



# Mini Doodler



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## Hey Dude!



## ALAA Breeder's Roundtable Seattle, Washington September 25-27, 2009

We are excited to announce that the 2009 Breeders' Roundtable will be held in Seattle, Washington, this year on September 25th-27th! The previous Roundtables were held in Florida, and Texas. We look forward to hosting this event on the west coast this year and hope to see many new faces attend this fantastic conference opportunity!

Early registration is now available for ALAA Member Breeders. On August 1st, registration will be open to anyone. Join us this year as we learn from the well known author and speaker, Myra Savant Harris. Her books include *Canine Reproduction & Whelping: A Dog Breeder's Guide*, and *Puppy Intensive Care: A Breeder's Guide to Newborn Care*.

For more information on how to register, please visit:  
<http://www.ilainc.com/PDF/June09RoundtableAnnouncement.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact Dixie Moore at [moore.dixie@gmail.com](mailto:moore.dixie@gmail.com)

### Farewell to Fleas the Natural Way!

There are natural methods you can utilize that make your dog less desirable to fleas if you are worried about the effects of chemicals on your dog. Try just one of these methods, or try them all!

- Cut a lemon into quarters and place in a pint jug. Cover the lemon with boiling water and let steep overnight. Use in a spray bottle and use all over your dog. Don't forget behind the ears, under "armpits" and the base of tail. Be careful around the eyes.
- Mix 10 ml. of sweet almond oil, 10 drops of lavender and 5 drops of cedarwood. Shake well. Use 1 or 2 drops on the skin weekly.
- Make a flea collar by rubbing a few drops of eucalyptus oil, Tea Tree Oil, citronella, lavender or geranium onto a fabric collar or a doggy bandanna. Do this weekly.
- Garlic is an internal flea repellent. Give your dog a crushed clove of garlic daily mixed in with his food. Or, give your dog brewer's yeast tablets according to the directions. This makes your dog less attractive to fleas as the garlic comes through the dog's skin from the inside out.
- Adding a spoonful of apple cider vinegar to your dog's water bowl will make your dog's skin unpleasant to fleas. You can also dilute 50/50 with water and use in a spray bottle all over your dog.
- Make your own herbal flea dip which will also work on ticks. Steep two cups of fresh rosemary in two pints of boiling water for 30 minutes. Strain the liquid, discard the leaves and add warm water to make one gallon of this mixture. Pour this over the dog until it's coat is saturated. Do not rinse off and allow the dog to dry naturally.
- Don't forget that bathing your dog is critical to removing flea debris and fleas. Do this just before using a flea treatment.
- Remember to vacuum your home thoroughly and wash dog bedding.

## Mmmm...Mmmm...Beefsicle Treat!

2 cups low salt beef or chicken broth  
 2/3 cup water  
 2 or 3 ice cube trays  
 Small bully sticks

- Mix water with beef or chicken broth and pour into ice cube trays. Place in freezer. Halfway through freezing, add a small bully stick to each "popsicle". This recipe is quick, easy, and irresistible treat for your canine buddy!

What would I do without you  
 My precious, furry friend?...  
 Part mischief, but all blessing,  
 And faithful to the end!

You look at me with eyes of love:  
 You never hold a grudge...  
 You think I'm far too wonderful  
 To criticize or judge.

It seems your greatest joy in life  
 Is being close to me...  
 I think God knew how comforting  
 Your warm, soft fur would be.

I know you think your human,  
 But I'm glad it isn't true...  
 The world would be a nicer place  
 If folks we're more like you!

A few short years is all we have:  
 One day we'll have to part...  
 But you my pet, will always have  
 A place within my heart.

- Hope Marrington Molb



## August's New Members

### Pet Members:

Amy Bryman  
 Caesar Lopez  
 Carolynne Levers  
 Cindy & Allen Meyerhoff  
 Deborah M Cox  
 Diana Meyer  
 Gregg Beatty  
 Joyce and Tom Flattery  
 Katherine Schmidt

Laurie L. Russell  
 Melanie and Mark White  
 Nicholas Panagopoulos  
 Steven Albanese  
 Meena & Jonathan Wehrs  
 Mary Bonneville Riley  
 Kelly and Jason Smith

### Breeder Members:

Labradoodle Story Tails  
 Owner: Jessica Gardener  
  
 Winsome Cottage Labradoodles  
 Owner: Katherine Schmidt  
  
 Vinton Valley Australian Labradoodles  
 Owner: Dr. Yvette Vinton