



Gully's Corner

Hi Friends, September came with some wonderful weather, and my friends and I spent almost all of it enjoying the fresh outdoor fall air. My big brother Hojo went with the bus to the Shelburne Museum Goes to the Dogs event. He said he got to see a lot of our buddies from Daycare there. Cedar, Georgia, Holly, Molly, Olly, Marcus, Kirby, Sophie and Max were just a few of the Gulliver's dogs that came to check out the party. Hojo had a lot of photo shoots in front of the famous bus, and he got to meet tons of new friends. When he got home he was so tired, I didn't even have to be too sneaky about stealing half his dinner before he noticed and kicked me out of his dish! I am looking forward to Halloween at the end of the month. I can never pass up a good opportunity to dress up, especially if I have Sara's help!



Introducing Canicross

Canicross is a fast developing new sport for dogs and their people. It involves hooking a dog to a belt around the waist of a runner. The dog helps pull the runner along the trail. Picture cross-country running meets dog sledding. Any dog that is physically fit can participate. It also helps to have a runner who is also in good health. Together you can build strength and

Stamina by gradually lengthening your Runs. Dogs should learn to run out in Front and preferably learn directional right "gee" and left "haw" commands. Equipment is pretty minimal. Good running shoes for the human half of the team, as well as a wide belt around the waist. For the four-legged athlete, a well-fitted harness and a 7-12 foot line with a built in bungee to help absorb bounce between the two parties. Canicross is an excellent way to include your dog in your workouts.

Tails from the Goofy Group

As I already told some of my closest pals from the Goofy group, like Zoë, Lexi and Gunnar, I am taking a little trip with my mom and some of the sled dog gang. We are going to Mushing Boot Camp. From what I hear, I can expect to have fun, and learn a lot. Mom is bringing us not only to work on our pulling techniques, but to also practice things we should know more confident sled dogs. She already told me she knows that I will always be goofy group material, so my friends all know that I won't come back all calm and obedient and stuff ☺ Even if I do know how to be. Mom is also hoping to pick up some more knowledge to pass along in the classes she teaches here at Gulliver's. The instructors have excellent reputations and have competed in big name races like Iditarod, as well as formal Obedience and Agility trials with a number of breeds. Mom says it is important to keep learning from all kinds of sources to be a good dog trainer. I don't care much about that; I just hope this boot camp thing has good food!

Gulliver's Doggie Daycare



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T-Shirts

Our much-anticipated new Gulliver's t-shirts have arrived! Designed by Noah Greer, these baby blue shirts are sure to stand out. They feature the Bus driven by Gulliver through the sky on the front and have our standard Play Like a Dog motto on the back. These shirts are available at the front desk for \$10 ea. They make excellent gifts, especially with the holiday season sneaking up on us! Look for new stickers soon!

Meet Smiley, an 83-pound, 7 year old, black and white bowling ball of a Pitt Bull. Most folks who see Smiley aren't quite sure what to think, since his appearance and breed stereotypes precede his docile name. Smiley had a rough beginning. Unsure of who owned him or what was done to him, a rescue organization found him tied to a building, his right front leg badly broken. Smiley was nursed back to health. At the rescue facility he made one close friend, and old female Pitt who later passed away. Mr. Smiley was pretty down on his luck. As fate would have it, Patty and her son Mastelle, who have experience with rescued Pitts, were looking to offer their home and affection to another. A grinning, still happy through hardship, powerhouse named Smiley joined their home. When Patty first came in to speak to us, we could see the compassion and love she had for her dog. First, asking hesitantly if we even took Staffordshire Terriers, she was open and honest about his beginnings and

his lack of socialization. We told her that Gulliver's accepts all breeds and that we would give it a try and let her know how he does. Shortly after, Smiley "walked" Patty into the office. Happy to be out and about, he was ready to go. After getting to know him, giving him time to observe other dogs at play, and letting him get his bearings and settle down, we carefully started introducing him to new friends.

His excited yet docile and responsive nature made him a great candidate for the big yard. It soon became apparent that Smiley was a big softie. He spends his days walking around in the big yard, sniffing the little dogs through the fence, playing in the pool with his buddies, watching butterflies, and doing what he loves the most- sunbathing on the porch of the Clubhouse.

