

A woman with long brown hair and glasses, wearing blue scrubs, is smiling and holding a small, fluffy, light-brown dog. The background features a large logo for Shawnee Animal Clinic, which includes a stylized 'S' and 'A' in black and red. The text 'SHAWNEE ANIMAL CLINIC' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters at the top of the image.

SHAWNEE ANIMAL CLINIC

NEWS

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Providing the latest news on events and community service projects from
your friends at Shawnee Animal Clinic.

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High School Reality Fairs

Throughout the month of January, Shawnee Animal Clinic's Marketing Team participated in multiple reality fairs at various local high schools. Events like these allow us to help our youth prepare for the costs of living on their own, and give them a better understanding of what it means to become independent after graduation.



Serving Our Community

High School Reality Fairs





Dog Training

NATIONAL TRAIN YOUR DOG MONTH

Why is training so important?

Training is an essential part of owning a dog and can be started at any age. Training builds confidence, provides mental stimulation and strengthens the human-animal bond. Dogs are always learning. It is never too late to start training.

Dogs that have anxiety or more timid personalities can benefit from training. It provides a sense of accomplishment and provides a way for us to communicate with our four-legged family members. This strengthens the bond we have with our dogs through positive attention. Plus, they can spend time with us, which is what most dogs want, to be close to us.

Mental stimulation is an important part of a

dog's overall well-being. It is just as vital as daily physical exercise.

When it is too cold or rainy outside, going through basic training skills indoors can be the exercise our bored dogs need. Or if your dog must limit exercise due to an injury or after a surgery, mental stimulation is necessary to keep them occupied.

Will training make my dog behave better?

Sometimes it is challenging for our dogs to understand what it is we are asking of them. This can cause frustration for both us and our dogs. Typically, what we think of as "bad" behavior is really normal dog behavior. These may include chewing on things or digging. Dogs explore their environment by using their noses, mouths and paws. If these normal behaviors are not used in an appropriate way, they can lead to trouble. Dogs will learn to do things when people are not around. Dogs have no concept of right or wrong. It is up to us to teach our dogs what is "right." If a dog is taught to chew on toys, he/she will look for these instead of your shoes. The key is consistency with training

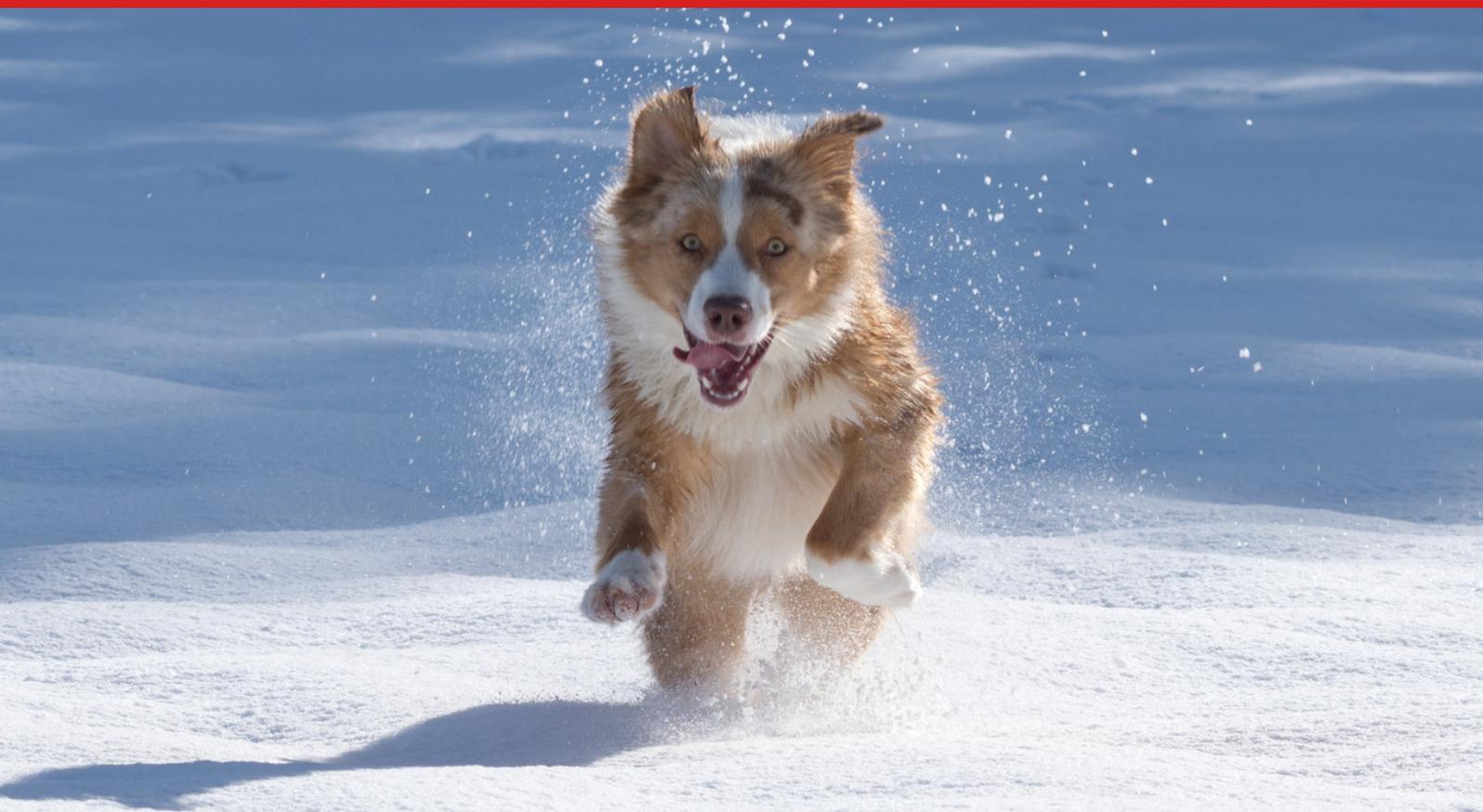
and it can take a time to achieve the exact results you want.

