



Mini Doodler



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This month's featured Doodles!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's that time of year when people reflect on the last year, and resolve to commit to healthy and productive things over the upcoming year. Those resolutions should extend to the animals in our lives as well as we are their caretakers and they rely on us for their health and well being. Here are a few New Year's resolutions for you to consider for your dog.

- I will spay/neuter my dog if he/she is old enough and this has not already been done.
- I will schedule a yearly exam for my dog and make sure I am current with vaccinations.
- I will give my dog daily attention and exercise. This is good for my dog's health as well as my relationship with my dog.
- I will schedule regular grooming sessions if I am unable to keep up with coat maintenance on my own.
- I will take my dog to training classes or hire an in-home trainer to help with those areas my dog and I need help with.
- I will look into my dog's daily nutritional requirements and make sure I am feeding him a balanced and healthy diet made up of quality foods.

Winter Tips

There are many things to consider during this colder time of the year, especially if you live where temperatures reach below freezing. Here are a few things to remember for your dog's well-being.

- If your dog's paws become cracked or sore from walks in the snow or ice, consider buying him booties to protect his feet. It is better to invest in a good bootie than to treat for sores and infection later.

- No one wants to be cold in the winter, even your dog. If your dog does not tolerate the cold weather well and you notice him shivering when he is outside, give him a coat to wear. Dogs do suffer from hypothermia and frostbite. Protect your canine friend. You don't have to look like a sissy with your dog wearing a coat. There are many very cool coats for dogs these days, even leather ones!

- If your dog spends a lot of time outdoors, make sure his outdoor water bowl is not freezing over. A dog needs access to water at

all times or they may suffer dehydration. If you are unable to provide fresh water frequently, consider an electric bucket heater or a water source that is constantly running.

- During the winter, many people let their dog's coats grow longer than other times of the year. With the labradoodle coat this can lead to major matting, make sure you are brushing all the way down to the bottom of the coat, not just the surface.

Fast & Easy Liver Treats

Ingredients:

- 1 lb chicken livers
- 1 Tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 cup flour
- 1 Egg
- 1 cup corn meal

Place chicken livers and liquid from the package in a blender and liquify. Add the egg, mix about one minute more. Pour into a bowl. Add flour, corn meal and garlic powder. Mix well. Spray a jelly roll pan with non-stick spray. Pour mixture into the pan and bake for 15 minutes at 400 degrees. Remove from oven and cut into small squares while still warm.

Keep in freezer to prevent spoilage.

Snow, snow, when are you falling...

*Snow, snow when are you falling?
 Snow, snow none of your stalling.
 Autumn's gone and Winter's here
 It's just about that time of the year
 You know
 For a beautiful snow
 Come on and snow, snow beautiful,
 wonderful snow.*

This adorable doodle had a little too much fun playing in the snow! He had buried his head one too many times and came up to discover he couldn't see a thing. His owner found him standing like a statue in the middle of their yard too afraid to move!

This little pup had just discovered snow for the first time.



Still Looking for More Pictures!

If you'd like to see your labradoodle in an upcoming Mini Doodler, please email photos to rsundholm@msn.com. It would be much appreciated if they were sent in a small file size so they are easy and quick to receive.



A Big Welcome to December's new members!

Pet Members

- Catherine Clairmont
- David and Joy Thomas
- Doug Dopita
- Robin M. Lake, MD
- Jean Armstrong
- William Greenberg

- Melisa Boross
- Kelli and Lee Floyd
- Neva S. Moore
- Tanguy & Julie Martin
- Virginia Buchanan Budnyk

Breeder Member

- CFL Doodles
- www.cfldoodles.com
- Owner: Maureen Coats

