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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**Jodie Jeweler**

I'm writing this in August when it's already feeling like 95° at 9:00 in the morning... Looking forward to the cooler temperatures when you will all be reading this! As I look forward to fall and doing more things with quickly, I have a serious question for you all: What would make you participate more in the club? I don't mean in the fun festivals and parades... I mean "coming" to meetings either in person or virtually, and volunteering for the show... We welcome everyone into the club. We want people who do not have wolfhounds yet but are thinking about it, to join the club and learn! In the past 2 months, we have helped people find emergency dog sitting, vets with wolfhound experience, training classes, and breeders. To the best of my knowledge no one in the club has ever said that they were too busy or unable to help anyone, when asked. But that is the answer that I get all the time, when I ask people to help at the show! I know that taking time off work is hard for many people. Some of you work specific shifts, some of you would need to use PTO.

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But I cannot believe that so many of you cannot come up with a way to find an hour here and there over a weekend... Or even an hour here and there over the year before the show! There are many jobs that can be done at home in front of a computer or even on your telephone!

One of the clubs that I am a member of, has a multi-tier membership / dues format. If you don't volunteer a certain number of hours a year, you pay a higher dues level. I would never suggest that for our club but darn, it sure seems like it would be useful! If we had more money maybe we could hire people to do all the jobs! As it is, the same handful of us seems to be doing all the jobs! I hate to keep harping on this, but it is becoming a real problem! We need you to step up and help! Just like ] we step up and help you. Even if you can only spare an hour a year, YOU CAN HELP! Contact me, or Christina, or Tammy to volunteer. Thank you for reading this far!

## **How Changes in Weather Can Affect Your Dog's Mood**

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Have you ever noticed that your dog's mood shifts with the weather? Storms, heat, cold, and the changing seasons affect our dogs, just like they affect us. Most dogs can even sense when the weather is about to change.

But how does hot weather affect dogs, and how does cold weather affect dogs? Understanding the impact of these changes on your dog can help you prepare your canine companion for the forecast ahead.

### **Changing Seasons**

How does hot weather affect dogs? When the temperature heats up, some dogs rejoice, while others seek out cool, shady spots where they can rest. Though all dogs can be susceptible to hot weather hazards, certain dog breeds may be less heat-tolerant than others.

Brachycephalic breeds, such as Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, Pugs, and Boston Terriers, do best when staying cool in hot weather because they can have difficulty breathing in extreme heat. Large breeds are also susceptible to heat, as are longhaired breeds like the Komondor, Afghan Hound, and Alaskan Malamute. If you own a breed like these, you may find that your dog is not as active in hot weather or as willing to engage in play and other activities.

Some dogs may even get snappish in very hot weather and may want more space and less petting. A group of researchers in Beijing, China found that the frequency of emergency room visits for dog bites in a major hospital increased when temperatures were highest. In very hot weather, you may want to minimize interactions between your dog and strangers, including children.



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How does cold weather affect dogs? Colder climates, on the other hand, are where Northern breeds like American Eskimo Dogs, Samoyeds, and Siberian Huskies thrive. Longhaired or double-coated breeds like German Shepherd Dogs, Saint Bernards, Great Pyrenees, and Newfoundlands typically enjoy cooler weather, too. They often become more active and playful during the winter months.

In contrast, some dogs, such as Italian Greyhounds, Greyhounds, hairless breeds, toy breeds, senior dogs, and dogs with conditions such as hypothyroidism, Cushing's disease, or arthritis, may become less active or playful during winter months.

## **Relocating to a New Climate**

Seasons usually change gradually, giving your dog time to adjust. Relocating to an entirely new climate, however, can cause sudden shifts in your pup's mood. Depending on your dog's breed, you may notice that they become more or less active, and some dogs even show signs of irritation if the weather makes them too uncomfortable.

A move to a cold climate can be shocking for dogs that are not used to chilly temperatures. Some pups seek out warm places, like heating vents, blankets, or your bed, and you might notice your canine companion becoming cuddlier in the cold.