When should I start training my new puppy?

It is recommended to start socializing and training your puppy as soon as you get them home. Some breeders recommend waiting until the puppy has completed their vaccine series. However this is too late! When puppies are between the ages of 6 to 16 weeks they are in an ideal developmental stage to socialize them to all aspects of our world. This means exploring new people, new dogs, new cats and new locations. Enrolling your puppy in a "Puppy Socialization" class will help with both socializing and beginning early training process. Additionally young dogs will go through an adolescent phase between 8 - 18 months when socializing and training can be important tools to keep your dog friendly and happy as they go through the "teenage years".

We proudly offer on site dog training here at SAC. If you would like to seek professional help, please call us today at (740)353-5758.

Information gathered from loyal-companions.com.



Snow Day Fun

FUN SNOW DAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR PUP

Cold weather doesn't have to mean staying indoors. Your dog may not be able to enjoy a warm day at the dog park, but that doesn't mean he can't have fun. Let's explore some fun snow day activities for you and your pup – but first, we need to review a few important pet winter safety tips.

- Limit your dog's time outdoors in the cold weather.
- Consider dressing your pup in booties and/or a sweater to help keep him warm.

- Always provide plenty of fresh water so your dog does not seek hydration from eating snow that may contain chemicals, dirt, salt, etc.
- After play, clean your dog's paws and remove any de-icer residue which is toxic to dogs.
- Remember that older dogs or dogs with arthritis may not be as tolerant to cold weather.
- If you have any concerns with winter safety for your pet, contact your primary veterinarian.

With safety as a top priority, consider these five activities to keep your dog happy and active during the chilly months of winter.

Fetch

Fetch is a fun game that provides both mental and physical stimulation for your dog. If played in moderation, it is safe to play fetch outdoors in snowy weather. Use a bright-colored disc or ball that is easy to find in the snow.

Avoid playing fetch around ice so your dog does not slip and fall. If you don't have a throwing toy handy, your dog may even enjoy running after snowballs.

Snow Maze

This clever idea gained popularity after dog owners started sharing videos of their snow mazes, such as this one, on social media. To make a snow maze for your dog, simply create narrow pathways in your yard with a snow shovel. Then connect the pathways in fun, twisty patterns like a maze. Once you create your maze, release your dog and watch him navigate through the pathways. Not only will your dog get plenty of exercise running through the maze, but he will also get mental stimulation from trying to find his way out. Be sure to make your snow maze in a fenced-in area where your dog cannot get away. Otherwise, keep your dog on a long leash.



