



# Mini Doodler



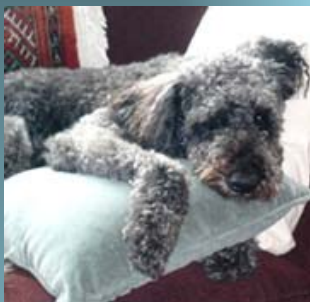
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*This month's featured Doodles!*



## Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall

Summer has quickly passed, and the cooler days of autumn are swiftly coming upon us. Many changes occur this time of year, some that will affect your dog. If he has spent much more time with his family due to vacations and school sessions being out for children, he will have to adjust to a quieter time without as much activity for him each day. For some dogs, this can be a challenge. Being prepared to help your dog will make this transition easier for him, and for you.

Your dog will greatly appreciate more chew toys and bones to help keep him occupied during the day when his family is gone. Purchase appropriate ones that will not present possible choking hazards. Also, provide toys of interest. A simple thing you can do is to take a 2 liter plastic bottle and put a few dog treats inside. Let your dog roll this around and carry it around and he will occasionally be rewarded with a treat falling out.

The best thing you can do for your dog is to give him a good walk or play time in the morning before everyone leaves for work and school. Another good walk and play time when someone returns home will also help to release some of the energy he has likely built up during the day. Between the walks, play time, and bones/toys provided him during the day, you are less likely to have a dog with too much energy when you return

Spades take up leaves  
No better than spoons,  
And bags full of leaves  
Are light as balloons.  
I make a great noise  
Of rustling all day  
Like rabbit and deer  
Running away.

*Robert Frost*



## Last Roundtable Reminder!

Event dates: September 25th-27th, 2009  
Will be held in Seattle, Washington

Featuring Myra Savant Harris!  
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## Meat Patties

6 pounds hamburger  
2 sweet potatoes  
24 oz. cottage cheese

1 apple  
1 pear  
3 Tbs Soy &/or Worcestershire Sauce

Cut up sweet potatoes and boil about 15 minutes, or until easily mashed. Put apple and pear through a food processor until well chopped. Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix well.

Use 1/4 cup measuring scoop and shape mixture into meat patties on a tray lined with wax paper. To store, put tray in the freezer until the patties are frozen enough to remove from the wax paper and put into a gallon size freezer bag.

To serve, microwave each patty 3-4 minutes, then mix in with dog kibble. Excellent supplement for coat.

*Variations to recipe: Add 1/2 cup oatmeal, or 1/2 cup peas and greenbeans to the food processor with the apple and pear.*

## Dog Trivia

- According to tests at the Institute for the Study of Animal Problems in Washington D.C., dogs and cats, like people, are either right-handed or left-handed; that is, they favor either their right or left paws.
- The canine nose works one million times more efficiently than the human nose.
- According to Breed All About It (a television show), Royalty and The Rich used to like little dogs for an unusual reason. They would put the little lap dog under the covers before retiring so that bedbugs, fleas, etc., would go onto the dog instead of themselves!
- The name of the dog on the Cracker Jack box is Bingo.
- Don't smile at any dog that you feel may be dangerous. To him, you would be baring your teeth as a sign of aggression.
- An American Animal Hospital Association poll showed that 33 percent of dog owners admit that they talk to their dogs on the phone or leave messages on an answering machine while away.
- At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life", an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for his Shetland sheepdog.
- Using their swiveling ears like radar dishes, experiments have shown that dogs can locate the source of a sound in 6/100ths of a second.
- The first seeing-eye dog was presented to a blind person on April 25, 1938.
- 'Seizure Alert' dogs can alert their owners up to an hour before the onset of an epileptic seizure.
- Seventy percent of people sign their pet's name on greeting cards and 58 percent include their pets in family and holiday portraits, according to a survey done by the American Animal Hospital Association.

## August's New Members

Amy Kingsley  
Bonny Feldbush  
Charles and Julie Rocheville  
Danny & Kim Anderson  
Joanne Paul  
Laurie Bates  
Madelon Keller

Nancy Norwood  
Richard B. Egen Jr  
Sharon & Jack Dolan  
Stacey Farrington  
Steven and Jackie Foster  
Susan Krinn