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We're 'cookin' at Pets First!

We're obsessed with pet food and, for a change of pace, we thought we'd let you do some cookin' too! Here's a small selection of pet treats you can whip up in your own kitchen.

Doggie Cookies submitted by Mona Warren

- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 egg
- 4 tbsp melted margarine
- 1 small jar baby food – beef or chicken
- 1 tbsp cod liver oil
- 1 can chicken or beef broth
- 1 clove garlic

Combine wet and dry together. Roll out till ½" thick, cut into desired shapes. Bake at 325°F for 35-40 minutes. Turn oven off and leave cookies in oven overnight to harden.

Glazed Beagle Biscuits

- 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- ½ cup oil
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 cups rolled oats
- ¾ cup cornmeal
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 egg – beaten
- 1 cup rye flour
- 2 cups white flour

- Topping:**
- 1 cup beef broth
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tbsp oil

Add bouillon and oil to boiling water then add oats. Let mixture stand for a few minutes. Stir in the cornmeal, milk, cheese, and egg. Slowly stir in the flours. Knead on a lightly floured surface until dough is smooth and no longer sticky. Roll out to ¼" thick and cut into bone shapes. Place on greased baking sheet. Spoon topping over biscuits. Turn them over and repeat with other side. Bake at 325°F for 45 minutes or until lightly browned on bottom. Turn off the oven and leave biscuits until cool.

Microwave Doggie Doughnuts

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 3 tbsp oatmeal
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- ¾ cup beef or chicken broth

Place flour in bowl, add egg and broth, mix well. Blend in oatmeal and garlic powder. Roll dough into a ball, roll out on a lightly floured surface to ½" thick. Cut with small doughnut cutters. Reroll scraps and repeat. Arrange on cookie sheet and bake on high 10 minutes or until firm. Let cool until hardened. Store in covered container in refrigerator.

Cheese Dog Bone Cookies

- 2 cup unsifted all-purpose flour
 - 1¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese
 - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
 - ½ cup vegetable oil
 - 4½ tbsp water (up to 5 tbsp.)
- Preheat oven to 400°F. Make a cardboard pattern of a dog bone 4" long or use a dog-bone cookie cutter. Combine flour, cheese, garlic and oil in food processor. Cover, whirl until mixture is consistency of coarse meal. With machine running, slowly add water until mixture forms a ball. Divide dough into 12 equal pieces. Roll out each piece to ½". Cut out bones. Transfer to ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated hot oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until bottom of cookies are lightly browned. Carefully transfer to rack to cool completely. Refrigerate in airtight container.

Bread Machine Dog Biscuits

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| 1-1/2 lb | | 1 lb |
| ¾ cup | broth, any kind | ½ cup |
| 1 | egg | 1 |
| 3 tbsp | oil | 2 tbsp |
| 1 cup | all-purpose flour | ¾ cup |
| 1 cup | whole-wheat flour | ¾ cup |
| ½ cup | bulgur | 2 tbsp |
| ½ cup | wheat germ | 2 tbsp |
| ½ cup | bran | 2 tbsp |
| ¼ cup | nonfat dry milk | 3 tbsp |
| ¼ tsp | garlic powder | ¼ tsp |
| 1½ tsp | yeast | 1½ tsp |

Place ingredients in bread pan according to manufacturers directions and press "Dough" cycle. When machine beeps, remove dough to lightly floured and roll out to ¼" thickness. Using a dog bone cookie cutter, cut out biscuits and place on a lightly greased cookie. Place in warm location and let rise 30 minutes. Bake at 325°F for 30 minutes till brown and no longer soft. Cool and store in airtight container.

This month...

- We're cookin, and you can too!
- new products

Dogs teach us to...

- Take plenty of walks and naps.
- Drink lots of water.
- Never bite the hand that feeds us.
- Bark when you feel like it.
- Don't let people make you dress up.
- Chase your tail.
- Stop to smell the roses (and the grass and the trees).
- Make friends with everyone in the neighborhood.
- Don't go for a run without your I.D.
- Make people you love feel welcome when they come home.

When should I call a vet?

Knowing when to call a vet is very important. Time can be critical, so when in doubt, call. But here are some things to consider:

- persistent vomiting for more than 24 hours (especially if yellow)
- unwilling to eat for more than 24 hours
- a high temperature of more than 105 degrees
- diarrhea for more than 24 hours
- constipation for more than 48 hours
- lying down for more than 8 hours
- unwilling to rise
- painful abdomen
- persistent bleeding
- blood in stool
- seen eating something potentially poisonous or obstructive
- sudden behavioral changes, i.e. restlessness, crying
- raised areas on skin
- rapid breathing
- lameness

Some practical things to have on hand include:

- rectal thermometer
- aspirin
- Pepto-Bismol, Ipecac and Kaopectate
- topical hydrocortisone
- antibiotic cream
- insect repellent
- mineral oil
- bandages
- Your vets phone number kept handy



This is Cassie, an Entlebucher Mountain Dog and a happy Pets First Customer. She is one of a very few Entlebuchers that pulls a cart and has strutted her stuff in Swiss Days Parades.

From the Prez



Here I am with Bella and Halo. I'm the good lookin' guy on the right!

It is always so pleasant to go to the various events and see my friends. It is a wonderful feeling when I get all the positive feedback about how well you are all doing on our great foods. We quietly passed our seventh anniversary not that long ago and I enjoyed receiving congratulations from customers who have been with us since the beginning. Thank you.

