



# "The POOP"

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The down & dirty scoop for the friends of PetLover Central

## Are you in for 15 to 20? It doesn't have to be hard time!

15 to 20 years is the reality of time (if you're fortunate) for a commitment to dog ownership...

Many parents want to get a dog for their children to enjoy and grow up with. The relationship a child develops and forges with a dog can last a lifetime. After all, wouldn't it be great to have a friend who's always ready to play, lives close by, and doesn't have a curfew? Well, if you have a dog, or are thinking about getting one, that *is* just what you have!

Dogs are great companions, playmates and friends. Having a dog can teach our children unconditional love, responsibility and can build tremendous confidence as a child learns to "take care of" their pet. All he asks for in return is some playtime every day with you, to be fed and cared for by his family. Pretty good deal, huh? But if

you're not sure whether you and your children are ready to make a 15 to 20 year commitment to be pet owners, contact your local rescue groups about a foster care program. Many rescue organizations need a safe clean home/environment for dogs to recover from injury or neglect, or even a place to learn what it's like to "have a family" for the first time.



**"Princess" for adoption**

So many people *want* to help out a dog in need, but just aren't equipped to make that "till death do us part" commitment. Well, you CAN make a difference!

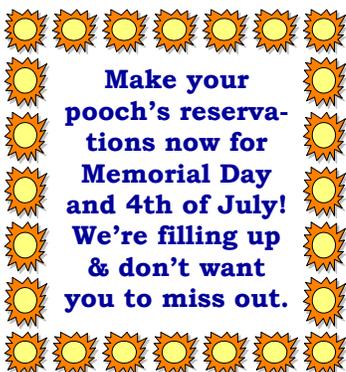
This is a priceless service to both the dog *and* the rescue organization. In some cases, you may be literally saving a dog's life!

Rescue groups try their best to get to know their dogs but there's nothing like a real home environment to tell us all about them! Maybe you'll learn that your foster dog is a couch potato, or one who especially loves children and the excitement that goes along with it?

Most rescue groups/shelters require a simple orientation before allowing you to care for one of their dogs. You will usually get all the goodies needed to take care of the dog like a crate, bed, food, etc. but BEWARE: these dogs can grab a hold of your heart and make it tough to let them go.

This commitment can be as short term as a few weeks. Foster parenting can give you a chance to

**Jamie Wolf**



**Make your pooch's reservations now for Memorial Day and 4th of July! We're filling up & don't want you to miss out.**



**"Bradley"**

Bradley, our 2 year old doberman pup, is a HOT DOG every month here at PetLover Central! His obsessions went from demolishing tennis balls to the ever-lasting "kong in mouth at all times" game. We just love him like our own.

## "Hot" Dogs of PetLover Central

Our "Hot" Dogs of the month will enjoy a FREE day of daycare!



**"Holly"**

Holly is only 6 months old but WOW, can this doxie keep up with the best of them!? She's the younger sibling to "Abbey" but she's too busy shopping to play with us! Holly is small in stature but a mastiff full of fun and we just love watching her do her thing! We can't get enough of her and neither can all her buddies in daycare!

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## Do you know of a pooch who would make a great member of our pack at PetLover Central?

Well, if so, send him to us! If this furry friend passes our temperament test and his mom/dad purchases a daycare and/or sleepover package, you get \$50 off your next package purchase!  
Now, that's valuable word of mouth!

## Save 10% on sleepover packages

Thinking about taking that much-needed vacation? Well, go ahead & enjoy 10% off your pooch's next sleepover package with us!

Everybody needs to get away. So take comfort in knowing your precious furry one will be having a ball at his/her favorite "home away from home" - and you can save some money if you purchase a boarding package through **April 30th!**

Please mention this special offer when reserving your next stay with us. Does not include previously purchased packages. New purchases only. One discount per package.

## Roxanne "Ruffs"

Dear Roxanne,

Is it safe to have my teeth cleaned regularly?

Sincerely,  
Fluffy the Poodle

Hi Fluffy,

While teeth cleaning is a typically safe and simple procedure, most humans are more concerned about anesthesia more than anything.

Just like people, I'm not too hot on anesthesia any more than necessary. (Of course, I did consider an elective tummy tuck after 7 children all AT ONCE!) But with eating right and exercise....it all worked out. There are places that will do a teeth cleaning WITHOUT anesthesia. Of course, you have to be an agreeable dog. Also, if your teeth are not in great shape (years of tartar)



**Roxanne speaking  
the truth**

then a technician will likely not be able to do a thorough job unless you're knocked out! So, the trick is, tell your humans to get you started with someone (I think they do it here at PLC) who can begin to scale those canines NOW, even before you think it's a problem, so that way, if it's done regularly, your plaque will never turn to tartar! BTW, I get a few teeth scaled every week while I'm just hanging around doin' nothing'!!

Dear Roxanne,

My humans have been giving me some great treats after they went to the market, and I gobble them up, but wow! Does my belly hurt! I've had diarrhea for days! But I just cant stop eating them when they're offered? Where do I find the balance?

Sincerely,  
Cody the Lab mix

Hi Cody,

Tell your humans to resist the urge to feed you all that junk with sugar and corn syrup and artificial pre-

servatives!!! TRUST ME, I know! I used to be in poor shape, inside and out! My humans would have vet bills, and medicine for upset stomachs, etc but now, I eat healthy snacks and food, and marrow bones (your folks will appreciate how good and inexpensive they are! Plus they keep us happy for days!) Its just like human children, **we dogs get addicted** to the sugar and junk that they put in dog snacks! I've got loads of healthy snacks here at PLC and the dog specialty stores have them too! We will live longer and healthier of we do without that stuff and I think that's what your humans want anyway, right?

*Roxanne has many accomplishments under her "collar." She was born on the streets, mothered 7 children, and is now a respected animal advocate. She graduated from Rufts University and has a degree in archaeology (digging). Please send your comments or questions to her at*

*info@petlovercentral.com. And stop by to meet Roxanne, our resident expert in "person!" PetLover Central, Mondays-Fridays.*