



Paw Prints

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Hi, My Name Is Spunky



I am a 5 month old Sheltie mix currently residing at the Dalton Humane Society. I am very sweet tempered and good with both children and other dogs. I would be a great companion to any child and shouldn't get much bigger.

All of my shots are up to date. I've been neutered and tested negative for Heartworms. So you see, ALL I need is someone that wants to love me and be loved by me to give me a good home.

If you can provide me with a new home, please fill out an application on the "Adoption Center" link of the Humane Society at:

www.hsnwga.org

Don't Put Your Pet In Danger

Before embarking on that "do-it-yourself" project, review these helpful hints to keep pets safe from the hazards that common home improvement materials can pose.

Paints

Most water-based latex paints are relatively low in toxicity, but could still produce gastrointestinal upset. Should your pet get paint on its skin or hair coat, never use paint thinner or similar solvents to remove it — a chemical burn could result. Instead mild pet shampoo or liquid hand dishwashing detergent can be used to bathe the skin and fur. If exposure is extensive, please contact your veterinarian.

Adhesives/Glues

Depending on the type of adhesive involved, a variety of clinical effects are possible following ingestion. Certain construction glues may produce only mild gastrointestinal upset, while others can cause more significant irritation. Additionally, some expanding glue products can result in a potentially life-threatening gastrointestinal obstruction if swallowed.

Solvents

Paint thinners, mineral spirits and other solvents can result in severe irritation or chemical burns to the skin and mucous membranes of the eyes, mouth and gastrointestinal tract. In addition, ingestion could produce central nervous system depression, and inhalation of these substances could lead to aspiration pneumonia.

Mold

Mold can be found in many parts of the home, including under carpeting, behind walls, or in heating/cooling ducts. Certain species of mold can produce mycotoxins, which can produce gastrointestinal, cardiac and/or neurological effects such as tremors and seizures. While most problematic mold exposures in pets involve the ingestion of spoiled foods, if mold is discovered in the home pet owners should contact the EPA at www.epa.gov/mold for information on mold hazards, including safe cleaning and removal in order to avoid potential problems.

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, 1-888-426-4435

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Upcoming Event(s)

July 17th Four Paws will have a booth in the Business Expo @ North GA Trade Center (Noon thru 5:00 pm)

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ASK THE TRAINER?

Having a few problems with your dog? Do they potty at the wrong time or place, chase the cat, bite your children, shred your belongs, charge through the door like General Custer and then give you that innocent face?

My name is Marilyn Hayes. I am a professional dog obedience trainer and owner of Tails U Win Obedience School for Dogs in Resaca, GA. I have been asked to help you with any obedience or behavior problems you may currently be experience with your dog.

If you would like my help, please go to <http://www.4pawsresort.net> to submit your questions. I look forward to helping everyone and remember to always be kind to our furry friends.

Learning To Brush Your Pet

While cockleburs, foxtails, fleas and ticks are the bane of the country dog Overbathing, coat dryness and neglect of a pet's coat befall the city pet. But, good news! Both can benefit from a regimen of brushing and combing.

Good Equipment Is The Key

A gentle slicker brush is needed for basic grooming. These brushes contain hundreds of short bent wires mounted in a firm rubber backing. A good quality brush won't hurt your pet. You aren't likely to

find the right kind in a local super-market so buy your equipment from a petcare professional.

Brushing For Pet's Health

Brushing is essential to a healthy, glowing coat. It eliminates mats and tangles, removes dead hair, dirt and burrs and distributes the natural oils, producing a healthy skin tone.

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE?

Poor coat condition usually results in a shorter clip and a larger

grooming bill. If you find you just don't have the time or desire to brush your pet, more frequent professional grooming is recommended to prevent matting and tangling.

Another alternatives is a shorter, more manageable clip. Your professional groomer will be able to assist you in making the best decision for you and your pet.

(Pet Care Series/Barkleigh Publications)

JUST REMEMBER: Dogs think they are human BUT Cats think they are God!

"ASK BAILEY"



Hi, I'm Bailey. I want to help answer questions you may have about your pet and his/her needs. Please go to our website at: [http:// www.4pawsresort.net](http://www.4pawsresort.net) to submit your question. In addition to replying back to you by e-mail (if you give your address), each month one of the questions received during the month will be featured in our newsletter.

QUESTION: My dog scratches all the time and has a wet, raw sore on his skin. The neighbor said it was a "Hot Spot". What is a Hot Spot?

ANSWER: Also known as Summer Sores or Moist Eczema, "Hot Spots" can seemingly appear out of nowhere and rapidly spread. This skin disorder has a variety of causes but the most consistent factor is bacteria. Anything that irritates or breaks the skin can create the environment for bacterial contamination if the skin surface has a bit of moisture on it. The moisture can be present from a recently given bath, being out in the rain or rolling in wet grass. Fortunately most respond to oral and topical antibiotics purchased from your vet. Two other very common causes of recurring hotspots are food allergies and fleas.