



Mini Doodler

Enriching one Doodle Owner's life at a Time!



*Happy
Holidays!*



2009 ALAA BREEDER ROUNDTABLE

The 2009 ALAA Roundtable was held in beautiful Seattle, Washington! This year's conference was attended by close to 60 breeders from around the U.S. and Canada. Myra Savant Harris was the guest speaker and provided us with tons of information on canine reproduction and whelping, and puppy intensive care. Myra has three wonderful books available that are packed with this same information for the novice and experienced breeder. They can be found at her online store <http://www.myrasavantharris.com/shop.html>

The feedback from this year's conference has been amazing. Thank you to all those who attended. It was wonderful to see you all there!

ALAA Board



ALAA HISTORY

The ALAA represents the United States of America and Canada). We are focused on nurturing the development of the Australian Labradoodle and Labradoodle, supporting quality breeding practices and promoting uniform standards and integrity in breeding.

The ALAA offers volunteer opportunities for ALAA members, pet owner and breeder, to shape the future of the organization. Initiatives are sponsored and facilitated by ALAA officers and committee members. To get involved, email a governing board member and they can help you connect with the leader of a team that you would like to be involved with.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HISTORY & GOALS OF OUR CHARTER...
Please visit <http://www.ilainc.com/ALAAHistory.html>

HOLIDAYS & OBSERVATIONS

November/December 2009

(The list below is not all inclusive of every day observed, but of major holidays and events that are most well known.)

NOVEMBER

- **All Saints Day:** November 1st. A Christian holiday to honor all of the saints of the Christian church.
- **Veterans Day:** November 11th. A day set aside to honor U.S. veterans.
- **Thanksgiving Day:** November 26th. In the U.S., Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It is a holiday that celebrates the harvest, family and thankfulness.
- **Black Friday:** November 27th. This day got its name in the late 1960's by overworked Philadelphia police officers who had to deal with excessive traffic and shoplifting due to the unofficial beginning of the Christmas/holiday shopping season.
- **Eid al-Adha:** November 27th. This is a day for Muslims to renew their pledge of obedience to Allah.
- **Advent begins:** November 29th. A holy season for Christians as they celebrate the coming of their Lord, Jesus. The beginning of the liturgical calendar.
- **Cyber Monday:** November 30th. The 21st century version of Black Friday. Online retailers compete by offering one day sales on the Monday following Thanksgiving.