Whether it's hot or cold, understanding the cause of your dog's sudden lethargy or increased activity level can help you determine if the change in mood is circumstantial or medical. Lethargy is a common symptom of many illnesses and should be taken seriously, so make sure your dog is not exhibiting any other abnormal signs. If they are, consult your veterinarian immediately.

### **Helping Your Dog Adjust**

If your dog gets grumpy in the heat, don't worry. There are things you can do to make them more comfortable and lower their risk of heatstroke.

- Avoid taking your dog for walks during the hottest parts of the day.
- Make sure they have plenty of fresh water and shade available at all times.
- Raised canvas platform dog beds offer a cooling alternative to traditional beds, and you can even invest in cooling mats or dog-friendly swimming pools for particularly heat-intolerant dogs.
- If you don't have air conditioning, adjust a fan so that your dog has access to a nice, cool breeze.
- Never leave a dog unattended in an enclosed vehicle or in a warm environment that does not have good air circulation.
- Beware of walking your dog over hot sidewalks, streets, sand, or other hot surfaces.

- Although swimming is a great way to get exercise on a hot day, and most dogs can swim, never leave your dog unsupervised around a pool or in any body of water.



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You can also help your dog acclimate to the cold. Put a limit on outdoor time, and be sure to clean the salt and ice balls off of your dog's paws when you come inside.

Depending on your dog's coat type, you might also want to dress them in something warm. With so many dog sweaters, jackets, raincoats, and booties to choose from, keeping your dog warm is easier than ever. However, it's important to note that you should never leave an item of clothing on an unsupervised dog. And anything you do put on your canine companion should fit properly (not too tight or too loose).

## **Five Things Puppy Owners Should Never Do**

*By Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT, Published: Jun 14, 2022, AKC*

New puppy owners hear a ton of advice from their family, their neighbors, and even the overly-talkative owner at the dog park. Some is spot on, and some is ill-advised. Because those early weeks with a new puppy are critical, it's important to filter that advice and do what's best for your pup and their relationship with you. Take note of these five things a puppy owner should never do.

## **Don't Skip Socialization**

The first three months of a puppy's life have a significant influence on how content and well-adjusted that dog will be as an adult. A puppy who is properly socialized will be comfortable with almost anything the world throws at them, whereas a poorly socialized pup will lack confidence and get overwhelmed or frightened easily. A good breeder will start socializing a puppy right away, but once you get your new pet home, the responsibility falls to you.

Puppy socialization doesn't just refer to meeting new people and dogs, although that is incredibly important. It also means introducing your pup to as many new experiences as possible in a positive way. That can include new surfaces like the tile floor in the kitchen, new sounds like the vacuum, or other animals like cats or hamsters.

The trick is to make all these new things wonderful and rewarding. Don't force your puppy into a situation they find frightening. One bad experience can undo all your hard work. Instead, move at your puppy's pace, stay upbeat, and associate each experience with something your pup loves like praise or treats.

## **How to Make Sure Your Puppy Gets Enough Sleep**

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Puppies are little bundles of energy, and you may have asked, "How much do puppies sleep?" In fact, they usually sleep from 18 to 20 hours a day. Sleep is essential to healthy growth, contributing to the necessary

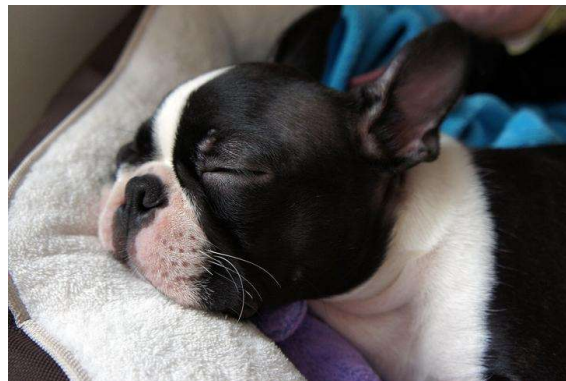
development of the central nervous system, brain, immune system, and muscles. All of that sleep also helps them rest up during growth spurts.

