



## Gulliver's Corner

Hello everyone! Gosh, I can't believe it is already December!! Well, they do say time flies when you're having fun. I hope everyone had a great Holiday season! I love holidays, because I get to see so many of my friends. I got to play with Diesel, Simon, Maddie, Bailey, Maggie, Ramona, Oscar, Gus, Lorna, Olivia, FlapJack, Sasha, Raina, Hobe, Carly, D.O.G, Witless, Kala, Kokomo, and lots more! It was also great to see some of my staff friends back to help out for the holiday. Meg and her pup Kalilah were here over the summer and Thanksgiving, so everyone was thrilled to have them back, especially the little guys, because Kalilah is a little rock star. Meg always takes great care of us big yard guys, and she got to meet everyone who is new to us since school began. She is studying Veterinary Technology. I am excited that Meg and Kalilah will be back to visit again during spring break. We also got to see Adam and his bouvier, Ava. Adam goes to school in Boston, where he does all kinds of amazing things with computers. He has been working here since high school and is always really fun to have around, and he helps out with our website! It is like having the family together again! I miss my friend Olie and her Mom Patti, and everyone agrees with me. We get messages and cards frequently from Patti in California, she is very homesick for daycare. She has been keeping Olie busy swimming in the ocean and promises to come back for a visit soon!

## Tails From The Goofy Group, by Schu

HI! It's me, Schumacher! I am SO glad that it is winter! I have been back at work training up with the rest of my team. Mom actually lets me lead the team quite a bit now, but she says no matter how serious I am in harness, I am a goofy group dog through and through! I think I would have to agree. There just is no place as fun for a guy like me than in a playground with a bunch of pups with the same (high) energy levels and fun loving, bouncy personalities!!! I have had the BEST time with these guys! Some of my best pals are Ruby, Sam, Jake, Denali, Maya, Mabel, Henry, Yukon, Calvin, Polar, Duffy, Rudyard, Nala, Damon and Roxy. Zeus and Vader are great at chase games, and Bruno is great to play hide and seek with. Kaya, being a husky like me, refuses to go inside until she hears her name called to go home!



## News and Reminders!

**Bus Notes:** With the number of riders we currently are serving, as well as the areas we cover we have found that our morning route is currently running from 7 AM to about 10AM, and evenings from 3PM to 6:30 PM. Dogs riding the bus will be picked up/ dropped off during these hours depending upon where their stop is on our route for each day. The bus will continue to run in all weather **provided it is safe to be on the roads**. If you live on a particularly treacherous road/ driveway, we may not be able to provide bus service. In the event that the bus service is canceled for the day we will notify riders by phone. Thanks for your understanding!

**Training Classes** will be starting January 12th! Obedience will be held on Monday evenings, at 6:45-7:45. There will be beginner and second level: rally obedience, offered. We are also taking names of those interested in our beginner agility class, which will start at a later date. If you are interested in classes, please sign up at the front desk.



## Urinary Tract Infections -

No one wants to think about their dog getting a UTI, but it's important to know a little bit about them, as 14% of dogs will have one during their lifetime. Females are 2 to 4 times as likely to get a UTI than a male dog. A UTI occurs when there is colonization of microbial bacteria in any part of the urinary tract that is normally sterile. Your dog has many internal defenses that stop colonization of this kind from happening. When one of these defenses is affected and thrown off in some way, a dog may get a UTI. A UTI is also difficult to diagnose, as there can be times when a dog has a UTI and does not show any symptoms. Some common symptoms of a UTI are discolored or cloudy urine, a foul odor, or urination in inappropriate places. If you believe that your dog may have a UTI, you can take them to the vet and the vet will take a urine sample to diagnose the Infection. Some dogs have an episode of a UTI, and some have a chronic recurrence of the UTI. In both cases, specific antimicrobial drugs can be described for whatever type of infection the urine sample may reveal. Treatment of a UTI involves giving your dog the specified drug, usually for two weeks (although it can be longer depending on the severity of the infection and whether or not it is chronic), and monitoring the infection through cultures. No One knows your dog better than you do. If you notice some of these symptoms in your pup, it may be a UTI.