



Mini Doodler



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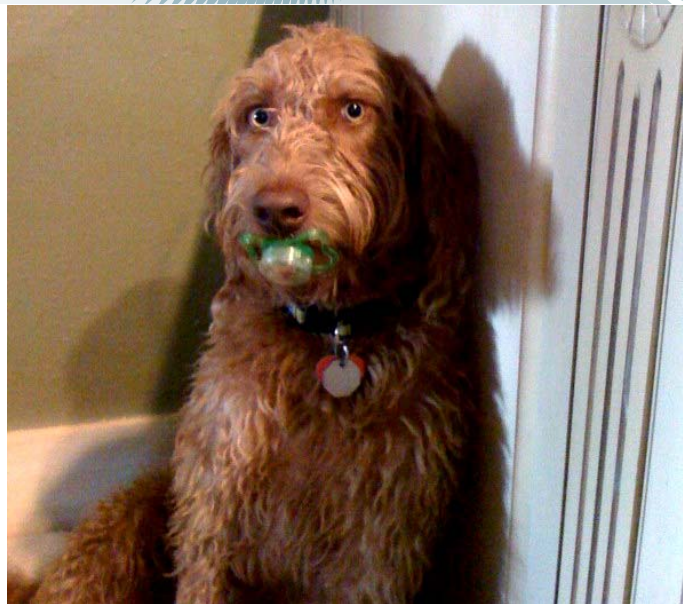
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This month's featured Doodles are all cream!



Doodle Funny!

A family went off to visit some friends out of town and took their beloved doodle, Lucy, along. The friends they went to visit have a 2 1/2 year old little girl named Elizabeth. At one point over the weekend, everyone was in the kitchen chatting when all of a sudden there was a blood-curdling scream from Elizabeth...yelling "Lucy...Lucy...my paci!" And there was Lucy in the corner just sucking away on little Elizabeth's Pacifier.



Roundtable Reminder

Event dates: September 25-27, 2009
Will be held in Seattle, Washington, at the
Marriott Courtyard Seattle Federal Way

Registration open to members and non-members at this time.
Please visit www.ilainc.com to register and for more information.
Any questions, contact Dixie Moore at moore.dixie@gmail.com

OUCH!

Summer Dog Paw Injuries

Many dog owners frequently overlook the potential dangers for dogs due to the summer heat. The hot sun causes pavement and sand to quickly build up to hot temperatures, which can result in burns and injuries to the dog's paw pads, or at best severe discomfort!

Paw pad injuries are hard to treat. The constant pressure to the pads from your dog walking on them makes them prone to infection and very slow to heal. Typically, all four paws are affected if injury is caused from walking on hot surfaces, so your dog does not have the option of hobbling on three legs to give a single injured paw a rest from use.

Prevention of heat related injury is easy.

- Don't walk your dog on hot pavement or sand. Walk them in the early morning or later

evening when pavement and sand have not built up heat yet.

- If possible, walk your dog on the grass.
- Take frequent walks on pavement during cooler times of the day. This helps the pads to toughen up and not be as prone to burns and cuts.
- Moisturize your dog's pads on a daily basis with products like Musher's Secret. Well moisturized paws are less prone to cracking and peeling.

When injury does occur, take the following measures to treat the problem.

- Wash the injured paw with an antibacterial soap and rinse thoroughly.
- Pat the wound dry with a clean towel.

- Pour Betadine (antiseptic) over the injury and allow to air dry. Do not use hydrogen peroxide. This can actually cause tissue damage and delay healing.
- Use an antibiotic ointment to treat the injury.
- Wrap the paw and ankle with rolled gauze in a figure 8 pattern to prevent the gauze bandage from slipping.
- Cover the bandage with a sock and use a bit of tape to hold in place at the ankle.
- Have the wound examined by your veterinarian. In many cases they will prescribe an antibiotic to help prevent infection.
- If your dog has a seriously burned pad, your veterinarian may prescribe a pain killer.



A Big Welcome to July's new members!

Pet Members:

Andrea Michon
 Arlyn & Ann Cook
 Cynthia Brown
 Debbie Albers
 Eric W. Johnson
 Jason and Karen Moore
 Jennifer & Paul Grube

Noreen Diodati
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