

Wagville

NEWS & INTERESTS

Training

We have hired a wonderful new trainer named Feather. She has years of results-based training experience and has studied with the best in the industry. Please join us in welcoming Feather to the WagVille team!

We will now be able to offer **more training classes** and a **wider variety of training sessions**.

Our next basic training class will begin on **Saturday March 15th, 2008**. The class is \$199.00 and **meets every Saturday from 11:00 AM to Noon until April 19th**. We believe that dogs are happier and healthier with clear boundaries to live by. The class focuses on teaching you how to teach your dog those boundaries and to enforce them in a positive manner. It is also a great opportunity for dogs to keep their focus on you while in the presence of other canine friends. Please be sure to sign up as soon as possible! The class fills up fast.

Look for specialized puppy and adolescent socialization classes, as well as more advanced classes, in the near future.

We are also now offering a great **board and train** option—let your dog stay a month at WagVille, where he or she will get to play during the day in between lessons and then come home with doggie manners—as well as a **20 lesson package** of lessons if you would rather take your pooch home at night, but would still like to fix some behavior problems. And we still offer **private lessons**, either at WagVille or at your house, as well.

Teeth Cleaning

Our qualified dental hygienist with lots of doggie experience can clean your dog's teeth without subjecting him or her to the dangers of anesthesia.

The next scheduled Teeth Cleaning at WagVille is **March 25th**. The prices range anywhere from \$85.00 to \$110.00 depending on the severity of decay of the teeth. Please sign up as soon as possible with one of our receptionists.

Massage

We have a fantastic massage therapist who can give your dog a therapeutic, healing rub down. And remember **Massage Thursdays**: between the hours of 2pm and 4:30pm on Thursdays, massages are only \$5 for 15 minutes.

Volunteers and Fosters

Help a needy dog find a forever home! You don't have to adopt a dog to help. Help us help our homeless dogs find great families by **fostering** a needy dog, **helping out at an adoption event**, or just **taking a dog on a much needed walk**.

Inquire at www.wagville.com or give us a call!

Rescue of the Month



Chase

is a gentle giant with soft fluffy fur and the biggest smile! He was tied up and neglected by his previous owners, but still has a sunny disposition and just wants a family of his own.

Evolving Prices

We tried to put it off, but the time has finally arrived. We extended our hours last fall, and now we need to extend our rates in order to keep your furry friends in the responsible and loving care of our qualified staff every moment they are here. After actually losing money repeatedly on some services, we finally had to make the very difficult decision to increase our rates. We have done our absolute best to keep our rates low so that all the dogs we love to see so much can keep coming back. As always, we welcome your suggestions, input, and ideas on fair prices and all matters at WagVille. **These new prices will go into effect on April 1, 2008:**

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| \$35.00 | Daycare, Full Day |
| \$25.00 | Daycare, Half Day |
| \$50.00 | Boarding, Per Night |
| \$449.00 | Unlimited Monthly Membership |
| \$665.00 | 20-Day Package (one day free) |
| \$1,295 | 40-Day Package (3 days free) |
| \$10.00 | Pick-up/Drop-off, One Way |
| \$18.00 | Round-Trip, within 5 Miles |
| \$20.00 + Daycare rate | – Field Trip to Runyon Cyn |
| \$35.00 + Daycare rate | – Field Trip to Beach |

Field Trips

Runyon Canyon-- **12th of March**.

Huntington dog beach -- **26th of March**.

Dental Health

Teeth are considered a carnivore's most valuable anatomical part. Teeth are necessary to shred, tear and chew food. Moreover, periodontal disease can actually seriously harm a dog's liver, kidneys, and even brain. Ideally, dogs should have their teeth brushed (or at least wiped with a towel) daily along with a yearly professional cleaning. However, plaque build-up and frequency of cleanings may be reduced by feeding a nourishing diet that promotes natural tooth cleaning.

Dental treats are not always as effective as the packaging proclaims. Synthetic additives or coatings may prevent bad breath, but not always tartar build-up. Likewise, rawhide coated with enzymes or rope toys marketed as "floss" have not been shown to be effective dental aids. In fact, studies evaluating the effectiveness of biscuits, food style (dry or moist), and dental additives are inconclusive.

Mechanical abrasion is the only scientifically-proven factor that prevents plaque and tartar build-up between dental cleanings. Daily brushing (as well as select bones, jerkies, and low-carbohydrate treats) can help accomplish the necessary abrasion. Raw bones, either whole or part of a Raw Diet, are considered the best dental aids available; they provide effective abrasion without the danger of splintering or impaction common to rawhide and improperly-cooked bones.

The idea that kibble provides the necessary abrasion is a myth. The next time you eat a crunchy cereal, pay attention to whether it cleans your teeth, or instead deposits gummy pieces of mushed cereal at the base of them that you need to clean off.

Raw bones reduce plaque and tartar naturally, through mechanical abrasion, and high meat, low-carbohydrate diets reduce the amount of carbohydrates available to mouth bacteria. Dogs and cats should be fed a rotation diet composed of raw and grain-free, low-carbohydrate food choice. Yet, each pet is unique, so it is best to alter your pet's diet gradually, and stay in contact with your veterinarian.