When they're awake, puppies burn a lot of energy – growing physically, experiencing new people and places, learning what they can and can't do. Because the world is such an exciting, stimulating place, they won't always pay attention to an internal clock telling them it's time to rest. You can help by following a few simple guidelines for daytime naps and nightly bedtimes.

### **Tips to Help Your Puppy Sleep During the Day**

Leave your puppy alone when they're sleeping. It is hard to resist cuddling your dog and letting them fall asleep in your lap, but you don't want them to be dependent on you to fall asleep. Keep an eye on your dog because when they wake up, they'll need to be taken outside.

It's also important to show your puppy where to sleep. If your pet seems drowsy, encourage them to nap in a safe place, such as a crate, a dog bed, or a quiet place in the house where they can nap undisturbed. It may take time for them to get the idea, but eventually they'll recognize that spot as the place for sleep.



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Schedules are important for puppies. Plan the day so that active time is followed by quiet time for sleep. They'll most likely be ready for a nap after playtime or a walk. Your puppy may nap every hour or so, sleeping from 30 minutes to as long as two hours. All of this sleep is perfectly normal.

Recognize when your puppy is overly tired. No matter how much fun you're having, don't let them get too tired. Too much stimulation and exhaustion can lead to unfortunate behavior. Guide them to their crate or sleeping place and encourage them to wind down.

### **Tips to Help Your Puppy Sleep at Night**

Make their crate an appealing place to be. Don't buy an expensive dog bed for a new pup, because they're likely to chew it up. Line the bottom of the crate with a soft, felted, inexpensive blanket or two. Beware of wool blankets or mats that can be chewed apart into long strings that cause choking.

If you can, bring home a soft toy or baby blanket that smells like the pup's mom and keep that in the crate. Many owners place the puppy's crate in their bedroom, so they can feel that their family is close by.

Establish a bedtime routine. By giving the puppy a routine right from the start, you'll teach them that nighttime is for sleeping, and you both will get a better night's sleep. Restrict the pup's intake of food and water for several hours before bedtime. Play, cuddle, and take them outside to potty before bedtime.

Keep their sleep area quiet and dim. If you watch TV in bed, keep the volume down and the light low. You may even want to use blackout shades if the room gets early morning light. The quiet and dark will be the puppy's cue that it's time for sleep. If your crate is made of wire, you can put a crate cover over the top of it to make it darker and more den-like.

During the day, make sure your puppy has had a chance to go to the bathroom and has plenty of physical and mental exercise. Teach them to love getting into the crate by rewarding them with a treat. While they're learning the routine, be prepared for some whining, barking, or howling before they settle in for the night.

Be prepared for interruptions. Just like human babies, puppies sometimes are not yet ready to sleep through the night. Your puppy may need a potty break during the night. If they're sleeping in a crate in your bedroom, you'll be able to respond if they need to go out. Calmly carry them outside,



praise them quietly when they go, and put them right back in the crate for sleeping.

## **Your Puppy's Sleep Schedule**

Puppies thrive on routine and structure. Along with a feeding routine and house training routine, a sleep schedule will help you and your puppy adjust to living together. This sample schedule should help you on your way to establishing a good routine for canine and human family members.

### **Morning Puppy Schedule**

- In the morning when the puppy wakes up, quickly take them outside to go potty.
- Feed them breakfast.
- Puppies usually need to relieve themselves after eating, so give them another potty break.
- Spend 30-60 minutes playing, socializing, and taking a walk.
- It's time for a nap. Your pet may sleep from 30 minutes to two hours.
- Give them another potty break as soon as they wake up.
- Feed them lunch.



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### **Afternoon Puppy Schedule**

- After lunch, give them a potty break.
- For up to one hour, play with them and allow them to explore.
- It's time for another nap.
- Take them outside for a bathroom break when they wake up.
- And then it's playtime again.
- Chances are pretty good they'll settle in for a nap after they play.
- It's time for another potty break.

