



Upcoming Events!

World's Largest Pet & Pet Products Pet Expo!

O.C. Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa
April 11th-12th-13th, 2008

Friday 10am- 6pm
Saturday 10am-7pm
Sunday 10am-6pm
PetExpoOC.com..... 800-999-7295

Heart of Hearts Event

Pet Suites
February 14th, 2008



Get a picture of your pet on **Valentines Day** with their favorite camp buddy or sweetheart.

Pets receive special Valentine Treats.

You have the opportunity to make a Heart Felt \$5 donation to the local shelter to aid all the broken hearted pets who need a home. 🐾



Our Angel Tree and Your Generosity!

Thanks to all of our valued customers for the generosity you showed in raising over \$500.00 for local animal shelters this holiday season! Here are some heart-felt insights from one of our regulars about her pet and the decision to adopt from a shelter.

I don't know if it was the sad eyes, the attitude of defeat or the hopeful expression when I moved to walk away that tugged at my heart the most. They come in every color, size and shape—long haired, short haired, big eared, long eared. Each one has its own unique personality and a need for basic human kindness.

Since living in California; I have had two dogs. They have both been awesome.

The one thing that they have had in common is that they were both rescues from a shelter. Most people, when contemplating a dog, think puppy, pet store, breeder. However, the thing you should know is that there are thousands of wonderful dogs that need a good home and many come with wonderful

benefits. They were both house broken when I got them, had some training, never chewed up any of my possessions, and had a tremendous amount of unconditional love to give. Dogs that are adopted from shelters and rescues seem to know they have been saved.

My dog is an AKM/Pet Suites camper who runs with the pack at least 3 days a week. He literally all but drags me into the facility on his way to the back to meet up with his pals. However, when I pick him up it is a different story; he is so tired he has to drag himself out to the lobby and if I make the mistake of talking to the receptionist he hops up on the couch and lies down and refuses to budge until he knows I am truly ready to go.

So if you are thinking of getting another dog please consider adoption. It touches your heart more and you are literally saving a life. But adopting a dog is like any relationship; don't just go for the looks. Think about who you are, what you like and dislike and then consider the dog, their strengths, weaknesses and wishes. The rewards can be phenomenal!

—An AKM/Pet Suites customer & fan! 🐾



“Over \$500 raised for local shelters”

Happy New Year!

As we ring in the new year at **Pet Suites** we have lots of news to share.—We are offering **NEW LOWER RATES, Extended Hours** and additional services.

YA HOO!!!
Another trip to Pet Suites!

Boarding	\$28	Massage	\$5
Camp/Board	\$45	PB Kong.....	\$3
Luxury Suite	\$38	PB Kong Pkg	
Lux Suite/Camp	\$55	\$Buy 5 and the 6 th	
Lux Suite/TT.....	\$55	is FREE	
Play Pals.....	\$10	Treadmill.....	\$5
Play Time	\$9	Tuck-in Serv.....	\$2
Camp Tiny Tots ..	\$25	Kitty Boarding	
Day Care	\$18	Single	\$17
Dog Day Camp ..	\$25	Double	\$22
Frosty Paws.....	\$2	Kitty Day Care...	\$9
Healthy Pet.....	\$5	🐾	



New Product News

Poopfreeze—A very unique product. Great for pet emergencies during the house breaking faze. This product is specially formulated in an aerosol spray that forms a frosty film on dog poop, hardening the surface for easy pick-up. For details see www.poopfreeze.com.

Hot Bows—Beautiful handmade bows for today's fashion forward pets. www.hotbows.com 🐾

Birthday Parties

We offer special birthday party celebrations for your pet. **Our parties are complete** with a special puppy dog cake, unique treats, goodie bags, party music and prizes, birthday party décor and pictures upon request. Ask at the front desk about booking and pricing. 🐾



Recipe for Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

2 cups of wheat flour
2 cups all purpose flour
1 cup wheat germ
½ cup nonfat milk powder
2 cups chicken stock
6 T. corn oil
4 T. chopped parsley
1t. salt
½ cup wheat germ for dredging biscuits



Preparation: Heat oven to 400 degrees and oil a large baking sheet. Mix wheat and all purpose flour together with the wheat germ, milk powder and salt. In another bowl, mix stock and oil. Combine until well mixed one third of flour mix and the same of stock in bowl. Continue adding the flour mix and stock mix to bowl by thirds. When all ingredients are well mixed, place dough on a dry, slightly floured surface and begin kneading. Add all purpose flour as needed until the dough is easy to handle and soft. Take heaped table spoon sized portions and roll them in the extra wheat germ then place them on the oiled sheet with a gap of about 3 cm between them. Flatten each ball, with a fork into a biscuit shape or use a dog bone shape cookie cutter. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until fully cooked. Turn off oven but leave the biscuits inside until completely hard. Keep the dog biscuits in the fridge or freezer. Makes about 48 biscuits. 🐾

Pet Watch—Household Dangers

Pennies minted after 1982 contain a high zinc concentration that can poison dogs and cats.

Hanging cords, blinds or curtains. Cats may enjoy batting at them, but cords are an entanglement danger.

String-like materials—such as thread, dental floss, and holiday tinsel are extremely dangerous to both dogs and cats because they can become lodged in the intestines.

Mothballs, batteries, and tobacco products (including cigarette butts) are all highly toxic and should be kept out of your pet's reach.

Dangerous Delicacies

Although it is tempting to give your pet table scraps, many common human foods can cause serious health issues with pets.

For Example:

Chewing gum—If ingested in large amounts, xylitol, a sweetener often used in sugar-free gum, can cause severe drop in blood sugar and possibly even seizures and liver failure in dogs. This ingredient is also found in other products such as toothpaste and sugar free candy.

Chocolate—Even in small amounts, chocolate can be quite dangerous to pets. It contains methylxanthines (such as caffeine and theobromine), which can harm dogs and cats and even cause death in certain doses.

Garbage/moldy foods—These foods can make your pet ill if ingested. It is wise to keep your garbage can out of your pet's reach or closed with a tightly fitted lid.

Grapes/raisins—They may cause kidney damage in dogs or cats.

Onions—Cooked or raw, this vegetable can cause anemia in dogs and cats, leading to possible depression, diarrhea, vomiting, and weakness.

Uncooked bread dough—When leaving bread out to rise, make sure your pet cannot get to it. If ingested it can expand in the stomach and may need to be surgically removed.

Other Dangers

Pets are naturally curious and have an enhanced sense of smell. Leaving them on their own to roam while you are away is probably not a good idea. Labradors and golden retrievers, are pretty much goats. People don't realize that the chewing phase doesn't start until 7–11 months, after teething, and continues for about a year.

Kitties enjoy the warmth of clothes in the clothes dryer so always check for whiskers and paws before turning on a load where the door has been open on the dryer. Cats and small dogs like to retreat to cave like spaces. Recliner chairs are the perfect hide a-way in the up position. Make sure you check under chairs before closing them. 🐾

REMINDERS:

Make sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date. Keep regular appointments with your vet to insure continued good health of your pet.

Leash laws and bark laws exist in most townships and counties. Check your local laws to insure that you are in compliance. Making sure your pet is a good neighbor makes for a harmonious neighborhood. 🐾

