



Paw Prints

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Hi! My Name Is Harold

I am a 6 month old male Doxie/Black Lab Mix currently residing at the Dalton Humane Society. I was rescued from the side of a very busy highway but am very healthy. I have been neutered and am completely up to date on all my vaccinations and dewormings. I am currently on monthly Heartworm preventative and flea/tick control. I am very loving, sweet, and friendly and hope that on Adoption Day, it will be my turn to go live with a great family I can love and be loved by.

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

Urinary Incontinence in Pets

Does your dog leak urine when asleep or totally relaxed? Do you find wet spots on the floor or carpet where your pet was sleeping? If so, your dog may have a urinary incontinence problem.

Normally, a dog learns to store urine in the bladder, and we housetrain them to wait and go outside. Normal muscle and nerve control send messages to the dog's brain, the same as with people, that the bladder is full and he/she needs to go out.

Urinary incontinence, leaking of urine without the dog's knowledge or control, occurs when the muscles and nerves that control bladder function and awareness do not function normally. There could be many causes for this, including hormonal imbal-

ances, surgery, and congenital reasons, or as a result of an accident. It usually occurs in older dogs, most often in females, though males can also be affected.

In addition to finding wet spots on the floor, you may notice your dog is frequently wet with urine, or often licks and cleans herself. Since urine can be quite an irritant, urinary incontinence can cause hair loss and skin irritations (scalding of the skin), and infections. This can make your pet very uncomfortable.

Urinary incontinence should not be confused with a dog that dribbles urine in excitement, like when greeting the owner after a separation. Dogs may also appear to lose urine control if they have a

physical problem like bladder stones or urinary tumor, or a urinary infection. However, in these cases the dog is aware and knows he/she is urinating, but just can't help it.

If you are finding wet spots or puddles of urine unexpectedly, your veterinarian should do a thorough exam, and will probably also run some blood tests, urine tests, and take radiographs or an ultrasound of the bladder and abdomen. If urinary incontinence is the diagnosis, medications are often quite good at returning control to the muscles and nerves to end the leaking urine. Your dog will need to be under veterinary supervision and will have to take medication for the rest of his/her life if incontinence is the diagnosis.

Upcoming Event(s)

Spring Break

Make your reservations early!

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RULES FOR NON-PET OWNERS WHO VISIT AND

LIKE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR PETS:

1. They live here....You don't!
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes.....stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"-niture)
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Four Paws Attends Atlanta Pet Fair

Renee Davis (Owner), Jennifer Williams (Office Mgr), and Sydney Tate (Pet Tech) of Four Paws Pet Resort recently attended the Atlanta Pet Fair, the largest show in the Southeast for Professional Pet Stylists. This is a three-day weekend of Continuing Education, Grooming Competitions, and an Industry Trade Show, sponsored by McPaw, Inc., in Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of these shows is to allow pet stylists to network with many stylists from other parts of the country, update our product knowledge and grooming techniques, in order to return to our business with new ideas for our clients.

We have brought new ideas, products, and techniques back with us to better assist us in giving your pet the quality pet care he/she deserves when

they come to visit us. Four Paws has a variety of products designed for all types of fur and needs in the grooming area of their Resort.

Everyone dreams of a day at the Spa. Call for an appointment to make your pet's dream come true. At Four Paws, our desire is to give your pet the treatment they deserve and enjoy as well as please you in the style you wish your pet to have.

"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: What is Kennel Cough and why is the vaccination required for my pet to board or be groomed at Four Paws?

ANSWER: 'Kennel Cough' is the term that is commonly applied to the most prevalent upper respiratory problem in dogs in the United States. More commonly known as "Bordetella". It is highly contagious in dogs but easily prevented by a simple vaccination. More commonly, for best protection, an intranasal or vaccination containing both parainfluenza and *Bordetella* is used. Intranasal vaccines create localized immunity that greatly reduces the incidence of clinical signs and illness.