Indoor Dog Park or Doggie Day Care

If it is too cold or dangerous to play outside, research indoor dog parks or doggie day cares in your area. These facilities allow your dog to exercise and socialize while avoiding all of the potential dangers of winter weather. These options will cost you something, but you could think of them as special treats you give to your pup a few times each winter.

Walking

The phrase “Do you want to go for a walk?” will excite your dog no matter how warm or cold it is outdoors. You can still safely walk your dog in the snow. Consider taking your dog for shorter walks more frequently throughout the day to avoid long-term exposure to the cold. Watch your dog carefully throughout the walk for signs that he is cold; if you notice him shiver or shake, end the walk and bring him indoors.

Indoor Training

- During the winter you will likely spend a lot of time indoors, so take some

time to train your dog. Teaching your dog a new trick or command keeps his mind active while also strengthening your connection with him. All you need is patience and some small treats for an indoor training session with your dog. You can teach useful commands, indoor manners or even basic agility training. Your dog might not get time outdoors, but he will still be active and entertained.

Go Sledding

Dogs (with expert off-leash recall) can't resist a huge hill with fresh powder or snowball fetch! Some take after their humans and prefer riding down a hill on a sled, while other pups like sledding the good ol' fashioned way—on their bellies. Make sure they have a collar on with an updated ID tag, are chipped or wearing a GPS collar, and avoid sledding in crowded areas where they could collide with an unsuspecting human.

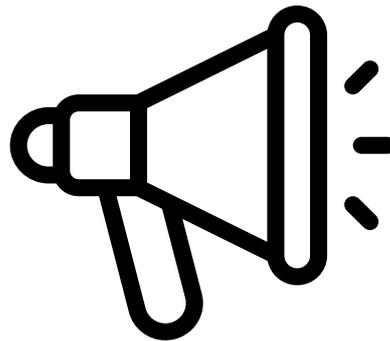
Keep Your Dog Busy With Treat Puzzles

We have a million things to entertain us on a screen when we're bored, but unless we're actively doing something with our dogs, they need some brain-flexing solo activities. Treat puzzles range in difficulty levels depending on your pup's puzzlin' skills, but you can always opt for something simple and rewarding, like frozen peanut butter or treats in a toy.

As you can see, there are a variety of fun activities for you and your dog to participate in during the cold winter months. It is important to keep your dog active and happy even when it is cold outside.

Information gathered from post.bark.co & dailypaws.com.

ATTENTION



SAC FYI

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL INFO



Instant Rebates

\$15 Instant rebate and 2 free doses of Heartgard when you purchase 12 doses of Heartgard.

\$15 Instant rebate and 1 free dose of NexGard when you purchase 6 doses of NexGard.

\$45 Instant rebate and 2 free doses of NexGard when you purchase 12 doses of NexGard.

Welcome to The Team

We would like to welcome our new Grooming Spa Manager, Morgan Mason! Morgan has been grooming for 8 years, and loves animals. Her family recently moved to Southern Ohio from Maryland. Thank you Morgan for all you have done for our team so far!

Heartgard/Nexgard Savings

We are offering free doses of Heartgard and NexGard while supplies last on eligible Heartgard & NexGard products. Savings are as follows:

\$60 Instant rebate PLUS 2 free doses of Heartgard & NexGard when you purchase 12 doses of Heartgard and 12 doses of NexGard.

\$30 Instant rebate PLUS 2 free doses of Heartgard & 1 free dose of NexGard when you purchase 12 doses of Heartgard and 6 doses of NexGard.

\$20 Instant rebate PLUS 1 free dose of Heartgard & NexGard when you purchase 6 doses of Heartgard and 6 doses of NexGard.

February 2023

Pet Dental Health Awareness Month

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					Doggy Date Night Get ready for lots of puppy kisses! Today is the perfect day to setup a puppy play date.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SACPuppy Bowl Join us on social media to watch our pups battle for the puppy bowl championship.					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Valentines Day Join us on social media for some special valentines photoshoots.				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Presidents Day Join us in celebrating the founding of our nation and its values.	World Spay Day Created to combat the crisis of pet overpopulation in every corner of the globe		International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day Stop in to celebrate this tasty snack!		
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