



Mini Doodler



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Spring Doodles!



One Year Anniversary!

It was one year ago this month that the first Mini Doodler was sent out to membership. It was the goal of the ALAA to have regular communication with members. It is our sincere hope that you have found the Mini Doodler to be fun and informative and of benefit to you as a pet and/or breeder member. As we enter into this next year, we would love to hear from you about topics or issues you'd like to see addressed. Please send your thoughts and ideas to Rochelle Sundholm at vp@ilainc.com

IALA Representatives

We are pleased to announce that the ALAA representatives to the IALA will be Heather Hale, Bonnie Patrick, and Shari O'Quinn! The purpose of the IALA will be to establish a web presence and rules for the sister organizations, such as the ALAA, ALA, and ALAEU. It will also propose and maintain the common rules for the organizations, such as the grading scheme. We look forward to their achievements!

New Paw Requirements

The Health Committee has recommended, and the Board adopted, a new requirement for the Gold Paw Rewards Program. Breeders with a gold paw will have six months from the formal announcement soon to go out to achieve compliance with the following new requirement:

- PRA clearance. If status is verifiable via parent dog health test reports, the test will be waived. Dogs with unknown PRA status must be tested.

As always, we would like to express our appreciation to our breeders for your dedication to maintaining the health of our breed.

ALAA Breeder's Roundtable! September 25-27, 2009

This will be the 4th annual ALAA Breeder's Roundtable! Each year breeders meet for a weekend of fun together and educational sessions. We are very excited to announce that this year Myra Savant Harris, author of *Canine Reproduction And Whelping: A Dog*

Breeder's Guide and Puppy Intensive Care: A Breeder's Guide to Care of Newborn Puppies, will be conducting her acclaimed seminar for us in Seattle, Washington. If you would like to read more about Myra, please visit her website at www.myrasavantharris.com

We are still working on the full venue for the weekend and will announce further information regarding the conference when it is available.

We hope to see you all in Seattle this year!

HIKING WITH YOUR DOG

Hiking with your dog can be one of the most enjoyable experiences. Not only are they great hiking companions, they force you to keep a brisk pace. When hiking with your dog, be aware of what trails are dog friendly and make sure your dog is wearing up to date tags. Bring along some treats, but don't feed your dog a heavy meal before heading out. Feed him afterward. It is always important to carry water for your dog just as you would for yourself. A basic first aid kit for your dog is a good idea, too. Instead of carrying everything yourself, have your dog wear and carry his own dog pack. This not only helps lessen your load, it gives your dog an extra workout and gives him something to think about.



If you love to hike with your dog, there are some great book resources available to you that provide detailed information on where to play and stay with your dog across the country as well as state specific hiking guides.

For families who like to take their dog along with them wherever they go, you might find this site helpful when planning a trip. <http://www.hikewithyourdog.com/>

Happy Trails!

CRUNCHY SUNFLOWER BISCUITS

from the MSPCA, Boston, MA

2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup soy flour
1 tsp salt
1/4 cup corn meal

2 eggs mixed with 1/4 cup milk
2 Tbsps butter or vegetable oil
1/4 cup unsulphered molasses
1/2 cup sunflower seeds



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix dry ingredients. Add melted butter (or oil), molasses and egg mixture (save 1 Tbsp egg mixture). Knead together (add milk if too dry), let sit for 1/2 hour. Roll to 1/2 inch and cut into desired shapes with cookie cutter. Put on cookie sheet, "paint" on remaining egg mixture, and bake 30 minutes. Let cool and store in tightly sealed container.

Welcome New Members!



Pet Members:

Eugene R. Hodges
Kat Travis
Robert Ciole Watson
Susan I Gerhardt
Suzanne and Greg Vening
Jackie Brown

Breeder Member:

Puppy Heaven Labradoodles
www.puppyheavenlabradoodles.com
Owner: Kyla Perry