### **Evening Puppy Schedule**

- Feed your pup dinner before you sit down, or give them a stuffed chew toy to enjoy in the crate while you eat.
- After dinner, take a walk.
- Let them spend time playing and interacting with family members.
- Give them a quick bathroom trip before bed, then settle them down in their crate for nighttime sleep.

Don't let the idea of a schedule overwhelm you. It may seem like a lot of work, but you'll be rewarded with a happy, well-adjusted dog and you will come to enjoy the routine, too. This is a wonderful time for developing the bond and love that will last a lifetime.

## **7 Vitamins Your Dog Needs For a Healthy Life**

*By Anna Burke, Published: May 04, 2020, Updated: Jul 07, 2023*

Grocery stores and pharmacies are stocked with row upon row of human vitamins. With so many options for us, it is completely logical that we wonder if dog vitamins are the right choice for our pets, too.

But do dogs actually need canine supplements and vitamins? Are there any risks? Which vitamins should you give your dog? Here are some answers.

## What Are Vitamins?

Vitamins are organic compounds that are necessary to sustain life. Most are found naturally in food. Animals' bodies need vitamins for growth and maintenance.

You are probably familiar with most of the vitamins human and animal bodies need, including:

- Vitamin A
- B vitamins (biotin, folate, niacin, pantothenic acid, riboflavin, thiamine, vitamin B-6, and vitamin B-12)
- Vitamin C
- Vitamin D
- Vitamin E
- Vitamin K
- Choline

Dogs need these vitamins, too, although it is very important that we realize they may need them in different amounts than people do.



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## **Vitamin A for Dogs**

Vitamin A, in case you've ever wondered, is the vitamin in carrots that is responsible for that good vision your parents promised you. This fat-soluble vitamin is also responsible for growth, fetal development, immune function, and cell function. There are eye-care supplements for dogs that include Vitamin A.

## **B Vitamins for Dogs**

The B vitamins are a group of important vitamins that play a role in your dog's health:

- Thiamine helps regulate energy and carbohydrate metabolism, and it activates ion channels in neural tissue.
- Riboflavin, B12, and niacin help facilitate enzyme function.
- Vitamin B6 is especially vital. This vitamin is responsible for glucose generation, red blood cell and nervous system function, hormone regulation, immune response, niacin synthesis, and gene activation.
- Pantothenic acid helps with energy metabolism.
- Folic acid plays a role in amino acid and nucleotide metabolism and in mitochondrial protein synthesis.

## **Vitamin C for Dogs**

Vitamin C is an important antioxidant. It scavenges potentially harmful free radicals in the body and can help reduce inflammation and cognitive aging. Dogs can actually synthesize vitamin C on their own in their livers, but in some cases, supplementation may offer health benefits.

## **Vitamin D for Dogs**

Vitamin D, or the "sunshine vitamin," allows your dog's body to balance minerals like phosphorous and calcium for healthy bone growth. Without it, your dog would not be able to develop properly or maintain healthy muscles and bones.

## **Vitamin E for Dogs**

Vitamin E is one of your dog's defenses against oxidative damage. This fat-soluble vitamin is also essential for cell function and fat metabolism. Deficiencies can lead to eye and muscle degeneration and reproductive problems.



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## **Vitamin K for Dogs**

Vitamin K is a fat-soluble vitamin instrumental in activating your dog's blood's ability to clot. Ingestion of certain rat and mouse poisons inhibits dogs' ability to use vitamin K in their bodies, which can lead to hemorrhaging and death if not treated.

## **Choline for Dogs**

Choline is a necessary component of the phospholipid cell membrane. It supports healthy brain and liver function, and it is occasionally used as part of a treatment plan for pets with epilepsy.