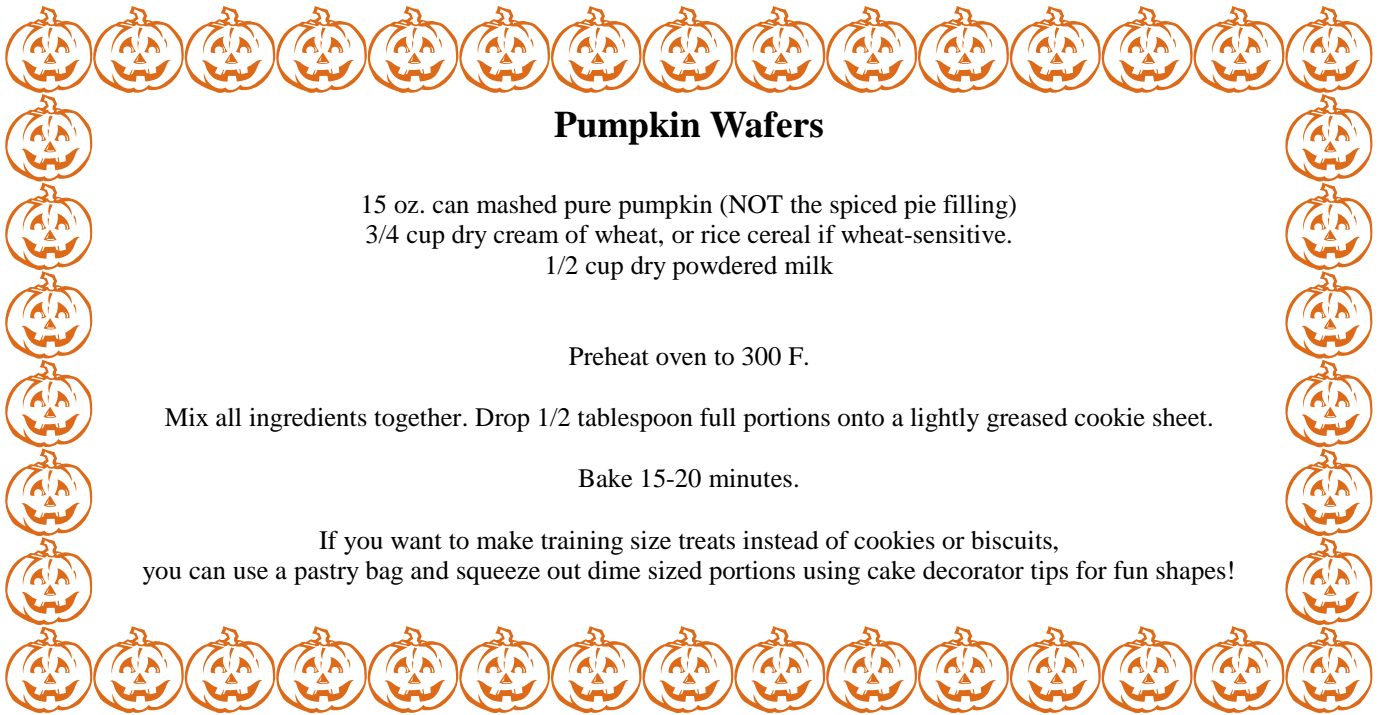
DECEMBER

- **Pearl Harbor Day:** December 7th. Commemorates the Japanese attack on the U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor.
- **Chanukkah:** Begins sunset December 11th and ends the 19th. An 8 day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the holy temple in Jerusalem, also known as the festival of lights.
- **Christmas:** December 25th. A Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, and also celebrated by non-Christians as a secular, cultural festival.
- **Kwanza:** December 26th. African-American holiday celebrating history, culture, family and community.
- **New Year's Eve:** December 31st. A time of celebration to see out the old year and ring in the new.

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway —
Thanksgiving comes again!





Pumpkin Wafers

15 oz. can mashed pure pumpkin (NOT the spiced pie filling)
3/4 cup dry cream of wheat, or rice cereal if wheat-sensitive.
1/2 cup dry powdered milk

Preheat oven to 300 F.

Mix all ingredients together. Drop 1/2 tablespoon full portions onto a lightly greased cookie sheet.

Bake 15-20 minutes.

If you want to make training size treats instead of cookies or biscuits,
you can use a pastry bag and squeeze out dime sized portions using cake decorator tips for fun shapes!

Holiday Dog Etiquette



Before making plans to take your dog along to visit friends or family during the holiday season, be considerate of your host or hostess and their hospitality. Ask them questions, and find out how they really feel about your dog tagging along, and if it seems there are concerns, leave him at home or board him elsewhere. Under no circumstances should you show up with your canine companion unannounced.

If your host is okay with you bringing your dog along, make sure there is a quiet place where he can be alone should there be need. You never know if he will feel overwhelmed by too much handling, activity level, or unfamiliar sights and sounds. Be prepared to meet his needs. Have a crate you can place in a quiet location and have ready if necessary.

When showing up at your host's home with your dog, have a small gift for them as a thank you for allowing you to bring your companion along. This is a gracious gesture and will always be appreciated. It never hurts to start out your visit on the best foot possible!

Being prepared for your visit can eliminate a lot of stress for everyone, including your dog. Have a packed doggy bag with toys and treats ready. Show up with your dog on a leash, and keep him with you on the leash until he is calm and settled. Introduce him slowly and individually to each person. Do not allow children to surround him and over handle him. Explain to them what you expect and if there is any risk of your dog being overwhelmed, or children not listening, put your dog in the crate in a quiet place until a better time to let him try joining the group again.

HAPPY VISITING!

DOG TRIVIA

1. Many people give this fruit to their dogs, however just a few bites can cause fatal kidney failure in some dogs.
A. Grapes B. Bananas C. Apples D. Strawberries
2. Dogs who eat this may become very ill from alcohol poisoning.
A. Applesauce B. Oatmeal C. Grape Jelly D. Bread Dough
3. Ingestion of just a few of these nuts can cause temporary paralysis of the back legs of some dogs.
A. Pecans B. Brazil Nuts C. Macadamia Nuts D. Peanuts
4. Which raw fish can cause poisoning in dogs?
A. Eel B. Sardines C. Salmon D. Bass
5. This food is sometimes used to season dog's meals, but can cause anemia.
A. Peanut Butter B. Bacon Fat C. Onions D. Chicken Broth
6. Which of the following is most likely to cause pancreatitis?
A. Mashed Potatoes B. Raw Eggs C. Turkey Skin D. Sugary Candy
7. A common food byproduct used in gardens has been found to cause vomiting, tremors, & fast heartbeat in dogs.
A. Peanut Shell Mulch B. Composted veggie waster C. Cocoa Bean Mulch D. Composted corn husks
8. Which of the following holiday plants is LEAST toxic to dogs?
A. Mistletoe B. Poinsettia C. Holly D. None of these are toxic to dogs

September & October's New Members

Pet Members:

Amy Kingsley
Bonnie Feldbush
Charles & Julie Rocheville
Danny & Kim Anderson
Joanne Paul
Laurie Bates
Madelon Keller
Nancy Norwood
Beth Anne Ausnehmer
Cala Pence
Carol & Sharon Murata
Kirby Smith

Richard B. Egen Jr.
Jack & Sharon Dolan
Stacey Farrington
Steven & Jackie Foster
Susan Krinn
Christina Sawyer
Debbie Tabb
Elaine S. Meyers
Gail Bartlow
Greg Ebner
Kathleen Crowl

Breeder Members:

Hills West Labradoodles
www.hillswestlabradoodles.com

A Sunshine Labradoodle
www.asunshinelabradoodle.com

Black Canyon Doodles
www.blackcanyondoodles.com

Ivy Lane Labradoodles
www.ivylanelabradoodles.com

DOG TRIVIA ANSWERED

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| 1. Grapes | 4. Salmon | 7. Cocoa Bean Mulch |
| 2. Bread Dough | 5. Onions | 8. Poinsettia |
| 3. Macadamia Nuts | 6. Turkey Skin | |