



HIGH PLAINS KENNEL CLUB

Newsletter – April 2014



Lynn Higgins' Buhund, Annie,
enjoying the snow



Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of High Plains Kennel Club will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at 12:00 noon at Pegasus Restaurant, 313 Jerry Street, Castle Rock.



Decoding Canine Behavior (Part 7 of Series)

Salivating Over Socks: Contrary to popular belief, dogs are not capable of complex emotions like spite and revenge. Instead, when we are away from home, dogs probably play with our favorite possessions because they remember seeing us hold them, and they carry our scents. If a dog misses its owner, it will often do things that remind them of their favorite human... like chew on a favorite pair of sneakers or pillow because they associate them with their owner.



SuperDogs: When a diphtheria epidemic broke out in Nome, Alaska in 1925, the life-saving serum was some 600 miles away and a dangerous trek for anyone during winter. The whole town was on the brink of disaster. But a man named Leonhard Seppala assembled a team of 20 sled dogs and headed towards the desperate town with the serum. After a 300-mile trek, through a blinding blizzard, the mission was turned over to another team, who completed the heroic mission and saved the town.

The leader of the sled team was Balto, a great Alaskan Malamute. After the mission, Leonhard Seppala took a team of 40 dogs on a publicity tour throughout the mainland United States. The dogs ran in several dog races and, to the surprise of many who believed Huskies were rather slow dogs, fared fairly well. Balto became one of the most famous figures in the world, and single handedly caused an upsurge in the breed's popularity. Today, a statue of Balto sits in Central Park celebrating all the dogs involved.

Courtesy: Library of Congress

GELATIN DOGGY TREATS

****Warning:** any flavored or artificially sweetened gelatin products like Jell-o brand can be potentially toxic to dogs so make sure to use plain, unflavored varieties of gelatin.**

INGREDIENTS

Base:

- ¼ cup cold water
- ¼ cup hot water
- 1 Tbsp plain unflavored gelatin

Choose Your Flavor:

Coconut Water + Coconut

- 2 Tbsp unsweetened coconut
- 1 cup unsweetened coconut water

Broth + Parsley

- 2 Tbsp fresh parsley (chopped)
- 1 cup low sodium broth

Pumpkin + Cinnamon

- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon

Low-cal Jelly Jiggler (great for dogs on a diet!)

- 1 cup of water
- 2 Tbsp of your dog's favorite treat (crumbled or chopped)

DIRECTIONS

Pour ¼ cup of cold water in a bowl and sprinkle with 1 Tbsp gelatin.

Pour ¼ cup of hot water over the gelatin and whisk until dissolved.

Combine gelatin mixture with desired add in. Pour into ice cube trays, molds or a glass baking pan.

Cover and chill for 3 hours. Cut and/or un-mold into small individual treats. Will keep refrigerated for up to 4 days.

Why did the man take his dog to the
railroad station?

Because he wanted to "train" him.



Two aspirins for "pun pain"