## **Do Dogs Need Vitamins or Supplements?**

Your dog gets their vitamins from eating their dog food. Commercial dog food diets labeled "complete and balanced" are specially formulated to contain all of the vitamins, minerals, and nutrients your dog needs.

Foods catered toward different life stages, like puppy food, adult dog food, and senior dog food, contain different levels of certain vitamins, depending on the requirements of that life stage. This is especially important

for large-breed puppy foods, as these breeds can develop diseases, such as hip dysplasia, if their food contains vitamins and minerals, like calcium, that make them grow too quickly.

Dogs fed an appropriate commercial diet should not require vitamin supplements unless recommended otherwise by a veterinarian. Dogs fed a homemade diet, on the other hand, may require supplements to ensure that they are getting enough vitamins with their meals. However, these vitamins should be given to match the diet, according to veterinary nutritionist Dr. Susan Wynn, DVM. Simply feeding these dogs a vitamin with dinner is not enough.

### **Are There Risks Associated With Dog Vitamins?**

Vitamins are absolutely vital to life. It should not surprise us that something so essential could also be potentially dangerous in large quantities.



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You already know that too much calcium can cause skeletal problems in large-breed puppies. You might not know that vitamins can cause problems, too.

Too much vitamin A can cause dehydration, joint pain, and can even harm your dog's blood vessels. On top of that, there are very few studies that have tested the long-term safety of dog vitamin supplements, and some supplements contain other ingredients, like herbs, that can interact with certain medications.

You can avoid these risks by working out a nutritional plan with your veterinarian.

## **How to Choose a Dog Vitamin**

The best way to choose a dog vitamin is to talk to your veterinarian about what, if any, vitamins and supplements your dog needs. If your dog needs vitamins, either to complement a homemade diet or because of a medical condition or deficiency, then you need to make sure that your dog gets the appropriate vitamin supplement.

Talk to your veterinarian about the appropriate vitamin dosage for your dog. Human vitamins often have different concentrations of vitamins than vitamins specifically made for dogs, and may even contain additives that are harmful to dogs. This means you should stick with a veterinary vitamin supplement or one specifically made for dogs, and you should always check the label to make sure the vitamin contains the appropriate amount of the vitamins your dog needs.

Your vet may even recommend supplementing your dog's diet with specific fruits and vegetables, instead of vitamin supplements, according to Dr. Wynn.

Vitamins are some of the building blocks of dog health. Feeding good-quality dog food is the best way to ensure your dog is getting all of the vitamins they need, but if you have any questions about vitamin supplements, make sure to talk to your veterinarian.

## **Best DIY Frozen Dog Treats**

*By Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT, Published: Jun 29, 2021, Updated: Jul 06, 2023*

When I was a child, I never ate an ice cream cone without giving the final bite to my dog. He loved sharing my cold treats, but at the time, I didn't realize it wasn't the best choice for his health. Ice cream can be hard for dogs to digest because milk and cream are the base of most ice cream recipes. And for some dogs, the lactose in dairy can cause stomach upset

and other digestive issues like gas or diarrhea. Not to mention that too many sweet treats can lead to weight gain.

Instead of leaving your dog out of the frozen fun at the dinner table, family picnic, or trip to the beach, here are some recipes for ice cream alternatives that your dog is sure to lap up with joy. Feed these treats in moderation, adjust your dog's everyday food calories accordingly, and feel free to modify the recipes with other dog-safe foods.

### **Hide-and-Seek Ice Cubes**

Any dog-safe tasty liquid can be turned into a frozen treat. Simply pour into an ice cube tray and freeze so your dog can have a cube or two whenever you like. Consider your dog's taste buds and try something meat-flavored, like no-salt-added beef or chicken broth.

For an extra-special indulgence, create hide-and-seek treats. First, only fill the trays halfway before freezing the liquid. Once frozen, place a small treat like a blueberry or piece of freeze-dried liver in the middle of the cube, then fill the rest of the tray with the remaining liquid. Once the entire cube is frozen, there will be a tasty surprise waiting inside when your dog licks or chomps the ice.

