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From the Director (With apologies to the original author)

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Twelve Days of Chaos

(sung to the tune of "Twelve Days of Christmas")

On the first day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, a cat chased up our pear tree. On the second day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, FIIIIIVE gollllden puppies, four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, six hours a' bayin', FIIIVE gollllden puppies,

four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, seven males a' callin', six hours a' bayin', FIIIIIVE gollllden puppies, four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, eight neighbors complaining, seven males a' callin', six hours a' bayin', FIIIIIVVVE golden puppies, four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, nine tapeworms dancing, eight neighbors complaining, seven males a' callin', six hours a' bayin', FIIIIIVVVE golden puppies, four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, ten fleas a' leapin', nine tapeworms dancing, eight neighbors complaining,

seven males a' callin', six hours a' bayin', FIIIIIVVVE golden puppies, four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, eleven puppies pooping, ten fleas a' leapin', nine tapeworms dancing, eight neighbors complaining, seven males a' callin', six hours a' bayin', FIIIIIVVVE golden puppies, four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my doggie gave to me, twelve ticks a' bustin', eleven puppies pooping, ten fleas a' leapin', nine tapeworms dancing, eight neighbors complaining, seven males a' callin', six hours a' bayin', FIIIIIVVVE golden puppies, four smelly turds, three neighbor's hens, two chewed up gloves and a cat chased up our pear treeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!

"Spayson" Greetings and Happy Neuter Your Pet from all of us at P.A.W.S.!

Leash Walking

When I taught dog training in a city, the leash walking was the number one complaint from owners. Although in rural areas a lot of owners never walk their dog on a leash, from time to time one is necessary (e.g., a trip to the vet) and can be very distressing ... at both ends of the leash!

In general, dogs are very good at teaching owners how to walk on a leash. The dog pulls and the owner follows. The dog is rewarded! The dog pulls because we are too slow, or something over there is more interesting. One way to change this is to make yourself more interesting: carry treats in your pocket, a squeaker, a tug toy, a ball or Frisbee. Carry all of these things on your person and how can a dog resist?

What you do not want to do is pull back. Dogs have an opposition reflex and the more you pull back, the more the dog pulls: you are teaching the dog to pull. What's more, dogs learn by habit and so this becomes ingrained.

Every time, and I mean every

time, the dog pulls, STOP. Now comes the hard part: WAIT.

Wait the dog out. It may take three seconds or it may take 30 seconds. It may take 10 minutes. So what? The dog is learning. If the leash is tight, I don't go anywhere. I had one dog that never made it out of the driveway the first few times. Sooner or later the dog will turn to look at you as if to say, "Hey, what's going on?" At that point the leash is slack, so turn and walk the other way. The dog has to catch up with you. Isn't that a nice change?

This method works, but the key is consistency. If you let the dog pull sometimes but not others, the dog will take a gamble. I have a dog at the shelter who knows WHO he can pull and get away with it. If the dog is so large or so strong that you cannot control it, there are special collars to help you.

By Jane Finneran

Congratulations to the 2008 quilt raffle winner Sharon Adams from Memphis, TN!

Congratulations also go out to Robby Hansen from Tallahassee, FL the winner of the hand-built, graphite fly rod raffle.

The drawings were held at the Cottage Craftsman and we had folks buying tickets right up to the last 10 minutes before the lucky tickets were drawn! \$3,317.00 was raised for the animals through ticket sales. Thanks to everyone who participated in this annual fundraiser.

Thank you to Debbie Mills for displaying the quilt in her gift shop for us. And of course, thank you to Maddy Haughn for creating and donating yet another beautiful piece of craftsmanship.

Special THANKS go out to all of the people who helped us get our new thrift store location up and running. It was a community effort and a great showing of support for our organization:

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son City Vet Clinic.

Spotlight On: Sheba



Sheba is a happy-go-lucky dog. When I think of her, the picture that comes to my mind is

Sheba and I walking down the drive. She looks up at me with a grin on her face that speaks volumes about the trust and love she has for me. Her whole body wags with excitement for our outing. We hear people say all the time, "Oh, that dog loves you, you should take her home." But the truth is, from day one that's how Sheba has been: she just loves everyone, and wants everyone to love her right back.

Sheba has been a fantastic shelter resident—never too pushy, and never too loud. She lets out a "woof" when someone comes in the door, and then eagerly tries to become their best friend. She gets along with all of our male dogs,

but seems aggravated about sharing her space with another female. Sheba behaves herself with the cats when supervised, but would chase them if she wasn't told not to.

When Sheba first came to us we noticed she was missing some hair on her back end, and that she was a little overweight. We took her to the vet to have her checked out, and they did some blood work and found out that she has a thyroid problem. All it means is she needs to take a little pill each morning and each night (she prefers it in peanut butter, but hotdogs are fine, too!). It would cost someone about \$10 a month to keep her thyroid problem in check. That's a small price to pay for such a loving companion. Sheba would be sure to let you know each day how much she adores you for giving her a home! — *Kessa Thomas*



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