

# The Dunckel Pawprint

FALL/WINTER

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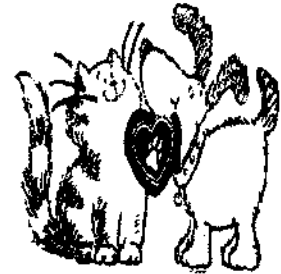
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## COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

- \* Very young or very old dogs and cats should never be left outside in cold weather. All pets should be brought inside when the temperature or wind chill dips below freezing.
- \* For outdoor dogs, wind chill can threaten life. Provide a dry draft-free dog house large enough to allow for comfort but small enough to hold the pet's body heat, with a floor raised off the ground and filled with clean, dry straw or hay.
- \* Outdoor animals need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes their energy. Check your pet's water dish to make certain their water is unfrozen.
- \* Remember puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs; therefore, housetraining may be more difficult in the winter.
- \* Dogs should not be left off their leashes in snow or ice, especially during a snow storm, because they can lose their scent in snow & ice and easily become lost.
- \* Dogs & Cats should never be left alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator, and the animal could freeze to death.
- \* Warm engines of parked cars attract animals. Check under your car before starting engines.
- \* Antifreeze tastes sweet but is a deadly poison!! To prevent accidental poisoning, *use animal friendly products that contain propylene glycol* instead of ethylene glycol. Rat /Mouse poison also tastes good to animals but can be deadly.
- \* Ice melt products may contain ingredients that can be very irritating to the skin & gastrointestinal tract. Ingestion may also result in severe effects such as depression, weakness, seizures, coma, or even death. Pet friendly products are available.

### Dental Health Months are February & March

**Did you know there's a new vaccine to help fight the destruction caused  
by canine periodontitis?**

#### How Do I Know If My Dog Has Periodontal Disease?

- \* Bad breath (one of the first signs of periodontal disease)
- \* Red or swollen gums / Loose or missing teeth
- \* A yellow-brown crust near the gum line
- \* Possible decreased appetite or weight loss due to difficulty chewing
- \* Discomfort when mouth or gums are touched

**Did you know..... Periodontal disease is the most common disease among dogs.  
It affects more than 8 out of 10 dogs over 3 years of age.**

### TOP 10 AKC REGISTERED BREEDS

- 1.) Labrador Retriever
- 2.) Golden Retriever
- 3.) German Shephard
- 4.) Beagle
- 5.) Yorkshire Terrier
- 6.) Dashshund
- 7.) Boxer
- 8.) Poodle
- 9.) Shih Tzu
- 10.) Chihuahua

## DUNCKEL PRODUCT INFORMATION

PROVEN TO CONTROL BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS NATURALLY

### D.A.P. & FELIWAY

**D.A.P.** (*Dog Appeasing Pheromone*) helps stop or prevent fear and stress-related behavior in puppies and dogs, such as-

- \* Destructive Behavior
- \* Barking & Whining
- \* House soiling
- \* Excessive licking
- \* Anxiety

### **FELIWAY** (*For Cats*)

- \* Eliminates urine marking 95%
- \* Reduces scratching 95%
- \* Calms cats in stressful situations
- \* Helps cats adjust to new environments, new pets and new people

*\*Ask the veterinarian if these products might help your pet\**

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### Doggy Indulgences

Most dogs enjoy carrots, apples, and banana, all of which are healthy and easy on the waistline. Calibrate your dogs daily intake of treats and off set what they receive. Training or extra activity can also help. (Tip-Use your dogs regular kibble dog food for training treats but first store it in a plastic bag with smelly cheese or slices of hot dogs to make it more enticing.) The dogs size and activity level should also be factored in to the treat equation. The smaller the dog the smaller the treat.

### Sweet Potato Jerky

Slice sweet potatoes thinly and toss lightly with flaxseed oil, soy sauce, or broth. For 3 medium sweet potatoes, use 3 tablespoons flaxseed oil and 3 tablespoons soy sauce or chicken broth (just enough liquid to coat them). Arrange slices on wire grates sprayed with vegetable oil or on baking sheets lined with baking paper. Bake at 250 degrees for 2 hours. Turn off oven but leave potatoes in for at least an additional 2 hours to dry.

### Foods to Avoid Feeding to Your Pet

Alcoholic Beverages, Avocado, Chocolate (all forms), Coffee (all forms), Fatty Foods, Macadamia Nuts, Onions or Onion Powder, Raisins or Grapes, Salt, Yeast Dough, Garlic, Products sweetened with Xylitol.

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32% of pet owners surveyed say their pet watches TV !!!

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76% of pet owners surveyed say their pet is their loyal companion and part of the family.

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94% of pet owners say they talk to their dogs as if they were human.

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40% of American household pets are obese or overweight.

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