For a longer-lasting treat, consider filling your dog's hollow rubber toy. (Just be sure to block all the openings but one before pouring in the liquid. You can use a hard treat like a dog cookie as a cork or plug holes with dog-safe peanut butter.) After filling, stand the toy upright in the freezer until the liquid has frozen. Not only will the chilly toy cool down your dog on a hot day, but the work it takes to get every last drop of broth will keep your dog occupied for longer than other types of treats and provide mental stimulation.

### **Soft-Serve Treats**

For an ice cream alternative with the same texture and consistency as the real thing, try blending frozen fruit with plain, unsweetened yogurt. Watermelon is safe for dogs and most pets love it, so it makes a perfect choice for this recipe. Cantaloupe chunks are another excellent option. Be sure to remove the rind from either melon, and always



feed sweet fruit treats in moderation, taking the calories they provide into account with your dog's regular diet.



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First, cut the fruit into bite-size chunks, removing any seeds as you go. Then place the fruit in the freezer for at least four hours until frozen. If you spread out the chunks on a cookie sheet or in a freezer bag, it will prevent them from freezing into a single clump. Once the fruit is frozen, place it in a food processor or blender with about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of plain, unsweetened yogurt for every 2 cups of fruit. Blend until smooth, tweaking the amount of fruit and yogurt until you have the thickness you would like. Place in a separate dog bowl, or on top of your dog's dinner, or stuff in a hollow rubber toy and serve right away. (For more of a challenge, stuff this mixture inside a hollow rubber toy, then pop it back in the freezer to solidify.)

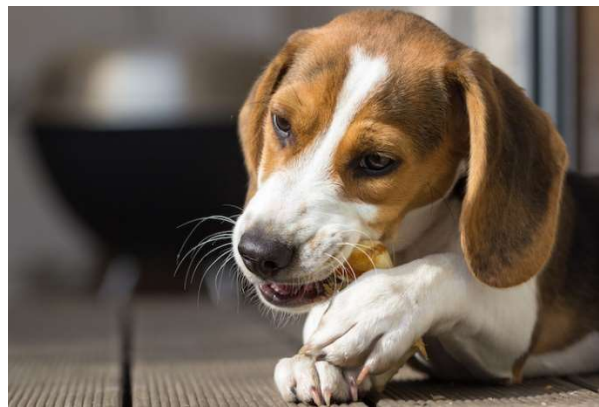
Feeding frozen yogurt may seem no different than feeding your dog ice cream. However, unless they suffer from lactose intolerance, plain yogurt is safe to eat for most dogs. It's usually better tolerated than ice cream, and the bacterial cultures in yogurt are great for intestinal health. Just be sure to choose plain yogurt without any added flavors, fruit, added sugars, natural sweeteners, or artificial sweeteners. Read the label carefully to be sure the product does not contain toxic xylitol.

If your dog doesn't handle yogurt well, consider other options like lactose-free, dairy-based yogurt, or dairy-free yogurt made from plant products. Coconut milk can also be used if liquid is needed to thin out a recipe. Always read the label to avoid any unsafe additives or ingredients.

## **Dog-Friendly “Popsicles”**

For a frozen fruit smoothie on a stick, make bananas the foundation of your dog’s treat. Slice a few bananas, then freeze the pieces for several hours. Next, mix the fruit with a few spoonfuls of plain yogurt in a food processor until you have a smooth base with the thickness of a milkshake.

Now you can blend in whatever mix-ins your dog would love. Consider bacon bits for a meaty treat, frozen strawberries and blueberries for a red, white, and blue celebration, or pumpkin puree. When all the ingredients are blended together, pour into ice pop molds or paper cups, then freeze.



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To release the “popsicles” from the molds, let them sit at room temperature for a few minutes or run warm water over the mold for a few seconds. If you use paper cups, simply peel the paper off before serving. If you have a toy breed, try mini-water cups instead of full-size drinking cups.

