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Hello Everyone!

Mmmm...the aroma of turkey cooking in the oven, the smell of spicy pumpkin pie tempting your tastebuds. Yep, it's that time of year again! Time to be thankful for all those you love and all you have been blessed with! Don't forget to give a hug and kiss to your furry friends from us! Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours!

---Partners Team---

## SHARING THANKSGIVING TREATS?

Many people want to share the feast of thanks with their four-legged friends. While seemingly innocent and loving to give a scrap of meat or other goodies here and there, a diet high in fat can be unhealthy for your furry friend. We all know how quickly the pounds sneak up on us over the holidays; well the same rules apply for our dogs. Turkey trimmings, skin and fat as well as broth are all high in fat and can often cause bouts of diarrhea for dogs. These bouts can cause moderate dehydration, and often complications with anal gland blockage up to a week later. Still thinking about sharing with Rover? Hard to say no to those adorable begging eyes? Try a bit of steamed vegetables or mashed potatoes (without butter) mixed in their kibble as a healthy alternative to the high fat of turkey. Love your dog the most by making it a happy AND healthy holiday.

## HOLIDAY CAMP

Going away for the holidays?  
Receive **ONE FREE DAY** of Holiday Camp  
With stay of 4 or more days!  
Expires January 31, 2007

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

**Nov 1-5<sup>th</sup> 2006 "Cynosport World Games"** Agility, Steeplechase, Performance, Flying Discs, Fly-Ball, Dock-Jumping and Rally-O. West World Equestrian Center

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 2006: "Pet Adopt-A-Thon"** Scottsdale Promenade from 9am-3pm

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 2006: "City of Phoenix Hound Hike"** Pima Canyon at South Mountain Park from 1pm -3pm. Cost is \$3

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 "Mutt Strutt"** AZ Retriever Rescue at Eldorado Park. 9am Demos, Agility, Games, Pet Photos, Pet Psychic, Exhibitors, Rescues, Food

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 "Cave Creek School District Walk for Animals"** Benefits AZ Humane Society & Foothills Animal Rescue. \$15 includes t-shirt & bandana

## LEADERS LEAD AND FOLLOWERS FOLLOW

Dogs communicate thru nonverbal signals. Have you ever had your dog charge thru a doorway in front of you half knocking you over in their excitement to get where they want to be, such as a walk or to greet a visitor?

When your dog makes the choice to "pull ahead" while on leash, or charge thru doors in front of you, he is basically saying he doesn't view you as his leader and is showing you disrespect.



## BEGINNING YOUR WALK

First, prepare *your* body language and nonverbal signals. Keep your shoulders back, and your head high. Keep your voice **FIRM** and project your confidence. Remember *YOU are the Leader!*

Make sure your dog's collar is on properly in the "P" shape. Instruct your dog to "heel" on your left side and move forward beginning with your left foot. He should be directly beside you with his head close in alignment to your hip, not behind or in front of you. If he pulls behind, that still means he is trying to avoid being "in the area of control" as well.

Verbally encourage him if he responds well to you with a "good heel." Give him a correction with the leash and a verbal correction such as "no" or "uh uh" if he tries to move ahead or behind you.

We often hear our clients say, "I think my dog is dumb, he just doesn't seem to 'get it!'" The truth is, these dogs **DO** get it, and they are smart enough to figure out that *they can control you*. They sense hesitation, uncertainty, and lack of consistency and are simply taking advantage of the situation. NO "DUMMIES!"

## SHOWING RESPECT AT THE DOOR

When you come to a door, instruct your dog to "sit" beside you. When he holds his sit, and maintains his self control, then you can instruct him to "heel" again and walk thru the doorway. Practice this until he shows you respect by allowing you to walk thru, and staying directly at your side and not trying to "forge ahead" of you.

When guests come to visit, the same rules of respect apply. Instruct your dog to "sit and stay." Use your body language to enforce your control. "Step into" your dog if you observe him thinking about breaking his sit, and tell him "no."

Stay consistent with your instructions each time, and let your dog know *you* are his leader! Remember a leader leads, and a follower follows...which do you want your dog to be?

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