Bella (pictured above in the middle) has done extremely well on the new 'Naturals' diet. She complains about not being fed enough (currently 2 cups per day) but her waistline is trim and fit for a five year old. Halo, my daughter who is now three, has followed in my footsteps and become one of only five dual versatility Bernese Mountain dogs. She is the first female to achieve this milestone. Halo is now attempting agility and is doing quite well considering how noisy she is. It's hard to hear yourself think when she is running. I often go out to talk to her but she doesn't listen very well. She sure is having a lot of fun though.

We continue to make valuable improvements to our product line and are introducing a new line of shampoos and conditioners which are hypoallergenic and use only certified organic ingredients. Our new biscuit line has some great new healthy ingredients to help with your breath (parsley, chlorophyll, peppermint) or your immune system (ginseng, echinacea) or your digestion (yucca shidigera).

Try the new biscuit variety pack and let me know what your favourite is.

Watch for some great improvements to our web site, you'll soon be able to order thousands of products or read hundreds of articles. Or send us your great pictures, articles and funny stories.

Well I've talked enough, time for a nap!!!
Bandit

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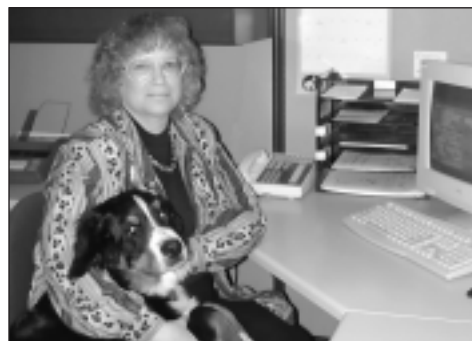
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We've got great new products 'Certified Organic' shampoos and conditioners. Our newest products are gentle, effective and use only certified organic ingredients to provide your pet with the best in hypoallergenic shampoos and conditioners. They can be used frequently due to their mild yet effective ingredients. A great way to keep your pet smelling and looking great. These products are highly concentrated so they're economical as well.

Tree Tar cream and Tree Tar shampoo

I know our customers don't have to worry about hot spots or skin conditions very often but there are times when these occur. We have created a wonderful medicinal product that has proven very effective in controlling hot spots and various other skin conditions. Our Tree Tar cream and Tree Tar shampoo eliminate the problem quickly and effectively and then provide soothing long term relief.

Flea and Tick shampoo. We're also introducing a chemical-free natural Flea and Tick shampoo for those that want to control these pests naturally. This shampoo uses certified organic ingredients combined with natural orange oil to fight off pesky fleas and ticks.



Here's Liz giving Romeo some computer training

Introducing...

We want to show you some of the faces (and voices) you keep busy behind the scenes here at Pets First.

Liz works out of our head office and is always ready to help our furry (and non-furry) customers. Her prime responsibility is to make sure you never run out of food so you'll usually find her on the phone. She also checks with newer customers to make sure everything is going well with their new diet. Liz can help answer your questions and is always willing to listen to your funny stories.

What do you call your cat?

Here are some terms from around the world.

Gato	Spanish	Kucing	Indonesian
Chat	French	Billy	Hindi
Kotuk	Ukrainian	Qattus	Maltese
Neko	Japanese	Cait	Gaelic
Popoki	Hawaiian	Köttur	Icelandic
Kissa	Finnish	Pisica	Romanian
Poes	Dutch	Bushi	Cree
Koshka	Russian	Paka	Swahili
Katze	German	Miss	Mayan
Ga'ta	Greek	Macë	Albanian
Kot	Polish	Gorbe	Farsi
Kut	Egyptian	Catua	Basque
Kedi	Turkish	Hirrah/Qitah	Arabic
Gatz	Armenian	Ikati	Zulu
Mao	Chinese	Biladi	Gujarati (India)
Biss	Arabic	Ko-yang-i	Korean



The "F" troop; aptly named Fraser, Friday, Freeway, Fergus, Franny, Freesia, Faith and Faedra.

The PADS F-Troop

A lot of hopes are tied up in the eight fluffy Golden Retriever puppies representing the PADS (Pacific Assistance Dog Society) new breeding program. Dreamer, who is being raised with Jim & Joanne Sparks and Tango (CH Allsgold's Last Tango) owned by Wolf & Melodie Grabner presented their litter of eight to the press, benefactors, supporters and new puppy raisers at a 'by invitation only' puppy shower.

PADS is a non profit society that trains dogs to assist people who have disabilities: hearing dogs, social dogs for pet therapy, service dogs who can turn on lights, retrieve things and specialty dogs for people with other disabilities.

In the past all PADS puppies have been donated by breeders, rescue groups or the SPCA. Now due to the generosity of a Golden breeder in Ontario, PADS has established their own breeding program.

All PADS service dogs are offered free of charge, except for a nominal application fee and material and supply fee at the time of placement. PADS also provide the recipient with items to care for the dog, including kennel, grooming supplies, vest and leash. The cost of raising, training and placing dogs as well as the long term follow up for 10 more years is extremely expensive and PADS relies solely on the generosity of donors.

For more information or if you wish to provide a donation to the "F" troop please call PADS at 527 0556.

Cats' noses are four times more sensitive than humans!

\$\$\$ earn extra \$\$\$

We are looking for individuals to join our pack at Pets First. If you enjoy being around our four-legged friends, and want to have fun, call Pam at 1-800-738-7178 for details.

The average cat eats 10 to 20 small meals a day.

Check the net

Our trusty (and busy) editor has been surfing the net again... and here are her picks.

- How to care for your elder dog. Stories, photos, info and care tips.
<http://www.srdogs.com>
- Send a Dog-o-gram to someone you love! Also training tips and a doggie shrink.
<http://www.dog-o-gram>
- Dogs of the Dow. A stock picking system!
<http://www.dogsofthedow.com>
- Breed reviews, top dog stats, humor and tons of lists to sign up for.
<http://www.hoflin.com>