Don’t use real, wooden popsicle sticks, which might be a choking hazard for your dog. Instead, try dog-safe alternatives. You can use bone-shaped dog biscuits, salmon skin treats, bully sticks, or any other stick-shaped, edible chew. For a safe yet non-edible stick, consider nylon chew bones. The stick will give your dog something to hold on to while licking and chewing the “popsicle.” Plus, chewing the stick will provide even more fun for your dog when the smoothie is gone.

## **Cold and Sticky**

Peanut butter is safe for dogs and unsalted, no-sugar-added varieties are a great addition to frozen dog treats, so long as you read the label to confirm

there's no xylitol listed. The stickiness of the peanut butter gives recipes a thick, ice-cream-like texture. Mix a small amount with plain yogurt and fruit, or blend it with mashed bananas to add extra flavor and density to the final treat. If the peanut butter is too thick for the blender, warm it first or add some liquid such as meat broth to the mix.

You can also make peanut butter the star ingredient. Simply layer peanut butter in the bottom half of ice cube trays, ice pop molds, or paper cups. Then top off with a layer of yogurt or meat broth and freeze. Pop the layered frozen treat out of the tray or mold or peel off the paper cup before serving.

For fun icy treats, consider using silicone baking molds in exciting shapes like dog bones or dinosaurs. The peanut butter should slide right out of the mold once it's frozen, and your dog will love cooling down with a cold and sticky treat.

**FROM: [Lynne Rosebrock](#)**

I have done Irish Wolfhound Rescue for more than 5 decades, starting back in the 70's with Pat Huntley's Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust. I have had more dogs to rehome in the past couple of years than in a decade or more in the past. This is directly because of poor breeding ... back-yard breeders and commercial "greeders" who forget about their puppies and their puppy people as soon as they get paid. Today I picked up two, almost three year old, litter brothers, whose family fell on hard times and found themselves homeless. Their "breeder" told them she couldn't help them, but at least she told them to contact IW Rescue. However, she incorrectly told them we would pay them a rehoming fee. These dogs, although loved, have never been socialized, trained or even to the vet. They are basically nice boys, but will need separate, special homes to help them reach their potential and have happy, secure lives.

For those of you reading this who are looking for your first Irish Wolfhound .... please, please do your homework regarding the breeder you are dealing with.

If they do not have you sign a contract requiring you to contact them if you are unable or unwilling to keep the dog and they will take it back for rehoming ... then know that you are not dealing with a responsible breeder!

If they let you pick up your puppy before 10-12 weeks of age, without vet exam, at least 1 or 2 vaccinations and liver shunt testing ... then know you are not dealing with a responsible breeder!

If they cannot tell you why they bred this particular dam and sire, other than to just make puppies for sale ... then know you are not dealing with a responsible breeder!

If they cannot show you proof of health testing for hips, elbows, heart and eyes, on the dam and sire ... then know you are not dealing with a responsible breeder!

If they charge a different price based on gender, color or registration ... know you are not dealing with a responsible breeder!

You don't have to intend to show your puppy to still benefit from getting a puppy from a breeder who shows theirs ... dog shows are not just "beauty contests" but are intended to be an evaluation of breeding stock and soundness of body and mind. Just having

"papers" does not mean the dog should be used for breeding. A pure bred dog can still be poorly bred!

Be patient, wait for the right dog from the right breeder ... it will be worth the wait!



