

***Diann's Happy Tails Training***  
***Oct. Newsletter***  
***magic powers of pumpkin & more***  
**New puppy Class Sat. 10-15 @ 1 p.m.**

***Read below Dante's 2 year tummy issues\*\*Wonders of pumpkin\*\*\****  
***New Puppy class in Oct. \*\*\*\*\*Huge cat & dog treat & canned food sale***  
***Meet Misty below\*\*\*\*Homemade pumpkin treats\*\*\****

Many of you know and have meet my Rottie Dante, pictured here. he does not look like a wimpy dog. But, the purpose of this newsletter is to help anyone having digestive problems with their dog. I am talking about **Pumpkin**. Not the sugar filled pie filling, but the canned pure pumpkin, 100% pumpkin. I am so convinced this is a super food for dogs it will be a part of Dantes life forever, and any dogs I may have after him, healthy or not. Dante is a very healthy dog. BUT- he has the most sensitive tummy I have ever seen. After bringing him home at 9 weeks, I soon discovered he could not eat chicken. My quest for the "Perfect dog food began" all the bad stuff in dog food, good, and how it was made, and where it came from. I researched every ingredient in every bag of food, every dog food company and treats. Finding out, that even the smallest of an ingredient could set off a reaction in him of some kind or other. Just proof that not one dog food will fit every dog.

Almost every dog food has some form of chicken in it. By the age of one, he had 2 nasty ear infections.. Even if the food was preserved with chicken fat or had it in the ingredients, he couldn't tolerate it. So, nothing in his diet had any chicken at all. In the meantime, I was trying to figure out his loose stools, the kind I couldn't even pick up. I finally got that narrowed down to fruits & veggies. Mostly apples and lettuce. Finally I felt I was getting somewhere. During the experiments with the food, meat sources, fruits, etc.. he also had a throwing up problem. Any thing made him throw up.. I really had to work hard to figure this one out. First I thought to much excitement. Being a puppy, of course he was always happy and over excited. Then it was to hot, or he played to hard in the heat, if he was to tired, or didn't get his nap in. Played to soon after eating. that was something I tried to avoid with a passion, seeing that Rotts are very prone to stomach torsion. You get the picture.



Some chemicals in some foods would irritate his stomach, so back to the food change. All the good foods with limited ingredients he didn't like. Just to boring, cant blame him there. Finally, after 2 years, I think I got it down. He is doing the best on Acana Pacifica & Ranchlands & Fromm, Grain Free beef Fraitia.

he has to eat grain free food, limited ingredients, only natural preservatives, which I always made sure anyway. He can eat bananas and loves them, and little bits of carrots or squash. Thank goodness he loves pumpkin. I am convinced that pumpkin is a super food for dogs. It has long been a fact that pumpkin will help a dog with diarrhea or constipation. So, I thought why not try it for his tummy. It may be the vitamins in it, but it soothes his tummy. Whatever it is, it works. The few times he didn't get pumpkin, at least a tablespoon in his meal, he would be throwing up all day. With the pumpkin, he doesn't. I did some research on pumpkins and dogs, and discovered it is healthier than I thought. made me feel a bit guilty. I know I should eat it, but

its not one of my likes. I found that pumpkin has high levels of vitamin A, which is great for dogs. It is very high in fiber, so it will fill your dog up more when added to his food with much less calories than the dog food. I gave him his first stuffed Kong last night filled with frozen pumpkin, instead of his usual canned food. To much can have the opposite effect and cause loose stools, so be careful.

It is rich in carotenoids which enhances the immune system, and is high in potassium. Some experts have proven it wards off certain cancers in dogs. What a wonderful and cheap way to do something heathy for your dog. one hint\*\* **It is a seasonal item.** I found myself one week going everywhere looking for canned pumpkin. Nothing like feeling like an obsessed dog owner looking for pumpkin. I will stock up and hope to never run out again.

I found some good healthy homemade recipes, links below. One is called **Pumpkin Leather**, I will try it first because it is the fastest. Not really a recipe, so **I'll make a note of it below.**

Even if you have a healthy dog without any tummy upsets, just the benefits it gives for their immune system is worth it.. He still gets his plain yogurt and a spoon of probiotics each meal.

The enzymes is very good for pets, and does help him.

See below for the links to pumpkin recipes, the homemade leather treats, and while I was at I did some house {Garage} cleaning.

**I have a bunch of cat and dog treats that are going on sale while supplies last at the lowest price ever. Come check them out. If its not listed on sale, chances are I may have it, & all treats & canned cat & dog will be at a big discount.**

Dant's first trip to the beach. he can't understand why his ball won't stay buried in the wet sand.



**NEW PUPPY CLASS STARTS  
ON SAT. 10-15 @ 1 P.M.**

**4 weeks\*\*\$52.00.**

**Social skills, manners, Q & A**

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**PRE REGISTER**

**PUPPIES NEED 2 SETS OF  
VACC AT START OF CLASS.**

**DROP IN'S WELCOME**

**WITH NOTICE**

**FAMILIES ENCOURAGED**

**TO COME.**

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**Links for pumpkin treats**

<http://www.best-dog-treats-recipes.com>

<http://www.all-natural-dog-treats.com>

**diannshappytails.com**

**EASY PUMPKIN LEATHER TREATS**

pre heat oven to 150 F. A dehydrator works great too.  
 Take a large can of pumpkin, I use the large ones from Costco. Spread out evenly on a non stick baking sheet. Cook on low for 5 to 8 hours, or until not sticky. If you want crisper treats or chewy, your choice. Cool, roll off cookie sheet, cut into squares or whatever size you wish.  
**Cant be any easier than that.**

**For the Cats in your family: While supplies last**

**GREENIES FOR CATS: \$1.50 EA**

**ZUKES HIP ACTION: SEVERAL FLAVORS @ \$2.50 EA.**

**FROMM & CANIDAE CANNED CAT\*\* CHICKEN & RICE & SALMON @ \$.1.25 EA**

**MULLIGAN STEW & MERRICK CANNED CAT\*\*\$1.00 EACH**

**FOR THE DOGS IN YOUR FAMILY: WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

**NUTRI VET PROBIOTICS: 1/2 OFF. SALE @ \$12.00 FOR 8 OZ.**

**ALL ZUKES TREATS, SEVERAL FLAVOR: 5 OZ @ \$3.00\*\*\*\* 8 OZ @ \$4.00**

**ZUKES TREATS COME IN PEANUT BUTTER HARD MINI BISCUITS, SOFT CHEWY TREATS, MANY TO CHOOSE FROM.**

**DOG CANNED: CHICKEN SOUP: @ \$1.00 EACH**

**FROMM: SHREDDED PORK, CHICKEN OR SALMON @ \$2.00 EACH**

**MERRICK & NATURES @ \$1.00 EACH**



Come meet Misty.

She is a sweet Siberian Husky looking for a perfect home.

Loves dog, people, fun.

Misty is the grey & white dog on top. She just turned one, and is very smart. She will make someone the perfect dog. If you want a happy, tail wagging dog, she won't disappoint you. Echo is the poodle, he's just one of her many doggie daycare friends.



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