



## Gulliver's Corner

Hi Folks, we're having a great time in the big yard. We have a whole bunch of wonderful new staff members that are here to make sure we have a good time. They have been in training, just like the dogs in the new obedience class! I have been introducing them to my charming sense of humor with some great tricks. One of my favorites is telling Buddy P. that we really need some singing to bring us all together as a group, and make the new guys feel welcome. Buddy starts the chorus at just the right (although slightly off-key) note and within a few beats, the whole place is ringing with the sound of hounds and huskies, terriers and bird dogs, all of us with our noses to the sky (well, the pugs try.) The bewildered new people usually don't know what to do! They aren't supposed to encourage anything that could be considered naughty or annoying at home (like excessive barking.) Lisa usually lets them in on our little joke and tells them we like to sing, and we're allowed as long as we stop when asked. We do, at least most of us...

Along with the new human faces, some other changes are in the works. Our yards are being expanded with nice new fences, and there are some great new playground toys being set up. I know that Cliquot and Finn will be excited about the new perching places. I bet that Bailey will like lying under the new slides, and Lizzie and Sophie will be bouncing all over them!!! Big guys like my buddy Zeus will appreciate the bigger yards to really stretch our legs,

and Daisy W. will have more room to exercise her girlish figure:) If her mom keeps bringing those yummy brownies for the staff, they are going to have to do laps with us around the clubhouse to stay in shape too!!! (Editor's note: Daisy's Mom's Brownies are well worth it!)



## Tails from the Goofy Group

Hey everyone, Schu here! So far, the weather has actually been really great for good outdoor doggie play. We have hardly had to use the indoor play areas, except for those few rainy days. If it does get hot, we can always come in and enjoy the nice cool Air Conditioning! I have been hanging out in the goofy group, with my girl pals Shasha and Zoe. We like the pools, so do Riley Snow and Pedro. George the pointer is really fast, that boy should be on a sled dog team! German shorthairs and pointer mixes are actually common on the sprint teams I see out on the trails. They usually wear coats to stay warm in winter, but they can run in much warmer temperatures than Siberians like me. With their long legs and high energy, they are much faster too!



## Let's "Ear" it for Steve!!

Hey Surf Mutts! Scuba Steve here, reporting poolside from Gulliver's. Finally, I've traded in my yuppie winter sweater for my scuba gear! They say that Boxers don't like water, but I love pools and hoses! Being wet all the time and having those pendulous Boxer ears that trap moisture inside, I am more likely to develop ear infections. The staff here at Gully's keeps a good eye on my floppy eared friends and I, for any ear problems. Last summer I started to develop a yeast infection in my ear and it was quite annoying! I was noticed shaking my head, scratching my ear, and when they looked inside, there was foul smelling brown goo in there! Yuck! Mom took me to the vet, where I got some medication to make it better. My brother Mulligan gets irritated ears too. Even though his ears stand erect, they have trouble getting a lot of air with all that fuzz in there, and bacteria gets trapped. We both get our ears cleaned regularly to help prevent trouble from brewing. I'm spreading the word to all my buddies including Ryder and Flo whose ears touch the ground, that we may have to give bit of a wiggle and remind our parents that our ears need regular care, especially in the summer heat and humidity, or if your like me, always swimming!! Don't forget that Gulliver's can clean your ears upon request for FREE☺

## News and Reminders:

**Dogbits is now available online!!** Go to [www.doggiedaycare.com](http://www.doggiedaycare.com) to sign up for our newsletter mailing list. Click on the newsletter sign up button in the top left corner of the homepage.

Gully's will be participating in the **Williston 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** again this year. Be sure to check out what kind of wacky stuff we're cooking up for the 2008 parade!

Summer is a great time to be outside enjoying nature. Along with Nature in VT comes **fleas, ticks and mosquitoes that carry and pass disease and parasites to your pets.** Please use heartworm and flea and tick preventatives! **Water in puddles, streams and lakes and ponds can also harbor things that can make your dog feel under the weather.** Giardia, and toxic algae blooms (Lakes and Ponds) are just a couple examples. Be aware of what your pet is drinking and swimming in. If your dog has a tough bout of diarrhea, get things checked out at the vet. They can provide medication to make things better.

Playing hard = Dirty Dog??? **Clean ups are FREE!** Tell us when you'll be here, we have them rinsed and towel dried!!!

