Treatment

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Whether it involves a human or a pet, cancer is a word no one likes to hear. However, each year researchers learn more about this dreaded disease and how to go about treating it. Researchers at North Carolina State University recently published their findings about a promising link between soy and treating cancer in canines. Dr. Steven Suter, a professor of oncology, and his team studied a molecule, called genistein, found within soy.

Researchers have been fascinated with soy and its elements because, along with chemotherapy, soy has been used with success in treating cancer in human patients. The reason is simple: genistein is toxic to many forms of cancer cells.

The research team found that a commercially available form of genistein, known as GCP, has been effective in killing lymphoid cells when used along with traditional treatments such as chemotherapy. The use of GCP makes traditional medicine such as chemotherapy work more efficiently and faster, with less stress on patients and less expensive treatments. Additionally, GCP is a dietary supplement that dogs absorb, much like their human counterparts, with no ill side effects. Dr. Suter hopes veterinarians will be able to offer this therapy to canine patients in the near future. The treatment is cost-effective and easy to administer in pill form.

Consult your veterinarian to learn more about this treatment, and whether it might be beneficial for your pet.

Separate Vacations

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With warmer weather and the end of the school year approaching, one thing is on many people's minds—summer vacation! It's great when everyone, including Fido, gets to go along. However, many times the family dog must stay behind, which often means a trip to the kennel. If you must board them, here are some tips to keep your pooches protected.

Always visit a kennel in person so that you can do your own check of the place. A reputable kennel should look and smell clean, have proper ventilation and light, and a comfortable temperature. Safety should be the primary concern when choosing a boarding facility. Things to look for include fire extinguishers and clearly marked fire exits. Ask the staff what their plan is in case of an emergency.

Other considerations include the 'staff to animal' ratio. Is someone on site 24 hours a day or only at certain times? Will your pet receive daily walks or play time? Are you allowed to bring your pet's own food? Is bedding provided so that your pet is not sleeping on the concrete floor?

Most kennels will give you a tour so you can see the size of the area and where your pet will be contained. Others have a window that you can look through. If the place doesn't have a way of showing where your pet will be kept, that should be a definite warning sign.

A reputable kennel will require proof of your pet's vaccinations. They will also ask you to provide information about where you will be and, if necessary, how to contact you. Additionally, you should provide contact information for your vet. A kennel should inquire about your dog's personality. This kind of information is helpful in taking better care of your pet.

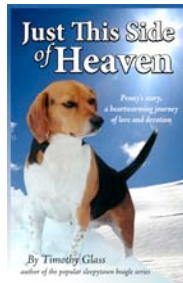
Never assume a kennel is licensed. Requirements for licensing and inspections vary from state to state. The Pet Care Services Association, a non-profit trade association that promotes professional standards of pet care, offers a Voluntary Facilities Accreditation for kennels that want to be certified under the group's standards. You can find kennels that have received VFAs on PCSA website.

Always read the fine print on the contract you sign, which sometimes gives the kennel permission to take your animal to their vet in case of an emergency. This is probably good, especially if their vet is closer. However, do your research and know who the vet is. Also understand how rates are calculated. Often there are additional fees for services such as administering medications, special treats, or extra playtime.

Most importantly, use your common sense. If things don't look, smell or feel right, do not leave your pet there.

Once you have selected a kennel, plan on leaving your pet for a short one or two night stay before boarding it for a long period of time; this will give you a sense of how your pet does in the kennel you choose. It's upsetting for most of us to leave our beloved pets in someone else's care. However, if you're upset, chances are your pet will stress over being left behind. When you leave your dog,

stay upbeat. That way you and Fido will hopefully both have a stress-free vacation.



A Journey That Celebrates Life Through Loss

See what people around the country are saying about Just This Side of Heaven By Timothy Glass.

I once wondered if anyone could possibly put into words what I felt in my heart after the loss of my pug. Thank you for one of the most wonderful books that has come along. I feel as though you read my mind and heart

M. Reed, St. Paul, MN

Be prepared to laugh, cry, and look at the right of passage in a new and different way. A wonderful story told in a masterful way.

Albert Williams, Champaign, Illinois

I ordered Just This Side of Heaven, after hearing Timothy Glass on radio station 700 WLW here in Ohio. My Beagle, Rocket, passed 11/11/08. I did not know if I could get through this terrible loss. I thank you so much for your book; it has really helped me to deal with my Rocket passing. It is reassuring to hear others feel the same about their dogs, I truly loved the book and will most likely read it many times.

M. Schon, Cincinnati, OH

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