## PVIWC List of Meeting & Events 2023

### UPCOMING:

<b>April 21&amp;22</b>	Dills Celtic Festival, Dills Tavern, 237 Baltimore St, Dillsburg, PA
<b>May 6</b>	Annapolis Irish Festival, Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, 1450 General's Highway, Crownsville, MD
<b>May 6 &amp; 7</b>	Faerie Festival, 2200 Rocky Point Rd, Essex, MD
<b>May 21 1pm</b>	<b>Show Meeting@ The Montgomerys'</b> 800 River Rd, Sykesville. <i>(Female hounds and puppies are welcome (no intact adult males).</i>
<b>June 10</b>	Carroll County Celtic Festival, Agriculture Center
<b>June 11</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>June 17</b>	Penn Mar Irish Festival, Shrewsbury, PA
<b>June 24 &amp; 25</b>	Celtic Fling <i>(with a concert on Friday night)</i> PA Renn Faire grounds
<b>August 13</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>September 2 &amp; 3</b>	Virginia Scottish Games
<b>September 17</b>	Fun Day CANCELLED moved to October 15 due to weather
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Fun Day</b> <b>Regular Meeting prior to Fun Day events, on site</b>
<b>November 10 - 12</b>	Maryland Irish Festival, Timonium, MD
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>
<b>December</b>	Druid Hill Winter Solstice 5 Miler , Baltimore, MD
<b>December</b>	Military Bowl Parade, Annapolis, MD

Dates, Time, or location to be determined and subject to change on some events.

**Need Volunteers to Host meetings.**



Dear Friends of the Irish Wolfhounds,

The Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club's (PVIWC) back-to-back Specialties are scheduled to take place March 31 and April 1, 2024. Every year members, friends, and exhibitors financially contribute to sponsor trophies and ribbons, either in whole or in part. It has been through these generous contributions that the PVIWC specialties are successful.

On behalf of the PVIWC, I express great appreciation to past contributors.

I ask you to consider sponsoring or making a financial donation to this year's general trophy fund. Your donation(s) will allow us to recognize our shows' winners. There is no such thing as a donation too small.

To contribute, please indicate your contribution on the Ribbon and Trophy Sponsorship Specification and Guide on the reverse side of this letter, and send it along with your financial donation(s) (checks payable to PVIWC) to:

Christina Buckner

PVIWC Treasurer and Show Secretary

1348 Sycamore Ave.

Annapolis, MD 21403

You may also use the donations PayPal tab on our website!

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Sincerely,

Jodie Jeweler

PVIWC President and Show Chair

**Ribbon and Trophy Sponsorship Specification and Guide**

Sponsorship of First in each class-\$18.00

Sponsorship of Third in each class-\$12.00

Sponsorship of Second in each class-\$15.00

Sponsorship of Fourth in each class-\$10.00

**Or Sponsor the entire class for \$50.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-9 mo. Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-9 mo. Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 9-12 mo. Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 9-12 mo. Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 12-15 mo. Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 12-15 mo. Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 15-18 mo. Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 15-18 mo. Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Novice Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Novice Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ AOH Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ AOH Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Bred-By Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Bred-By Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Am-Bred Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Am-Bred Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Open Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Open Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Veteran Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Veteran Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Stud Dog 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Brood Bitch 1 2 3 4

\_\_\_\_\_ Obedience - \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Rally - \$50

**Trophy Sponsorship/Mementos to Challenge Trophies Donation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Best of Breed \$125

\_\_\_\_\_ Reserve Winners Dog

\$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Best of Opposite \$115

\_\_\_\_\_ Reserve Winners Bitch

\$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Best of Winners \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Bred-By-Exhibitor Dog

\$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Winners Dog \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitch

\$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Winners Bitch \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Best BBE

\$40

\_\_\_\_\_ Am-Bred Dog      \$30  
   \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Am-Bred Bitch

\_\_\_\_\_ Open Dog      \$30  
   \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Open Bitch

\_\_\_\_\_ Best Puppy      \$75  
   \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Veteran Bitch

\_\_\_\_\_ Best in Sweeps      \$75  
   \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ BoS to BI Sweeps

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Name

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City, State Zip

**To secure recognition in the Premium/Catalog, donations must be received no later than 14 November.** Please make known the class you wish to sponsor in preferential order. All attempts at accommodating your request will be made. If you have no preference place an "X" in the no preference box.

First Choice Class Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice Class Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice Class Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

No Preference:

Feel free to contact Christina Buckner via e-mail at: [ckallay@verizon.net](mailto:ckallay@verizon.net)