



Mini Doodler



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This month's featured Doodles!



A Lone Star Success!!!!

The 3rd annual breeder's Roundtable in Austin, Texas, was a huge success! Thanks to all who attended to make this year the unforgettable time that it was. From the beautiful setting at The Crossings, to the wonderful conversations with others, to the fantastic speakers, we couldn't have asked for more. We hope you experienced true Texas hospitality at it's finest. For those who attended that had to leave before the evaluation forms were available, we'd love to hear your feedback about this years event to better help us plan for next year.



For those who weren't able to join us in Austin, we missed your presence, and we hope to see ya'll next year!

IDOG.biz

The International Doodle Owner's Group, Inc. is a fantastic resource for pet owners and breeders. Set up as a rescue and re-home organization for doodles, this organization has become a wonderful resource in so many other ways. The IDOG site contains information about preparing for a puppy, training, health issues, fun sites to visit, and doodle communi-

ties where you live that get together socially with their dogs. It is well worth your time to visit this site.



If you know anyone looking for an older doodle, they can apply to IDOG and the volun-

teers can possibly identify an appropriate re-home puppy or dog that is available and would be a perfect match for that family. Many of these dogs simply weren't placed in the right homes to begin with, but are perfect for someone, somewhere. The tireless efforts of these volunteers doesn't go unnoticed. Many thanks go out to them for being caretakers of the dogs we love so much!

Halloween Hazard

Don't underestimate the stress that Halloween can cause for your dog. This can be a very confusing holiday for them. Ghosts and goblins running around and approaching your home can lead to a dog that feels threatened. If your dog is apprehensive, put him in a place where he will feel safe and give him a favorite toy or treat. Reassuring your dog that all is well is your responsibility. You may want to dress your dog up and drag him around the neighborhood, but please put your dog's needs ahead of your own. Halloween bites and injuries are not uncommon. Don't become a sad statistic.



Tasty Bat Wings

Makes 18 treats (for dogs)

1/4 cup warm water
5 tablespoons parmesan cheese
3 tablespoons soft margarine
1 tablespoon cod liver oil
1 cup white flour
1/4 cup soy flour

Preheat oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Combine water, cheese, margarine and oil and mix well. Add flour and form a dough. Roll to 1/4 inch thick and cut with cookie cutters into bat shapes. Bake at 300 degrees on an ungreased cookie sheet for 20-25 minutes or until cookies are lightly golden. Cool slightly on cookie sheet, then remove to rack to cool completely and then store in covered container in the refrigerator. Boo!

September Motions (Passed motions)

Motion: 9:05:08 Requirements for ALAA breeders to remain active

All breeders must have 1 intact, tested/breedable, registered Labradoodle, Labrador, or Poodle, to remain a breeder member. The dog must be used in the breeder's own active Labradoodle breeding program in order to comply. An active breeding program must have at least one Labradoodle litter per year, although exceptions may be made by the Board upon request.

Motion: 9:3:08 Mission statement for the ALAA

"The ALAA protects and promotes the interests of the Labradoodle-

and Australian Labradoodle through a continuing process of educating, supporting, and providing services for its members, with the primary goals of advocating sound breeding practices and encouraging responsible pet ownership."

Motion: 9:2:08 Letter to CERF requesting Labradoodle category

The ALAA has requested a separate breed category for Labradoodles with breeding recommendations by CERF for specific eye diagnosis

Motions of a sensitive nature are not disclosed to membership in order to protect the parties involved.

Surviving Winter



Seasons have changed, daylight hours have decreased, fido has a voracious appetite. Surviving winter with your dog can be tricky, but with a little extra planning

you and your four legged friend will be fine. Your dog still needs daily exercise and being cooped up all day in the house is sure to lead to the "butt tuck and run". Allow your dog to accompany you when you run errands or pick up kids from school, still take him for his daily walk even if you have to bundle up. The more you can include your dog in daily activities, the happier everyone will be. A happy dog, makes a happy owner!

September's New Members

Pet Members:

Ashley Lohman
Carol McCasland
David & Jane Lawrence
Enid Lipsett
Marco and Amanda Ciraulo
Michael Wilk
Nancy White

Ruby Adaya
Susan Clouse
Susie Meltzer and George Ricardo
Suzanne Scannell
Theresa NeSmith
Vickie Lee Fenster

Breeder Members:

Talaki Ridge Australian Labradoodles
www.talakiridge.com
Owner: Cynthia Williams