

A Howlin' Good Time

OFF-LEASH NEWS



Santa Paws Knows Who's Naughty



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Events

As a result of the pandemic, many 2020 animal rescue fundraising events were cancelled. These organizations rely on the generosity of donors to run programs and services that support animals in their care. If you're able, please consider donating to your favourite animal charity.



River Park Clean-up

Please pick up any leftovers until we can get back on track with our group's park clean-up efforts. Thank you!

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Enjoying Time with Our Fur Family Members



Merry Christmas to you and your family! Hope you are all safe and keeping well. For those hoping for a white Christmas, we definitely got it.

Now that everyone is caught up on shovelling snow, we can put our feet up for a bit... that is, until the dog gives you a nudge.

So if Santa Paws didn't make it to your house with all the snow this year, there's still lots of fun stuff to do with your dog and it doesn't mean you have to make a trip to the shopping mall. Road travel isn't great right now anyway. What to do?!! Making them feel special doesn't mean we have to spend money. It might mean we need to spend a little time and most of us have more of that these days. Here are just a few ideas for something new or different or to spoil them a bit.

- Make a snuffle mat for your best friend (see video from The Calgary Humane Society)
- Bake them some delicious noms (check out this peanut butter and pumpkin cookie recipe from allrecipes.com)
- Shake it up and take a different route for their walk (new sniffs are very exciting and will likely result in the need for a post-walk nap that you can take together)
- Hide some yummy treats around the house
- Teach them a new trick (that's right, they're never too old to learn something)

- Play hide and seek (loads of fun for you too; try not to giggle — that's a dead give-away)
- Help them learn the names of their toys
- Give them a massage
- Teach them to put away their toys (don't tell them this also benefits you)
- Pop on over to the off-leash park for them to visit with all of their furry friends (social time for you too)
- Take lots of photos of them for great memories to cherish (having them pose for a photo session is a challenging activity for you and them)
- Teach them something in a different language (if you don't know another language, you can use hand signals — a good challenge for both of you)
- Rotate a few of their toys (when they get to play with one of their favourites, it's like seeing an old friend)
- Wash their blankets or bed (things get a little smelly after a while so this one benefits humans too)
- Scoop up their bathroom (people aren't the only ones who appreciate clean facilities)
- Look for things you already have around the house that you can repurpose for dog fun
- Of course, a new toy is always welcome

The possibilities are endless. Just use your imagination and don't be hesitant to try something new.

Hope you and your dog discover some fun and rewarding things to do now and in the future that create countless great memories of the time spent together with your best friend.

